

WFO 173-135

WALSTON, employed LORD & TAYLOR, WDC; KATIE MURPHY, school teacher, Tremont on the Common Tremont St., Boston, Mass., telephone 617-542-9579; and RICHARD COLEMAN, Attorney, Los Angeles (possibly residing Santa Monica), Area Code 415, Office Phone 626-7611, Home 456-6346.

ASH stated SHERIDAN and WALSTON not interviewed according to statements made to her.

LEADS

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. Interview KATIE MURPHY per enclosed letter.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Interview RICHARD COLEMAN.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Interview SHERIDAN and WALSTON.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/68

BARON H. MARTIN, 14 Wabon Street, Boston, Massachusetts an attorney for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, advised that he took a leave of absence from his job and participated in the Robert F. Kennedy election campaign. He stated that he was with Senator KENNEDY in Washington, D.C. and Indiana and spent two weeks in the Watts Section of Los Angeles, California immediately prior to June 5, 1968.

MARTIN stated that he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and returned to the Embassy Room of that hotel shortly before 9:00 PM on June 4, 1968. He stayed there approximately three hours and, since he was tired and hungry, left to go to the Sheraton Wilshire Hotel where he ate and watched the election proceedings on television. He stated he was there when the word was received about the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

MARTIN stated he had no knowledge of the events concerning the shooting and he never previously had seen anyone who resembled the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On 10/17/68 at Boston, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 -113
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/mec Date dictated 10/17/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/68

MR. & MRS. CHARLES BURKE, 269 Park Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts, advised that they were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for two weeks preceding the California primary election and departed Los Angeles on the afternoon of June 3, 1968.

The above couple stated they were not present at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and did not recall ever having seen any individual who resembled the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On 10/17/68 at Newton, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 - 114
by SA. JAMES E. HARVEY/ rem Date dictated 10/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/68

ROBERT FITZGERALD, 15 Spafford Road, Milton, Massachusetts, employed at Boston Safe Deposit Company, 100 Franklin Street, Boston, advised he is a cousin of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated he was in the "Kennedy team" in various states in the 1968 presidential campaign and had spent some time in Los Angeles, California.

He stated, however, he was in San Francisco, California, with Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968 and for about one week prior to that date.

FITZGERALD stated he had no first-hand knowledge concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and he was unable to identify the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN as anyone he had ever seen previously.

On 10/21/68 at Boston, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 - 115
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/cam Date dictated 10/23/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/31/68

B.T. TUCKER, 60 Lionel Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised that he is employed by Arthur D. Little Corporation, Acorn Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts and that in early June, 1968, he traveled on business to the west coast. He stated he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California for two days, commencing the evening of June 6, 1968.

TUCKER advised that he arrived in Los Angeles after the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and he was unaware of any of the details except for what he read in newspapers. No identification of the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN was effected by TUCKER.

On 10/28/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 -111
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/nlc Date dictated 10/30/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/31/68

KATHERINE MURPHY, 151 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that she was a worker in the Presidential Campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in several states, including Indiana and California. She advised that she arrived in Los Angeles, California on approximately May 5, 1968, and on the evening of June 4, 1968, was at the Ambassador Hotel Ballroom. She stated she was in the company of CAROL ASH, WALTER SHERIDAN, THERESA WALSTON, and RICHARD COLEMAN. She stated she and the group left the above ballroom at approximately 11:30 p.m. to dine at another nearby hotel and they were not present at the Ambassador Hotel when Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot.

MISS MURPHY stated that she viewed photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and was unable to identify him as an individual whom she had seen anywhere previously.

On 10/28/68 at Boston, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646-117
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/nlc Date dictated 10/30/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SACs Boston (44-646) (Enclosure)
Los Angeles (56-156)

DATE: 11/1/68

FROM :Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KENSALT

ReBSlet 10/28/68.

Negatives provided by Mr. Kenny were too badly underexposed to be printable, and accordingly, are being enclosed herewith for return to Mr. Kenny.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

11/5/68

SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (P)

KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re Boslet to Los Angeles, 10/21/68.

Enclosed herewith are twenty-two copies each of
FD-302's pertaining to interviews of the following individuals:

BARON H. MARTIN
Boston, Mass.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES BURKE
Newton, Mass.

ROBERT FITZGERALD
Milton, Mass.

KATHERINE MURPHY
Boston, Mass.

B. T. TUCKER
Waltham, Mass.

Investigation at Boston is continuing to locate and
interview other individuals who were guests at the Ambassador
Hotel, Los Angeles, during the pertinent period.

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11/7/68

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (P)
SUBJECT: KERSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

Re New York airtel to Boston, 10/17/68.

Enclosed herewith are twenty copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview of JOHN B. MARQUAND on November 6, 1968, at Eggartown, Mass.

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2 - Boston

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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.

On 10/30/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 -121
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY / mac Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/68

JOHN B. MARQUAND, journalist for the "New York Review", 250 West 57th Street, New York, New York, vacationing at Great Pond, Edgartown, Massachusetts, said he was staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, the night the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated there June 5, 1968.

At approximately midnight, June 4, 1968, MARQUAND was in the serving kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel along with other journalists and newspaper writers and kitchen employees of the above hotel awaiting KENNEDY's exit from the hotel via that area. Since MARQUAND's good friend, GEORGE PLIMPTON, editor and free lance writer, was accompanying KENNEDY, MARQUAND anticipated a brief interview of KENNEDY as the latter passed through that area.

Suddenly, as the bodyguards and vanguard of KENNEDY's group with KENNEDY entered the serving kitchen, MARQUAND heard what sounded to him like several Chinese firecrackers going off. Then he saw ROOSEVELT GRIER, ex-pro football player; RAFAEL JOHNSON, ex-Olympic athletic star; GEORGE PLIMPTON; and others seize a frail, small young man who looked like a teen-age Mexican and hold his right arm aloft. There was a handgun in his right hand which they wrestled from him. They then threw him on top of a serving table and appeared to be "tearing him apart." Because of the excitement and confusion, MARQUAND failed to note KENNEDY lying on the floor for some seconds after the above scene took place. MARQUAND said he subsequently learned through the news media that the young man with the gun in his hand was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

On 11/6/68 at Edgartown, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 - 102
by SA WILLIAM H. CARPENTER / mej He Date dictated 11/7/68

BS 44-646

MARQUAND had never seen SIRHAN before the above incident and did not see him shoot KENNEDY. He knew no one who knew SIRHAN or who had seen him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. He could furnish no information as to any conspiracy to assassinate KENNEDY.

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44-646-153

at Providence, R.I.
these letters negative
(Arrive 11/2) to John V. Kennedy,
249 Rankin Ave.

Dear

In view of the info reflecting
negative and uncorroborated and not
available for printing, same should
be returned to source.

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and Bu. Let to Bu. 10-18-68

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SA James E. Hickey

SAC Boston 44-646

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/29/68

EUGENE A. DELLEA, Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was interviewed at the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Police Department.

He furnished the following information:

On May 17, 1968, he flew from Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, via TWA to Los Angeles, California, arriving there at approximately 3:00 a.m., May 18, 1968. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, he checked into the Ambassador Hotel.

On May 18, 1968, he met with DONALD DOWD, a co-ordinator during the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was briefed on the campaign programs.

He advised that a Workshop was held in a school in West Los Angeles and that during the day of May 18, 1968, he travelled to various locations in West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica, California.

He related that from May 18, 1968, through June 4, 1968, he worked with Mr. DOWD in organizing Senator KENNEDY's campaign in the Los Angeles area.

He stated that the campaign activities were running smoothly and the only trouble occurring was that campaign posters on the cars of campaign workers were constantly being ripped off the cars.

He related that on the night of June 2, 1968, he was in the Coconut Grove. He advised that he noticed an individual wandering around who didn't appear to belong to the campaign group.

He advised that KAY HACKETT, a campaign worker, mentioned to him that she had asked this individual to leave the area, but he had refused to do so. He advised that he asked the individual to leave, but the individual did not do so.

On 10/21/68 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts File # Boston ~~55-41~~ 44-646-124
by SA EDWARD V. DAILEY/kab Date dictated 10/24/68

BS 56-74

He advised that he spoke to Mr. DOWD about this individual and Mr. DOWD told him to go and tell a policeman to see if he'd ask the individual to leave.

He advised that he mentioned the matter to a policeman, but he later observed the same individual talking to a group of Catholic nuns. He advised that he then assumed that the individual was probably connected with the campaign in some capacity, and he dismissed the matter from his thoughts.

He related that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he saw the same individual in the Embassy Room and recalled that Mr. DOWD mentioned to him that this same individual was back again.

He advised that so far as he knew this individual did not exhibit any pass or identification card which allowed him to be in the Embassy Room. He related that it was possible to enter the Embassy Room without showing identification due to the large crowd and confusion in the room.

He furnished the following physical description of the individual:

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| Nationality: | Possibly Lebanese, Greek, or Italian |
| Age: | Middle 50's |
| Hair: | Dark |
| Build: | Very heavy |
| Weight: | 250 lbs. |
| Height: | 6' - 6'2" |
| Remarks: | "looked like a hood" |

He was exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that he never saw SIRHAN or ever heard SIRHAN's name mentioned at any time and that SIRHAN was not identical with the man he saw in the Coconut Grove and the Embassy Room.

He advised that at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he was in the Embassy Room standing immediately in front and below the television cameras with Mr. DOWD. He related that this placed him in the right rear of the Embassy Room next to the restaurant.

BS 56-74

He recalled that the television cameras were not operating and that some of the people in the Embassy Room were leaving.

He advised that he heard a "pop" sound as though a balloon had been popped. He then noticed a great deal of confusion and shouting and heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He related that Mr. DOWD ran out of the room through a door behind the television camera. He advised that he tried to follow Mr. DOWD, but he was forced back by police officers.

He related that he then rushed out the main door into the lobby and met Mr. DOWD there with POLLY FITZGERALD, a KENNEDY relative. He advised that he and Mr. DOWD and POLLY FITZGERALD then saw policemen taking a man out of the area.

He advised that he and Mr. DOWD accompanied Mrs. FITZGERALD to her suite and that Mr. DOWD went to Senator KENNEDY's suite to check on the Senator's children.

He advised that Mr. DOWD returned to Mrs. FITZGERALD and that they then went to the hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken.

He believed that they arrived at the hospital at 2:15 a.m., June 5, 1968; and they remained at the hospital until 7:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

He advised that after leaving the hospital, he went to the airport and flew to Boston, Massachusetts, on Senator KENNEDY's airplane, arriving in Boston at 9:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

The following background information was obtained through interrogation and personal observation:

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| Name: | EUGENE A. DELLEA |
| Address: | Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts |
| Born: | January 26, 1936, Pittsfield, Massachusetts |
| Height: | 5'11" |

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| Weight: | 174 lbs. |
| Hair: | Dark brown |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Employment: | Technician, Hillcrest Hospital, Pittsfield, Massachusetts |
| Parents: | GUY DELLEA - father JOSEPHINE DELLEA - mother Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts. |

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.

On 11/8/68 at Telephonically Manchester, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 -125
by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/rem Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/13/68

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

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

She and her husband 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.

On 11/8/68 at Telephonically Manchester, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 - 125A
by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/rem Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/68

Mr. FRANCIS J. GILLAN, Teller, State Treasurer's Office, State Office Building, Boston, Massachusetts, with residence at 100 South Florence Street, South Attleboro, Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

GILLAN stated that on June 5, 1968, he was in Los Angeles and attended a victory rally in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that he did not witness the killing of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and to the best of his knowledge did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the vicinity of the Embassy Ballroom prior to the shooting.

On 11/4/68 at Attleboro, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 -- 126
by SA DONALD B. PALMER/gb Date dictated 11/6/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

DATE: 11/27/68

FROM : SAC, Boston ⁴⁴⁻⁶⁴⁶ (46-646) - P -

SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

Re Boston letter to Los Angeles, 11/5/68.

Enclosed herewith are 22 copies each of FD-302s
pertaining to interviews of the following individuals:

Mr. FRANCIS J. GILLAN
South Attleboro, Massachusetts

LINDA WEISS
Cambridge, Massachusetts

EUGENE A. DELLEA
West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL D. McGURL
Manchester, Massachusetts

2 - Los Angeles (56-156) (Encls. 88)

2 - Boston (46-646)
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11-29-68

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
FROM *JH* SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (RUC)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles airtel 11-14-68.

All interviews in Boston completed. Boston letter dated 11-27-68, contains FD-302's regarding interviews of the following individuals:

MICHAEL D. ROMAN

Mrs. EDWARD (POLLY) FITZGERALD

EDWIN O. REISCHAUER

Results of interviews of FRANCIS J. GILLAN and Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL D. MC GURL were sent previously to Los Angeles.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

11/27/68

JH
SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (P)

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(OO:LA)

Re Los Angeles letter to Boston, 9/16/68.

Enclosed herewith are 22 copies each of FD-302s reflecting interviews with EDWIN O. REISCHAUER, Mrs. EDWARD (POLIX) FITZGERALD, and MICHAEL D. ROMON.

Boston will continue to locate and interview other individuals pertinent to instant investigation.

2 - Los Angeles (Encls. 66)

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Date: 10/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, BOSTON
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (175-20) (P)
KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

Re Los Angeles let to Buffalo, dated 9/16/68.

Enclosed herewith for Boston is copy of relet, which is self-explanatory, and diagram of shooting scene at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

LAWRENCE WEISS, 959 Parker Blvd., Kenmore, New York, advised SAs PETER J. SOFIA and JACK W. SUNDERLAND, on 10/9/68, that his sister, LINDA WEISS, is currently residing at 11 Gray St., Cambridge, Massachusetts, Apt. 9. She is currently employed with the "Kelly Services," Boston, Massachusetts. WEISS further advised that his sister, LINDA, worked for U.S. Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for several months prior to his assassination. WEISS stated that it is his understanding that LINDA was actually in San Francisco, Calif., at the time of the assassination of Sen. KENNEDY.

Buffalo indices contain no information identifiable to LINDA WEISS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

As indicated in enclosed referenced letter, the interview of LINDA WEISS is requested in an effort to determine whether or not she might be in possession of any information concerning a possible conspiracy involving the above-mentioned assassination, whether or not she knows SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, or might have observed him in the area of the hotel on the night of 6/4/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUFFALO

DATE: 9/16/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALE
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re: LINDA WEISS

959 Parker Blvd.

Kenmore, New York

(716) 835 8510

On 6/4/68 the above-captioned person was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

At 12:15 A.M. on 6/5/68, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, at the conclusion of a victory rally by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. (D-New York), in the kitchen area leading off the Embassy Ballroom shot and killed Senator KENNEDY, utilizing a .22 caliber revolver.

The Los Angeles Police Department requested the assistance of the Bureau in the location and interview of guests of the hotel in an effort to determine whether or not any of the guests might be in possession of any information concerning a possible conspiracy, might know SIRHAN, or might have seen him about the hotel on the night of 6/4/68.

All information, negative or positive, should be incorporated into an FD-302, as all information is being disseminated to the District Attorney, Los Angeles County, in report form, such reports being prepared by Los Angeles.

Trial date is tentatively set for the first part of November 1968, and it would be appreciated if the lead is covered in an expedite fashion. For your assistance, there is enclosed a diagram of the hotel area and location of the shooting.

22 copies of FD-302 should be submitted.

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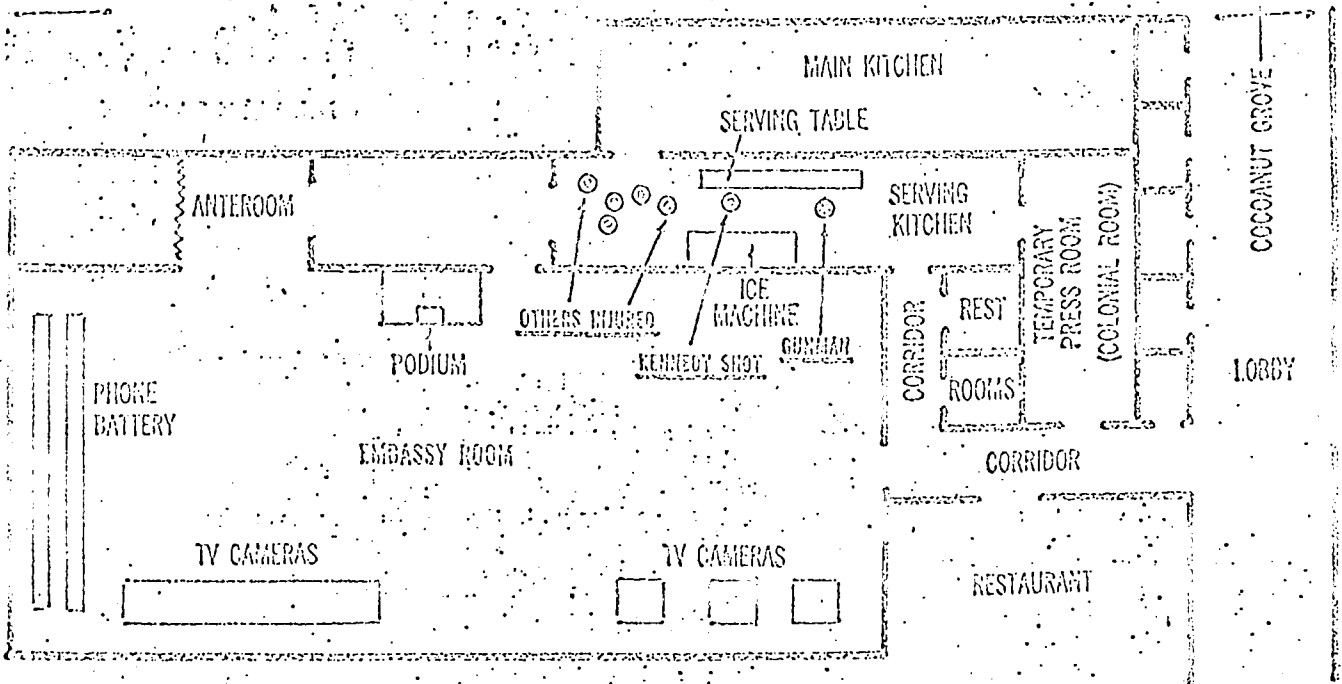


DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE--Sketch shows the doors leading from behind podium at Embassy

Room and the serving kitchen through which Sen. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot.
Times drawing by Oliver French

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Date: 11/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, BOSTON
FROM: *WJN* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

A review of investigation conducted to date in the captioned matter indicates that interviews previously requested by Los Angeles have not been completed. It is requested that all interviews be completed by 11/30/68.

If previously submitted, please advise as to date of communications and spelling of names. Records indicate interviews are still outstanding on the following:

POLLY FITZGERALD

FRANK GILLAR

MR. AND MRS. D. MC GURL

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER

MICHAEL D. ROMAN

~~LINDA WEISS~~

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Special Agent in Charge

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.

On 11/26/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646 - 131
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/gb Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/68

Mrs. EDWARD (POLLY) FITZGERALD, 38 Barbara Road, Needham, Massachusetts, advised that she is a cousin of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised that she participated in the late Senator's presidential campaign in several states during the spring of 1968. She advised that she was upstairs in her room shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when she was advised by telephone that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She hurried downstairs to the lobby and observed an individual subsequently identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN being removed from the area by police.

Mrs. FITZGERALD advised that she could relate no incidents in regard to the shooting inasmuch as she was not present and she further stated that she had never seen SIRHAN previously on any occasion.

On 11/25/68 at Needham, Massachusetts File # BOSTON 44-646-135
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/car Date dictated 11/26/68

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.

On 11/22/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646-136
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/gb Date dictated 11/25/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-646)

DATE: 4/2/69

FROM : SA DENNIS M. CONDON

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 4/2/69, VINCENT MURPHY, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB), Lincoln Downs, R. I., telephonically advised that they had received information that HENRY RAMISTELLA, aka FRANK DONNARUMMA, on whom a Stop was placed by SA FRANCIS CASHIN of the NYO, was at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Mass., as of 3/27/69, and, prior to that, was at a hospital in Springfield with a serious kidney ailment that is worse than cirrhosis of the liver. He said that the Stop placed with the TRPB was in order that they could interview RAMISTELLA.

Boston files reflect that under serial 44-646-45, intensive investigation was being conducted to locate RAMISTELLA as his name appeared in the notebook of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. RAMISTELLA, aka FRANK DONNARUMMA is apparently a race track character.

I telephoned the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital and ascertained there is no one presently confined there under the name of RAMISTELLA or DONNARUMMA.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that an Agent handling "44" matters pursue this to ascertain RAMISTELLA's location; whether Los Angeles still wants him interviewed, and whether the Stop with the TRPB placed by the NYO should be cancelled.

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Jim - would find out if they still want him int. before anything else
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109PM URGENT 4-3-69 JLR

TO LOS ANGELES 56-156 AND BOSTON 44-646

FROM NEW YORK 44-1640 1P

KENSALT ✓

RE BOSTON TEL TO LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK APRIL THREE INSTANT.

A STOP WAS PLACED BY THE NEW YORK OFFICE AT THE TRPB, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ON HENRY RAMISTELLA AKA FRANK DONNARUMMA IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER.

LOS ANGELES ADVISE BOSTON IF INTERVIEW WITH RAMISTELLA IS STILL DESIRED.

NEW YORK WILL REMOVE STOP AT TRPB.

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428PM URGENT 4-3-69 LJF

TO BOSTON (44-646)

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 1P

KENSALT. OO: LOS ANGELES.

RELAIRTEL AUGUST FIVE SIXTY EIGHT AND BOSTON TEL TO LA
APRIL THREE LAST.

REAIRTEL SETS FORTH BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE RAMISTELLA.
BOSTON INTERVIEW RAMISTELLA CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF AND
ASSOCIATION WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN. SUBMIT RESULTS OF INTERVIEW
ON FD THREE ZERO TWO, TWENTY THREE COPIES. MATTER SHOULD BE
HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY, AS TRIAL OF SIRHAN AT LOS ANGELES IS
NEARING END. NEW YORK ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM: BOSTON (44-646) (P)

KENSALT. OO:LA.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST FIVE LAST; LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BOSTON, APRIL THREE LAST.

ON APRIL FOUR INSTANT, HENRY RONALD RAMISTELLA, AKA FRANK RUMMA, STATED HE WAS EMPLOYED BY BERT C. ALTERFLISH (PHONETIC), OWNER OF GRANJA VISTA DEL RIO RANCH, AS A HORSE TRAINER FOR TWO YEARS ENDING EARLY SIXTY-EIGHT. RAMISTELLA STATES HE IS BARRED FROM TRACKS AND WORKED FOR ALTERFLISH UNDER ALIAS FOR THIS REASON.

SIRHAN SIRHAN, AKA SOL, WORKED FOR RAMISTELLA AS EXERCISE BOY AND JOCKEY TRAINEE FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS. SIRHAN QUIT AFTER BEING REJECTED BY R. L. "BOB" WHEELER AS JOCKEY. WHEELER KNOWN TO ALTERFLISH.

RAMISTELLA WITNESSED SIRHAN FALL FROM HORSE IN INCIDENT PUBLICIZED BY NEWSPAPERS. STATES SIRHAN NOT INJURED IN FALL,

1-New York (44-1640) (AM)
1-Boston (44-646)

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TREATED AT HOSPITAL AND RELEASED. SIRHAN BEHAVED NO DIFFERENT
FOLLOWING FALL.

SIRHAN ARGUED POLITICS "COMMUNISM" WITH TWO HUNGARIANS; JOHN
(LNU) ONLY NAME AVAILABLE.

ALTERFLISH MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH NAMES OF HUNGARIANS.

WD THREE ZERO TWOS FOLLOW TO LA.

NEW YORK ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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TO: LOS ANGELES (56-156) AND NEW YORK (44-1640)
FROM: BOSTON (44-646)

KENSALT

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST FIVE LAST, AND
BOSTON LETTER TO LOS ANGELES AUGUST TWENTY SIX LAST.

TRPB, LINCOLN DOWNS, RHODE ISLAND, ADVISED THAT HENRY
RAMISTELLA, AKA FRANK DONNARUMMA, ON WHOM A STOP HAD BEEN
PLACED PREVIOUSLY BY SA FRANCES CASHIN OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE,
WAS IN A BOSTON HOSPITAL AS OF MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST. HAD
PREVIOUSLY BEEN HOSPITALIZED SPRINGFIELD, MASS., WITH VERY
SERIOUS LIVER CONDITION.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL REFLECTED ABOVE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME
WAS IN NOTEBOOK OF SIRHAN SIRHAN AND INTERVIEW OF RAMISTELLA
REQUESTED.

NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISE IF ABOVE STOP PLACED IN CONNECTION
WITH INSTANT MATTER.

LOS ANGELES ADVISE INTERVIEW WITH RAMISTELLA ~~SEARCHED~~ DESIRED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/5/69

HENRY RONALD RAMISTELLA, 737 Carew Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, advised as follows:

He is a former horse trainer and jockey who was disbarred because of some trouble he got into a number of years ago. Because he was barred from the race tracks he travelled to California where he sought work as a horse trainer under the name FRANK RUMMA. Using this name he was employed by Mr. BURT C. ALTERFLISH (phonetic) who is the owner of the Gramja Vista De Rio Ranch. He was so employed for approximately two years ending early in 1968 or in the end of 1967. While employed by Mr. ALTERFLISH he hired SIRHAN SIRHAN as an exercise boy and a jockey trainee. SIRHAN was known to him and to all the other workers as SOL; however, his true name, SIRHAN, appeared on his pay check.

SIRHAN had been employed for about a year when RAMISTELLA referred him to R.L. "BOB" WHEELER. However, approximately two months later SIRHAN returned to the De Rio Ranch and stated that BOB WHEELER had told him he was not ready to become a jockey. SIRHAN worked for approximately a month after returning to the ranch and then quit after he was unable to obtain a raise or shorter hours. This was approximately one year before Mr. RAMISTELLA heard that he had been arrested for shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SIRHAN had advised RAMISTELLA that he had studied to be an ambassador for his old country noting that SIRHAN was an immigrant to the United States. RAMISTELLA feels that SIRHAN would have been well suited for this type occupation as he was exceedingly polite and appeared well educated.

He described SIRHAN as being a "loner" who had few friends and who used to go without meals in order to save his pay check. SIRHAN was very meek and had no "nerve." SIRHAN was generally afraid of horses and lacked the nerve to become a jockey.

RAMISTELLA states that he and several others were watching SIRHAN run one of the horses at the time SIRHAN fell from the horse. RAMISTELLA noted that this fall had

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by SA MICHAEL W. STUART/car Date dictated 4/5/69

been subsequently publicized in recent newspaper and television accounts from Los Angeles. He noted that at the time SIRHAN was running the horse it was extremely foggy and SIRHAN apparently lost his bearings and ran the horse into one of the fences almost directly in front of him, RAMISTELLA, and the other onlookers. RAMISTELLA, because of the fog, did not actually see SIRHAN fall from the horse but heard the accident and ran to where SIRHAN was laying. SIRHAN was very much shaken by the accident and was taken to the local hospital for treatment. The hospital found nothing wrong, however, and released him the next day. RAMISTELLA had an occasion to observe SIRHAN for some time following this accident and noted that his behavior was, apparently, no different from his behavior before the accident. SIRHAN did not complain of any ill effects following the accident to RAMISTELLA or to anyone else in RAMISTELLA's knowledge.

RAMISTELLA has no knowledge of SIRHAN's political views. He states that SIRHAN argued with two Hungarians that were employed at the ranch about politics and Communists, however, the discussion took place in a language not familiar to RAMISTELLA and he has no idea what the argument concerned. He could identify one of the Hungarians only as JOHN and states that Mr. ALTERFLISH could possibly be able to identify these two individuals.

4/7/69

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (RUC)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 8/5/65, Los Angeles teletype to Boston, 4/3/69, and Boston teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles, 4/4/69.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 23 copies of an FD 302 reflecting investigation conducted by the Boston Division.

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Sirhan may be released in 1986

United Press International

SAN QUENTIN, Calif.
—Sirhan B. Sirhan, once condemned to die for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has been a "model prisoner" and if he keeps it up he will be released in 1986 under a

new California parole policy.

The state Adult Authority determined yesterday that Sirhan, 31, should be released Feb. 23, 1986, after serving a total of 16 years and nine months for the first-degree murder of Kennedy, the 1968 California Democratic nominee for President.

The parole board acted under a new policy of the administration of Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to establish specific release dates for all California inmates who now serve "indeterminate" sentences.

Sirhan's attorney, Godfrey Isaac of Beverly

Hills, Calif., said he talked with Sirhan after the board hearing and Sirhan indicated he would fear for his life after he is freed.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Author: UPI
Editor: T. WINSHIP
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