

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 4, 1968

On November 27, 1968, Mr. MAX KELLY, 140 Ensenda Drive, Carpentersville, Illinois, advised he was formerly employed by CBS news as a film editor until April, 1968, when he retired on a pension due to multiple sclerosis.

He stated he has never stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. The only coverage of ROBERT KENNEDY he was ever involved in was when KENNEDY made a trip to Mexico.

At the time the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY took place, KELLY stated he was in his wheelchair at the above residence.

He could furnish no additional information regarding this matter.

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On 11/27/68 at Carpentersville, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA LEROY D. FEDERLE/iec Date dictated 11/29/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date November 5, 1968

DAVID KINZER, Illinois Hospital Association, 820 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, the night of June 4, 1968. He advised in the early evening he had rented a car and visited friends in suburban Los Angeles and returned to the hotel around 10:30 p.m. He stated there was a large crowd in the lobby, and he was unable to enter the Embassy Room, where Senator KENNEDY was to appear. He advised after a half hour of waiting around in the lobby, he went to his room and went to bed.

He advised he learned Senator KENNEDY had been shot the next morning, when his wife called from Chicago and informed him.

KINZER advised he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel and had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy to kill Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/5/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BCSE / nss Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/19/68

Mr. JOSEPH KUBAY, 421 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, Pa., advised that he and his wife were part of a Greyhound tour which arrived in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. He advised that they had reservations at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, and that they arrived in their room at approximately 4:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He stated that when leaving the following day, they learned of the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY, and that they saw nothing unusual while in the hotel.

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New York City 12-13-68

Miss CHARLENE MEYERS was interviewed at the residence of her parents, 601 Parkth Avenue, where she arrived on December 19, 1968, to recuperate from an illness. She stated her residence address is care of ROBERTSON, 52 West 71st Street, New York, New York, and her employer is "Sports Illustrated" magazine, Time-Life Building, New York. She stated she could be reached at her employer's, telephone number 358-2917.

Miss LEWIS advised that between May 20, 1968, and July 7, 1968, she was staying with relatives in Los Angeles, California, while she worked as a volunteer for the Speeches and Issues Bureau of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Staff. She stated that in connection with this work she entered the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, between 8:30 and 9:00 P.M., June 4, 1968. She said that Senator KENNEDY came into this room about midnight and talked for about ten to fifteen minutes to the group assembled there. She said that when he finished his talk he left this room and went through a hall to the kitchen or pantry area adjacent to this room. Miss LEWIS advised she remained in the Embassy Room and learned about one or two minutes later from some KENNEDY Girls that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot. She stated she, herself, did not observe the shooting, and at no time did she see SIRHAN SIRHAN at the hotel. She stated that as a matter of fact, she never saw this man at any time or any place. She stated she was shocked when she learned Senator KENNEDY had been shot and had absolutely no idea whether a conspiracy was involved.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/11/68

ROGER LEWIS, employed by the BERL I. BARNHARD law firm at 1876 Connecticut Avenue, North West, Washington, D. C. furnished the following information:

LEWIS was a Volunteer doing advance work for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign in California during the early part of June 1968. During the evening of June 4, 1968, LEWIS was in the Embassy Ballroom but LEWIS returned to his room in the Ambassador Hotel and watched television coverage. LEWIS said he went to sleep with the television on and awoke to the news on television KENNEDY had been shot.

LEWIS said he did not travel with the KENNEDY party in any of the other primary campaigns. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and LEWIS said he could not recall ever having seen him.

LEWIS added he had been with the KENNEDY party at Disneyland and at two rallies held in and outside the Cocoanut Grove in Los Angeles, California. LEWIS said the kitchen route in the Ambassador Hotel had been suggested and shown to the late Senator ROBERT KENNEDY as a good way to get from the Cocoanut Grove to the Palm Court prior to one of the above rallies. LEWIS was with the late Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and ETHEL KENNEDY when this was done.

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On 10/11/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA:rda Date dictated 10/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/13/68

DANIEL D. MC GURL, 51 Forster Road, Manchester, Massachusetts, provided the following information:

He and his wife were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from June 2, 1968, to June 4, 1968, when they left for Las Vegas. He did not witness the killing of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and the first he knew of it was from watching television in Las Vegas.

He and his wife have never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, have no information concerning a possible conspiracy on the part of SIRHAN, and can provide no pertinent information concerning this matter.

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On 11/8/68 at Telephonically Manchester, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/rem Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/13/68

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On 11/8/68 at Telephonically Manchester, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646
by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/rem Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 15, 1968

Mrs. HARVEY MILLER, Rt. 1, Kempton, Pa., advised she and her husband were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif., on June 4, 1968. They were members of the Berry Tour out of Chicago. The group consisted of approximately twenty persons.

They were not assigned rooms in the main part of the hotel, but were staying in some of the hotel cottages.

She was not aware, nor was her husband, of any activity which occurred in the main section of the hotel, inasmuch as they did not go into the hotel during their two-day visit.

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On 11/13/68 at Kempton, Pa. File # Philadelphia 62-4929

by SA JOHN T. NEWKIRK/amd Date dictated 11/15/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/12/68

JOSEPH E. MOHBAT, 1754 Corcoran, N. W., Washington, D. C., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He stated he was assigned to the KENNEDY campaign for the duration as a reporter for Associated Press. The night of the shooting he had another assignment which took him away from the Ambassador Hotel and he did not get back there until after the shooting. He said he had never seen SIRHAN or the girl in the polka dot dress at any time. MOHBAT stated he could be of no help in this matter.

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On 11/8/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA ROBERT F. PETTY:sjp Date dictated 11/12/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

WILLIAM MURPHY, who resides on Trinity Pass, Town Bridge, New York, advised that he was employed by the advertising agency of Papert Lois and Koenig and was in Los Angeles at the time of the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He advised that at the time of the murder he was not in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel but had retired early since he had an early flight in the morning.

MURPHY advised that during his association with the work performed by the agency for Senator KENNEDY he had never observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN before.

MURPHY: The following is a physical description of WILLIAM

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Jersey City, New Jersey
Height	5'11"
Weight	160
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married
Military Service	United States Navy, 1945-1946
Military Serial Number	
Arrest	None admitted.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/6/68

Mrs. PHYLLIS MYERS, 662 Winggate Drive, advised as follows:

Early in June, 1968, she and her two sisters, Mrs. NORMAN YERETSKY and Mrs. CHARLOTTE CHERRY, went to Los Angeles because of the illness of their mother. The two sisters registered at the Ambassador Hotel, but she did not register herself, as she just slept in an extra bed that was in the room.

They were in the Coffee Shop at the hotel on the night that Senator KENNEDY was killed, but they left just before midnight and went to their room. They noticed nothing unusual or suspicious at that time. They did not hear about the shooting until they woke up the following morning. They did hear a lot of noise in the hall after they went to their room but they did not think anything about it.

She knows nothing at all concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 12/3/68 at Sunnyvale, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481
by GEORGE HARTLEY / ER Date dictated 12/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 27, 1968

Mr. Carl Pelleck, reporter, New York Post, 75 West Street, New York, New York stated that he left New York for Los Angeles, California after Senator Robert Kennedy had been shot. Pelleck was sent to the Ambassador Hotel to cover the story of the shooting. He does not know Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 11/27/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA William J. Roemer/fo Date dictated 11/27/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 19681

PHILLIP W. PELOQUIN, Jr., 1161 South Clarence, Oak Park, Illinois, phone VI 8-0687, advised he was not in the Ambassador Hotel during the night of June 4, 1968. PELOQUIN advised he had gone to California as an Advance Man for the KENNEDY staff. He advised that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel sometime during the middle of May, and left on the morning of June 4, 1968, for New York City. He advised that he was in New York City when he heard the reports of Senator KENNEDY's assassination. PELOQUIN advised that he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in or around the Ambassador Hotel at any time while he was there. He also advised that he had heard nothing specific regarding a conspiracy on Senator KENNEDY's life.

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On 11/13/68 at Oak Park, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA JOHN B. TARPEY/rmk Date dictated 11/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 2, 1968

CHARLES POLLOCK, Reinsurance Agency, 141 West Jackson, Chicago, advised he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. He advised that evening he had gone out for dinner and returned to the hotel as police were bringing SIRHAN SIRHAN out. He advised he had not seen the subject prior to that time and had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy on Senator KENNEDY's life.

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On 11/25/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BOSE :DRD Date dictated 11/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/27/68

EDWIN O. REISCHAUER, former United States Ambassador to Japan and currently a professor in the History Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he participated in the campaign of United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in California in June, 1968. REISCHAUER stated that he spent most of his time in San Francisco; and on the evening of June 4, 1968, he returned from San Francisco to Los Angeles, staying there only long enough to board a plane for Chicago at 8 PM with ADAM YARMOLINSKY, another individual who participated in the campaign.

REISCHAUER stated he did not see ROBERT F. KENNEDY while he was in Los Angeles and had no knowledge of the shooting until he was so advised of the incident in Chicago.

REISCHAUER stated that he has observed photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and has been unable to identify him as anyone he has ever seen previously.

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On 11/22/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/ed Date dictated 11/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/27/68

MICHAEL D. ROMAN, 105 Woodside Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut, attending a seminar at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was at the Bulova Watch Company sales meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

He stated that he was in the Embassy Room at the hotel around midnight on that date when ROBERT KENNEDY addressed the group in the ballroom. He stated that he remained in the room when KENNEDY and a group departed and went through the kitchen area. ROMAN stated he heard the shooting and was subsequently advised KENNEDY had been shot.

ROMAN stated he did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN when he was in custody and removed from the hotel. He further stated he saw pictures of SIRHAN and could not identify him as a person ROMAN had ever seen previously.

ROMAN had no reason to believe anyone else in the area of the Ambassador Hotel was involved in the shooting incident.

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On 11/26/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/ed Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1968

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Mrs. VIRGINIA M. SATIR, Kairo's-Wishing Well, Rancho Santa Fe, California, advised that she had been staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, from June 3, through June 6, 1968, in connection with a convention of hospital administrators. She said that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she had returned to the hotel from a meeting of the American College of Hospital Administration at about 11:30 in the evening. She went to her room and subsequently watched on TV events in connection with the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She did not leave her room during this period and did not see or hear anything first-hand in connection with the shooting. She did not see anyone resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during her stay at the hotel.

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On 11/22/68 at Rancho Santa Fe, California File # SD 44-394
LA 56-156
 by SA ROBERT E. THORNTON /ejt Date dictated 11/27/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date November 13, 1968

Mr. FRED SCHUMACHER, 404 East 2nd Street, Rock Falls, Illinois, advised he and his wife were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was killed. He stated they were at the hotel with an organized tour being conducted by Knotts Berry Farm. He said that he and his wife were returning to the hotel after having dinner out, and were at the desk picking up their room key when they overheard someone excitedly say "they shot him." He said seconds later he observed police officers bringing someone through the lobby and that people were yelling and trying to get to the man. He said they were unable to observe the man because of the police officers and other people surrounding him. He said that he and his wife then went to their cottage, after having received permission from a police officer who was guarding the exit door.

Mr. SCHUMACHER said neither he nor his wife could furnish any information regarding SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, or any information concerning the assassination.

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On 11/6/68 at Rock Falls, Illinois File # CG 89-61
by SA J. GLENN MC KENZIE:ab Date dictated 11/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/25/68

Mrs. AURELIA SMITH, Rosedale Farm, Chester, Illinois, was contacted at St. Ann's Home, 770 State St., Chester. She advised she had just returned the previous night from Hawaii. She advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on 6/4/68 with a touring group and that the group had rooms in the Garden Section of the hotel. She advised that there was considerable confusion at the hotel that night due to the political rally for Senator KENNEDY, and due to this she retired about 11:00 PM. She stated that she heard nothing of the shooting until about 7:00 AM the following morning when she heard it on the radio. Mrs. SMITH advised she has followed the matter in the news media since it happened and is familiar with the appearance of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and cannot recall seeing him in or near the hotel. She advised that she has seen his picture many times in news media.

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On 11/25/68 at Chester, Illinois File # 44-568

by SA Joseph L. McKinstry Date dictated Typed 11/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 14, 1968

Mr. P. T. STEARNS, 923 Fisher Lane, Winnetka, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment, Medical Economics, Incorporated, Playboy Building, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. STEARNS advised he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

STEARNS advised he was in Los Angeles on a business trip and the evening of June 4, 1968, he returned to the hotel about 9:30 p.m. He stated after returning, he spent some time in a bar on the second lobby floor. He advised later he was in the main lobby when people began running and it was at this time he learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. STEARNS advised he took an elevator to his room on the second floor and turned on his television which he watched until about 2:00 a.m. when he went to bed without leaving his room.

STEARNS advised he does not recall seeing SIRHAN before the shooting. STEARNS advised he knew nothing regarding a conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY nor had he heard any rumors regarding this before the evening of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/11/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61
by SA NELSON E. BOSE/jcc Date dictated 10/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/12/68

LINDA WEISS, Apartment 9, 11 Gray Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that she was active in the campaign of United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Washington, D.C., Indiana, and California.

Miss WEISS stated that she was in San Francisco, California, on June 4, 1968, and was not at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot.

Miss WEISS stated further that photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN observed by her are not identical with any person she had ever seen previously.

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On 10/30/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY / mac Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

GARY WHITE, The Tom Thomas Organization, Detroit Trade Center Building, Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. He advised that he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Detroit, Michigan File# Detroit 62-4177

by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

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INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS AT
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB,
DUARTE, CALIFORNIA
(FISH CANYON FIRING RANGE),
ON JUNE 4, 1968

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It was previously reported that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was target shooting on June 4, 1968, at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California.

Results of interviews of some of the persons present at this Gun Club on June 4, 1968, have previously been reported.

An interview of an additional person present at the Gun Club on June 4, 1968, follows:

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1Date 12/19/68

MICHAEL ANTHONY SACCOMAN, 240 West Walnut, Apartment C, Monrovia, California, advised that on June 4, 1968, he went to the Fish Canyon firing range in Monrovia.

SACCOMAN identified a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as being a photograph of a person that he saw at the Fish Canyon Range on June 4, 1968. SACCOMAN advised that he and SIRHAN exchanged guns and shot with each others gun. He stated that SIRHAN's gun was a small revolver, blue steel, with about a 2 1/2" barrel. SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN's revolver was very cheap and it held more than six shots. He stated that the gun was a .22 caliber pistol. SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN's pistol had black plastic grips.

SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN had several boxes of .22 caliber ammunition which he described as "hollowpoint, .22 Long Rifle, Mini-mags".

SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN told him that he had purchased the gun for \$40.00 some months ago and he had practiced with gun "up north". SACCOMAN described SIRHAN as being a pretty good shot.

SACCOMAN advised that SIRHAN told him he was going hunting with the pistol. SACCOMAN stated that when he advised SIRHAN it would be illegal to hunt in California with a pistol of such small caliber, SIRHAN told him that the pistol could "kill a dog".

SACCOMAN advised that SIRHAN seemed to be alone at the range and he added that he had never seen SIRHAN before.

It is noted that the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club is commonly known as the Fish Canyon firing range.

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On 12/12/68 at Monrovia, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA FREDERICH E. BECKER/sjs Date dictated 12/16/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RUMOR
CIRCULATING IN ISRAEL, IRAQ AND
EUROPE IN MID-MAY 1968, THAT
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT

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It was previously reported that a Brownell Tour was conducted in the Holy Land from May 4 to May 20, 1968. It was further indicated that one of the guides on the tour had advised tour members on either May 16 or May 17, 1968, that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. Interviews with members of this Brownell Tour have previously been reported.

Following is an interview of CLIFFORD E. KERNS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, concerning this matter:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/12/68

CLIFFORD E. (JACK) KERNS, 313 South Camac Street,
advised as follows:

He is employed as a Tour Director by Brownell Tours and was in Israel with a tour during the latter part of May, 1968. He does not recall hearing any discussion concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY while on this tour. He cannot now recall where he was when he first heard of the assassination but is positive that he did not hear anything about the shooting prior to the time of the assassination.

On 11/6/68 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 62-4929
by SA DARWIN B. BARE/jfb Date dictated 11/12/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DONALD WICKSON,
ALSO KNOWN AS DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA,
EXTRA BANQUET WAITER AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL,
LOS ANGELES, FROM MAY 17 TO JUNE 19, 1968

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Investigation concerning DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA, true name Donald Wickson, extra banquet waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, from May 17 to June 19, 1968, has previously been reported. Following is additional investigation in this matter:

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Background Concerning
DONALD DAVID WICKSON
also known as
Donald David Evangelista,
Paul Letsky

On May 7, 1966, DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA and PHILIP LUCIER, also known as Al Garzo, were arrested by the New Mexico State Police, West of Albuquerque, in possession of a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair, registered to SUSAN and DIANE BUTCHER of South Pasadena, California, and reported stolen to the South Pasadena Police Department on May 7, 1966.

LUCIER was known to DIANE BUTCHER as AL GARZO and had driven the car several times when with DIANE but no permission given to take the car. The United States Attorney at Albuquerque declined prosecution, May 9, 1966, in view of the association of EVANGELISTA latter identified as DONALD DAVID WICKSON, and LUCIER with the owners of the vehicle.

Investigation disclosed the South Pasadena Police planned to obtain a Grand Theft Auto warrants and that the Worcester, Massachusetts Police had warrants on both WICKSON and LUCIER as of May 1966

The Los Angeles Police Department advised June 4, 1968, that a 1968 Mustang convertible with Massachusetts license had been recovered on that date at the Los Angeles International Airport and it was ascertained that this vehicle had been reported stolen to the Worcester Police, May 9, 1968. Inquiry revealed that WICKSON, using a Massachusetts Drivers license of PAUL LETSKY of Worcester, had rented the Mustang, May 6, 1968, at Worcester from the Heywood Leasing Company. LETSKY's apartment had been broken into and license and clothing stolen.

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WICKSON during interview at his residence by SA KENNETH R. OLSON and SA GERALD F. MOORE, November 25, 1968, admitted renting the above Mustang, under the name of LETSKY, driving it to Los Angeles and abandoning it at the International Airport.

On November 27, 1968 a complaint was filed by SA STEVEN E. DUCKER, before United States Commissioner JOHN A. CHILDRESS at Los Angeles, California, charging WICKSON with a one count violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2312, the Interstate Transportation of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, which involved the Mustang Convertible.

A warrant was issued and WICKSON was in a fugitive status as of December 6, 1968.

It was further ascertained that the South Pasadena Police Department still held a Grand Theft Auto warrant for WICKSON but was delaying action on it pending the results of the Federal prosecution. The Worcester, Massachusetts Police, as of November 22, 1968, held felony warrants for DONALD WICKSON, charging 25 counts of larceny and 13 counts of uttering and forgery and one count of larceny of a motor vehicle.

The records of Grand County Colorado, October 25, 1968, revealed that DONALD WICKSON was arrested by the Colorado State Patrol, August 6, 1968, at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, for driving without a valid drivers license and served 30 days in the County jail. These records described WICKSON as, white, male, American, born [redacted] at Worcester, Massachusetts, 5'7" tall, 140 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes.

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11/27/63

Date _____

DONALD WICKSON, Apartment 9, 5933 Gregory Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone 466-0550, telephoned the FBI office in response to an attempt to contact him at his apartment by Special Agent LESLIE F. WARREN on the previous day. Mr. WICKSON said that he had no additional information to add to his previous interview conducted by the FBI with respect to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WICKSON claimed that he had been employed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot, as a waiter and had been in the room on the first floor below the Embassy Room at the time of the actual shooting and had not observed any activity before or after the shooting, which, in his opinion, was related to it. He continued that he had been examining photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspapers and on television to ascertain if he may have observed SIRHAN at any time before. He had reached the conclusion that he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

Mr. WICKSON said that while employed as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, he had used the name of DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA. His true name, however, was DONALD WICKSON, and he was born [redacted], at Worcester, Massachusetts, under this name. His reason for using the name EVANGELISTA was that he had gotten into some trouble with the police in Worcester, Massachusetts, which was now straightened out, and had switched to the name of EVANGELISTA. He claimed to be presently using the name of WICKSON.

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Mr. WICKSON related that he was currently attending a work orientation program at the University of California at Los Angeles, which was financed by the United States Government. He expected to obtain a position with possibly the California State Department of Employment or some related type position when he finished the course, which would be in the immediate future.

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On 11/21/63 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/eb Date dictated 11/22/63

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY JOHN FAHEY,
LOS ANGELES, THAT ON JUNE 4, 1968,
HE AND A BLONDE WOMAN WERE
FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED BY
FAHEY TO BE MUNIR SIRHAN

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It was previously reported that JOHN FAHEY, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, had been in the company of a blonde woman whom he had met earlier that morning at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. During breakfast with this woman at the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop on June 4, 1968, FAHEY noticed a man in the entrance to the coffee shop staring at them. FAHEY subsequently identified a photograph of MUNIR SIRHAN as looking like the individual staring into the coffee shop.

Following are results of interview of JOHN FAHEY on September 9, 1968, by officers of the Los Angeles, California Police Department concerning this matter:

1 TAPE #29588

2 TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OF JOHN FAHEY

3 SEPTEMBER 9, 1968, 7:30 P.M.

4 TAPED IN ROOM 318, PARKER CENTER

5 QUESTIONED BY: LT. E. HERNANDEZ, S.U.S. UNIT

6 SGT. P. R. ALEXANDER, S.U.S. UNIT

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11 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm going to get started
12 here and see how far we can go.

13 A Thank you.

14 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, John, for the purposes of
15 this interview, Sgt. Phil Alexander; my name's Hernandez,
16 and the gentleman here is John Fahey, F-a-h-e-y; the
17 stenographer, John, for your information is Mr. Ron Horlacher;
18 and he's going to take this statement verbatim. Now, what
19 we're trying to do here, John, is to determine the truth
20 concerning statements made by you to members of the FBI and
21 to other members of the Los Angeles Police Department. And
22 I hope you'll be truthful with me at this time.

23 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Now, on June 4, 1968, did
24 you meet a young woman at the Ambassador Hotel?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q Was there anything during your association with
that woman that led you to believe that she was in any way
connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy?

A No, sir.

Q Did you tell anyone, either the FBI or other

1 police officers anything that would have led them to believe
2 that she was involved in the assassination of Kennedy?

3 A At the time I was excited, and I had this fear
4 in me because of what--of the events that took place that
5 day. I could have done it erroneously; yes, sir.

6 Q Okay, erroneously now, John, do you remember
7 what you told these people?

8 A That possibly she could be the girl they were
9 looking for.

10 Q Would you repeat that, please?

11 A That possibly she could have been the girl that
12 they were looking for.

13 Q Now, by the girl that they were looking for,
14 were you--

15 A --for the girl that was possibly involved in
16 something.

17 Q Do you have any specific girl in mind?

18 A The girl that I was with that date.

19 Q What made you believe that the FBI or anyone
20 was interested in that girl?

21 A Because, ah, well, it was known that a girl was
22 involved.

23 Q Uh huh.

24 A And that from what the lady had made statements
25 to me about, reflection of her bad taste toward Mr. Kennedy
26 or the party that he was involved with, led me to believe

1 that possibly that she had something to do with it.

2 Q Okay, as a matter of fact, John, now you know
3 that in your mind all along there was nothing that happened
4 that would lead any reasonable person to form a belief that
5 she was connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy,
6 was there?

7 A Now that I have sat down and thought it all
8 through, you're right; yes, sir.

9 Q Okay, now after you left the Ambassador Hotel on
10 the 4th of June, you had indicated that you thought (you
11 were being followed. Why did you say that?)

12 A Maybe you would drive up Wilshire, you take them
13 there with you all the way--you take a right, and they keep
14 continue going, but this man stayed right with me.

15 Q Did he at any time threaten you?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Okay now, let's go to the Volkswagen. You
18 described that as a blue vehicle?

19 A Yes, the same color as the Ford.

20 Q Blue.

21 A Right.

22 Q Did this car follow you?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Where did it follow you to?

25 A It was following me on the road towards Oxnard,
26 and it was apparent that we were being watched or followed,

1 and I had a desire to pull over and find out, as I said to
2 the girl, the lady, I'm going to find out who in the hell
3 they are following us. So I took a left, and I pulled over
4 on the rocks. This is the area. And I parked. He pulled
5 over and parked on my right and got out of his car.

6 Q Did you talk with that man, the driver?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Did he say anything to you?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Did he threaten you?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Okay, now going back to the woman. You described
13 her to me as being a nutty individual; what did you mean by
14 that?

15 A Her statements, her conversations at times like
16 talking about Kennedy the way she did, talking about McCarthy
17 the way she did. She didn't like any of them. She was on
18 the move. She said she'd only been here three days from
19 New York. She had a lot of clothes she had to ship to
20 Australia.

21 THE REPORTER: Slow down.

22 A Excuse me.

23 THE REPORTER: She had only been here three days
24 from New York?

25 A Right.

26 Australia? THE REPORTER: She had what to ship to

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1 A She had a lot of clothes she said and she had
2 to ship them to Australia. She wanted to get out of the
3 country. She was leaving the country.

4 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Would you describe this
5 individual as a hippie?

6 A In one respect she--you could look at her as a
7 hippie; yes, sir.

8 Q Okay, so you've described her as a hippie and as
9 a--

10 A Or a lady who travels like say the Middle East.

11 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Not an American or like you
12 and I, we take a shower every couple of days, or we shave
13 ourselves real good to keep clean?

14 A No.

15 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: I'm trying to keep slow so
16 the gentleman can get the information.

17 A Excuse me.

18 Q Why do you say the Middle East? Why the Middle
19 East?

20 A Features. Her accent, the way she used at times.
21 She had an accent and when she gave me her real name, as
22 what she said, Oppenheimer, I figured Middle East, Middle
23 East.

24 Q Okay, but she was a nutty type person to you?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And she looked like a hippie?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Did you ever form the idea in your mind that the
3 people that were following, if they were following you, might
4 have been a boyfriend or a husband or someone that knew her?

5 A It could have been; yes, sir.

6 Q Did you think about this?

7 A Not at that time; no, sir.

8 Q Have you ever thought about it?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Will you think about it now?

11 A Yes, sir, it could be; yes, sir, that could be
12 true.

13 Q Is there anything, John, in your mind, that you
14 could tell us that happened to you on the 4th of June that
15 might have any connection, even the slightest connection,
16 with the assassination of Senator Kennedy?

17 A There isn't anything, sir.

18 Q Are you telling the truth now?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Is there anything you want to ask, Phil?

21 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: I just want to get this
22 cleared up about Fernando Faura. You say that there's been
23 many times that he has insinuated things to you and put
24 words in your mouth, so to speak, led you to believe certain
25 things that you consequently found out not to be true and
26 so forth?

1 I'd like you to expound on that a little bit just to
2 say for the record to get it straight.

3 A Ah, well ask me some questions about it, and I
4 can go from there, huh?

5 Q All right, has Fernando Faura ever told you,
6 for instance, that--that this woman that you was with had
7 anything to do with Kennedy's assassination?

8 A When I first went to Fernando Faura, I explained
9 my story to him that I was with this lady, and regardless
10 whether she was the girl or wasn't the girl, was immaterial;
11 that, however, we would find this lady, and from that point
12 on he took me out to the San Fernando Police Station and
13 interrogated me at great length on several different
14 occasions. And I actually was led to believe that he was
15 part of the Police Department there through his conversations
16 with me, and he made me feel as if through the course of our
17 interrogations that this was the girl that we were looking
18 for or that you gentlemen were looking for. And as our
19 association went on, it just elevated until where that he
20 was following the FBI. There was some hotel man that he
21 contacted; that the FBI had contacted, and this was how they--
22 he and this--whoever this photographer was, got involved
23 with this hotel situation was because of this man by the
24 name of Hammond. He's a hotel manager or something of this
25 nature, and this Hammond gave him information that the FBI
26 was staking out a girl, supposed to be my girl et cetera,

1 and as things of this nature built up and elevated, and he
2 tried to make me believe that this was the girl. And
3 naturally I become excited and I become feared and appauled
4 about it, and he took me back to San Fernando Police Station
5 where I met a Lt. Stein. He had me sit with him in a--
6 I got an--Ident Kit they called? And put description of the
7 girl--my girl together. Then he took this ident composite
8 to a hippie artist, and he drew this girl in color. Then he
9 had snapshots made of this girl, and he's been showing this
10 girl to different witnesses. He took me to a hypnotist, a
11 doctor, who is supposed to have hypnotized me, and he really
12 didn't. I was--if he did, I--I was unaware of it, and there
13 was a witness there called Chuck that was supposed to have
14 worked for the Kennedy people at that time, and he identified
15 the picture as the girl or one of the girls that was supposed
16 to have been there or something of that nature. Ah, he
17 stated also that this maitre d', DiPierro, has identified
18 the girl as that--the girl, being the girl.

19 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: But as a matter of fact, John,
20 this girl that you're referring to from the Ident Kit, you
21 knew all along this girl didn't exist; didn't you?

22 A The girl exists. The girl, my girl, that was
23 with me that day?

24 Q Yes.

25 A That's who the girl is, the picture is of.

26 Q Well, is it a picture of the person that you

1 were with--

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q --or close to it?

4 A The girl--no, the picture is of the girl that
5 was with me that day.

6 Q Is it a good likeness to the girl?

7 A Pretty close; yes, sir, pretty close.

8 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Okay, so then he did more or
9 less strengthen your mind in these beliefs?

10 A Yes, sir, he did.

11 Q He created some of these beliefs in your mind?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q In other words--

14 A Calling me up several times and wanting me to
15 meet him at the Citizen News. He had a gentleman there with
16 a bunch of pictures he wanted me to pick out a girl. There
17 were several pictures they showed me. I never picked out
18 any girl because I never saw a girl--a description of the
19 girl that was with me.

20 Q Okay, so then he did create some of this a--

21 A Romanticism or something like that.

22 Q Yeah.

23 A Right. He romanced me **.

24 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Fantasy something that you
25 knew was not true; that he put words in your mouth?

26 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: In other words, he took the

1 situation as you laid it to him and then he related it back
2 to you and told you how it could possibly have been after
3 Senator Kennedy--

4 A Yes, sir, Sarge, that's right.

5 Q That wasn't your idea?

6 A No, sir; it was his idea.

7 Q Right.

8 A Naturally I fell into it, and I went along with
9 it because, well, like he said, possibly she could be the
10 girl or she is the girl and toward the end he kept saying,
11 well, she's the girl.

12 THE REPORTER: A little bit slower, please.

13 A Excuse me.

14 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: You went along with it.

15 A I went along with it because, well, I was with
16 this girl that day; and when he tells me something, I believed
17 it because the man works out in the police station in San
18 Fernando, and I took the man at his word. And when he would
19 tell me that another witness has identified my picture--the
20 girl that was with me, that gives you a little strength, and
21 you begin to wonder and you become feared, and I was--

22 Q When he took you to this hypnotist, can you
23 recall the hypnotist's name?

24 A Yes, Dr. LaScola.

25 Q Dr. LaScol--

26 A La, L-a-S-c-o-l-a.

1 Q Would you spell that again, please?

2 A L-a-S-c-o-l-a, and he's out in Santa Monica across
3 from St. John's Hospital in the Medical Building there.

4 Q Now, you say to the best of your recollection
5 you never were under hypnotic trance; is that right?

6 A He attempted to put me under--he attempted to
7 hypnotize me. But I say he didn't do it. I was alive like
8 I'm talking with you now.

9 Q You can recall everything that went on?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Totally?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q What did he try to implant anything in your mind?

14 A He said we were--we were going to have later on
15 a long discussion. He was going to hypnotize me again; that
16 I would be thinking about this; and that--about the girl;
17 that he and I would have a long talk about her and the events
18 that took place that day. I will say he did stimulate my
19 mind. For example, this girl told me where her ex-husband
20 was, on the island of Taipei because he had worked over
21 there for the FAA or with them or some association. And it
22 helped to remind his name. He did stimulate my mind a little
23 bit, but he--he didn't hypnotize me. I wasn't under--I've
24 never been hypnotized, so I can't tell you what to expect
25 about it.

26 Q You do have an independent recollection now,

1 here though, the occurrences of that day?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And you say that he took you also to a polygraph
4 examination?

5 A Yes, sir, he did.

6 Q Do you recall the name of that person that con-
7 ducted your--

8 A --Mr. Chris Gugas.

9 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: John, if I may, in relation
10 to that polygraph examination, you know, and quite truthfully,
11 frankly with each other in all ** you were not truthful with
12 Mr. Gugas all the way in what you believed?

13 A Right. Yes.

14 Q Yes, upon the conclusion of the test, what did
15 Mr. Gugas tell you?

16 A He told me as a whole I was telling the truth.
17 And Fernando had called me the following Sunday at home, and
18 he says I came through like a champion.

19 Q Okay, now, forget about what Fernando told you,
20 but just knowing the way you answered certain questions there,
21 did he specifically tell you what questions you had answered
22 truthfully and which questions you had showed deception on?

23 A Yes, sir, he did tell me a couple of them. He
24 said about I had a rise, as the language rise, on what the
25 girl had said to me at the hotel about "they're going to
26 take care of Mr. Kennedy that night at the winning reception."

1 There was another one. I just don't remember it offhand.

2 Q Okay, now, which questions do you remember lying
3 about or not being truthful to Mr. Gugas on that he said you
4 answered truthfully. And you know quite well what areas--

5 A Did I tell the truth to the FBI. Did I tell the
6 truth to the LAPD and in, as I understand in myself, now that
7 going through over a period of a couple months being
8 romanced like this that I wasn't telling the truth.

9 Q I see. Has anyone promised you anything for you
10 to make these statements here tonight?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Has anyone forced you to make these statements
13 here tonight?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q Are the statements you have made here the truth
16 to the best of your ability as you know the truth to be?

17 A Yes, sir, Mr. Hernandez.

18 Q Just for my own curiosity in concluding this
19 statement here, John, really what happened here as men we know
20 it that you were worried and possibly afraid in your wife
21 finding out about this girl. Basically that's what happened
22 that night, is that right?

23 A I was concerned about my wife that night about
24 the girl.

25 Q You were not?

26 A I was not concerned, I'm sorry. I would have

1 told her the truth and I did.

2 Q But not that night.

3 A No, sir, I didn't tell her that night.

4 Q That's what I'm saying. In essence the reason
5 that all this really happened is because you were concerned
6 about your wife misunderstanding what had happened with that
7 girl; is that a fair statement?

8 A Well, no. No, no, I didn't state all this to
9 cover up anything. No, sir.

10 Q Well, why then, John?

11 A Like I said I have been romanced over a period
12 of a couple months.

13 Q By Mr. Fernando?

14 A And led to believe certain things were true and
15 naturally you become excited. You're full of fear, and you,
16 uh, you're led to believe that she's the girl.

17 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Let me ask you this, is this
18 a fair statement? Certain portions of all that you have said
19 in this past three months, certain portions of it, you feel
20 are basically true?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Other--other portions of the story have been
23 elaborated upon?

24 A Yes, sir, Sergeant; yes, sir.

25 Q Not because you would have elaborated on them
26 yourself, but because you have been led to elaborate upon