

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL

He entered Beirut, Lebanon from the United Arab Republic on May 8, 1967. His residences during the past five years were listed as follows:

March 1956 - January 1958  
14, Arafan Street,  
Mouhram Bey, Alexandria, Egypt

January 1968 - May 1967  
8 Gabriel Street,  
Romleh, Alexandria, Egypt

May 1967 - August 1967  
In care of Mr. Michel Zayek -  
Ghazir, Lebanon

His employment during the past five years was listed as follows:

January 1958 - May 1967  
Welder - Hilmi Georges,  
87 Morcos Street,  
Alexandria, Egypt

June 1967 - August 1967  
Welder - Albert Massaad,  
Dora, Lebanon  
"(working unofficially)"

Report of Conditional Entry under  
Section 203 (a) (7) of the Immigration  
and Nationality Act, as amended,  
dated January 23, 1968.

United States Sponsor

United States Catholic  
Conference, Department of  
Immigration, 201 Park  
Avenue, South, New York,  
New York.

Date of Entry

December 20, 1967, at New  
York.

Present Address

1611 Granville Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL

Educational Background	Eight years primary school; Four years secondary school; Two years trade school (welding).
Political activities	None
Organizations	YMCA, Alexandria, Egypt 1965 - 1967.

On June 26, 1968, Mr. Leo Schwartz, apartment number B, 11711 Ayres Avenue, Los Angeles, advised that he is the apartment manager for the apartments at 2425 Barrington, Los Angeles. He stated that he does not have a tenant at 2425 Barrington by the name of MIKHAEL. He stated that the resident of apartment number A is a young man whose last name is El Dabe and El Dabe has a Lebanese roommate whose name is unknown to Schwartz.

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Date July 5, 1968

EDMOND EL DABE, Apartment A, 2425 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on September 4, 1937, in Egypt. He left Egypt in 1967, and traveled to Kuwait and then to Lebanon because of religious persecution of Christians in Egypt and because of his inability to obtain satisfactory employment in that country. After arriving in Lebanon he again found that he was unable to obtain satisfactory employment and learned that it was possible to go to the United States by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He arrived in the United States on February 22, 1967, and traveled to Los Angeles where numerous individuals of Egyptian descent reside. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company 1845 South Bundy until one week ago when he was released due to a lack of work. He is presently unemployed.

During January or February 1968, he learned that AZIZ MIKHAEL had arrived in Los Angeles and he invited MIKHAEL to reside with him until MIKHAEL could find an apartment. He had known MIKHAEL for about ten years and had attended school with MIKHAEL in Alexandria, Egypt. He had not seen MIKHAEL during the past three years, and learned that MIKHAEL was coming to the United States through the United States Catholic Conference, 1531 West 9th Street, Los Angeles. MIKHAEL obtained employment as a spot welder at Hardman Aerospace and moved to his own apartment, 2280 South Barrington, Apartment number 6, about two weeks ago.

He advised that he and all his Egyptian friends presently living in the Los Angeles area are very anti-Nasser and have disassociated themselves from Egypt and the United Arab Republic. He stated that he had no knowledge of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY until he learned of the event through newspaper and television reports. He denied any acquaintance with SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated he is certain that MIKHAEL is not acquainted with SIRHAN or in any way involved in the assassination.

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The following description of EL DABE was obtained through observation and interview:

Age	30
Height	5'7"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black, thinning
Eyes	Dark
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Welder - mechanic
Religion	Orthodox

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date July 3, 1968

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL, apartment number 6, 2280 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on October 10, 1943, in Alexandria, Egypt. He lived in Egypt until early May 1967. While in Egypt he lived with his mother and attended primary and secondary school. He also attended a trade school for two years, which was a state sponsored school, where he took courses in welding and machinery. He did not receive any political instruction at the school. After completion of the trade school, he was employed for a short time as a maintenance mechanic for a textile company.

He and his relatives are of Orthodox faith and the current political situation in Egypt is such that Christians find it very difficult to obtain satisfactory employment there. For this reason he decided to leave Egypt in order to start a new life. He obtained an exit visa and traveled to Lebanon in early May 1967. After arriving in Lebanon he was employed for six months as a welder in El Dora, Lebanon. He then learned that many Christians of Egyptian descent were going to the United States from Lebanon by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He entered the United States at New York in December 1967, and went directly to Los Angeles via commercial aircraft. After arriving in Los Angeles, he did odd jobs and worked as a welder for a short time at the Sesame Corporation in Escondido, California, and at the Fenton Industry Company in the San Fernando Valley. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company in Los Angeles in May 1968, where he is presently employed.

He denied any knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated that he is against the policies of the United Arab Republic and he dislikes NASSER very much because of what he is doing to the Arab people. He stated that he knew of KENNEDY before the assassination and "liked" him. He denied any conspiracy, ~~involvement or prior knowledge of the assassination.~~

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He stated that since arriving in the United States he has corresponded with his mother in Alexandria, Egypt, and has not corresponded with any other individual.

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On July 2, 1968, J. L. Lemmons, Sr., Chief of Security, Hardman Aerospace Company, 1845 South Bundy Drive, Los Angeles advised that Mikhael was employed by that company on May 20, 1968, as a spot welder. His working hours are 4:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. and his home address was listed as 2425 Barrington, Los Angeles. Lemmons could furnish no additional pertinent background information regarding Mikhael and stated that the Hardman Aerospace Company does not have classified contracts with the United States Government.

The files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI contain no additional information regarding Mikhael or El Dabe and no information indicating the Hardman Aerospace Company is a key facility or is otherwise involved in the handling of classified matter.

During June 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is aware of some phases of communist and related subversive activity in the Los Angeles area, was contacted and could furnish no information regarding Mikhael.

The records of the following agencies were caused to be searched on the dates indicated and no information was located regarding Mikhael:

July 1, 1968	Los Angeles Police Department
July 2, 1968	Los Angeles Sheriff's Office
July 1, 1968	Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-25062)(P)  
(56-156)(P)

DATE: 7/5/68

SUBJECT: AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL, aka  
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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 6/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM captioned "AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL" and dated as above. Enclosed for New York and Washington Field are two copies each of the LHM for information, as those offices have outstanding leads.

By separate communication one copy of the LHM is being forwarded to INS, Los Angeles as MIKHAEL is an alien.

The enclosed LHM is not classified as State Department telegram 6/14/68 is not classified.

The records of INS pertaining to MIKHAEL were made available to SA THEODORE E. CHILDRESS on 6/25/68 by established source ETHEL S. HEYER, Supervisory Clerk, Records Administration and Information Section, Los Angeles.

Interview of apartment manager LEO SCHWARTZ on 6/26/68 was conducted by SAs CHILDRESS and EUGENE E. SCHMITT.

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Interviews of EDMOND EL DABE and AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL on 7/1/68, were conducted by SAs CHILDRESS and SCHMITT.

Interview of J. L. LEMMONS, SR., Hardman Aerospace Company, on 7/2/68, conducted by SA CHILDRESS.

The confidential source utilized in the LHM is CSLA 3184-S, contacted by IC BERNARD P. BLAIS on 6/28/68.

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department were caused to be searched by IC MILLARD T. ANDERSON on 7/1/68.

The records of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office were caused to be searched by IC MERTON R. ANDERSON, JR., on 7/2/68.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were caused to be searched by IC BERNARD P. BLAIS on 7/1/68.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: After receipt of outstanding leads from New York and Washington, D. C. will make recommendations re further investigation of AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL.

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Date 7/5/68

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On June 19, 1968, FELICIA MESSURI, 16 Fairview Avenue, Tarrytown, New York, wife of ANTHONY MESSURI, National Broadcasting Corporation - Television (NBC-TV) Director, telephonically contacted the White Plains, New York Resident Agency and furnished 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 NBC Associate Director. They had been standing there following Senator KENNEDY's speech and departure from the podium, when they heard the shrieking 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 said something to her. At the time this incident had no significance 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 man made this statement; which he addressed to both of them. Mrs. MESSURI recently discussed this incident with Mrs. WHALEN, who recalled that she had also seen this unknown man in the ballroom crowd earlier, during Senator KENNEDY's speech, carrying a small black object which she assumed was a pocket radio.

On 6/19/68 at White Plains, New York File # NY 44-1640 -196  
 by SA FRANCIS P. GREALY/tp Date dictated 6/19/68

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Mrs. MESSURI described the unknown man 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.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to New York dated 7/3/68  
for New York to interview JERRY SIMS.

SIMS was contacted telephonically and stated that his schedule is subject to change but that he probably will be in San Francisco for a day or two during the beginning of the week of 7/8/68 and then he will either go to Los Angeles or return to New York. If he goes to Los Angeles he will contact the Los Angeles Office for interview. If he returns to New York he will contact the New York Office.

Los Angeles advise New York if SIMS is interviewed by Los Angeles.

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 FROM: *WSS* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)  
 SUBJECT: *WSS* KENSALT

Among the names of alleged witnesses to the KENNEDY shooting compiled by the Los Angeles Police Department were the following:

KRISTI WITKER  
 ABC--American Heritage

CHRISTIE WITKER  
 American Heritage  
 NYC, no further address known

Above persons thought to be one individual, not known to American Broadcasting Company (ABC), Hollywood, and this station does not carry the American Heritage Foundation series. The American Heritage Foundation approximately two years ago had an address of 11 West 42nd Street, in New York City. This organization did work for Radio Free Europe and made spot radio tapes of a patriotic nature.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: Will attempt to identify the above through the American Heritage Foundation and interview her accordingly.

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SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for Newark are two copies of Los Angeles airtel to New York dated 7/3/68, captioned as above.

Reairtel set forth lead for NYO to contact the Organization of Arab Students (OAS) at 2929 Broadway, New York City.

On 7/8/68, SA PATRICK J. STOKES telephonically contacted the OAS to obtain an appointment with an officer of the OAS.

MUNIR TAHA, who described himself as a clerical employee of OAS, stated that the person to be interviewed is ZIYAD HUSAMI, President of OAS, who resides at 725 Lawrenceville Road, Trenton, New Jersey, phone: 609-383-0945. HUSAMI should be contacted before 9:00 A.M. or after 5:00 P.M. He is a student at Princeton University.

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AT TRENTON, N.J.: Will interview ZIYAD HUSAMI, 725 Lawrenceville Road, to determine basis for OAS disclaimers of affiliation with SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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1- New York.

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VIA WASHINGTON

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156)

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INTERVIEW AND SUBMIT THREE ZERO TWO'S.

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INTERVIEW AND SUBMIT THREE ZERO TWO'S

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GERALD ROBERT AMSTER, 251 Seamen Avenue, was interviewed at his residence. He voluntarily furnished the following information:

He advised that the Seamen Avenue address is the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. JACOB AMSTER. His parents are currently away for two weeks on vacation and he is occupying the apartment. He returned to New York from California on June 29, 1968 and is presently seeking employment.

With regard to the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, AMSTER advised that he was present in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when the assassination took place. He stated that evening, June 4, 1968, he drove to the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 11:00 pm in a car he was using at the time, a 1968 white Ford, rented from Budget Rent-A-Car, 6935 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. He advised that he is not particularly a follower of ROBERT F. KENNEDY and if, anything, leans toward Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY; however, he advised he was curious and interested in viewing the activities at the KENNEDY Headquarters that evening.

AMSTER stated he had no difficulty whatsoever in entering any of the ballrooms and no one stopped him or asked for any identification. He stated, in fact, he spent approximately one hour in the teletype room adjoining the ballroom where he watched incoming reports on the voting in the primary.

When Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY made his victory speech in the early morning of June 5, 1968, AMSTER said he was in the auditorium approximately four or five rows back from the rostrum and to the left of the rostrum. He saw KENNEDY turn and leave toward the kitchen at the end of his speech and he (AMSTER) turned in the opposite

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direction and started towards the rear of the ballroom. He heard the shots and advised that there was screaming and much confusion. He stated that approximately 15 minutes after the shooting he saw the police removing the alleged attacker from the hotel. He believes he was positioned at the time in the second floor lobby. He stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 8:00 am to listen to news of the condition of Senator KENNEDY.

At approximately 3:00 am, June 5, 1968, AMSTER advised that he made several telephone calls from the hotel using one of the telephones in the press room. He stated the phone was connected for direct distance dialing and he recalls making three calls as follows:

MARTIN FELDMAN, his half-brother,  
at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
telephone number (215) 353-2529

JACOB AMSTER, his father, at  
New York City, telephone number  
(212) 569-7627

CIRO BORRIELLO, personal friend,  
at the Crown Hotel, New York,  
New York, telephone number unrecalled

AMSTER stated that later when he returned to his apartment he also sent a brief letter regarding the shooting to an individual in New York who he was friendly with at one time several years ago, ROBERT HOUSTON, 115 East 86th Street, New York City.

Regarding ROBERT HOUSTON, AMSTER advised that they were close friends until HOUSTON's sister, MARY HOUSTON, convinced her brother that he should no longer associate with AMSTER. This was primarily, AMSTER said, because he,

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AMSTER, had at one time had psychiatric care and when he was 14 years old was placed in a school for emotionally disturbed children, the Linden Hill School, Hawthorne, New York.

AMSTER stated that while he was at the Ambassador Hotel he was by himself and made no acquaintances there. He neither arrived nor left with anyone. He did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at any time before the shooting took place.

AMSTER stated that there was one incident which he felt should be brought to the attention of the authorities which may have some bearing on the case. In connection with this he related the following:

On May 25, 1968, he was at a bar on Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, called The Pub when he struck up a conversation with an individual he determined to be Mexican. He stated the conversation came about inasmuch as he (AMSTER) speaks Spanish and the individual seemed anxious to speak to someone in his native tongue. This individual whose name he did not learn was apparently very dissatisfied and unhappy in Los Angeles. He told AMSTER of his desire to return to Mexico. In view of the friendly tone of their conversation the individual invited AMSTER to a private party which was to be held the following night, May 26, 1968, at the "Fiesta Time at the Tropics", 13539 Ventura Boulevard. The individual stated there will be many latin and other foreign individuals in attendance and that these parties are held every Sunday. He gave AMSTER a card which he stated would have to be presented at the door in order to gain admittance. He stated that if AMSTER had any difficulty whatsoever in getting in, he was to mention the name SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. AMSTER said that, of course, at the time he had never heard this name and he asked the individual to spell it for him. AMSTER wrote the name on the back of the card and furnished this card to the interviewing agents.

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A review of the card presented by AMSTER reflected the following handprinting on the back of the card:

"SIRHAN B. SIRHAN  
in front 5:00 P.M."

AMSTER was asked specifically about the notation "in front 5:00 P.M." and whether this indicated he was to meet SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at the club.

He advised that to the best of his recollection he was not to meet SIRHAN but to merely mention the name to anyone at the door. AMSTER advised he was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the party inasmuch as he did not attend. He stated he kept the card since he felt that he might some day attend one of the parties inasmuch as they were held weekly. He is also unable to furnish any additional identifying information regarding the individual who have him the card.

AMSTER voluntarily furnished the following information regarding himself and his activities in California:

He stated he arrived in California on January 6, 1968 and resided at 1738 North Whitley, Hollywood, California. He stated he traveled to California and lived there for a short time with a personal friend from New York, CIRO BORRIELLO age 31 or 32, from Brooklyn. He stated BORRIELLO returned to New York before he did and is presently employed as a doorman for an apartment house on First Avenue in the Yorkville Section of Manhattan. He could not furnish the home address of BORRIELLO or the specific address of the apartment but stated that the telephone number for the apartment house is LE 5-7922.

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AMSTER stated that on February 17, 1968, he was involved in an incident whereby an individual who he met in a bar and who accompanied him to his apartment, pulled a gun and shot at him. This individual, PETER NICHOLAS GERZ, was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department and charged with armed robbery and assault with he (AMSTER) as the victim. AMSTER stated that due to some confusion at the time the incident took place he was also arrested by the police for possession of marijuana. AMSTER claims that GERZ was smoking marijuana but he had not been. He stated he is scheduled to return to Los Angeles on July 17, 1968 for sentencing on the above incident.

From February 27, 1968 to June 25, 1968, AMSTER resided at El Questre Inn, 1200 Riverside Drive, Burbank, California. While there he developed a friendship with the desk clerk, an Arab who is attending UCLA, GEORGE BISHARA. AMSTER stated that BISHARA as far as he knows has no connection with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

While in California, AMSTER frequented two bars which were also frequented by the Arab element along with other foreign element. These were Turk A La Bab, Hollywood Boulevard and the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard, in Hollywood. He stated he did not belong to any organizations or have any other friends or associates other than those already mentioned.

AMSTER furnished the following description of himself:

Name	GERALD ROBERT AMSTER
Alias	Gerhard Robert Von Amster
Date of Birth	February 19, 1943 Patterson, New Jersey
Height	6'1"
Weight	190
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Military Service	None, was deferred because of a psychiatric background

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Scars and (Marks

38 knife scars over  
his entire body as result  
of an attack on his life  
when he was 15 years old

Parents

Mr. and Mrs. JACOB AMSTER  
251 Seamen Avenue  
New York City

Marital Status

Married, August, 1965  
to GESINE STENTZ, a German  
National; marriage was annulled  
8 months later.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/9/68

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Mrs. MARY WHALEN, 1346 Midland Avenue, Bronxville, New York, stated that during the evening of June 4-5, 1968, she was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY made his victory speech. Standing near Mrs. WHALEN during the speech and shooting was an unknown male. He acted peculiar in that he held a small leather-covered object near his face. Mrs. WHALEN believes that the object, which was about three inches by five inches in dimensions, was either a transistor radio or a small transmitter.

After the shooting, the unknown male approached Mrs. WHALEN and her friend, Mrs. FELICIA MESSURI, wife of National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) Producer-Director ANTHONY MESSURI, and said: "You've seen me here all evening, haven't you? Remember, you have seen me here. Don't forget." At this point the unknown male, who was alone, disappeared and was not seen again.

Mrs. WHALEN described the unknown male as follows:

Race	White
Age	45 to 50
Height	6'
Weight	190 to 200 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown or Black
Complexion	Swarthy
Peculiarity	"Wild-eyed" expression
Dress	Maroon sports jacket and dark knit sports shirt.

Mrs. WHALEN feels certain that she could identify the unknown male if she should ever see him again.

Mrs. WHALEN said she first observed the unknown male while she was going through the crowd to get Mrs.

On 6/19/68 at Bronxville, New York File # NY 44-1640 - 202  
by SAA HOWARD G. KINALLY, JR/tp Date dictated 6/19/68

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BARRY STODDARD, whose husband is also employed at NBC, Rockefeller Center, New York, New York. Mrs. STODDARD, who is presently in the hospital for an eye operation, probably also saw the unknown male.



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A IRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-5481)(P)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT

- Re Los Angeles airtel to New York, 7/3/68.

M. SAFOUH AL-AKHRASS, 911 - 9th Street, Albany, California, advised this date that the National Organization of Arab Students has seven national officers:

1. President - ZIYAD HURSAMI, 725 Lawrenceville, Trenton, New Jersey, 609-883-1945
2. Vice-president - WALID KHADDUR, 1414 - 17th Street, N.W., Apartment 200, Washington, D.C., 202-483-5249.
3. Treasurer - name not known
4. Chapter Chairman - M. SAFOUH AL-AKHRASS
5. Secretary - name not known
6. Cultural Chairman - name not known
7. Publications Chairman - name not known.

AL-AKHRASS stated there are approximately 120 local chapters of the Organization of Arab Students (OAS) in the United States; however, all of the local chapters are not necessarily members of the national organization. AL-AKHRASS stated that he has talked to the national president regarding SIRHAN SIRHAN, the alleged assassin of ROBERT F. KENNEDY and neither he nor the president of OAS ever heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN before the assassination of KENNEDY.

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AL-AKHRASS stated he has been advised by the president of OAS that SIRHAN SIRHAN has never been a member of the National OAS nor has he been a member of any local chapter affiliated with the national organization. AL-AKHRASS further advised that he personally telephoned the president of the local chapter of OAS at Pasadena, California, and was advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN has not been a member of the local Pasadena chapter of OAS.

AL-AKHRASS stated that the National OAS made a press release, dated June 5, 1968, disclaiming any knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN and this press release states that SIRHAN SIRHAN has not been a member of the national or local organization of the OAS. AL-AKHRASS furnished a copy of the press release which will be included in the FD 302 which will follow.

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9:15 PM URGENT 7-10-68 AWS  
TO DIRECTOR 62-587, LOS ANGELES 56-156

LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM NEW YORK 44-1640

KENSALT

ON JULY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, MISS  
SUSANNAH GROSS, THE DISTRICT ASSISTANT TO UNITED STATES  
CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM FITZ RYAN, TELEPHONE NUMBER AD FOUR-  
SIX NINE ZERO ZERO, CALLED THE NEW YORK OFFICE AND STATED  
AS FOLLOWS:

ON JULY FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. IDA  
SCHLEIFER, WESTOVER HOTEL, SEVENTY SECOND STREET AND WEST  
END AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, CONTACTED CONGRESSMAN RYAN  
AT HIS NEW YORK OFFICE, AND STATED THAT JOAN WEIDNER,  
CLERMOUNT STREET, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
FIVE SEVEN THREE-FOUR NINE FOUR SEVEN, AT ONE TIME EMPLOYED  
END PAGE ONE

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① Miss Susannah Gross,  
District Asst. to U.S.  
Congressman William Fitz Ryan  
② U.S. Congressman William  
Fitz Ryan  
③ Mrs. Ida Schleifer  
Westover Hotel  
72 W 22 St & Bklyn  
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SIRHAN SIRHAN AND WOULD KNOW WHO THE GIRL IN "THE POKER DOT" IS. SCHLEIFER WANTED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SEND HER, SCHLEIFER, TO CALIFORNIA, TO TALK TO WEIDNER AND ASSIST IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

SCHLEIFER ALSO WANTED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SEND HER, SCHLEIFER, TO HUNGARY AS A CULTURAL ATTACHE AND TO SOUTH AMERICA AS AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO EXPLAIN THE UNITED STATES TO THE SOUTH AMERICANS.

MISS GROSS COULD NOT ELABORATE ON ANY OF THIS INFORMATION AND STATED THAT SHE WAS CALLING ON CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S INSTRUCTION TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION FOR THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI).

IF SCHLEIFER IS TO BE RECONTACTED, GROSS WANTS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE.

NEW YORK IS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION IN THIS MATTER.

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JDR R RELAY

FBI WASHDC

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/11/68

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KRISTI WITKER, 116 East 91st Street, advised that she is an Associate Editor, American Heritage Publishing Company, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City. KRISTI WITKER stated that she has been assigned to cover Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's campaign during different periods of time. She said that she covered the campaigns of Senator KENNEDY during the Pennsylvania, Indiana, West Virginia and California campaigns.

WITKER related that she was assigned to cover the California campaign of Senator KENNEDY from May 29, 1968 through June 6, 1968. She said at no time can she recall ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN on this tour.

WITKER said that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she was in Senator KENNEDY's Fifth Floor Suite from approximately 4:00 pm til 7:30 pm. She said that she went down to the Ambassador Room from approximately 7:30 pm till 8:30 pm. WITKER said this was to observe what was going on and to see what she would have to put up with at a later time. She said that she returned to the fifth floor suite of KENNEDY and remained there until 11:45 pm. WITKER said that at 11:45 pm Senator KENNEDY and his aides departed from the fifth floor suite to go to the Ambassador Room to make his victory speech. She said it was so crowded and there was no much confusion on the Fifth Floor that she and VIRGINIA GUY, of Flare Magazine, did not attempt to get on the elevator and used the stairs. WITKER said that she and GUY entered the Ambassador Room through the main entrance after being checked by the police. WITKER said that she arrived near the lectern at the same time Senator KENNEDY and his aides arrived by the way of the side entrance and/or the entrance near the kitchen.

WITKER said that after Senator KENNEDY completed his victory speech it appeared that he was going to depart from the Ambassador Room to go to the Colonial Room but he conversed with BILL BARRY and then left through the side

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by SA EDWARD R. CHORY/tph Date dictated 7/11/68

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entrance, the same entrance through which they had entered. She said that the crowd was pushing as Senator KENNEDY was departing the Ambassador Room through the side entrance.

Soon after the crowd entered the passageway outside of the Ambassador Room the shooting incident took place. She said that she was approximately six to eight feet away from Senator KENNEDY when he was shot but did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN shoot anyone. WITKER said that PAUL SCHRADE fell in front a little to her left after he was shot. She said that she did see a number of individuals restrain SIRHAN SIRHAN immediately after the shots were fired.

WITKER said that the security was relaxed when she went to the Ambassador Room and the Colonial Room between 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm as anyone could enter and leave both rooms without being challenged. She further stated that she was unaware of any plans being changed by Senator KENNEDY regarding making his victory speech prior to talking to the press.

WITKER said that the individual who would know of all plans regarding Senator KENNEDY's itinerary would be a close associate and personal friend of the KENNEDYS, HAYES GOREY, with the New York Times Washington Bureau. She said that GOREY had in the past informed her and other members of the press what they could expect during Senator KENNEDY's campaign.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/21/68

Mr. JOSE F. SALADIN stated that he resides at 247 East 39th Street, New York, New York, and that he is employed at Technicon, Inc., Yonkers, New York. He was born April 24, 1926, in the Dominican Republic and has been a resident alien since 1956, Resident Alien Number [REDACTED]. He is single.

He was a great admirer of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and has no knowledge of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

He does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN; he has never been in Los Angeles, California; he is not an Arab; and he is not a member of any organization.

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by SA JOSEPH E. HENEHAN/np Date dictated 6/19/68

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JOSE E. SALADIN

not

Addresses

Residence Apt 4c 247 East 39th St, New York, N.Y.

Business

Former

\* Date and place of marriage (if applicable)

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Birth date	Birthplace					
Arrest Number	Fingerprint classification			Criminal specialty		

Specific information desired

Results of check

JOSE F. SALADIN  
362 RIVERSIDE DR. NYC.  
BUS: BILLING CLERK  
BERG HEDSTROM & CO.  
420 LEXINGTON AVE. NYC.  
BANK: CHASE MAN. GR. CENTRAL BR.  
NO ADDITIONAL OR DEROGATORY INFORMATION

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JOSE E. SALADIN

**Alison**

AKA FRANK Saladin

**Address**

Up Know

Birth Date

Birthplace

## Race

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☐ Male  
☐ Female

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FRANK SALADIN

Aliases

AKA JOSE E. SALADIN with E. <sup>no mid names beg</sup>

Address

Unknown

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

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Memo

F.B.I.

Because of the Kennedy assassination, it might  
be wise to investigate:-

Arab. . . . Jose F. Saladin ↙  
Apt....4C  
247 East 39th Street  
New York, N.Y...10016

listed in Manhattan telephone Book as ...Frank Saladin  
685-6338

was supposed to have mentioned that he has a son  
in Cuba.

whether this is true or not  
is another story.



GRAND CENTRAL  
STATION

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Attn: Mr. Hoover.

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Via AIRTEL

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To: SAC, New York  
Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed for New York and Los Angeles are Xerox copies of anonymous letter dated 6/6/68, bearing postmark 6/7/68, at New York, New York.

New York should conduct appropriate investigation concerning Jose E. Saladin, AKA Frank. See Attachment

Keep Bureau and Los Angeles advised of pertinent developments.

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Nothing pertinent

6/9 Jose E. Saladin, employed Technicon, Inc., Yonkers, NY. Ex. c. returned 6/11/68.  
DOB - 4/24/16 Dominican Republic. Indian name ship 6/11/68.  
Single - Resident Alien # [redacted] since 1956.  
No knowledge of RFK ASSAULT.  
NEVER IN LA  
Not member any organization  
Not an Arab.  
Great admirer of RFK.  
Does not know S. Sirhan.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO:

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SAC, NEW YORK

Date:

7/2/68

FROM:

SA GEORGE B. HIGGINS

SUBJECT:

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Source:

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Who has furnished reliable  
information in the past

Date Advised:

6/29/68

Classification:

"Secret - No Foreign Dissemination"

Attached is information furnished by above source.

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING THIS  
INFORMATION AND MUST BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ANY COMMUNICATION.  
IT SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS ABOVE WHEN DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THE  
BUREAU.

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6/29/68  
Man who said he is JOHN M. LAWRENCE (spelled), Executive  
Secretary of the Organizing Committee for Clemency for  
SIRHAN, 57 West 10th St, (NYC) asked for a correspondent.  
ESTHER SHIELDS (voice) said she is the only one in & asked  
if she can help. Caller said "we are a pro-Arab American"

1- 105-91643 (J. LAWRENCE) (312)  
1- 105-25717 (KURDYUMOV) (345)  
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group, ABDEEN JIBARA (ph) of Detroit, Michigan; GEORGE MASHIAH (ph) of Syracuse, NY; FRANK SOKRAN (ph) of Mechanicsville, Maryland; Reverend GREGORY ABOOD (ph) of Brooklyn; building contractor MAZHETIAH (ph) of Brooklyn; and some others". He said we have a problem in that we bought some books by Dr THOMAS SHOSS (or SCHAFF, ph) from a Jewish bookstore owner to send to "Mr SIRHAN". He said author is professor of Psychiatry at State University of New York. He said books are "Law, Liberty & Psychiatry" & "The Myth of Mental Illness". He said we have bought & paid for these books Monday & the store agreed to send them out to "the boy". He said now Mr WILENTZ (ph) who is "a Jewish bookstore owner" is trying to rescind the contract & refuse to give us the books - which is larceny as they are our property. Caller said at 2:00 pm today we are going to the store to serve process on him on a replevin action after our books. Caller said he & his attorney will be there. Caller said we thought it would be of interest to you (TASS) "how Jewish people are using every hook and crook in part of this insanity railroading that's being attempted of Mr SIRHAN out there.". ES asked where bookstore is located. Caller said 17 West 8th St. She said you are at 57 West 10th? He said this will be at 2:00 pm this afternoon & we are calling all the Press on it & at this time we are going to serve process on "this Jewish bookstore owner, Mr ELIAS S. WILENTZ (ph)". ES thanked caller. OK.

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NIKOLAI KURDYUMOV called and spoke with SASHA (PDBOSHIN). K asked xxxxx how long will he be around the office? P said he will be leaving soon. K said there is some kind of situation in Hollywood with the film producers. "What do the initials MPAA, JACK VALENTI's group, stand for? P does not know. K asked P to look in the list of abbreviations. P asked what color is the list? P is not familiar with it. K said forget it then. There are so many lists that it would take too long to find it.

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Date: 7/8/68

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK CITY  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Among the names of alleged witnesses to the KENNEDY shooting compiled by the Los Angeles Police Department were the following:

KRISTI WITKER  
ABC--American Heritage

CHRISTIE WITKER  
American Heritage  
NYC, no further address known

Above persons thought to be one individual, not known to American Broadcasting Company (ABC), Hollywood, and this station does not carry the American Heritage Foundation series. The American Heritage Foundation approximately two years ago had an address of 11 West 42nd Street, in New York City. This organization did work for Radio Free Europe and made spot radio tapes of a patriotic nature.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: Will attempt to identify the above through the American Heritage Foundation and interview her accordingly.

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2 - Los Angeles

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)  
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re LA teletype to NY dated 7/9/68, requesting  
NY to interview KRISTI WITKER. 116 EAST 71ST ST, N.Y. NY.

Re LA airtel to NY dated 7/8/68, requesting  
to interview KRISTI or CHRISTIE WITKER.

Enclosed for LA are 30 copies of an FD302  
containing the results of an interview with WITKER on  
7/10/68.

WITKER mentions the names of VIRGINIA GUY;  
BILL BARRY; and HAYES GOREY. No leads are being set out  
by NY as these people have been previously interviewed.

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7/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 7/1/68 and New York airtel to the Bureau dated 7/5/68.

On 7/8/68, Mr. LOB LUNNON, Ticket Manager, Qantas Airways, 542 5th Avenue, New York City, advised that his Brisbane, Australia office only had an Australian contact point for Mr. CLIFFORD FLITTIE and this was shown as in care of Amerada Petroleum Corporation of Australia, Ltd., 380 Queen Street, Brisbane, Australia. No other addresses or information was available except that Amerada was a big account of Qantas and the ticket was believed to be one-way.

NYO contemplates no further action in regard to FLITTIE, UACB.

3- Bureau  
1- Honolulu (INFO)  
2- Los Angeles  
1- New York (44-1640)

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7/5/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-567)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KEMSALT

Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 7/1/68.

Enclosed for Honolulu is copy of re airtel and letter of RSO-London, 6/19/68.

On 7/3/68, Miss MARJORIE NODINE, Personnel Director, Union Carbide Corporation (UCC), 270 Park Avenue, New York City, advised there was no such vice-president or employee named CLIFFORD FLITTY with UCC nor any such name or similar name scheduled for employment.

Mr. G.A. RANSON, Assistant Secretary, UCC, advised that UCC employed no one named CLIFFORD FLITTY nor did he recognize the name. He pointed out that there was no central list of employees throughout the whole country and only the New York Group would be listed here. He added that Mr. T.P. DRAINE would be familiar with any employee of the International Group.

Mr. THOMAS P. DRAINE, Manager of Compensation, International Personnel, 270 Park Avenue, advised that

- 3- Bureau
- 2- Honolulu (Encls. 2)
- 2- Los Angeles (56-156)
- 1- New York

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there was no CLIFFORD FLITTY working for his UCC group. He pointed out that UCC has 60,000-80,000 employees with no central location listing; all of them. If FLITTY worked in New York or for International, he and personnel would have a knowledge of him, however, this was not the case. Mr. DRAINE will contact the NYO should he hear of any FLITTY.

On 7/3/68, Miss SUZANNE HENRY, ticket agent, Qantas Airways, 542 5th Avenue, New York City, advised that she would wire her Sydney, Australia office to determine if a CLIFFORD FLITTY was a passenger on their Sydney to London Flight 530 on June 5, 1968 or if a similar named individual was a passenger. Miss HENRY stated that the record would take several days to obtain and would not necessarily include any address or background. She pointed out that the flight stopped at John F. Kennedy Airport and deplaning passengers would use the EOAC Terminal.

On 7/3/68, Mr. CARL ESPOSITO, Assistant Customs Agent In Charge, Enforcement Division, 201 Varick, New York City, advised that international passengers would have to make a customs declaration and undergo an INS check, however, this would be done at the first U.S. port which in this case, would be Honolulu. He suggested that Customs Agent In Charge ARMSTRONG, Honolulu, be contacted.

On 7/5/68, Mr. BOB LUNNON, Ticket Manager, Qantas, advised that a Mr. CLIFFORD FLITTIE did travel on flight 530 from Sydney to New York, first class, on June 5, 1968, arriving at New York on June 6, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. No address was available for him. The booking was made at Brisbane Office, Australia. He explained that the only information required from the passenger would have been a contact point at Brisbane where the reservation was made. He will attempt to obtain this information, but pointed out no New York address would have been taken.

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On 7/5/68, MARJORIE NODINE, UCC, advised that she had originally checked the name FLITTY under several variations and upon rechecking under FLITTIE she finds there is no such employee or officer of UCC.

NY indices negative on FLITTY and FLITTIE.  
Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Nassau, Westchester, Rockland and Suffolk telephone directories negative.

LEAD:

HONOLULU

AT HONOLULU, HAWAII: Contact Mr. ARMSTRONG, U.S. Customs, and INS officials, re entry of CLIFFORD FLITTIE, aka Flitty, into U.S.A. on Qantas Flight 530, Sydney to London, 6/5/68, to ascertain U.S. address and proceed per Bureau instructions in enclosed airtel.

NYO will maintain contact with Qantas and advise Bureau of Australian addresses uncovered.

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Date:

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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

KENSALT

Attached is a copy of a communication received through Bureau Liaison from the Department of State, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

New York should immediately identify and set forth leads to locate Clifford Flitty through Union Carbide.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TO : SY/PRS

DATE: June 19, 1968

FROM : RSO - LONDON

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SUBJECT: Alleged Accusations made against Kennedy Family.

On June 12, 1968, Mrs. Naomi Gross, 13 Russel St., Toorak, Australia, (presently vacationing in London, England) appeared voluntarily at the American Embassy London, and furnished the following information:

Mrs. Gross stated she boarded Qantas flight 530 in Sydney, Australia at 7:00 PM, June 5, 1968, in routeto London. Further, she said she was traveling first class and had sat next to a man who said his name was Clifford Flitty, an American industrialist with Amerada Petroleum Co. in Queensland, Australia, (the company is supposedly an American Canadian venture) who worked out of the company's head office in Brisbane. Mrs. Gross said Flitty also stated he was soon to become the new Vice-President of Union Carbide. Source described Flitty as a man of about 40 to 47 (he told her he was born in 1924), 5 feet 10 inches tall weight about 170 pounds, Gray hair, medium build, and wore glasses. Source reported the flight en route to London stopped at Fiji Island, Honolulu, San Francisco, New York, then London. She said before the plane landed at Fiji Island, Flitty stated "I wish someone would put a bullet between Bobby Kennedy's eyes, and I would wish I could pull the trigger myself." Further, source stated that prior to their landing at Honolulu, the announcement of the Kennedy shooting was announced to the passengers by the captain.

Source advised that when the plane landed in San Francisco, there was to be a four hour layover, and it was at this time the death of Robert Kennedy was announced. Further, she said Flitty stated he was going to send a telegram to Ted Kennedy which was to read "After Two how about you?" and said he may even sign it, and further stated "we will be rid of this trash forever." According to source Flitty talked about ordering champagne to celebrate the tragedy. (attached as exhibit # 1 is the alleged note to be sent to Ted Kennedy in Flitty's own handwriting).

Mrs. Gross reported Flitty disembarked at New York. She said he was traveling alone, and appeared to be in complete control of his faculties during the flight.

Mrs. Gross declined to give her London address, stating she did not wish to involve the people with whom she was staying.

It is the opinion of the reporting agent, that Mrs. Gross is a completely stable individual, was articulate in her speech, and gave every impression of being a highly intelligent woman.

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ALISTAIR COOKE, Nassau Point Road, Cutchogue, New York, advised that he headed a group of English journalists consisting of himself, PETER JENKINS and DAVID GRAY covering the various candidates who were running in the Presidential primary. He stated that DAVID GRAY covered the EUGENE MC CARTHY campaign, and that JENKINS covered the ROBERT KENNEDY campaign.

COOKE advised that on the day of the primary election in California PETER JENKINS returned to Washington, D.C., and DAVID GRAY continued to follow the MC CARTHY campaign at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

COOKE advised that on the day of the primary election he, COOKE, left by plane from San Francisco, California, to Los Angeles and stayed with a friend, INGER STEVENS, at her home.

COOKE advised that on the evening of the primary election, June 4, 1968, he, together with STEVENS, went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, where the campaign of ROBERT KENNEDY was being conducted and attempted upon arriving at the hotel, which was late in the evening, to enter the ballroom of the hotel and was denied entrance by a guard, exact type unrecalled. He stated that the guard refused to allow him, COOKE, to enter the ballroom unless he, COOKE, had a special press badge which was the type of press badge allowed to other newspapermen but which he, COOKE, did not possess.

COOKE advised that the next moment a man from the KENNEDY party, name unrecalled, recognized him, COOKE, and related that he, COOKE, could be allowed to enter the ballroom. However, he stated at this moment CHUCK BAILEY, of the Minneapolis Star, joined him and discouraged him, COOKE, from going into the ballroom stating that it was too crowded. He stated that BAILEY also related that PIERRE SALINGER had promised that when ROBERT KENNEDY was through with his speech in the ballroom that he, KENNEDY, would give the newspapermen a private audience.

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COOKE pointed out that the first newspaperman that he came in contact with moments prior to coming in contact with BAILEY, was TOM OCHINER, Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, who came and went.

COOKE advised that then the conversation with BAILEY followed in that BAILEY had related that SALINGER had promised that a private audience with ROBERT KENNEDY would be forthcoming following KENNEDY's speech within the ballroom.

COOKE advised that he was standing at this moment in the dining room which was outside the swinging doors which led into the pantry room where subsequently ROBERT KENNEDY was assassinated.

COOKE advised that while standing in the dining room outside the swinging doors he heard what sounded like the clattering of trays coming from the pantry room. He stated that BAILEY having heard the same noise bolted from his, COOKE's, company into the pantry room through the swinging doors.

COOKE advised that moments later he too left the company of STEVENS, who was in the dining room at all times, and entered through the swinging doors and observed RAFAEL JOHNSON and ROOSEVELT GREER jumping on a male individual whom he later learned to be SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that there was other confusion within the pantry room and could only see one individual who was bleeding from his head and who was a newspaperman named SCHRODER (phonetic). He stated that he could not take much of this and left the pantry room through the swinging doors.

COOKE advised that moments later he returned into the pantry and could see ROBERT KENNEDY on the ground and ETHEL KENNEDY cradling the Senator in her arms.

COOKE advised that he then left the pantry again and that there was still utter confusion in the area. He stated that at this time he remained in the dining room area

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in the company of STEVENS and that in the next ten minutes to one-half hour he observed the swinging doors of the pantry open and out came SIRHAN SIRHAN in the custody of a number of policemen and ROOSEVELT GREER and that SIRHAN SIRHAN was ushered out of the pantry room through the dining room and out of sight.

COOKE advised that in the dining room following the assassination of KENNEDY he observed a stout woman pounding the table and screaming, "Goddamned stinking country". He stated that this woman was presumably a KENNEDY campaign worker and was obviously upset over what had happened. He stated that he could not even recall what she was wearing.

COOKE advised that the above when SIRHAN SIRHAN was being ushered out of the pantry room in custody, was the first glimpse he had had of SIRHAN and that he had not observed SIRHAN earlier.

COOKE advised that he did not observe any woman in a polka dot dress.

COOKE advised that he did not witness the assassination. COOKE advised that he wrote an account of his observations in an English newspaper, "The Guardian" under dateline of June 6, 1968, and made available to Special Agent ANTHONY SCUDERI a copy of this newspaper containing his article. He stated that he has also broadcast an account of his observations entitled, "Bad Night in Los Angeles" which was broadcast over the British Broadcasting System and that he has made arrangements to make available the tape on this broadcast to Federal Bureau of Investigation representatives in New York City.

COOKE advised that there remains one unanswered question in his mind and that was with the apparent security in effect at the Ambassador Hotel leading into the ballroom how was SIRHAN SIRHAN able to get by the security setup.