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Inclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a diagram drawn by MARY WINLEN.

On 6/1)/68, FILICIA MESSURI 16 Fairview Avenue, Tarrytown, New York, wife of ANTHONY MESSURI, NEC-TV Director, telephonically contacted the white Plains, New York Resident Agency and Turnished the information set forth below to SA FRANCIS P. GREALY:

She had accompanied her husband to Los Angeles, California, and was present in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. She was, at the time of the shooting, standing on a packing crate at the rear of the ballroom. Standing next to her was MARY WHALEN, whose husband WILLIAM C. WHALEN, is an NEC Associate Director. They had been standing there following Senator KENNEDY's speech and departure from the podium, when they heard the shricking cries and saw the scuffling of the crowd, and learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

After the initial hysteria over the shooting, a man turned toward her and gaid something to her. At the

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time this incident had no algnificance but, since there has been talk of a conspiracy regarding this assassination, the occurrence has been on her mind and she believed it might have some bearing on the shooting. Her present recollection is that this man said something to the following effect: You saw me! You witnessed the fact that I was standing here when the senator departed!" Those are not the exact words, but she gained the impression he was trying to establish that he was in her view when Senator KENNEDY was shot.

Mrs. WHALEN was present when this unknown men (UNSUL) made this statement; which he addressed to both of them. She/recentif Said saed this incident with Mrs. WHALEN, who recalled that she had also seen this UNSUR UNSUR UNIVERSAL in the ballroom crowd earlier, during Schator KENNEDY's speech, carrying a small black object which she assumed was a pocket radio.

Mrs. MESSURI described UNSUB as white, 40-50 years old, 6 feet tall, heavy set, dark complexion, black curly hair, wearing maroon knit shirt. She could not decide his possible nationality. He displayed no physical characteristics but indicated a sense of urgency in his actions and manner of speaking. No accent was detected.

On 6/19/68, MARY WHALEN related to SA HOWARD G.
KINALLY, JR., the peculiar conduct of an unknown individual, who was standing near her at the time of the shooting.
During KENNEDY's appearance on the podium, UNSUB held a small leather-covered object near his face. Hrs.
WHALEN believes that the object, which was about three inches by 5 inches in dimensions, was either a translator rudio or a small transmitter.

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After the shooting, (UNSUI) approached Hrs. WHATAIN and her friend, Mrs. FELICIA MESSURI, wife of NBC Producer-Director ANTHOMY MESSURI, and said: "You've seen no here all evening, haven't you"? Remember, you have seen me here. Don't forget". At this point UNSUB, who was alone, disappeared

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Mrs. WHALEN described UNSUB as follows:

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dark knit sports shirt.

Attached is a sketch chowing the location of UNSUB in the ballroom. SA KINNALLY requested Mrs. WHALEN to prepare this sketch so that appropriate T.V. films or news photos may be examined for a possible picture of UNSUB in the event the Eureou is interested in identifying him.

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Mrs. WHALEN cald she first observed UNSUB while she was going through the crowd to got Mrs. BARRY STODDARD, whose husband is also employed at NBC, Rockofelier Center, New York, New York. Mrs.STODDARD, who is presently in the hospital for an eye operation, probably also saw UNSUB, The Option Made

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Re Albany airtel to Bureau with cc for IA dated 5/18/68, containing information that DICK GREGORY, at St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, Oklahoma, in May, 1968, made a statement about possible KENNEDY assassination and requesting NY to interview GREGORY SMITH, Paradian 1968, Charles 1968, and Charles 1

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Re NYO teletype to Bureau and LA dated 6/21/68 containing results of interview with WRIGHT.

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Mr. LESTER BERNSTEIN, 44 Buxton Street, Lido Beach, New York, advised that he is a correspondent for Newsweek Magazine, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

On June 4, 1968, Mr. BERNSTEIN was in Los Angeles, California, covering the California Democratic Presidential Primary. On the evening of June 4, 1968, he was specifically covering the election returns at Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's headquarters at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. BERNSTEIN stated that just before Midnight on June 4, 1968, Senator KENNEDY left his room at the Ambassador Hotel, Room 511, in order to issue a victory statement. Mr. BERNSTEIN did not accompany Senator KENNEDY at this time but rather went across the hall to a very large room which was being utilized as a hospitality suite by the KENNEDY party. BERNSTEIN witnessed Senator KENNEDY's assassination on television.

Mr. BERNSTEIN noted that sometime after Senator KENNEDY's assassination he spoke to both Mr. KARL UECKER, Assistant Maitre-d' and to Mr. EDWARD MINASIAN, Banquet Manager at the Ambassador Hotel. These men told BERNSTEIN that they were designated by the Ambassador Hotel to lead Senator KENNEDY and his party around the hotel and were with Senator KENNEDY when he was shot. BERNSTEIN gathered from UECKER and MINASIAN that just before Senator KENNEDY left the platform after issuing his victory statement it was decided that he would meet with the various press correspondents in the Colonial Room. BERNSTEIN stated that he did not know the reason for this change of plans but opined that probably the correspondents had made a request to KENNEDY or to Press Secretary FRANK MANKIEWICZ that KENNEDY speak to them after he had issued his victory statement.

BERNSTEIN stated that in speaking with UECKER and

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MINASIAN, it was his understanding that UECKER was the first person to grab SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, struggling with him after the first two shots were fired and attempting to wrestle the gun away from SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as he fired the remaining shots.

Mr. BERNSTEIN stated that he will be on vacation until approximately July 1, 1968, but could be reached at any time through telephone number 516-GE 1-9793.

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JOHN ISAAC DAY, 34 Hilltop Drive, RFD 4, Mahopac, New York, advised that he is the Director of Service Bureau of Advertising and Publicity, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Mr. DAY stated that he has never seen or heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN other than what he read and seen on television. He stated the pictures he saw in the newspaper, magazine and on television of SIRHAN SIRHAN were not familiar to him.

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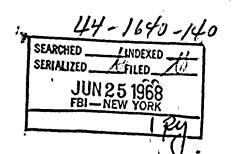
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RUSSELL E. PARSONS is the attorney that has been selected by SIRHAN SIRHAN to represent him in his forthcoming trial. PARSONS contacted Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and requested protection. LAPD advised they told PARSONS regarding this request that before any protection would be afforded, the matter would have to be discussed with the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court System.

Contact by FBI with USA W. MATTHEW BYRNE, JR., Los Angeles, this date, determined that the matter had been discussed with PARSONS and the Presiding Judge who advised a hearing would have to be held to determine whether protection would be afforded PARSONS by LAPD.

BYRNE further advised that due to the sensitive nature of this case, the nature of the allegation and apparent relationship it has to the prosecution of SIRHAN SIRHAN, he would withhold prosecutive opinion regarding possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statute and recommend no investigation be conducted by the FBI at this time. The Los Angeles Office will be guided by his opinion UACB.

On 6/21/68, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) furnished the following information in absolute confidence:

SIRHAN SIRHAN received a letter dated 6/7/68 bearing the signature of JOHN M. IAWRENCE, Chairman, Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism, 57 West 10th Street, New York, New York.

In the letter, LAWRENCE offered SIRHAN SIRHAN any assistance he desired and indicated he and his organization would commence a campaign to seek mercy for SIRHAN. The LASO also furnished information concerning a news sheet entitled, "INSIGHT", published by "Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism". This news sheet bears the dateline New York, New York, and sets forth the aim to "restore Palestine to the Arab people". The name JOHN M. LAWRENCE is mentioned in this news sheet.

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Re New York teletype to Bureau dated 6/13/68 sets forth information concerning the results of indices search by New York Office. As of August, 1967, JOHN M. LAWRENCE was active in an organization known as FAIR. FAIR is not characterized or on the Attorney General's list.

LAWRENCE is described as a white male, 35 - 40 years old,
5'7", 150 pounds, fair complexion with pale blue eyes and
brown hair greying and thinning on the top. He and his
wife, MARJORIE M. LAWRENCE are listed in the New York telephone book as residing at 57 West Tenth Street, New York, New York, telephone number GR 7-1826.

Los Angeles indices contain no other information identifiable with JOHN M. LAWRENCE.

Copies of this communication are furnished New York for information purposes and in the event further investigation is needed in this matter.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

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Re Los Angeles teletype dated 6/25/68, requesting information as to "Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism" (FAIR) and JOHN M. LAWRENCE aka John M. Laurence.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 10 copies of correspondence listed below.

"FAIR" is the subject of NY File 105-89490. It is a dead file with six serials. "FAIR" is apparently a pro-Arab, anti-Israeli organization. This is no approved documentation or characterization of "FAIR". Enclosed are two copies of "FAIR" literature and application for membership.

"JOHN M. LAURENCE aka John M. Lawrence, RA-MIDDLE EAST" is the subject of NY File 105-91643, Bufile 97-5144.

Enclosed from that file are two copies each of the following:

NY letter to the Bureau dated 11/13/67 with LHM (serials 8 and 9);
NY letter to the Bureau dated 1/11/68 with LHM (serials 14 and 15);

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NY letter to the Bureau dated 4/5/68 with LHM (serials 23 and 24);
NY letter to the Bureau dated 6/20/68 with LHM (serials 28 and 29).
This is stamped "SECRET".

The Nassau County, New York Police Department identification record #41445 lists JOHN M. LAWRENCE, aka John L. Pawluk, white, male, date of birth-12/4/21 with many criminal violations. He has FBI #4 385 647.

Enclosed is one copy of above identification record.

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JOSEPH HAGE, Post Office Box 5855, Beitrut, Lebanon, was interviewed at New York Hospital, 525 East 68th Street, New York City, at which he furnished the following information:

He is in the United States to obtain medical treatment from Dr. VICTOR F. MARSHALL of New York Hospital.

Last Sunday he spent the day in Trenton, New Jersey, with his sister, Mrs. CATHERINE LATOOF. Sunday night he returned to the Park Sheraton Hotel, Room 1435, New York City, where he was staying. He visited at the hotel with his sister on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Tuesday evening his brother, ANTOINE HAGE arrived at the hotel. He had just arrived in the United States from Haiti to visit with him prior to his (JOSEPH) going to the hospital.

At no time during their conversation on Tuesday evening nor at any other subsequent time did they discuss any activity of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. ANTOINE HAGE never made a statement to the effect that he had heard prior to leaving Haiti for New York City that Senator KENNEDY had been shot or would be shot.

on 6/8/68 New York City NY 44-1640 His File# 6/13/68

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Mr. JAMES MC MANUS, 410 Conduitt Drive, Mooresville, Indiana, advised that he went to Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, May 29, 1968, from Oregon where he was working on the KENNEDY primary. MC MANUS said he accompanied the motorcade to downtown Los Angeles where he stopped at the Ambassador Hotel for the assignment in the California primaries. MC MANUS said that he was assigned to make arrangements for a working press room which was the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel and a press distribution center which was the North Room of the Ambassador Hotel. MC MANUS stated that he was assisted by ROY RINGER of Malibu, California, and that in addition to making arrangements for the above-mentioned rooms, he and RINGER took over the registration desk of the hotel from approximately 6:00 PM, May 29, 1968, to 1:00 AM, May 30, 1968.

MC MANUS said that sometime between 9:45 and 10:30 PM. RINGER suggested that they take a break by going for a drink to a free bar which was set up near the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. MC MANUS said while sitting at a table near the free bar, a young man described as 5'3", 120 pounds, dark complexion, with heavy well-groomed black hair, wearing a sport coat with blue stripes and contrasting trousers and a dark tie open at the neck, approached him and asked for the schedule of Senator KENNEDY for the two following days, May 30 and 31, 1968. MC MANUS said his first thought was "what's a Mexican American reporter doing here in Oregon", but then he recalled he was in California. MC MANUS answered that he did not have the schedule but that the individual could obtain the same by going to 5615 Wilshire Boulevard or calling there. MC MANUS stated that the individual then asked what time the Senator would be in that evening, to which MC MANUS answered 11:00 PM. MC MANUS said he then assumed that the individual worked for a radio station in that radio stations send young people who are inexperienced whereas newspaper media are more apt to send older, more experienced personnel. MC MANUS stated that the individual had a Wednesday schedule in his right coat pocket and that he said, "I have today's schedule".

MC MANUS advised that he went back to the registration desk of the hotel at approximately 11:00 PM, whereupon the press contingent came up the stairs. MC MANUS said that he thought the Senator was back in the hotel at this time because of the return of the press contingent.

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MC MANUS said he checked people in until approximately 1:00 AM, May 30, 1968.

MC MANUS recalled that he saw the individual the second time between 11:00 and 12:00 during a short trip to the North Room at which time the individual again asked the question regarding the Senator's schedule, whereupon MC MANUS informed him that he must go to 5615 Wilshire Bouleyard to obtain the same.

MC MANUS further stated that sometime after he saw the first individual (probably Wednesday morning or early afternoon) two Latin types described as well dressed, olive skin, thin faced, well-groomed dark hair with long sideburns, and wearing dark business suits, also asked for the schedule. MC MANUS added that these two individuals looked enough alike to be cousins,

MC MANUS advised that he left on Thursday afternoon to go to New York City for campaign arrangements there.

Upon being exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, MC MAMUS said that the face on view looked like the first individual, but that he could not be positive. He, MC MAMUS added that the photograph hoked a little messed up and that he had the impression that the first individual mentioned above may have had longer sideburns; however, he added the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN seemed to him to not be totally unfamiliar, MC MANUS said that the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN did not in any way resemble the two Latin types mentioned above.

MC MANUS recalled that his first reaction after seeing news media photographs was that he vaguely remembered seeing someone very similar to SIRHAN SIRHAN,

MC MANUS further stated that he could not be certain if it was the first individual in the Ambassador Hotel the night of May 29, 1968, but someone was wearing a pair of dark brown buckle loafers, with a sheen, made of large grain leather with the buckle across the instep. MC MANUS added that he appreciates good shoes, and that for some reason these stood out in his mind, perhaps because they were uncared for.

MC MANUS finally stated that it was possible that ROY RINGER of Maibu, California, may have seen and could recall the first individual mentioned above. MC MANUS added that he did not know

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what RINGER's address was; however, he was sure that he, RINGER, could be contacted through PAT BROWN's Law Office, in Los Angeles, California.

MC MANUS further added that either LISA GWIRTZMAN and/or CONSTANCE CHANCELLOR were present when the two Latin types asked for the Senator's schedule of May 30, 1968. According to MC MANUS, LISA GWIRTZMAN lives in New York City and could be contacted through her husband MILTON GWIRTZMAN of Dutton, Gwirtzman, and Wise (phonetic) Law Firm of New York City; and that CONSTANCE CHANCELLOR could be readily found in the Washington, D. C. telephone book, although her address at that time was unknown to him.