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Vincent Di Pietro and blood appeared on the eye glasses of Di Pietro. I also saw a man standing next to Senator Kennedy grab his stomach and fall backward.

I saw a group of men grabbing a man who was lying face down on the steam table in the serving room. The muzzle of a gun was extending beyond the group and the gun was being waved around before some one grabbed it from the man.

I then saw Senator Kennedy lying on the floor and a pool of blood was forming under his head. I was then pushed back by the crowd into the cooks eating area. I assisted Mr. Angelo, the maître d' to close off the kitchen area part with wooden benches.

While Senator Kennedy was speaking in the Embassy Room I was in the serving area and at

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that time there were about twenty persons in the serving area. About half of these persons were hotel employees and about half were outsiders. As I have mentioned the serving room is just east of the Embassy Room stage.

While Senator Kennedy was speaking I noticed a man standing on a rack full of trays in the serving area. This tray rack has wheels and is raised about six inches off the floor.

This man was standing on the tray holding on to it to maintain his position on the rack as it was full of trays. This man was looking down the service area through the door to the back of the stage where Kennedy was speaking. I got a good look at this man. He was the same man who later approached Senator Kennedy with outstretched hand at the time I heard the

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sounds like fire crackers.

This is also the same man with whom various persons struggled after Senator Kennedy was shot.

I would describe this man as age twenty five to twenty nine years. He was five foot four inches to five foot six inches and weighed about one hundred twenty to one hundred thirty pounds. He had black curly hair and appeared to be Cuban or Latin-American. He had an olive skin.

He was wearing a blue jacket and possibly blue or black pants. He was also wearing sneakers. I would recognize this man if I saw him again.

I have read this statement which consists of this page and six other pages. It is true and correct. Martin Buttsky.

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*Statement signed by
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June 7, 1968
Los Angeles, California

I, Angelo Di Piero, hereby furnish the following voluntary statement to Robert F. Pickard, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I could be required to testify in court regarding this matter.

I ~~am~~ was born 10/27/21, Fusci Province of Chieti, Italy. I have been in the United States since May 7, 1936. I received my ~~etc~~ naturalization papers in May of 1954. I am the Maitre d'Hotel at the Ambassador Hotel. I have had this position approximately two years.

At approximately 12:10 a.m., 6/5/68, I was in the Embassy Room at the hotel. Senator Robert F. Kennedy was on the platform talking to the people in the room.

Senator completed his talk a few minutes later. Just prior to the time he completed his talk I moved out of the Embassy Room to the hallway at the rear of the room.

The senator was ~~suppose~~ to come ^{through} the door located immediately next to the platform and into the hallway where I was located.

The senator went out a door located

immediately behind the platform, turned right and walked down the hallway to the pantry.

As Senator Kennedy passed by me in the hallway he was being escorted by Mrs. LINDA TIMANSON, a Vice President of the hotel, and two of my assistants, Karl WICKER and Edward MINASIAN. Mrs. LINDA TIMANSON was leading the way.

As soon as Senator Kennedy passed, Mrs. Kennedy came out into the hallway where I was standing. She was being accompanied by Mr. ROOSEVELT GRIER. Grier was behind Mrs. Kennedy and to her left. I took a similar position to her right. We followed behind the people following Senator Kennedy.

Shortly after Senator Kennedy entered the pantry, while we were still in the hallway, two shots rang out. A few seconds later several shots rang out as in rapid fire.

At this time we were at the doorway to the pantry. One door was opened (the left door) and a lady was partially blocking the door. I began to push the lady out of the way to allow Mrs. Kennedy to pass. The lady crumbled to the floor and I assumed she

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had been shot. I immediately pushed Mrs. Kennedy to the floor behind the closed door and I got down next to her. I did this because I thought there might be more gunfire. However, there was no more gunfire.

I immediately got up and ran into the pantry and I noticed two men lying down on the floor and one of them was Senator Kennedy.

I ran into the kitchen to telephone for an ambulance. I was told the call had already been made.

I returned to the shooting scene to control the people. cameramen were taking pictures.

I noticed that a man was held down on the heating table in the pantry.

I did not see this man's face as I was busy attempting to control the people.

After a few minutes, approximately 8 minutes, Senator Kennedy and the other wounded were taken out of the hotel by ambulance attendants.

I have seen newspaper photographs and TV shows showing the individual accused of shooting Senator Kennedy. I do not recall

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having ever seen this individual before.
I have Read this statement
of this page and 3 other pages.
It is true and correct.

George J. Piro

Witness:

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kennedy as an attorney general did
nothing for you.

kennedy as a senator did nothing for you;
as president, what would he do for you?
the same thing - N O T H I N G.

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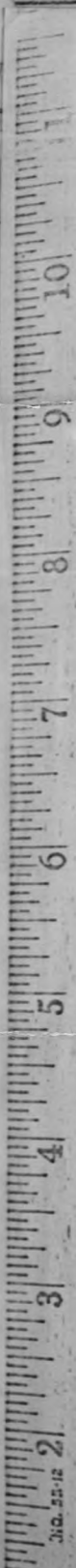
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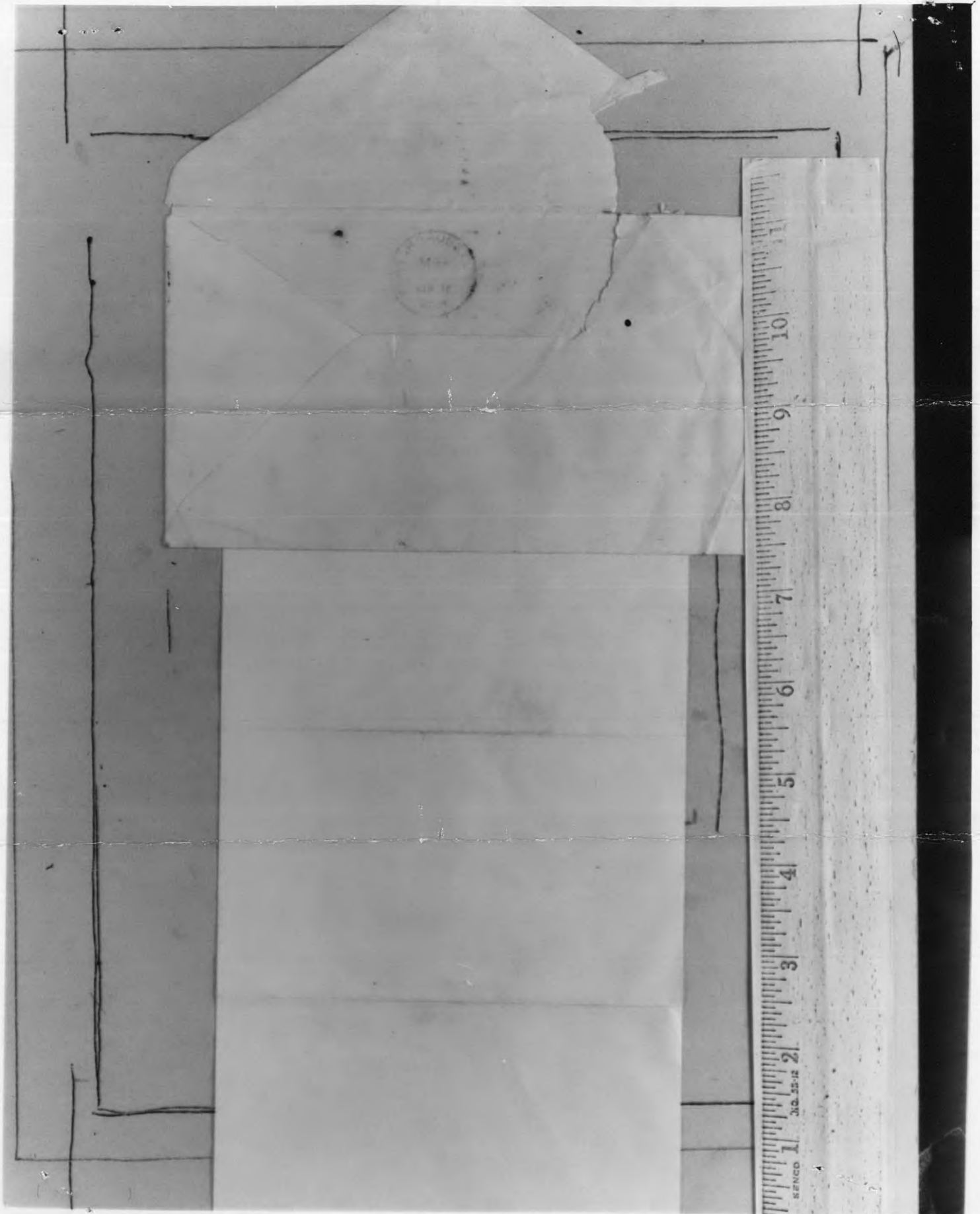
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