

1 it's Bob's hamburgers, is it? Right by the school there at  
2 P.C.C.?

3 A Right, uh huh.

4 Q What was the conversation relative to at that time?

5 A Well, you know, jobs versus school. The Arab Israeli  
6 war, my political activities. I described them to him.

7 Q Is there anything about your political activities  
8 that you wouldn't want to discuss with me for some reason or  
9 other?

10 A It's all out now.

11 Q Pardon me?

12 A It's all out now so--

13 Q Okay, go ahead and discuss it with me.

14 A Uh, after I graduated from P.C.C.--

15 Q Uh huh.

16 A --you know, I joined the DuBois Club and was in that  
17 for, oh, I don't know, through '66 and '67, and that fell  
18 apart and then I joined the Party. And this was in the period  
19 I didn't--hadn't seen Sirhan.

20 Q When did you join the Communist Party, in what, '66?

21 A Uh, '67. Uh, and anyway that night, you know, I  
22 told him that. So--

23 Q Well, did he ask you if you were a member or--

24 A No, I came out and told him. I told him I had been  
25 in DuBois Club and then I joined the Party.

26 Q Why or how was it that the conversation turned to

1 this? I mean, he must have been asking you questions about  
2 yourself or sounding you out, wasn't he, or was he, or--

3 A Uh, gee, I don't know. I think I volunteered the  
4 information. I don't remember exactly.

5 Q Did you ask him to join or--

6 A No.

7 Q Did you infer to him that why didn't he join or in  
8 any way lead him to believe that he could probably be a good  
9 member of--

10 A Yeah, well (\*) what did I say--I don't know. I may  
11 have tried to interest him and just talk about the thing, but  
12 he was so turned off that we dropped it. We dropped the  
13 subject.

14 Q What do you mean, he was turned off?

15 A Well, he told me that, you know, he wasn't going  
16 back to school. He said that he didn't want to be involved in  
17 politics and that he wanted to become a millionaire. And plus  
18 that, he asked me, he said, you know, why did you--why did you  
19 join? And I--I just wasn't ready to go into it. At that time.

20 Q Did he tell you how he intended becoming a million-  
21 aire or what he was thinking of or any ideas that he had?

22 A He mentioned about racing, horse racing.

23 Q Uh huh.

24 A I don't remember if he mentioned it in that context,  
25 but he mentioned that that is what he had been doing. He told  
26 me about his fall. He told me he was unemployed and that he

1 had sold his car, I believe. This is one other thing because  
2 at the time I saw a picture of the--his DeSoto at the, you  
3 know, the picture of it outside the Ambassador and I--you see,  
4 we had to take Adel's VW to go out, I think. I think he said  
5 that he had sold the car. So this makes sense. And he was so  
6 erratic, I mean, you know, racist attitudes were coming  
7 through.

8 Q Like what? What was he saying?

9 A Against Jews.

10 Q Against the Jews.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q What was he saying?

13 A He said that Hitler was a hero, I mean, fine, I don't  
14 know if he was racist in terms of black people. I suspect he  
15 said something, you know, uh, then he said later on after he  
16 had, you know, said that, you know, he just, you know, he  
17 wanted to make money--oh, yeah, that's right, he asked me, you  
18 know, the nature of my activity, what I was doing, and as I  
19 said, I mean, I just wasn't ready to--to go in with--to go into  
20 it and I said, well, I'm not doing anything. You know. You  
21 know, very little, and then he said--he made, you know, a kind  
22 of a brief speech, saying that politics are part of his whole  
23 commitment in life and--and then he just completely contra-  
24 dicted everything he said before. I mean, you know, at the  
25 time I wondered what (\*)

26 Q Like (\*) was he rational to you as having the faculty

1 to make any statement--did he sound like he was all there or--

2 A Well, I mean, the person, you know, just contradicted  
3 himself in the course of maybe ten minutes.

4 Q Like in what?

5 A In the--well, in terms at first he is telling me  
6 that he's going to be a millionaire.

7 Q Uh huh.

8 A And then he's saying that politics requires a total  
9 commitment.

10 Q Uh huh.

11 A (\*) really trying to give it everything you have,  
12 and then he--as far as I know (\*) not since high school and he  
13 was, you know, just it was too unreal.

14 Q What about in high school, did he ever discuss with  
15 you anything about his beliefs, politically, or--

16 A Yeah, that's, you know, that's another one of the  
17 deals that one might, you know, he was, you know, commu--you  
18 know, communist, you know, his whole (\*), you know, kind of  
19 deals to evaricate (sic) something like this and then he would  
20 say that, you know, living in a capitalist society you have to  
21 get along with anyone try to succeed in it, and, you know, he  
22 was very inconsistent. I didn't take him seriously.

23 Q What--did you have many courses with him in high  
24 school that you took together?

25 A Well, I remember English and social studies (\*)

26 Q What about language courses?

1 A Well, I was taking--no, that wasn't high school.  
2 No, I didn't have any language courses with him in high school.

3 Q Well, where was--where did you have your conversa-  
4 tions with him relative to his philosophies or his political  
5 views?

6 A When?

7 Q In high school?

8 A Uh, you know, just chumming around on campus. I  
9 think about 11th, maybe 12th grade, we started going to his  
10 home.

11 Q Did you have many mutual friends?

12 A Oh, yeah.

13 Q Who, for example?

14 A Uh, Tom Good (phonetic).

15 Q Tom who?

16 A Good.

17 Q Good. Is he a member of the Communist Party to your  
18 knowledge?

19 A No, he is not.

20 Q And who else?

21 A Tom Good. Charles Krill (phonetic). Lou Bennett.

22 Q Charles who?

23 A Krill.

24 Q Krill.

25 A (\*) Lots of acquaintances we would see in class,  
26 you know, but I'm thinking in terms of the people that would

1 go over to his house sometimes.

2 Q What about girl friends, Walter, did you--

3 A Well, he had--I remember one girl he dated. And he  
4 was--he was not no wall flower or anything like this.

5 Q Uh huh.

6 A But he had some funny attitudes.

7 Q He had which?

8 A You know, funny--funny (\*)

9 Q Yeah, well, like you're not saying in public unless  
10 you intend to have serious intentions to marry or something  
11 like this (\*)

12 A Well, you know, male chauvinism (\*)

13 Q So then going back to Bob's when--did he make any  
14 statements regarding--or the Israeli conflict?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q What did he say about that?

17 A He said that Israel couldn't be militarily defeated.

18 Q Could not?

19 A Could not. And then I told him that--that (\*) had  
20 created a political movement within Israel.

21 Q Uh huh.

22 A Among Arab people so that they would have a political  
23 voice. In other words, (\*) you know, (\*) you know to deZionise  
24 the state and make it a political community in which two equal  
25 communities--

26 Q Uh huh.

1 A And that that was the way that the change would come.

2 Q Is this very much along the parallel of the Communist  
3 Party philosophy here in this country, is it not?

4 A Yeah, right.

5 Q Well, what about violence, any acts of violence?  
6 That he--did he mention anything about--there was another  
7 avenue possibly to exterminate people in certain positions?

8 A Oh, no, no.

9 Q He made no remark like this. Did he mention Kennedy  
10 to your knowledge at that meeting you had with him?

11 A Well, I'm, you know, I have been trying to remember.  
12 As I said, you know, I can't think of a quote, you know. He  
13 might have. He might have, I don't know, but--see, I'm trying  
14 to, you know, paint the real picture. He might have. I can't  
15 recall anything. I mean, he did this thing, you know, two  
16 months later and, you know, five weeks later.

17 Q Yeah.

18 A And there was something on his mind. Yeah, he might  
19 have said something.

20 Q But you don't remember.

21 A No, I don't.

22 Q You see, if--if--it's very easy for someone to draw  
23 conclusions or inferences or inject innuendos and say, well,  
24 here is a young man who is a member of the Community Party,  
25 yourself--

26 A Uh huh.

1 Q --there's a meeting in Bob's drive-in--

2 A Uh huh.

3 Q --and during this meeting, there's conversation  
4 relative to, you know--

5 A Uh huh.

6 Q --political--

7 A Right. See, there's a red scare and I'm up shit  
8 creek and--

9 Q Yeah--

10 A --but I'll--and the left gets hurt.

11 Q Pardon me?

12 A And the left gets hurt.

13 Q So the fact is that if he did act by himself, but if  
14 somebody else had knowledge about what he's doing, even the  
15 family, now you see, it's--if you know something and somebody  
16 makes statements--if I were to make a statement to you that  
17 I'm going to dispose of Johnson in my own way, in my own time,  
18 this is something that certainly wouldn't obligate you in any  
19 way for my actions, you know, but if--what they're trying to  
20 determine is whether he did make any statements like this to  
21 you or anyone else. And you have told me, to the best of your  
22 knowledge, you don't remember him making any state--but he  
23 could have mentioned Kennedy.

24 A He could have mentioned Johnson.

25 Q He could have mentioned Johnson. Could he have  
26 mentioned anyone else? Moshe Dayan, for example?



1 A No. I don't think so, but (\*) it's a thing about  
2 recall that I have im--you know, I have images where I recall,  
3 I am recreating him saying something, you know.

4 Q Well, have you, yourself, ever made any statement  
5 about certain people should be eradicated?

6 A No.

7 Q Have you ever done this in talking to someone else  
8 in your own views or over a beer or something that--

9 A No. No. Uh, I mean, if I ever did, you know, it  
10 was not above a joke, if I ever did.

11 Q Uh huh, uh huh. But as far as any serious state-  
12 ments by you to anyone else about eradicating anyone in govern-  
13 ment or anyone holding political office, there is nothing to--  
14 you or making anything in a serious vein to anyone.

15 A No.

16 Q Okay, is there anything, again I'll ask you, as far  
17 as Sirhan in your contact with him, where he, in a serious  
18 vein, discussed eradicating, assassinating, shooting, bombing,  
19 or anything like this, anyone in political office, to the best  
20 of your knowledge?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay, now, so you had this conversation, you and he  
23 are talking, and sometime later, two other people came in?

24 A Right.

25 Q And from there you left somewhere else, you said?

26 A Right.

1 Q You went for dinner, did you, is that what you said?

2 A We went to have tacos.

3 Q A taco place?

4 A Yeah, we went--two of them, and we ended up, went to  
5 a Mexican cafe.

6 Q Okay, now, during the course of the evening, was  
7 there any other conversation between the other two people,  
8 yourself and Sirhan regarding political--

9 A No, none. There was no political discussion. Maybe--  
10 maybe later on--I don't think so. I could have mentioned  
11 Latin America. I could have mentioned Latin America, that  
12 would be, you know, (\*) off the cuff.

13 Q Did you discuss anything relative to the National  
14 Liberation Front?

15 A Where?

16 Q With Sirhan that day. Either Latin America,  
17 Vietnam--

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Who brought this up?

20 A I probably did.

21 Q You did.

22 A I think he also mentioned, he said that they were  
23 winning or something like that.

24 Q Pardon me?

25 A He said that the Vieg Cong were going to win  
26 militarily.

1 Q How about yourself, did you bring anything relevant  
2 to Latin America and the National Liberation Front and Latin  
3 America?

4 A Uh, I don't think so. In terms of the Near East  
5 though, I mean, I also said that--they get in now and the  
6 balance of--excuse me--force would be (\*) population-wise in  
7 Israel. That, you know, we wouldn't, you know, I wouldn't  
8 expect, you know, like a position of war in the Near East that,  
9 you know, we would expect in Havana, guerilla movement (\*)  
10 that would be more possible, and then another Cuban war.

11 Q Are you registered as a member of the Communist  
12 Party, Walter? Not that it's important. I'm just wondering.

13 A Nobody registers.

14 Q Well, I notice that here in Chicago, was it, or  
15 somewhere they just had a meeting.

16 A No, I don't really even pay my dues.

17 Q You don't.

18 A And they don't have membership cards either.

19 Q Uh huh.

20 A I mean, it's just--what it is, it's a group of  
21 people, ex-students like myself, about every two weeks we get  
22 together and discuss political subjects and discuss the  
23 people's activity. And right now, I'm just kind of in limbo  
24 because I'm not, you know, I'm working. I'm not active in  
25 anything.

26 Q Uh huh.

1 A And (\*)

2 Q Is there any other members that knew Sirhan to your  
3 knowledge?

4 A No.

5 Q You're the only one?

6 A Right.

7 Q And you have known him for many years since elemen-  
8 tary school actually?

9 A Right.

10 Q (\*)

11 A (\*)

12 Q Now, the big question is, why--why did Sirhan want  
13 to see you? Why did Sirhan tell your mother, or his mother  
14 tell your mother that Sirhan wanted to see you?

15 A Well, I have no explanation except that that's what  
16 my mom told me. I just, you know, we're old friends.

17 Q Did you ask him, "I hear that you want to talk to  
18 me," or words to that effect when--when you called him on the  
19 phone?

20 A Ummm, I don't think so. I don't--no, I mean, I  
21 called up, "Hi, Sirhan," and so on (\*)

22 Q Deducing the conversation later that took place, why,  
23 in your mind, did he want to talk to you?

24 A This man, he didn't--he didn't know what I had been  
25 doing or anything. He had no knowledge that I was in anything,  
26 you know. So, you know, it was, you know, we're friends.

1 Q But, I mean, subsequent to the conversations you had,  
2 in your mind right now, why do you think that he wanted to see  
3 you?

4 A Uh, because he hadn't seen me for two and a half  
5 years.

6 Q Just as a friend?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q He just wanted to see you and talk to you.

9 A (\*)

10 Q Have a beer with you possibly?

11 A Well, no, I think that was my idea.

12 Q What was your idea?

13 A To have a beer.

14 Q Oh, you mean, the topless place after?

15 A Right, uh huh.

16 Q Uh huh. Okay, now, this was about five weeks ago.  
17 Five weeks prior to Kennedy being shot?

18 A Right, about five weeks.

19 Q And if there was a conversation relative to  
20 Kennedy which, you say, and I think you are being truthful with  
21 me, you say that there could have been mention of Kennedy,  
22 but there definitely was no mention about shooting or  
23 assassinating Kennedy at that time, is that a fair statement?

24 A This thing scares me. Uh, all right, I mean,  
25 empirically I cannot recall. Subjectively, I have mixed  
26 feelings, you know, God, maybe he did say something. You know,

1 I mean, (\*) like I say, I have an image of him sitting there,  
2 you know, that I rebuilt in my mind.

3 Q So ultimately that evening, did he drive you home?

4 A Sirhan?

5 Q Sirhan.

6 A Yeah.

7 Q He took you home. Then did he call you after that  
8 date, did he ever call you again?

9 A No.

10 Q He never called you again?

11 A Huh uh. I mean, we had--there was a real lack of  
12 communication, you know, between us.

13 Q Of course, you--you--your course of studies were  
14 deeper now. You probably--did you graduate from UCLA?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q And so here he is, he goes to P.C.C. and he doesn't  
17 do too well at all. And he quits school--

18 A Yeah.

19 Q --shortly thereafter, you know, so you have--  
20 actually the rapport is not there because you're in a differ-  
21 ent plateau than he is and, you know--

22 A Right, and I felt, you know, I--I felt this; that--  
23 that he was a little frustrated and that, I mean, I had to be  
24 sensitive to that, you know, and that's why I was saying,  
25 telling people that in school, that's (\*)

26 Q What was your major in school?

1 A History.

2 Q Okay, now, so you didn't see him after that day or  
3 that evening.

4 A No.

5 Q And he never called you to the best of your recol-  
6 lection?

7 A No, I mean, he definitely didn't call me.

8 Q Okay, so then, all of a sudden, here it is the 4th  
9 of June.

10 A Right.

11 Q How did you hear about the tragedy of Sirhan being  
12 involved or being a suspect in the shooting of Kennedy?

13 A Uh, I was at home drinking beer and it came over  
14 the--oh, that Sirhan--right. Okay, well, at the time, you  
15 know, it was on television that somebody has been shot and the  
16 whole bit; that Kennedy was shot. And me and my dad went to  
17 bed. The next morning when I was at the office where I work,  
18 this fellow came up to me and said, you know, the guy that  
19 shot Kennedy was from Pasadena. And I said, really? And he  
20 said, yeah, his name was Sure-an Sure-an (phonetic) or some-  
21 thing like that. I said, oh, God, Sirhan Sirhan. Not saying  
22 I know him, and the guy said, keep it quiet because this could  
23 --someone might want to come in on you. And, you know, I  
24 didn't keep quiet, I was so upset. I had to talk to some  
25 people.

26 Q Who did you talk with?

1 A Well, my friend Bill at the co-op called me up and  
2 he said, wow.

3 Q Bill where?

4 A Bill, the guy that lives at the co-op.

5 Q (\*)

6 A (\*)

7 Q And you told him that you had known this fellow  
8 Sirhan?

9 A Well, when Bill--Bill was in New York at a school  
10 and he came back the night--he came back, I went over to his  
11 place, his parents' house where he was at, and I, you know,  
12 we were talking about, you know, education, and I said, you  
13 know, I mentioned to him that I had seen Sirhan; that I felt  
14 there was this real barrier that had--where we couldn't  
15 communicate. I was put in the position of playing games with  
16 the guy and I think he was, you know, playing some games with  
17 me, too. I mentioned it to Bill and then Bill called up my  
18 dad after he heard about the news and he told my dad, he said,  
19 "Now, I didn't think he was that crazy."

20 Q Did Bill know him?

21 A No.

22 Q Did Sirhan ask you about how he could get into or  
23 become a member of the Communist Party at any time?

24 A No. No.

25 Q He never showed any desire to get into the Communist  
26 Party?



1 A No. As I said, he seemed very turned off.

2 Q Uh huh.

3 A Not turned off, but just not basically interested.  
4 And I wasn't interested in him.

5 Q Would you say that any of the conversation there  
6 was--could be--could have been interpreted by him as you trying  
7 to get him into the Party?

8 A Sure. Telling him about the Party. Could have been.  
9 Now, you know, I hate to, you know, uh, to muss up the picture,  
10 you know, I don't recall inviting him to anything, but I know  
11 myself, I might have, I don't think I would have though, but  
12 because when he was active he was racist attitudes, very in-  
13 consistent, and just not--

14 Q Is it possible that you could have asked him to  
15 attend a meeting with you?

16 A Is it possible? Uh, I don't remember myself saying  
17 and asking him to come to a meeting, but it is possible.

18 Q But you don't remember it?

19 A And I don't--I don't think I did. Now, I'm sure  
20 that I had on my mind, you know, is this guy potential recruit,  
21 but, I mean, the way the whole thing developed, it was pretty  
22 obvious that he wasn't. I mean, that was--that was probably  
23 on my mind.

24 Q When you were a member of the DuBois Club, was he a  
25 member of the DuBois at any time?

26 A No, he wasn't a member of anything except the

1 Organization of Arab Students, and he didn't go any times to  
2 DuBois Club. And to my--to my knowledge, he was never at a  
3 meeting of the DuBois Club.

4 Q Okay, Walter, I appreciate the fact that you are  
5 being sincere with me. I think you're being sincere.

6 A All right.

7 Q I have talked to many, many people. That's all I do,  
8 you see. If you'll take off your jacket for me, just--you  
9 can hang it up there on a hanger, and I'll explain to you what  
10 happens, the procedure we follow in here. Now, first of all,  
11 I know that under these circumstances psychologically you might  
12 be nervous right now.

13 A I'm scared.

14 Q Yeah, so don't be concerned with that because that  
15 really has no effect on the test. It doesn't influence the  
16 test either way.

17 A Uh huh.

18 Q What we work with in here is a psychology--do you  
19 know what the autonomic nervous system is?

20 A Umm, that's the thing you have no control over.

21 Q Very true. And that's what we work with in here,  
22 and people, long before I ever came into this world, learned  
23 that there are certain responses that occur, physiological  
24 responses that take place inside our bodies and we have no  
25 control over it.

26 A See, the thing is that, I mean, I know what's key,

1 you know, to this and the questions scare me, you know.

2 Q I'll review the questions with you. So you'll know  
3 what is going to be asked. Can I have your hand like this,  
4 please? Again, I'll tell nothing will hurt you, you won't  
5 feel--

6 A No.

7 Q --no shock or any pain of any kind. Have you ever  
8 taken a polygraph test before?

9 A What is a polygraph?

10 Q This is it. A lie detector test.

11 A No.

12 Q You notice I'm placing your arm inside this channel  
13 here. That's to help keep you from moving once we get into  
14 the testing.

15 A (\*) yeah. I will be able to go home, eventually.

16 Q Oh, yeah, yeah. Don't worry about it. You know,  
17 if--the thing is this, Walter, if you're telling the truth, if  
18 you know for a fact that Sirhan never told you, "Look I'm  
19 planning to do this guy in," if he did, I can understand, sure,  
20 you know, he could have told many people, but I'd rather you  
21 be truthful with me before we even get into the test and I've  
22 asked you whether he made any statements. You said, no, he  
23 didn't. I believe when you're telling me this, I believe that  
24 he didn't because I don't have any reason to think that you're  
25 deliberately trying to mislead me, see. Now, this goes  
26 around your chest here. If I get it on too tight, just let me

1 know and I'll loosen it. Is that too tight there, Walter?

2 A No, I mean (\*) do all right.

3 Q I mean, is that too tight right now?

4 A It's tight but--

5 Q I can loosen it if you want me to. Is that  
6 comfortable?

7 A There, that's okay.

8 Q Okay, now, the first thing I want to do is attempt  
9 to gain insight into how you're physiologically feeling in  
10 this room right now. Are you responding right now. I'm not  
11 going to ask you any questions right now. I want you to sit  
12 there, be perfectly quiet, and look straight ahead at the black  
13 box on the wall. I'm not going to ask you any questions what-  
14 soever. If I make any noises, I'm not trying to scare you,  
15 I'm trying to determine how you respond to the noise. If you  
16 look at the black box on the wall, try not to move your feet,  
17 your head, or any part of your body. (Pause) Will you close  
18 your eyes for me, please, and just keep them closed? (Pause)  
19 I'm going to touch your left hand. I'm not going to hurt you.  
20 Just keep your eyes closed. (Noise) Okay. That's exactly  
21 the way you'll feel, Walter. The first thing I'm going to do  
22 here is change the paper because I'm running out. So we won't  
23 have to change in the middle of the stream here, I'll just  
24 change it now. But, anyway, you have some inside knowledge as  
25 to how you'll feel. Of course, the next time I'll be asking  
26 questions. Now, the first thing, remember I told you that in

1 order to be as fair as I could possibly be with you, I have  
2 to show you because, truthfully, Walter, there are people that  
3 are capable of taking an examination of this type, lying to  
4 the examiner, and not being found out. There is not many  
5 people that can do this, but there are people. In fact, for  
6 statistical purposes, every four years the American Polygraph  
7 Association of which I am a member, we have our surveys and we  
8 have these surveys in major cities throughout the country. We  
9 examine people just to find out how many people there are that  
10 we call "nonresponders." In 1964 we learned that out of a  
11 thousand people that were examined at that time, there were 33  
12 out of the thousand that were able to lie and not be found out  
13 with the instrument. There is not many people that can do this,  
14 but we know that there are some people. Therefore, we have  
15 made certain--certain rules within the organization and that  
16 is, that before we test someone, we have to give and adminis-  
17 ter a control test and that's the purpose for the control test  
18 now. I asked you a few minutes ago, I told you that--to write  
19 certain information down on this paper.

20 A Right.

21 Q And one thing I think we have here some names. Now  
22 the names that you wrote here, and I'll ask you with the in-  
23 strument, and every time that I ask you, is your true middle  
24 name such and such, I want you to answer "no" every time.

25 A Right.

26 Q Now, the reason that I'm asking you to answer "no"

1 is because referring back to the autonomic nervous system,  
2 when you hear a name that, in fact, is not your true middle  
3 name, you're going to answer "no," you're going to answer  
4 truthfully because it isn't your true middle name. But when  
5 you hear the name that, in fact, is your middle name, when you  
6 say "no" to that particular name, you should respond to me  
7 with deceptive responses to show me that you're lying to that  
8 particular name.

9 A So, in other words, you want me to lie.

10 Q I want you to answer "no" every time.

11 A Okay.

12 Q When I get through here, if you are capable of res-  
13 ponding to stimuli, and the stimuli in this case is in the form  
14 of your middle name, when I get through here, I should be able  
15 to tell you which of these is, in fact, your middle name even  
16 though you answer "no" every time. Okay, Walter, if you will  
17 look straight ahead now at the black box on the wall. Just  
18 concentrate on my questions. Answer "no" every time. Now,  
19 let me start the test now. Walter, is your true middle name  
20 Riley?

21 A No.

22 Q Is your true middle name Lee?

23 A No.

24 Q Is your true middle name Carol?

25 A No.

26 Q Is your true middle name Sherrill?

1 A No.

2 Q Is your true middle name Eugene?

3 A No.

4 Q Is your true middle name Lasa?

5 A No.

6 Q Okay, now, I believe that I know which is your true  
7 middle name. What I'm going to do now is ask you each one  
8 over again and I'll tell you the way you're responding to each  
9 question.

10 A All right.

11 Q Just answer "no" every time. Is your true middle  
12 name Riley?

13 A No.

14 Q I say that is a truthful response. I don't believe  
15 that your middle name is Riley. Is your true middle name Lee?

16 A No.

17 Q That also is a truthful response. Is your true  
18 middle name Carol?

19 A No.

20 Q That also is a truthful response. Is your true  
21 middle name Sherrill?

22 A No.

23 Q Okay, that's the first time that you're responding  
24 here untruthfully and you did this the same time before, so  
25 what--in essence what you're telling me is, that is the name  
26 right there. The fourth one right there.

1 A Uh huh. Right.

2 Q Now, let's do this. These are street names in Los  
3 Angeles; right?

4 A Uh huh.

5 Q These here.

6 A No, Pasadena.

7 Q Oh. Pasadena street names. Okay. I'm going to do  
8 the same here. Now, this time I'm going to tell you the way  
9 you're responding the first time through.

10 A All right.

11 Q I'm going to ask you each one of these names here.  
12 And this is where you reside in Pasadena; right?

13 A Uh huh.

14 Q Okay. In other words, what I'm trying to impress  
15 you with here is the fact that if you tell me something that  
16 you know to the best of your belief is a truthful answer,  
17 there is no way now I know that there is no way that I can  
18 say, "Hey, wait a minute," you know. In other words, if you  
19 tell me the truth, I'll know you're telling me the truth.  
20 Here we go. We're going to start it now. If you look  
21 straight ahead at the black box, please.

22 A Okay.

23 Q I'm going to start the test. Walter, do you live on  
24 Washington Street in Pasadena?

25 A No.

26 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live on Howard



1 Street in Pasadena?

2 A No.

3 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live in New  
4 York Street in Pasadena?

5 A No.

6 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live in Rio  
7 Grande Street in Pasadena?

8 A No.

9 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live in Topeka  
10 Street in Pasadena?

11 A No.

12 Q Yes, you do. Topeka. Is that correct; Topeka?

13 A Right.

14 Q Okay. Okay, now, is there anything at this time  
15 that you're concerned with, that we should discuss before we  
16 get into the actual testing? Anything at all?

17 A I'm just so, you know, scared about the whole thing  
18 that--I'm afraid it won't come out right.

19 Q How is that?

20 A Well, I mean, I just might freak out, you know--

21 Q Well, here's the thing--

22 A --implications.

23 Q --you're--you're an intelligent person, and I know  
24 that I don't have to get into the minor details like I would  
25 with someone else because I've explained to you here the whole  
26 fact of the matter is, and I've had people tell me, "Well, you

1 know, I mean, what if this or what if that," and this is all I  
2 do is talk to people.

3 A (\*)

4 Q When a woman--if you ask a woman, are you pregnant?  
5 Either she knows that she's pregnant or she doesn't know that  
6 she's pregnant. There is no way in the world because she had  
7 intercourse three weeks ago, if she believes that she's  
8 pregnant, she's going to answer, she should say "yes." You  
9 see. If she believes that she's pregnant, she should answer  
10 "yes." And it's what you know, it's not what I know or what  
11 anyone else knows, it's what you, yourself, know within your-  
12 self.

13 A Uh, okay, I mean, if this--yeah, if this machine  
14 bugs out on me, I'll know what to discuss.

15 Q Okay, well, we'll talk about it. But the machine  
16 won't. This is--this is you right here. This is your heart,  
17 this is your breathing, this is your (\*) skin responses and  
18 nobody else's.

19 A Yeah.

20 Q And we've done this. In fact, you're--I think you're  
21 going to be a real good subject in here.

22 A Right.

23 Q I can tell you this right now. You're 22 years old?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay, Walter, now, if you just concentrate on my  
26 questions.

1 A Fine.

2 Q Concentrate on my questions and now I want you to  
3 answer truthfully with one word to the best of your ability.

4 A Just one word?

5 Q Just one word. Answer "yes" or "no."

6 A Okay.

7 Q If you don't understand a question, disregard the  
8 question and we'll discuss it later.

9 A All right.

10 Q If you understand the question, answer with one  
11 word, "yes" or "no" and answer truthfully to the best of your  
12 ability.

13 A Okay.

14 Q We're going to start the test now. Just look  
15 straight ahead. Is your true first name Walter?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is your true last name Crowe?

18 A Yes.

19 Q If I ask you questions about Sirhan, will you tell  
20 me the truth?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Do you believe that I will be completely fair with  
23 you throughout this examination?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Between the ages of 20 and 21--

26 (End of tape) (Reverse side of tape)

1 Q Did Sirhan tell you that he was planning to shoot  
2 Kennedy?

3 A No.

4 Q Is there some other question that you are afraid I  
5 will ask you during this test?

6 A Yes.

7 Q In the last 24 hours have you taken any strong  
8 medication or pills?

9 A (\*)

10 Q Do you know why Kennedy was shot?

11 A No.

12 Q To your knowledge was Sirhan a member of the  
13 Communist Party?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. That's it. You can relax for a little bit  
16 now. Let's review some of these questions here now, Walter.  
17 Let me tell you at this time there is nothing in any Penal  
18 Code---oops---there's nothing in any Penal Code in this State or  
19 any other state that says that if you know something, that you  
20 have to do something about it. In other words, I can talk to  
21 you and tell you that I'm going to do this and I'm going to  
22 burn the Hall of Justice and that I'm going to do the other,  
23 and it's no crime unless I do something to further the act,  
24 either to give you the matches or carry the gasoline out  
25 there, light the thing, or something. This is what a  
26 conspiracy is.

1           A     Uh huh.

2           Q     Now, if you tell me something that you know  
3 physiologically, you tell me something that you know about and  
4 orally you're--you don't want to discuss it with me, the only  
5 inference there is that maybe there's something deeper, you  
6 know, there's deeper water somewhere. And I think in all  
7 fairness to you that we should really exploit these things and  
8 find out what, in fact, it is that you're afraid of.

9           A     Why?

10          Q     Well, you see, I've got responses here and I would  
11 never--I would never render an opinion based on one test. I  
12 would--I would go ahead and ask you some other--you know, a  
13 series of questions here again, but the reason I want to dis-  
14 cuss this with you before I get into the same questions that I  
15 just asked you right now. For example, I asked you, "Is there  
16 some other question that you're afraid I will ask you during  
17 this test?" This was quite traumatic. Now, what it is, I  
18 don't know.

19          A     I do.

20          Q     But--so let's discuss that right now before we go  
21 any further with the other test. Now be aware of one thing,  
22 and I'm being sincere and truthful with you. The only thing  
23 that I'm here attempting to determine is whether, in fact,  
24 Sirhan was a member of the Communist Party. Now, you know the  
25 answer there. Now, that--that is no problem in there, right?

26          A     How is my response?

1 Q Your response is good. To that particular question.

2 A And that's honest, you know, I mean, you know.

3 Q Yeah.

4 A I don't want to find out a month from that, you know,  
5 I mean, I want--I want to see the report.

6 Q Right. Yeah, well, I'll tell you what I've found  
7 out in here before I walk out of this room. I'll tell you  
8 because that's the only way to be, you know. I have to look  
9 at myself in the morning when I shave.

10 A Yeah, uh huh.

11 Q You see? So, okay, now, there's one. Number six.  
12 I told you when you talked with Sirhan, did he tell you that  
13 he was planning to shoot Senator Kennedy?

14 A Uh huh.

15 Q Now, I want you to think hard now and you said,  
16 "Well, it's possible that I could have, or it's possible that,  
17 you know, that there was conversation, but I don't remember  
18 it." Tell me what you do remember so we can sort this thing  
19 out. Whatever you remember, what is the most that could have  
20 been said if there was conversation about Kennedy?

21 A Yes, there was conversation about Kennedy. God, I  
22 mean, you know, he could have--he could have said something,  
23 you know, "Well, Walt," you know, "Walter, if somebody should  
24 shoot that bastard," he could have said that and I would have--  
25 I would have, you know, I mean, that's the way the guy is. I  
26 would have found out.

1 Q But now in retrospect, in looking back, we know that  
2 he did it, see?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q And that's why it's important here, you know, that--  
5 In other words, I want to be able to walk out of this room  
6 now--before we go any further now, what is this that you're  
7 concerned with?

8 A What?

9 Q This question. Is there some other question that  
10 you're afraid I will ask you during this test?

11 A Oh, uh, you know, I'm afraid you'll ask me if--if  
12 I was, you know, fat--fat enough how--to what degree I  
13 influenced a person.

14 Q Let's discuss that. How do you think, if you did,  
15 how do you think that you influenced him?

16 A Well, I mean, our group was political and, you know,  
17 we knew him and this gave him a political orientation. Maybe  
18 it didn't give it to him, but it crystal--it crystallized and  
19 he had a political--he recognized political problems and he  
20 was, you know, very bitter about what happened to his country.  
21 And yet he wasn't politically active, and so when he--you know,  
22 he dealt with those problems in a stupid way. Well, but the  
23 thing, I--I--you know, I feel guilty. I--suppose he had never  
24 met, you know, Tom and I, suppose we hadn't been there, what--  
25 would he have--would his frustrations have come out on a--to--  
26 on a political level.

1 Q Okay, now, who--who is Tom that you are referring  
2 to now?

3 A Tom Good.

4 Q Tom Good.

5 A Right.

6 Q Now, was Tom Good at this--present at this meeting  
7 that you had with Sirhan?

8 A No.

9 Q Okay, now, you say "our group was political--"

10 A Right.

11 Q "--and we could have influenced him." How do you  
12 mean that?

13 A Well, talking up, you know, I mean, when we were in  
14 junior college, we were involved in civil rights, we are in  
15 the Young Democrats, we are Socialists, Socialist Party,  
16 Socialists of like.

17 Q I know, but this is P.C.C. and we're talking about  
18 1968.

19 A Well, that--how could we have influenced him?

20 Q Uh huh.

21 A Uh, because something made him political, that's how  
22 we could have influenced him. Some--see, some--something made  
23 him decide that this, you know, this political act was  
24 meaningful and that it was important to act politically in  
25 that, you know, all these things. Now what I'm saying is  
26 that suppose he had never come in contact, you know, with these



1 few people, political people. Suppose they had never been  
2 there in his life. He would have just been like his mother,  
3 a very bitter woman who wouldn't--with no orientation, you  
4 know, inclination towards being just an average young guy that  
5 grumbles about politics, and that's it.

6 Q Do you feel that his mother is a bitter woman?

7 A Oh, yeah. She sure is.

8 Q As far as--in what way? Regarding what or connected  
9 with which or--

10 A On the whole Arab Israeli deal, she is very, very  
11 bitter and she's very--she has a lot of hate in her.

12 Q This is Mary Sirhan you're talking about now?

13 A I--you mean--that's my feeling.

14 Q Yeah, sure. This is--I--I--I know this is--we're  
15 discussing this. I'm sure you're entitled to your own, you  
16 know, you may be completely wrong, but you have to--you have  
17 to base this, you have to have something to base what your  
18 feeling is.

19 A (\*)

20 Q Did she ever discuss anything about that with you?

21 A What? The Arab Israeli war?

22 Q Yeah.

23 A Oh, yeah. Sure. She mentioned it. She would--she  
24 was a racist.

25 Q Is that a fact?

26 A Once she said to me, "Have you ever smelled a Jew?"

1 Just (\*) you know, it's too bad.

2 Q Okay, so do you believe if I were to ask you a  
3 question here--and it's good that we're discussing these things  
4 right now before we get down here with this--this thing that  
5 has no feeling, you see.

6 A Uh huh.

7 Q If I were to ask you a question and I have this  
8 question here, do you believe that you, yourself, in any way  
9 contributed to Kennedy's shooting, how would you honestly  
10 answer that?

11 A I would say that I have to share the guilt. That I--  
12 what I told you again--if I had never met the person, or even  
13 if I had been there in his political development and had gone,  
14 you know, on, then it would have been a different story. I'm  
15 sure. Sure, I mean--

16 Q What is the most major or the greatest thing that  
17 you did in the conversation, in your mind, with Sirhan that  
18 could have aided or abetted or in any way influenced his  
19 thinking or to the point that he committed this act, if he did  
20 commit the act?

21 A I said that the struggle in inside Israel was going  
22 to be a long, long thing. And that it was akin to a liberation  
23 struggle. I said that it would not be resolved by a war. I  
24 said that Al, you know, Al Fatah (phonetic) had given, you  
25 know, their people a new morale; that that (\*) was the impor-  
26 tant thing (\*) that I don't know what's going on inside of his

1 head.

2 Q Well, did you make anything or any conversation  
3 relative to the assistance--that without the aid of this  
4 country in arms and munition and so forth, that the Israelis  
5 probably could not have withstood the counterattacks or what  
6 have you of the Arab people, Nasser, and so forth?

7 A No, I don't think so.

8 Q Well, I mean, we're discussing this now without the--  
9 any polygraph here.

10 A Right.

11 Q But I can see from your responses here that there  
12 are--that you do share some feeling about, you know, and I'd  
13 like to exploit this thing to the fullest before I get back on  
14 the instrument again. And not--I want you to think about this,  
15 you know.

16 A Yeah, well, I mean, I do, I certainly do share some  
17 of the guilt.

18 Q I think--

19 A I and others, yeah.

20 Q Well, like who? Which others? Tom Good?

21 A Yeah, Tommy.

22 Q Who else?

23 A Oh, people (\*) people in the (\*) east.

24 Q Well, like who, for example, Walter?

25 A You know, Walter Hahn, Gordon Wear (\*) I could go  
26 on and on.

1 Q But these people, did they know Sirhan personally?

2 A They knew him as an acquaintance, as a school  
3 acquaintance.

4 Q From where? P.C.C.?

5 A P.C.C., a little bit in high school, but--yeah, I  
6 mean, I saw him five weeks before the thing, you know.

7 Q Did any of them see him five weeks before the  
8 thing?

9 A No, not to my knowledge.

10 Q Okay, now, when he--when he wanted to talk to you  
11 five weeks before this thing went down, again is there some-  
12 thing that you're overlooking? In other words, if I were to  
13 ask you a question other than what you have told me about a  
14 conversation at Bob's--

15 A Right.

16 Q --is there anything that you discussed, discussed  
17 with Sirhan that could have been something that induced him or  
18 helped him to do the deed that he did do?

19 A I'm--I'm sure there must have been. That's very  
20 important, isn't it? Right. You know, revolutionary, you  
21 know, plain revolutionary influence. (\*) even involved in it,  
22 I was right there, changed his roles, stepped into the shoes  
23 of a revolutionary.

24 Q Well, how did you do this?

25 A Well, as I told you, he said that in politics, you  
26 know, you have to be total commitment in this whole thing, you

1 can't go to school on it (\*) you know, that's--those are the  
2 things that were in his head. You know, in many different  
3 kinds of things, but that was one of them.

4 Q Did he tell you that he had a gun?

5 A No.

6 Q Did you know that he had a gun?

7 A Did I know that he had a gun? I know now that he  
8 had a gun.

9 Q No, I mean, then, did you know that he had a--

10 A I guess--I guess not.

11 Q Did you say "you guessed not"? Is that what you  
12 said?

13 A Or I don't recall (\*)

14 Q Huh?

15 A I don't recall him having a gun.

16 Q Then you can answer "no" to gun truthfully?

17 A Yeah, I would--I would answer "no" to that, but it  
18 scares me, nevertheless. I should have seen a lawyer (\*) I  
19 should have seen a lawyer.

20 Q Why do you say that, a lawyer?

21 A I mean because the political implications in this  
22 thing, also personally for me the implications. (\*) I might  
23 lose my job, be called to a trial. Getting into this thing  
24 up to the hilt just destroy me personally. Plus that, I mean,  
25 you guys are working, you know, for Mayor Yorty and Reddin.  
26 See, I think that--that Yorty and Reddin may want to play up

1 the political aspect of this thing. I've heard his statements  
2 on the radio (\*)

3 Q He's a politician though, don't (\*)

4 A (\*) Reddin these are the--that this information is  
5 going to go to, they are going to see this, they're going to  
6 have a tool to hurt--to hurt the Party, to hurt the left, to  
7 start a red scare. And this is where the information is going  
8 to go. And this is one of the things (\*) when I answered I  
9 felt that I was lying because I think is there anything that  
10 you are afraid to tell me or something like that.

11 Q Uh huh.

12 A Yeah, shit, yes.

13 Q Well, what is it?

14 A I don't know how this--you know, how this is going  
15 to come out in a report, what--what--I mean, Yorty, you know,  
16 was able to build the thing out of the fact that his car was  
17 seen outside of a DuBois Club meeting and that was obviously  
18 bullshit because there had been no DuBois Club in Los Angeles  
19 for a year. You know, and he was willing to use that, you  
20 know, to exploit this situation.

21 Q Well, if it will ease your feelings about that--

22 A And, uh--

23 Q Go ahead. I'm sorry.

24 A Well, and then, in this, you know, here is the--here  
25 is the real link, you know, and--and if this thing comes out  
26 doubtful on something, you know, I'm up a shit creek and--

1 Q Well, let me tell you, I think I can understand here  
2 your feeling. Let me tell you this before I go any further.  
3 I think that Yorty will not receive any of this information.

4 A (\*)

5 Q We are by court order restricted, any person working  
6 in the investigation of this thing, and now this thing has  
7 been cleared up, and if you don't think for one second that  
8 Yorty, Mayor Yorty was--shall we say--slapped a little bit,  
9 you know? And talking about the senior--senior law enforcement  
10 agent in this county, he has been talked to and he knows what  
11 his position is. There is--there is a group of people working  
12 on this investigation even within the Police Department, these  
13 fellows, including myself, are prohibited from discussing this  
14 case with anyone, and I'm not going to run out of here and tell  
15 anyone about what we're talking about right now except the man  
16 that's in charge of the unit. He has to be aware because we  
17 have to be responsible to someone. But I think, Walter, that  
18 what we should do here is, before I continue this examination,  
19 I think that you should go out here and discuss all these things  
20 that you are thinking about, all these things, these possible  
21 implications that you feel might be that somebody--if somebody  
22 were to get the information be armed and say "Aha! We told  
23 this." This is the thing right here, you see?

24 A Uh huh.

25 Q And get this in a report, and then if there is any-  
26 thing that comes up then at a later time, possibly give you a

1 lie detector test at that time. But I think that you're being  
2 sincere with me and I think that you'll be sincere with some-  
3 one else on the outside that you want to go talk with whether  
4 it's myself or somebody else, but I would like to have a steno  
5 take this down.

6 A (\*)

7 Q Now, how do you feel? This information we're  
8 talking about? I'm just proposing this right now.

9 A About what?

10 Q Well, this conversation. It's obvious that you  
11 haven't talked to anyone about your deep seated feelings  
12 about, you know, being--if you had not ever known Sirhan, may-  
13 be he would have never done the deed that he did, you see.  
14 Possibly. Possibly. But you--you can't be accountable for  
15 other people's actions. If (\*) if that was the case, then  
16 these guys that are rioting, I mean, you know, every black man  
17 in this country would get up and start burning, you know.

18 A Well--no, I mean, we are responsible for what we do.

19 Q Okay, now, what is your responsibility to this you  
20 feel? In what way are you responsible for the death of  
21 Kennedy?

22 A I'm, you know, I was, you know, you know, an influ-  
23 ence on his life. (\*)

24 Q How do you know this?

25 A I know it because of the way he came across to me.

26 Q How did he come across to you?



1 A Uh, he came across to me as someone who is basically  
2 not political, but was willing to play that role.

3 Q Well, tell me. How did he--how did he--what did he  
4 say to you? What did he demand or what did he--what was he  
5 seeking that you turned him on the way you think, the way you  
6 feel that you did?

7 A What was he--what was he seeking?

8 Q For example, this meeting you had with him five  
9 weeks ago.

10 A Yeah.

11 Q Okay, he came to you, he wanted to talk to you. We  
12 hit very lightly on this subject, but, I mean, there is a lot  
13 more there that you haven't told me about, you see?

14 A Now--I mean, he said that, geez, you know, I mean,  
15 he said that to be a revolutionary, you know, it requires a  
16 total commitment and he was, you know--

17 Q What did this mean to you, Walter?

18 A It was bullshit.

19 Q Huh?

20 A It was bullshit.

21 Q No, but what did this--what did this mean to you?  
22 I mean, it can mean one thing to me, but to you as a person  
23 who is a member of the Communist Party, who has--has been  
24 educated here and you have your own feelings and your own  
25 philosophies, when he said this, you have to have total  
26 commitment, what did this mean to you?

1           A     What, now, in terms of my assessment or what he  
2 was--

3           Q     You know what he was saying, right. What he meant,  
4 what he was trying to convey to you?

5           A     What was he trying to convey to me? That he was,  
6 when he was saying, look, you know, I mean, do we have a real  
7 basis for, you know, to relate, and, you know, this is what I  
8 personally I see, you know. In fact, you know, you know, I  
9 am more of a revolutionary than you are, you know. That's  
10 what it meant to me. But it was, you know, it wasn't for real,  
11 I mean, you know, first of all, that's absurd, and secondly, I  
12 mean, that was not the way, you know, I mean, he wasn't--that  
13 was--he wasn't living that way (\*) he wasn't doing those things  
14 in his daily life and so it was just, it was talk, you know.

15          Q     Yet, five weeks later, he up and does that thing so  
16 somewhere if you influenced him at that time during that  
17 evening, this conversation with him or contact with him, he  
18 must have really found an outlet or a source of either backing  
19 or maybe guidance or maybe in listening to you, he says, you  
20 know what I'm thinking even if he hadn't talked to you about  
21 doing it, and I'm not convinced that he didn't talk to you  
22 about Kennedy because you can't truthfully say that he did not  
23 discuss Kennedy the way you are responding to me. And that's  
24 what I'm trying to get because you do have this guilt feeling  
25 about this thing and there's a lot of things that you haven't  
26 told me about relative, for example, Kennedy on that

1 conversation now.

2 A My thinking out that you mean is a lie?

3 Q No, not a lie. I didn't say it is, but this is  
4 meaningful to you.

5 A No, now, tell me--

6 Q Well, this is--

7 A --on the Kennedy thing--

8 Q On the Kennedy thing, yeah. I don't think that  
9 you're convinced within yourself that Kennedy was not discussed  
10 that night.

11 A I'm not convinced.

12 Q Well, that's what I'm trying to exploit here in  
13 talking with you, so that maybe if I can strike a chord some-  
14 where, you know, you'll say, well, yeah, now--now, I remember.

15 A All right. I--I don't know, I've got, you know, so  
16 many things going around. Did we discuss Peace and Freedom  
17 Party? Gee, I don't know. I'm not sure. I might have. That  
18 was on my mind at that time.

19 Q Well, was he a member of the Peace and Freedom Party?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay, here's the thing. Let me tell you--let me  
22 tell you just for an example. I know that Tom Good was  
23 receiving money from Sirhan.

24 A What?

25 Q Do you know this? Do you know this?

26 A No.

1 Q Okay, then, why would Sirhan be giving--sending  
2 money to Tom Good?

3 A To sup--help support him maybe.

4 Q To help support what?

5 A Tom.

6 Q The Party.

7 A No. Tom is not in the Party.

8 Q He's not in the Party.

9 A He's anti--he's against the Party.

10 Q Okay, so what is his position now? Before you--you  
11 know, these are things that I'm also wondering. You know,  
12 I'm trying to determine the truth, you see, and--and I appreci-  
13 ate the fact that you are being cooperative, let me say that,  
14 but the fact is--

15 A Yeah, digging my own grave, too.

16 Q Now why do you say that? Why do you say that?

17 A Well, I mean, we're getting into so many areas where,  
18 uh, I find that I, you know, I'm, I mean, I'm so afraid to--  
19 to--

20 Q Okay, let's say this. Have you talked to Tom Good  
21 since the assassination?

22 A No.

23 Q You haven't talked to him. Well, you seemed surprised  
24 when I told you right now that he was getting money. Now,  
25 I don't know why he was getting money. Now, you tell me that  
26 he's not a member of the Party?

1 A No.

2 Q Was he a member of the DuBois Club?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay, what was his relation--Good's relation--  
5 because you didn't mention him as being one of the people that  
6 were a major influence on Sirhan.

7 A No.

8 Q Right? How was Tom Good a major influence?

9 A Uh, well, at P.C.C., Tom was, you know, politically  
10 involved on our committee, was chairman of the Young Democrats  
11 and was very, politically a very astute person and who was a  
12 friend of Sirhan. Now, as far as I know, Tom hasn't seen  
13 Sirhan for three years since he went to San Jose State. He's  
14 living in San Jose now. I see Tom (\*) every few months if he's  
15 still around.

16 Q Okay, now, where does Tom live?

17 A San Jose. And (\*) Tom lives in Pasadena. Now--

18 Q Now, let me tell you this. Pardon me?

19 A That poor fucker, is poor Tom going to be dragged  
20 into this?

21 Q No, I don't think so. I don't think so. The thing  
22 is, things have to be checked out and they don't have to be  
23 checked out by telling him that I'm talking to you, you know.  
24 As a last resort, sure. Now you were mentioned long before  
25 tonight. We knew that we were going to talk to you, but  
26 certainly if--until the point came out (\*) now we have this

1 and let's find out if, you know, that's the investigators told  
2 me this. Let's find out, let's talk to the young man and see  
3 what his position is on this thing here.

4 A Uh huh.

5 Q Now, if it's a matter of sitting down and conversing,  
6 I can discuss anything with anyone save treason, you know--

7 A Uh huh.

8 Q --save treason, I can discuss the death of anybody  
9 and anything else, and we can talk and I can say, well, this  
10 guy should be killed and this guy should be eliminated, this  
11 guy shouldn't be President.

12 A All right.

13 Q That's my right as a citizen here, I can.

14 A Right.

15 Q We have freedom of speech. But, now, if it's going  
16 to be a conspiracy type of thing and this is where, you know,  
17 this is something else, you see.

18 A Right, right.

19 Q But I'm going back now to these people here. You  
20 mentioned people that you say "we had an influence, an impact  
21 on Sirhan's life." You mentioned Tommy Good.

22 A Right.

23 Q Okay, now, who else do you feel in your mind had an  
24 impact in Sirhan's life?

25 A I think Tom and I mainly.

26 Q Okay, now, how do you--I'll ask again--how do you--

1 you say this ad hoc committee, this Young Democrat Club and  
2 so forth--

3 A Right.

4 Q But he was never a member of the Party--Good?

5 A No.

6 Q He isn't a member now?

7 A No.

8 Q When was the last time to your knowledge that Good  
9 talked with or saw Sirhan?

10 A To my knowledge?

11 Q To your knowledge.

12 A It would have to be at P.C.C. (\*)

13 Q Okay, then, did you discuss Tom Good at Bob's drive-  
14 in on the night that you talked with him five weeks ago?

15 A I mentioned him.

16 Q In passing just, or was there--

17 A I said, yeah, I said, you know, Tommy is going to  
18 jail.

19 Q He's going where?

20 A To jail. (\*) something like that.

21 Q For--for what?

22 A Uh, well, he was in the--in the student riots at  
23 San Jose early this year.

24 Q Uh huh.

25 A And they got him on a misdemeanor or something. I'm  
26 not sure (\*) I haven't talked to him for a few months. I

1 think he said it was supposed to be a felony and there was a  
2 chance of it being reduced. I heard secondhand that he had  
3 to do five days in jail or something like that. Assaulting an  
4 officer. Or something like that. But when I told Sirhan, I  
5 said, wow, Tommy's going to jail. That's all. I just mentioned  
6 it.

7 Q Did he indicate to you in any way whether or not he  
8 had seen him--

9 A No,

10 Q --or contacted him?

11 A No. He said, "What is he doing? What has he been  
12 doing?"

13 Q Okay, now--

14 A Sir, what time is it?

15 Q It's 10:30.

16 A Look, I have--I have to--(\*) I have to be at work at  
17 8 o'clock tomorrow.

18 Q Uh huh.

19 A And also I--I am beginning to realize the--I came  
20 down here--I should have known that if you wanted me to come  
21 all the way down here, this is a real serious matter. The man  
22 told me they wanted some background information on Sirhan. So  
23 I--I mean, I have to go to sleep and also, you know, my club  
24 has, you know, we discussed when the FBI came to visit me and  
25 they told me that--they said, you know well, Walt, what are  
26 you doing to (\*) number one, how does Hoover get his money



1 every year? He gets his money by, you know, screaming about  
2 the Party. He said these people are not going to, you know,  
3 judge this thing objectively. He said, if they can find a  
4 weapon to use against us if they want to they will. And they  
5 said, you know, that, you know, (\*) everyone knows that you  
6 don't have to talk to a cop; that you have a right to an  
7 attorney, you know, to, you know, to counsel, and that if, you  
8 know, you made a real bad error. You don't know what's--you  
9 don't know what they're going to say in your report, you don't  
10 know how it's going to come out, you don't know what they are  
11 going to say.

12 Q What do you think I'm going to say in my report  
13 right now?

14 A I don't know. I know--I certainly going to say, well,  
15 you know, the--you know, Mr. C has doubts about his--his  
16 influence on Sirhan.

17 Q As a matter of fact, you don't have doubts. You  
18 have been--you have been quite frank, you said that you know  
19 that your association with Sirhan probably was a motivating  
20 factor to what he did.

21 A Right.

22 Q You didn't say you had doubts about it. You were  
23 quite strong and you made the statement that you know that  
24 your contact with him--

25 A Right.

26 Q --if he had never met you, that he probably would

1 have never done what he did.

2 A Right.

3 Q That's what you said; right?

4 A Right.

5 Q And then I asked you (\*) and what is the greatest  
6 thing, the greatest contribution, in your mind, that your  
7 association with Sirhan could have caused him to do what he  
8 did and then we get into a different tangent on this point.  
9 And let me ask you again. In your mind, what is the greatest  
10 thing that you told him, showed him or discussed with him to--  
11 that led him to do the eventual act that he did do?

12 A I told him that the Arab Israeli struggle was akin  
13 to a national liberation struggle. I also gave him, I believe,  
14 in a position to--to Israelis that the Jewish people have a  
15 right to national discretion, they have a right to their own  
16 state. But there is another Israel which is an alter (\*)  
17 which is a religious, political, you know, political system  
18 (\*) religiously (\*). What is needed is to, as I say, de-Zionise  
19 Israel to give the Arab people an equal political voice, an  
20 equal position in the community.

21 Q And how do you think that saying this, that it  
22 should be the way you put it to him, how do you think this had  
23 an effect on him deciding to shoot Kennedy?

24 A Well, I don't know if that--you know, I don't know  
25 if that did or not. Actually, I don't know that any of it  
26 did, I just don't know, but speculating on telling him that