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JAMES E. CHAPMAN, interviewed at International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), 11 South Broadway, White Plains, New York, advised that he is employed by this company as an Airlines Program Administrator and resides at 43 Old Wagon Road, Wilton, Connecticut. He furnished the information set forth below.

He was in Los Angeles, California, on IBM company business in June, 1968, and stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. When returning to the hotel by car after midnight, June 5, 1968, via Wiltshire Boulevard, he was stopped by police of the Los Angeles Police Department as he drove into the hotel parking lot. While he was waiting to enter the parking lot, an ambulance left, and he later learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot and was being taken to the hospital in that ambulance. This was his first knowledge of the shooting. He observed nothing unusual on his way back to the hotel or in the vicinity of the hotel before or after the shooting.

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Grant Cooper, Sirhan's New Lawyer

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By **ARTHUR BERMAN**

Special Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES

IT WAS ONE of the stranger moments in Los Angeles courtroom history. Card expert Oswald Jacoby and veteran defense attorney Grant Cooper sat down for a round of gin rummy and a federal judge, jury and attorneys looked on as the hand was dealt and play began.

The object was to demonstrate the game, and Cooper let it be known that he was no expert.

But he won by 59 points. "I'll quit while I'm ahead," he announced, bringing a rare chuckle to the nearly six-month trial of five accused card cheaters.

When the trial ended last Monday, Cooper was no longer ahead. His client and four other men were convicted of conspiring to cheat wealthy businessmen and actors out of huge sums at the plush Friars Club.

It was also at trial's end that Cooper conceded he was the mystery attorney who had agreed to head the defense of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

With two weeks of the June 5 slaying Cooper had agreed through the American Civil Liberties Union to take the case without fee—but kept it secret so as not to prejudice the jury or cause a mistrial in the Friars case.

During recesses in the Friars trial, Cooper was visited several times by Sirhan's acknowledged attorney, Russell E. Parsons. And Parsons, best known as an appeals lawyer, got a continuance of the Sirhan case at one point on grounds he was waiting to be joined by "a prominent man who has handled many prominent cases."

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COOPER'S CAREER HAS TAKEN UNEXPECTED twist before:

—A dropout from Evander Childs HS in New York, he set out as a youth to become a seaman. But a combination of seasickness and a ship's broken steering gear changed his course and he turned to the law.

—The handsome, 65-year-old Cooper was once an aggressive prosecutor who sent two men to the gas chamber before becoming a defense lawyer. He now opposes the death penalty.

—During his most famous case, the murder trial of Dr. Bernard Finch in 1960, Cooper talked freely and sometimes outspokenly to reporters. More recently, as a leader of bar groups, he has warned against the dangers of trying cases in the newspapers.

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He is famed as a defense lawyer, but the cases for which he is best known were less than smashing victories. In the Friars case, his client was convicted on all 18 counts against him. And Dr. Finch was convicted of first-degree murder—although that happened after Cooper had won two hung juries, then turned the case over to an associate for the third trial.

The fact is that a client has to have a pretty rough case to begin with before he feels compelled to employ Cooper's high-priced talents. (It was rumored that Cooper received \$2000 or more a day in the Friars case—to which he says "ridiculous," but he won't say how much he did charge.)

And Cooper, a master of courtroom procedures, has had his share of acquittals, including (among his favorites) one a few years ago for a woman who shot her husband eight times with a rifle. The repeated shooting could not be taken as evidence of motivation, Cooper argued, since it was a semi-automatic rifle.

He went to Da Nang, Vietnam, last year to clear a Marine charged with murder. And he got a hung jury, one of his specialties, for a woman who was accused of hitting her employer over the head with a vacuum cleaner and then setting fire to him.

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BUT COOPER IS BEST REMEMBERED AS THE sincere, gray-haired, square-jawed, bespectacled lawyer who defended Dr. Finch in the celebrated love-triangle murder trial of 1960. The 42-year-old physician was accused of fatally shooting his wife in order to marry his mistress, Carol Tregoff, 23, without sacrificing any of \$750,000 in community property.

Despite prosecution evidence that Finch once tried to hire a killer to slay his wife and, that failing, concocted a "do-it-yourself murder kit," Cooper offered a convincing defense of accidental death. In a pinnacle of courtroom drama, Cooper led Finch through a description of his wife's death, which included a gun

going off by itself after being dropped in an emotion-packed confrontation.

In his closing argument, Cooper stressed that guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

"Reasonable doubt is like love," he coaxed the jury with a folksy kindness. "You can't define it, but you know when you've got it."

Two jurors had it. And after eight days of deliberating, the jury was unable to reach a verdict. A mistrial was declared.

Cooper defended Dr. Finch in a second trial, a rerun that attracted far less attention. Again, a hung jury.

The third time around, Cooper, with a growing backlog of commitments, turned the case over to an associate. This time the jury was able to make up its mind: Dr. Finch and Miss Tregoff were guilty. They are both serving life terms in state prison today.

"I used to be known as a lawyer—now I'm known as Finch's lawyer," Cooper complained shortly after the succession of Finch trials. He helped temper that image through his prominence in legal organizations. In 1960-61 Cooper was president of the Los Angeles County Bar Assn. In 1962-63 he headed The American College of Trial Lawyers.

Long active in Bar Associations, he spoke out more than ever in California and elsewhere on behalf of his profession. In a way, he was unwittingly talking himself into his biggest assignment, the defense of Sirhan Sirhan.

A. L. WIRIN, AN ACLU COUNSEL, TOLD THE New York Post how the Sirhan-Cooper relationship came about:

"After Sirhan was arrested I went to see him and made it clear I was interested only in his Constitutional rights. That was why I was there; I was not going to defend him. He said he was satisfied with the Public Defender (who had been assigned by the courts), but he would like a lawyer of high standing in the bar.

"He mentioned Grant Cooper the first one. Then he mentioned others."

Wirin contacted Cooper and told him two things: "First, Sirhan wanted him. Secondly, I was trying to get a lawyer who would serve without a fee as a public service. He agreed that was something a lawyer should do."

Says Cooper: "I took the case because I have been making talks not only here but in other states on the duties and obligations of the legal profession and lawyers to represent unpopular causes. It was time to practice what I preached.

"I have also made public comment upon the circus atmosphere in the Ruby trial and I want to show that this case can be tried as a lawsuit should be tried."

In taking the case (with co-counsel Parsons and Emile Zola Berman of New York), Cooper is faced with a seemingly incontrovertible set of circumstances. Scores of witnesses are prepared to identify Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant, as the assassin who gunned down Sen. Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel early on June 5. Even Parsons, Sirhan's spokesman until now, has made no attempt to deny that Sirhan was the assassin.

Cooper, who met Sirhan this week for the first time ("we just talked in generalities.") does not discuss his preparations of the defense. But when the trial begins (the date is now Jan. 7), it is anticipated that he will concentrate on Sirhan's motivations and on the question of whether he is capable of criminal intent, rather than on the slaying itself.



GRANT BURR COOPER'S JOURNEY TO HIS PRESENT eminence began, as he tells it, with a ship breakdown off San Francisco in 1923.

He had been born April 1, 1903, in New York City. His father was an investigator for B. Altman and he spent his early years in the Grant City and Woodland Beach areas of Staten Island. Later the family moved to 180th St. and Webster Av. in the Bronx. Young Grant finished PS 28, but quit Evander Childs after only three months.

He was 14 and he spent the next five years floundering around New York from one job to another. Then, at 19, "I got ants in my pants. I got a job as a wiper—the lowliest job there is—on the oil tanker Tulsagas.

"It took 23 days to get from New York to San Pedro (port of Los Angeles). I originally intended to go to the Orient, but I had my belly full. I jumped ship—with \$8 in my pocket." Cooper tried to earn a living on the West Coast, including one week-long job as an able-bodied seaman, which is memorable only for the seasickness he suffered.

"When I quit, the mate told me, you're no soldier, sailor, traitor or nothin'," Cooper laughs.

Disgusted with California, he signed as a galley boy aboard a New York-bound ship. On the second day out, the steering gear broke and the ship returned to San Francisco.

Back on shore, Cooper journeyed down the coast to see his uncle, Los Angeles attorney John S. Cooper, who offered him a job as a clerk and a chance to become a lawyer. He accepted. Although without a high school diploma, he was admitted to Southwestern University (law school) on condition he maintain an 85 per cent average. Three years later, Cooper had his law degree and was admitted to the bar in 1927.

He recalls winning his first case—the police court trial of a man accused of reckless driving.

After two years in private practice, Cooper became a deputy district attorney and he says that he and his partner, George Stahlman, "were a couple of tough prosecutors."

"We got the first death penalty verdict under the new 'Little Lindbergh' statute (the law under which Caryl Chessman later was convicted and executed). I got six or seven death penalty verdicts, but only two actually resulted in executions," Cooper said.

After six years as a deputy D. A., three years in the city attorney's office and a brief return to private practice, Cooper entered politics. He managed the successful election campaigns of Earl Warren (now U. S. Chief Justice) for state Attorney General and John Dockweiler for District Attorney. Dockweiler took office in 1940 and named Cooper chief deputy DA.

In 1942, Dockweiler died and his successor asked Cooper to leave. Then his old prosecuting partner, George Stahlman, invited him to join in a private practice.

"The first year with George I grossed \$21,000 and it's been going up ever since," Cooper once said. "Criminal practice was not particularly aimed at. It just came along and seemed to offer greater opportunity."

Stahlman retired around 1950 and Cooper took over the practice. One of the lawyers who shares a suite with Cooper is his wife, Phyllis, an attractive blond who is a successful attorney in her own right, as well as a prominent figure in social and civic circles.

"I discuss a point of law with her just as I would with any other lawyer," Cooper has remarked. "There's nothing personal about it."

Her office features a blue leather chair; his is red. They treat each other with professional courtesy. ("Before I go into her office, I knock on the door.")



COOPER WAS A WIDOWER WITH TWO SMALL daughters when he married Phyllis Norton in 1935, the year she graduated from the U. of Southern California. Three years later she became a lawyer. And a year after that, she had the first of their three children—a daughter and two sons.

The three Cooper girls are today 38, 34 and 28; all are housewives. One son, 26, is a businessman and the other, 21, is studying law. Cooper has 10 grandchildren.

The Coopers live in a large English-style house with a swimming pool a few minutes from their office in the handsome old Hancock Park neighborhood not far from downtown Los Angeles. They usually stay close to home, unless they can get away for a deep sea fishing trip—Cooper's favorite relaxation despite his early misfortunes as a seaman.

Earlier this year, Cooper traveled to Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti in search of game fish. "All I got was a saifish," he shrugs. "It was the wrong time of year."

During the Finch case, the Coopers didn't go to a party or movie for 11 months. When they finally made it to a social event, the flustered hostess introduced Cooper's wife as "Mrs. Finch."



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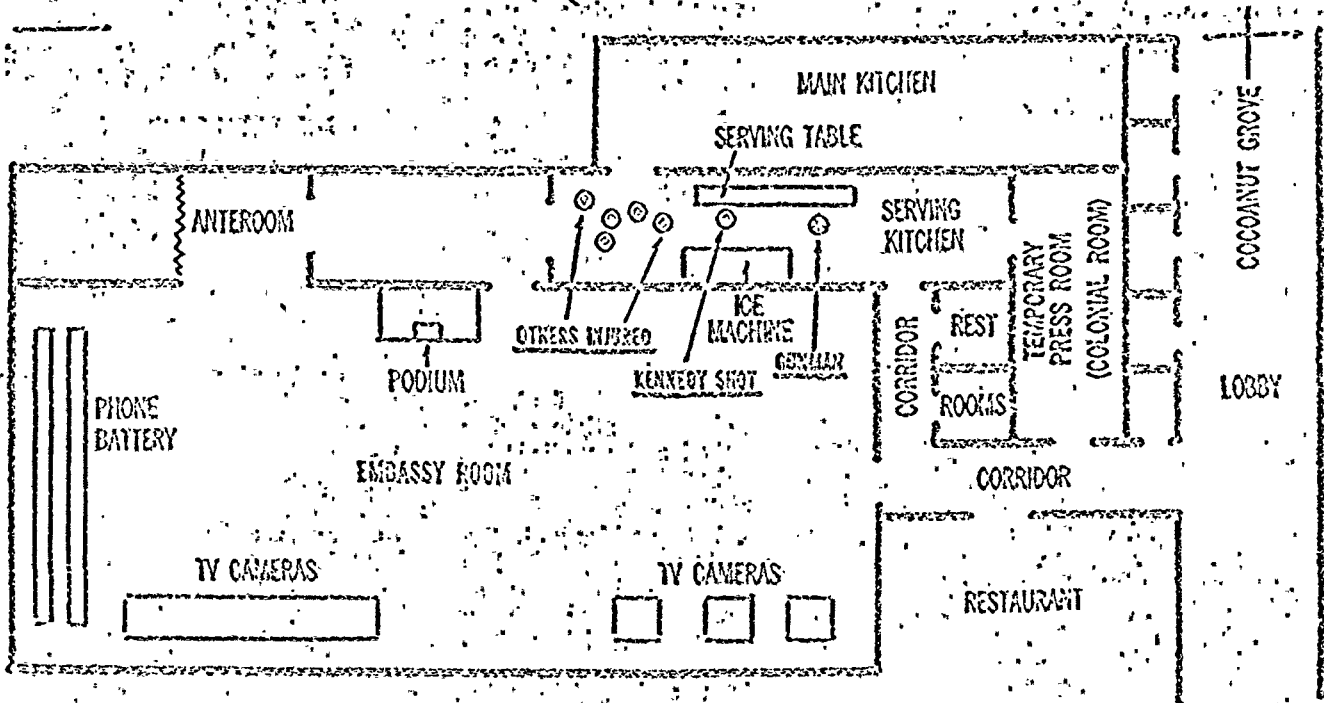


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Room and the serving kitchen through which Sen. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot. Times drawing by Oliver French

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Subj contacted via telephone at business number. Subj was a volunteer advance man on the Kennedy staff. He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approx 8:30 P.M. He went to the indicated ballroom and remained there until approx 9:30 P.M. Subj then went to business room where he remained until after the shooting. At time of shooting subj was located approx 30' south of the stage but did not hear the shots. He was told of shooting by an unk female. At no time did he go into the kitchen. He states he did not see anyone wearing a galka dot dress. Subj has not been interviewed by the FBI or press. He neither took any pictures nor saw anyone else take any. Subj left hotel at 2:00 AM.

Persons obs by subj at hotel who do not have I numbers.

DICK CORBERT - MEMBER OF KENNEDY STAFF IN N.Y.C. (PARK LANE AGENCY) I-2071 (PAN AMERICAN BUILDING)

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Re: T.C. SORENSEN
575 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

*Law firm
Paul Weiss, Sherry, Rifkin, Winston & Gorman*

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.

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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.

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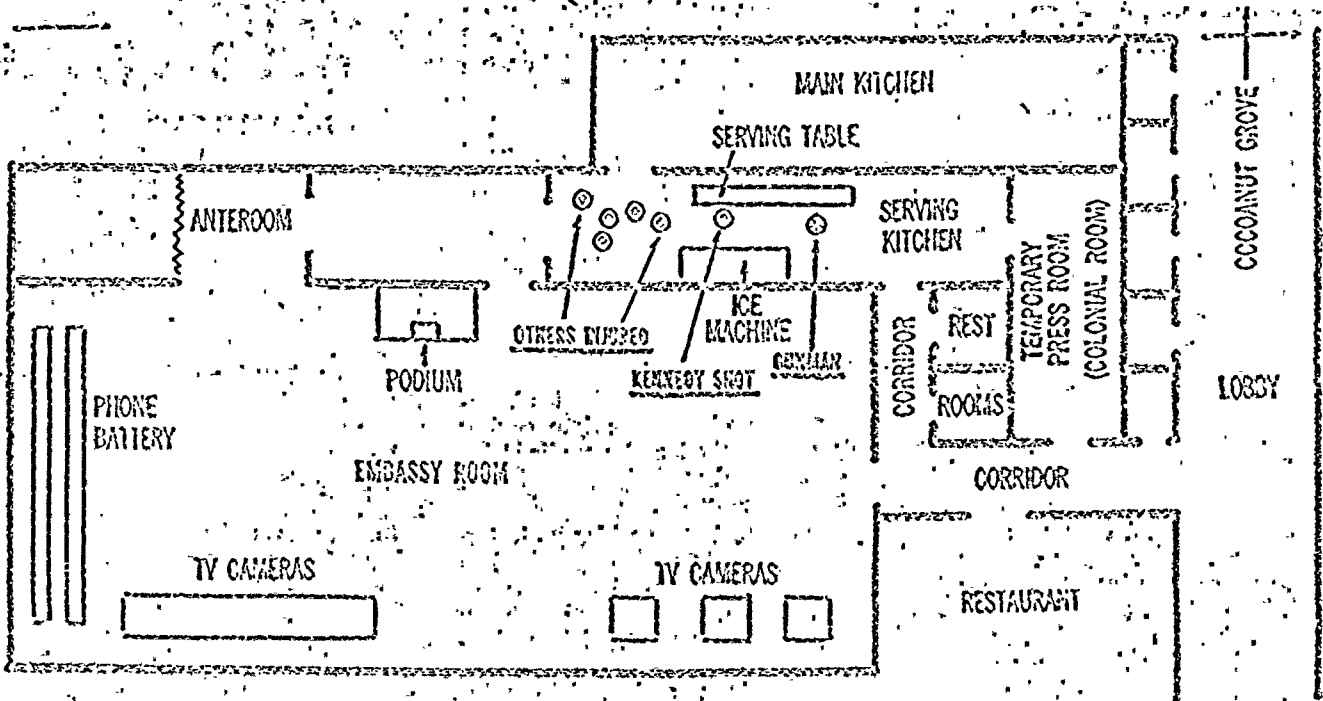


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At the time of the Kennedy campaign Miss Horenstein worked for the advertising firm of ~~Lois~~ Papert, Lois & Koenig which was doing the advertising for Kennedy in California. Their office is located in NYC PH#935-5000.

Miss Horenstein went to the hotel with Barbara Barnett (No interview. Doesn't know how she can be contacted except possibly through Rockefeller campaign headquarters in N.Y.C.). She arrived at the hotel at approximately 8PM and went directly to the Embassy Room. At the time of the speech she was standing about 30' back from the right portion of the stage. After the speech she went to exit through the double doors of the Embassy Room when she heard many screams and people saying that Kennedy Had Been shot.

She does not recall seeing Sirhan or any woman in a polka-dot dress. She did not have a camera and doesn't know of anyone that did.

She has not been contacted by the news media or the F.B.I.

Miss Horenstein is presently unemployed and living with a friend in NY. No permanent address as of yet.

FOLLOWING PERSONS SEEN AT THE HOTEL: HAVE NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED, AND CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE AD FIRM OF ~~LOIS~~ PAPERT, LOIS & KOENIG IN NYC (PH#212, 935--5000):

- X BILL MURPHY
- X CAROL LEWIS
- X MARY JANE HOBY
- X SHELLEY TANKLE
- X MARY REISS
- X STEVE ABRAMS

extra

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

Alexander R. Layton 10375

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1968

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Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	January 21, 1935
Place of Birth	Laconia, N. H.
Height	5' 5"
Weight	105 lbs.
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security No.	██████████
Marital Status	Single
Father	Raymond Hoey, Laconia, N. H.
Mother	Helen Hoey, Laconia, N. H.
Employment	J. W. Thompson 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

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ReLAlet to NY 9/10/68 requesting NY to interview Mary Jane Hoey. Enclosed for LA are 22 copies of FD 302 of interview with Hoey.

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Los Angeles Times
I-2, June 6, 1968

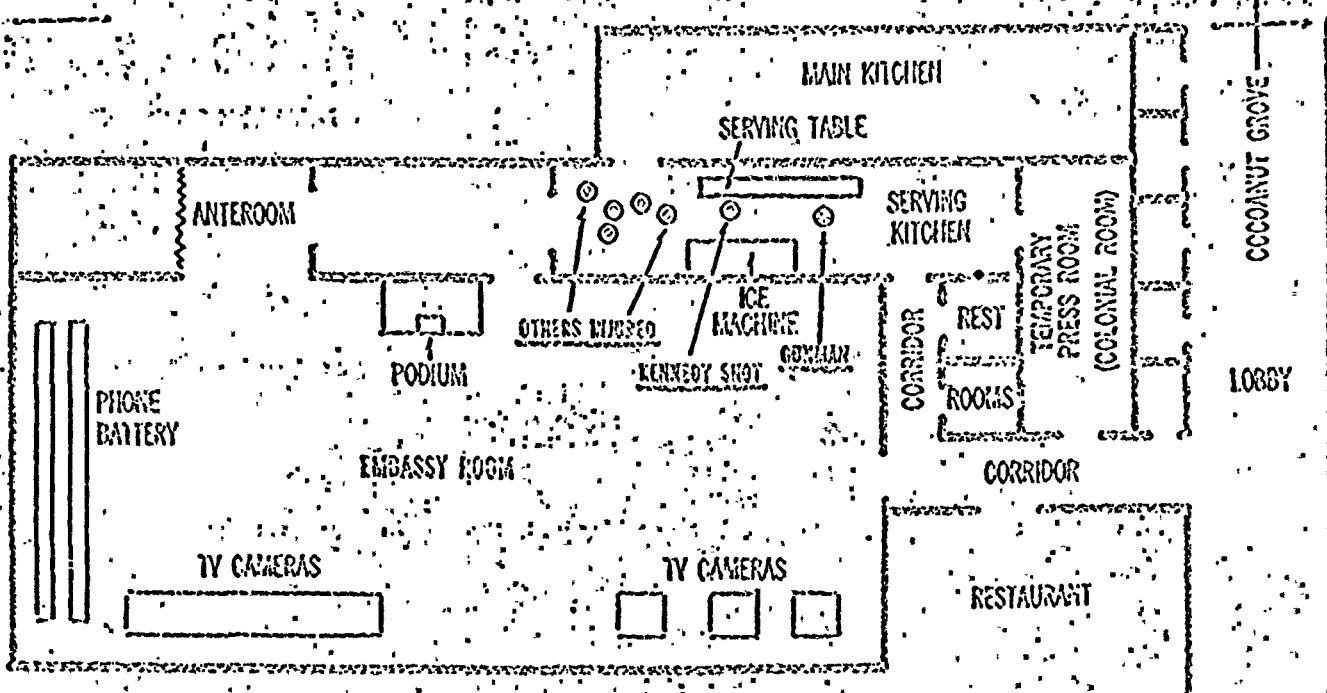


DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE--Sketch shows the doors leading from behind podium of Embassy

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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 11/19/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

RE: CHARLENE LEWIS
601 4th Avenue
North Troy, New York
Telephone: 518-BE5-1005

The above captioned person was observed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on 6/4/68.

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

The Los Angeles Police Department has requested the assistance of the Bureau in the location and interview of individuals who were observed in the Hotel on the night of the assassination to determine whether or not any of these individuals might be in possession of any information regarding the 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, each report being prepared by Los Angeles.

Trial date is tentatively set for the first part of December 1968, and it would be appropriate 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.

23 copies of the FD-302 should be submitted.

- ② - Albany (Encl. 1)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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cc: *See at 11/19/68*

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (175-12) (RUC)
SUBJECT: KENSALT RE: CHARLENE LEWIS
(OO: LOS ANGELES) 601 4th Avenue
North Troy, New York

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Re Los Angeles letter to Albany dated 11/19/68.

Enclosed to New York are one copy each of referenced letter and diagram of shooting scene in Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

On 12/11/68, Mrs. CHARLENE LEWIS, 601 4th Ave., Troy, N.Y., advised that her daughter, CHARLENE, currently resides in New York City and works for "Sports Illustrated" magazine in the Time-Life Building in that city.

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New York interview CHARLENE LEWIS and submit 23 copies of FD 302 to Los Angeles.

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 - 2- Los Angeles (56-156)
 - 1- Albany
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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, ALBANY (175-12)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)
SUBJECT : KENSALT
(OO:LA)

RE: CHARLENE LEWIS
601 4th Avenue
North Troy, New York

Re Albany airtel to New York with copy for Los Angeles dated 12/12/68 requesting New York to interview CHARLENE LEWIS at "Sports Illustrated" Magazine, Time and Life Building, New York, N. Y.

Inquiry at the Business Office for "Sports Illustrated" and at Personnel Records office for "Sports Illustrated", "Time", "Life", and "Fortune" magazines, Time and Life Building, NY, NY reveals that they have no such employee as Charlene Lewis.

Albany reinterview Mrs. Charlene Lewis at Troy, NY and determine the identity and location of the Charlene Lewis who was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal. 6/4-5/68.

New York is making no further efforts to locate and interview Charlene Lewis.

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Court Upholds Gag on Those In Sirhan Trial

Washington, Dec. 16 (News Bureau)—Lawyers, police, and witnesses connected with the Jan.



Sirhan Sirhan

6 trial of Sirhan Sirhan will be barred from discussing the case outside the court room. The Supreme Court confirmed this order today by refusing to hear an appeal from a lower court ruling.

The Los Angeles Superior Court issued the curb on attorneys, police, witnesses and grand jurors on June 7, the day Sirhan was indicted for the June 5 murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Los Angeles District Attorney Evelle J. Younger, who is prosecuting Sirhan, had sought a Supreme Court reversal of the order on the grounds that it could result in "false charges and rumors."

Refer to Sheppard Case

But attorneys for the Superior Court argued that the order represented no restraint on free speech or public information because the news media were not affected by the ban.

In their brief, they described the gag on trial participants as a means of avoiding publicity prejudicial to the defendant, which could open the way to later appeals.

The Los Angeles court attorneys cited a 1966 Supreme Court decision which ruled that Dr. Sam Sheppard's murder trial had been prejudiced by sensational publicity.

Younger's attempt to overturn the order had previously been refused by the California Court of Appeals and the California Supreme Court.

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Date December 17, 1968

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FROM: SAC, WFO (173-135) (P)

KENSALT
(OO: LA)

ReWFO tel call to NY this date.

RE: HAYNES JOHNSON
Reporter, Washington Star Newspaper,
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Los Angeles instruction regarding KENSALT case.

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SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

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with HAYNES JOHNSON.

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Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse
KENSALT

Addresses

Residence _____

Business _____

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* Date and place of marriage (if applicable) _____

Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Age	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
Birth date	Birthplace					
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Bishara Sirhan entered and departed the United States on the following dates:

Entered	1/12/57
Departed	7/30/57
E	5/14/59
D	5/27/63
E	5/5/64
D	3/11/66

He had residences at:

166 Allen St. NYC
156 Arlen St., NYC
140 Orchard, NYC (5/5/64)

The dates of the above residences is not known with the exception of 140 Orchard (St, Ave, ?) which appears to have been 5/5/64.

Bishara Sirhan was issued Social Security # [REDACTED] on 1/17/57.

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Any record of BISHARA SIRHAN at Con Ed. and all background

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Lead all information as to BISHARA SIRHAN

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Addresses

Residence _____

Business _____

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* Date and place of marriage (if applicable)

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Birth date		Birthplace				
Arrest Number		Fingerprint classification		Criminal specialty		

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Lead Any telephones listed to BISHARA SIRHAN and all information

No Records:

- MANHATTAN
- QUEENS
- BRONX
- BROOKLYN
- SIXTH ISLANDS
- WESTCHESTER
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Lead all information as to any loans by
BISHARA SIRHAN

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David G. Jenkins

Post OFFICE Manhattan

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Any change of addresses at all of above
3 addresses even though they may be
old.

BISHARA SIRHAN

166 Allen St. }
156 Allen St. }
140 Orchard St. }

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Trial of Sirhan Will Open Tomorrow

By DOUGLAS E. KNEELAND
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5— Seven months ago today Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot and fatally wounded in a dingy serving pantry amid the quiet, salmon-pink stucco elegance of the Ambassador Hotel here. His alleged assassin is to go on trial Tuesday.

The 42-year-old New York Democrat died about 25 hours after a .22-caliber bullet had been fired into his brain.

He was shot after leaving the hotel's Embassy Room, where he had flashed his familiar grin and acknowledged to hundreds of cheering followers his victory in the June 4 Democratic primary over Senator Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota.

The California primary was the final and in most assessments the most critical of the series of contests he had entered in his attempt to wrest his party's Presidential nomination from Senator Mc-



Associated Press

Sirhan B. Sirhan

Carthy and Vice President Humphrey.

With his death at the most hope-filled moment of his struggle to gain the office from which an assassin's bullet not quite five years before

had removed his brother, John F. Kennedy, politics lost its bright edge for countless thousands of Americans.

How much his absence contributed to the Republicans' nomination of Richard M. Nixon, to the divisive party bitterness and bloody street scenes of the Democratic convention in Chicago, and to the acknowledged public apathy toward much of the subsequent campaign between Mr. Nixon and Mr. Humphrey, will be debated for years.

As Mr. Kennedy lay dying on the harsh cement floor after midnight June 5, 1968, a half-dozen of his friends and others in the crowded serving pantry fell upon and held Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a diminutive 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant from whose hand they said they wrested a just-emptied eight-shot snubnosed .22-caliber Iver Johnson Cadette Model revolver. A few minutes later,

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when the police hustled Sirhan through the shocked and threatening crowd, other Kennedy men shouted, "Keep him alive! We want him alive!" Even at that moment, the memory persisted of the dark days of Dallas in November, 1963, and the doubts and rumors that have haunted the world since Jack Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald.

So for seven months Sirhan has been kept alive, isolated, guarded day and night, in a six-by-eight foot windowless cell on the 13th floor of the 15-story Hall of Justice, a 43-year-old, somber, gray, misfit of a building among its modern neighbors in the Los Angeles Civic Center.

Taken on Elevator

And on Tuesday, shortly before 9:30 A.M., Sirhan is scheduled to be taken on an elevator and then down a hidden flight of stairs to Superior Court Department 107 on the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice to be tried for the first-degree murder of Senator Kennedy and on five counts of assault with intent to kill five other persons wounded as eight shots rang out in the Ambassador's serving pantry.

While a court ban on pretrial publicity has effectively silenced prospective witnesses and attorneys for the prosecution and the defense and apparently diminished public speculation, the opening of the trial is expected to bring a new wave of interest as many Americans attempt to weigh or purge their own guilt in the violent phenomena that have plagued the nation these last few years.

For if Sirhan goes to trial as planned, he will be the first of the accused in the three assassinations that have unnerved the country in the last five years to have reached that point. Oswald was shot down in the Dallas Jail. James Earl Ray, charged with the April murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is still awaiting trial in Memphis.

But even as attorneys for both sides made last-minute preparations, and the massive security forces that will be on duty at the Hall of Justice went through final rehearsals of their roles, some doubts were arising as to whether the Sirhan trial would go ahead on schedule.

The doubts came from a Federal grand jury investigation of the actions in another case of Sirhan's chief defense counsel, Grant B. Cooper, 65-year-old former president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Unauthorized Transcripts

Mr. Cooper, who once served in the District Attorney's office and is considered one of the outstanding criminal defense lawyers in California, admitted to the grand jury Friday that he had had in his possession during his defense of a client in the Friars Club case, a major card-cheating trial here, unauthorized transcripts of four Federal grand jury witnesses. He also admitted that he had lied in court about the source of an unauthorized transcript found in his possession during the trial.

United States District Judge Francis C. Whelan has ordered Mr. Cooper to appear for a further hearing tomorrow, the eve of the scheduled beginning of the Sirhan trial.

What action, if any, might be taken against Mr. Cooper, and what effect it might have on his defense of Sirhan, was unclear this weekend. And no one involved who could be reached was willing to speculate on the possible results.

The unofficial word at the Hall of Justice, however, has been that Judge Herbert V. Walker, who will preside at the twice-postponed Sirhan trial, has shown little inclination to allow any further delay. But the unanswered question that was being asked among the interested parties this weekend was what would happen if Mr. Cooper should decide for any reason that he should withdraw from the case.

Although Sirhan has two other court-appointed attorneys, Russell B. Parsons, 69, of Los Angeles, and Emile Zola Berman, 65, a widely known New York trial lawyer, Mr. Cooper has been expected to lead the defense.

Curb on Statements

Because of the curb on pretrial statements by attorneys and prospective witnesses, there has been little to show what course the Sirhan defense will follow when the trial gets under way.

On Aug. 2, Sirhan pleaded not guilty to the charges. At that time, Mr. Parsons said he had not "seen any evidence yet that he had any malice." The prosecution is required to prove "malice aforethought" to obtain a conviction for first-degree murder.

Mr. Parsons explained then that the not guilty plea "permits us to show the what and why—what are the real issues—if he is the man, why did he do it?"

Neither did Sirhan enter a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

This seemed to many legal observers here to set the stage for an attempt by the defense to prove "diminished responsibility," the precedent for which has been established by several decisions in California over the last 20 years that recognized a person may be legally sane yet