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school in June of 1966 and that since that time she has neither seen nor heard of SIRHAN until she heard his name in the news.

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MARIO VALENZUELA, 14151 Kelford, Whittier, California, telephone number WH 1-3144, was interviewed on this date and furnished the following information:

He is a jockey who makes a living working at various race tracks in this country. He said that when he saw a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspapers following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he recognized SIRHAN as an individual he had seen at Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia, California, approximately a year and a half ago. He did not know SIRHAN's name, but stated that SIRHAN was apparently working as an exercise boy at Santa Anita. He said that he had never spoken to SIRHAN, did not know the country of his origin although he suspected that he was a Latin American. VALENZUELA stated he had never seen SIRHAN prior to this occasion and has not seen him since.

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Inspector JOHN POWERS, Detective Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department, made available the following copy of the medical treatment record of SIRHAN SIRHAN. This record reflects the results of a physical examination made upon SIRHAN on June 5, 1968, following his arrest by members of the Los Angeles Police Department. The examination was made at the Los Angeles Police Department.

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GEORGE A. MATAS, Business Administrator for the Southern California Baptist Convention, 816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, telephone 628-8313, was contacted at his office where he advised the following:

SIRHAN SIRHAN is not now nor has he ever been associated with the Southern California Baptist Convention, however, his brother, SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN, was employed there for approximately 1½ years, leaving that employment in December, 1963. SHARIF had been doing accounting work, but his attitude toward his work and his accuracy had deteriorated a great deal and he left their employment by mutual agreement.

MATAS recalled that SHARIF was sponsored into the United States as a refugee by another family in Pasadena, California. This family was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 North Marengo Avenue, Pasadena and records concerning this family might possibly still be located at the church. His records reflect that the Social Worker connected with SHARIF was a Miss MILDRED CUMMINGS, 628A Irving Street, Alhambra, California.

MATAS stated he knew that SHARIF had a younger brother by the name of SIRHAN, but he never met SIRHAN nor heard SHARIF or anyone else make any comments concerning SIRHAN. MATAS could not recall any statements by SHARIF that he or other members of his family were at all disenchanted with life in the United States or with the administration of the United States Government.

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Mr. GEORGE K. ROSENBERG, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, California, furnished the following:

He furnished five Immigration and Naturalization Form I-53s, which were filed with the Los Angeles Office of INS in 1968. The five INS forms concerned the following individuals: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. [REDACTED] MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. [REDACTED] ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. [REDACTED] MARY BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. [REDACTED] SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. [REDACTED]

ROSENBERG stated that the INS forms, commonly called registration cards, show that all of the SIRHANs were residing at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, as of January 1, 1968, with the exception of SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN, who was residing at 1659 North Lake Avenue, Apartment 7, Pasadena, California. ROSENBERG noted that all of the INS registration cards appeared to have been executed by the same person with the exception of the signatures on the cards. ROSENBERG stated that, according to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's registration card, he was employed as a store clerk at the Organic Pasadena Company, 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, as of January 15, 1968.

ROSENBERG stated that additional registration cards for previous years regarding SIRHAN SIRHAN could be located at the Federal Records Center, 4747 South Eastern Avenue, Bell, California.

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Mr. GILBERT DORAME, Chief, Reference Service
Branch, Federal Records Center, Bell, California, furnished
the following:

He caused a search of Immigration and Naturali-
zation Registration Card files for the years 1966 and 1967
and a registration card (Form I-53) for SIRHAN BISHARA
SIRHAN. Immigration and Naturalization Service No. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was located for the year 1966. The registra-
tion card revealed SIRHAN resided as of January 1966 at
696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. His employ-
ment was shown as student.

DORAME made the registration card available to
the FBI.

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TRULA MERRIMAN, Stenographer, California Horse Racing Board, 205 South Broadway, furnished the following:

She made available an application for license as a hot walker completed by SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. The license was issued on January 1, 1966, at the Santa Anita, California Race Track.

The application indicated that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, was born on [REDACTED] in Jerusalem, Jordan. His employer was listed as GORDON BOWSHER. A previous employer of SIRHAN was listed as CLARENCE COPPING, 2529 Foothill, Pasadena, California. Three names were listed on the form as persons who have known SIRHAN well for the past ten years. These individuals were furnished as: WALTER CROWE, 1700 Topeka Street, Pasadena, California; TOM GOOD, 1743 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, California; JOHN STRATHMANN, 1760 North Oxford Avenue, Pasadena, California. The form was signed "SIRHAN SIRHAN".

Mrs. MERRIMAN advised that she was furnishing this original form for the use of the FBI. She stated it is signed by SIRHAN and was probably executed by him as these forms are normally filled out by the applicant.

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Mr. STANLEY KAWALEC, Security Officer, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was assigned as a guard at the hotel the night of June 4, 1968. KAWALEC advised that his station was in a hallway which is located directly behind a small anteroom which, in turn, is located directly behind the stage in the Embassy Room. It was on this stage that Senator KENNEDY was making his victory speech. The stage was separated from the anteroom by a closed curtain. The anteroom was occupied by musicians who had been playing intermittently during the evening and who assumed that location during Senator KENNEDY's speech.

Mr. KAWALEC stated that his main function was to keep the crowd which had gathered in the hallway out of the anteroom and in turn away from the curtain and stage area. KAWALEC stated that the hallway was very crowded but he observed no unusual activity in his area except that on one occasion, one of the band members in the anteroom came to him during the speech and claimed three "outsiders" were in the anteroom with him. KAWALEC advised that he ordered the three men out of the room and that they joined the main crowd in the hallway. KAWALEC was definite in saying that none of these men resembled the suspect, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

KAWALEC advised that as Senator KENNEDY was completing his speech, he was ordered by the Chief Security Officer, Mr. WILLIAM GARDNER, to vacate the spot which he had directly behind the stage and assume a position in the Embassy kitchen area. The purpose of this station, according to KAWALEC, was to control the crowd and make a passageway for Senator KENNEDY from a side door of the Embassy Room through the Embassy kitchen to the Colonial Room where the Senator was to have a press conference. KAWALEC stated that when the Senator reached the kitchen, KAWALEC was standing at the end of a steam table, facing the Senator pushing the crowd behind him when he heard four distinct shots from a

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.22 caliber gun, which he sensed passed him to his right. KAWALEC stated immediate confusion ensued and that he did not see the Senator hit nor fall, concentrating on the control of the crowd at that time. KAWALEC advised that the next action he observed was ROOSEVELT GRIER wrestling with an individual on the steam table. Having determined that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and had fallen to the floor, KAWALEC, together with two uniformed Los Angeles Fire Department firemen, endeavored to keep the crowd back from the Senator, allowing him air until assistance had arrived. KAWALEC continued this activity until the officers from the Central Receiving Hospital arrived with a stretcher and eventually placed the stretcher on a freight elevator leading to the ground level. KAWALEC stated that he rode the freight elevator with the Receiving Hospital officers and one of the guards, with perhaps two members of the KENNEDY staff. On reaching the ground level, they remained in the freight elevator until the ambulance arrived in the area. KAWALEC assisted in controlling the crowd near the ambulance while the stretcher was being placed therein.

KAWALEC was questioned as to whether or not he recalled having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the area of the kitchen prior to the Senator entering it, to which he answered that he did not have a distinct recollection but, having seen photographs of him on television and in the press, believes that he recalls seeing an individual with a hairdo similar to SIRHAN's in the large crowd which had been behind the stage and in the kitchen area.

Mr. KAWALEC was questioned as to whether or not he had seen a girl in a polka dot dress in this area and stated that there had been many girls in the crowd but he recalls no one in a polka dot dress.

Mr. KAWALEC was questioned as to how he was able to describe the caliber of the gun which had fired the four shots he heard and he stated that he has a .22 caliber gun of his own and that the resonance of the shots sounded exactly like the shots he had fired from his own weapon.

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KAWALEC advised that he resided in Apartment 107 at 502 South Westlake and would be available for interview at any time in the event that he could be of further assistance.

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JAKE TINGLEY, 58 South Lake Street, Pasadena, California, furnished the following information:

He has seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in Broughton's Book Store, 201 North Lake, Pasadena, California, several times over the last few months. This would usually be around noon, Monday through Friday. SIRHAN would always be in the philosophy and psychology section of the book store, and he was always alone. TINGLEY advised that he never spoke to SIRHAN. He saw SIRHAN several times get into his car, which was an old pink and white Chrysler Corporation model, possibly a 1959. TINGLEY further advised that he goes into many of the book stores in the Lake Street area but he never saw SIRHAN in any of the other stores. TINGLEY was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated that he was positive that this was the man he had seen in Broughton's Book Store.

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HENRY J. RUTHHARDT, JR., Manager, Broughton's Used Book Store, 201 North Lake Street, Pasadena, was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that SIRHAN had been in his store at least six times over the last five or six months. He stated that ~~SIRHAN~~ was always in the store alone, and that the books he read were usually on metaphysics. SIRHAN would usually read a book for about an hour and then buy one or two. RUTHHARDT had no listing of any of the books that SIRHAN had purchased. SIRHAN put in a standing order for books on the practice of black magic and alchemy, but Broughton's Store never had any such books. RUTHHARDT advised that SIRHAN was very quiet and never had much to say. He had no further information on SIRHAN.

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Dr. CHARLES R. BELL, JR., Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 North Marengo Avenue, telephone SY 3-7164, home telephone SY 4-4441, was contacted at the Church where he advised the following:

He recalled the SIRHAN family as having attended his church in the early 1960s. He could not recall exactly when the family started to attend church, but stated that the mother and three or four of the children then appealed to the Church to bring two other children to the United States from their home country. The other two children were SHARIF and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN. He thought that the other members of the family had been brought to the United States by a Seventh Day Adventist group. The family attended church regularly including various club functions of the Church, but the family never officially joined the Church.

BELL got SHARIF SIRHAN an accounting job with the Southern California Baptist Convention in Los Angeles and SHARIF was employed there for over a year when he was dismissed due to his allegedly placing a bomb in his girl friend's car. The SIRHAN family felt that Pastor BELL had SHARIF dismissed from his job when, in fact, BELL had no connection with the dismissal. He stated he tried to reason with the family to no avail and shortly thereafter the family stopped coming to church.

Of all the members in the SIRHAN family BELL had the least contact with SIRHAN SIRHAN and believes when SIRHAN SIRHAN was coming to the Church he was in his mid-teens. BELL personally believed the entire family was unstable probably due to the fact that the father more or less cut all ties with the family and the youngsters had no fatherly guidance. BELL stated he knew of no present or past member of the Church who was close to the SIRHAN family and who could offer any information concerning them.

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When asked concerning a family by the name of MOKHTARIAN, BELL advised there was an ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN who attended the Church around the same time as the SIRHAN family. He said he was not familiar with anyone by the name of HECTOR MOKHTARIAN nor did he know if the MOKHTARIAN family lived on Elizabeth Street in Pasadena. He said that approximately five years ago one of the sons of ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN who was an alcoholic, took his own life. Shortly after this ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN were divorced and he believes that neither one still lives in the Pasadena area. He said there is a large clan of this family, but he believed that the children were by another man and, therefore, have another name which he could not recall.

BELL added that when hearing on the radio that SIRHAN SIRHAN was possibly involved with the shooting on ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he immediately telephoned Captain CARL LINDHOLM, a personal friend who is a member of the Pasadena Police Department and told LINDHOLM that he knew the SIRHAN family in the event he could be of any help in dealing with members of the family.

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DAVID MARK ESQUITH, 6321 Lindenhurst Avenue, was interviewed at his residence, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"June 7, 1968
Los Angeles, California

"I, David Mark Esquith, make the following free and voluntary statement to Richard Doucette and David Pender, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"I was born on [REDACTED] and I now reside at 6321 Lindenhurst Avenue, Los Angeles, California. I was a volunteer worker for Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign, and I was present at the Ambassador Hotel at the time Kennedy was shot around 12:20 a.m. on June 5, 1968. For the better part of the evening I was close to the podium in the Embassy Room, helping keep people from going through the door that was close to the podium and which led to the room behind the podium. At no time during the evening did I see the man who has been identified as Sirhan Sirhan.

"I stayed in the area of the podium while Robert Kennedy made his victory speech. At that time I did not know which way he planned to exit after his speech, nor did anyone else that I know of. About 5 minutes before Kennedy ended his speech, I was told that Kennedy was going to exit through the kitchen. I am not sure who the person was that told me that, but it may have been Jim Lowe, another campaign worker.

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"When Kennedy left the podium I was at the corner of it, right in front of the Kennedy girls. Irwin Stroll left right behind Kennedy, and then some of the press and part of Kennedy's group followed them. To the best of my recollection, I was next after that. At about the time I reached the door to the serving kitchen I heard some noises which I thought to be helium balloons popping or flashbulbs. There were about 5 such noises. Stroll came to me and said he had been shot, and I helped him back into the Embassy Room. Soon after that I left in a cab with Stroll for the hospital.

"About 5 minutes before Kennedy went to the podium, I walked through the serving kitchen and it was empty. I may have glanced into the kitchen at that time, but if so I did not take particular note of the people I saw in the kitchen. I think I would have noticed anyone in the kitchen who didn't have white clothes on.

"I have read the above two (2) page statement and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ David M. Esquith

"Witness:

Richard P. Doucette, SA, FBI, Los Angeles,
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David R. Pender, SA, FBI, Los Angeles,
Calif. 6/7/68"

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In addition to the above information, ESQUITH~~h~~ advised that the following people were in the area of the podium at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, at the approximate time that Senator KENNEDY was shot:

BILL COX

VICKY CUCCIA (claims she saw assailant at KENNEDY Headquarters on June 3, 1968.)

ANN FERGUSON

Mrs. TIFFANY JONAS

RICHARD ROSEN

AL ROTHSTEIN

ESQUITH could not furnish the addresses of these individuals but said they were all KENNEDY campaigners, who worked out of KENNEDY Headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

ESQUITH further advised while working at KENNEDY Headquarters he had met a man whose first name was DAVID, last name unknown, who claimed to be an exercise boy at the race track. ESQUITH suggested that in view of the assailant's previous employment as a exercise boy, it might be helpful to contact this man to determine if he was familiar with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. ESQUITH furnished the following description of the man named DAVID, last name unknown:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23 - 24
Hair	Long dark brown hair with long sideburns.
Height	5'1"
Weight	135 pounds

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ESQUITH suggested that JUNE ISAACSON, a supervisor at KENNEDY Headquarters, would have additional information as to who DAVID was and where he might be contacted.

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ROBERT RAY BRESHEARS, 5709 Ewing Canyon, La Canada, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, California, and furnished the following information:

His wife, CAROL, has been a volunteer campaign worker for the KENNEDY organization. He was with CAROL at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, for the election party. He was in the Embassy Room of the hotel, standing behind the stage, late in the evening watching a television monitor as Senator KENNEDY was speaking. Toward the end of the talk he walked to a position against the west wall about ten to twelve feet from the double doors leading to the kitchen area. When the speech had ended, a large group of people, including JESSE UNRUH and presumably Senator KENNEDY, came through the drapes in back of the stage and walked past him. He did not see Senator KENNEDY but just as the group passed into the kitchen area through the double doors, he heard four shots, the first shot sounding like a balloon popping. After the second and third shots, he was certain that the noise was gun shots, possibly from a small barrel gun. The shots were in rapid succession and sounded like they came from the same weapon. He did not attempt to enter the kitchen area where the noise came from, but shortly thereafter a news man came out of the area and gave a brief account of what had happened.

People milled about the area and a short while later they were all ushered, including himself, down the hall to the downstairs ballroom. He stated he did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and has no knowledge of this individual. He recalled that shortly before the KENNEDY party entered the double doors leading to the kitchen area, several news and television people were in the kitchen area working with cables and other television equipment. He does not know the motive for the shooting.

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PAUL HERMAN SCHRADE, male Caucasian, born [REDACTED] Saratoga Springs, New York, was interviewed at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 4867 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. SCHRADE advised he is currently the Director of Western Region No. 6, United Auto Workers, Los Angeles, and resides at 4150 South Hillcrest Drive, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. SCHRADE advised he has taken an active part in the ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign and is himself on the "Democratic Slate" in California. He stated it was in this capacity that he was present at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the evening of June 4, 1968. He was one of the individuals present on the platform in the Embassy Room with Senator KENNEDY and was in the group who walked off the platform past the kitchen area toward the space which had been set up as a "press room". He said that while walking in this crowded area, he heard what first appeared to him as being an electrical circuit break-down, which he described as a "crackling noise". He said that almost immediately, he realized he had been struck in the head and he fell to the floor. Mr. SCHRADE said he must have been in the state of shock since his recollection then is that he noticed considerable blood on himself in the area of the head and chest and thought he had been struck by some object in the chest, although he later learned that he had been struck in the head by a bullet.

Mr. SCHRADE said he, at the time of the incident, was walking approximately six to eight feet behind Senator KENNEDY. He said he did not see Senator KENNEDY shot and did not see the assailant. He said the incident came as a complete surprise to him and he had no warning whatsoever. He neither saw nor heard anyone which he could connect with the assailant. He said he had never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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SCHRADE recalls that he had arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 PM on June 4, 1968, and he recalls it was shortly after midnight, June 5, 1968, when the group was in the process of departing, that this incident occurred.

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WILLIAM ARTHUR FRANKLIN, Security Guard, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised after review of the hotel time records that he arrived for work at 12:23 a.m., on June 5, 1968. He could furnish no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any other information of value to this investigation.

FRANKLIN stated his residence is located at 806 Edgewood Street, Apartment B, Inglewood, California, and his home telephone Number is 674-0364. He furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Buffalo, New York
Height	6'
Weight	185 pounds
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

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BANCHERD KRISANAYUTH, Valet Service Clerk, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 849 South Kenmore Avenue, Apartment 36, Los Angeles, California, and has no home telephone number.

KRISANAYUTH stated he worked a split shift on June 4, 1968; thus, he was present at the above hotel between the hours of 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the morning and 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. KRISANAYUTH stated that immediately after he was released from duty, he left the hotel, went home, and did not return until 7:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. Therefore, he could furnish no information of value in this investigation.

BANCHERD KRISANAYUTH furnished the following background information:

Sex	Male
Race	Oriental
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Bangkok, Thailand
Height	5' 10"
Weight	120 pounds
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

KRISANAYUTH stated he left his homeland in November 1966, and arrived at San Francisco, California. He has resided in Los Angeles at the above address since approximately December 1, 1966, and has continuously been employed at the Ambassador Hotel since that time.

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Miss ROBIN KAREN CASDEN, age 16, 17012 Mooncrest Drive, Encino, California, telephone numbers 789-7736 and 784-4325, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent as an agent of the FBI. At this time, in the presence of her mother, Mrs. BEATRICE CASDEN, Miss CASDEN furnished the following information relative to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

She is a fan of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and, accompanied by three of her friends, went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, in order to hear Senator KENNEDY's speech. She was accompanied to the Ambassador Hotel by her girl friend, CORKY MC MAHON, who resides at 4334 Oaklane Drive, Encino, California, CORKY's boy friend, SCOTT HOWARD, telephone number 349-2401, and LAURIE PORTER, telephone number 789-3230. CORKY does not have a telephone connected at the present time.

Miss CASDEN recalled that she and her friends arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:30 p.m., and went to the ballroom. They arrived at the doors of the ballroom at approximately 8:35 p.m., but did not go in. They were unable to get into the ballroom inasmuch as there were people at the door checking for press cards. She and the others in her group, at this point, saw LAURIE's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. JERRY PORTER. JERRY PORTER was recently elected a California State Senator. Mr. and Mrs. JERRY PORTER were also outside the ballroom attempting to get in. Inasmuch as they were unable to get into the ballroom, she, CORKY and LAURIE went to the kitchen area and slipped in and went straight through the kitchen. SCOTT also accompanied them. No one checked them in the kitchen or at the kitchen door leading to the ballroom.

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She did not recall seeing any guards in the kitchen or ~~at the~~ kitchen door. She actually entered the ballroom about 8:45 to 8:50 p.m. There were several hundred people milling around in the room. She noticed a small group of singers and musicians on the platform. This group also moved around the ballroom entertaining the people. When Miss CASDEN and her friends actually got into the ballroom, they met IRA GOLDSTEIN and had a short conversation with him. IRA then walked on mingling with other people. CORKY and SCOTT decided to stay in one place and wait for the speech of ROBERT KENNEDY.

LAURIE and ROBIN just walked around and talked to various people. Later, LAURIE and ROBIN separated. Miss CASDEN noticed that although people were checking the other doors to the ballroom, she did not see anyone guarding or checking people entering from the kitchen door and many people came through the kitchen into the ballroom.

She recalled that Senator KENNEDY came into the ballroom about 11:45 p.m. CORKY and SCOTT were still sitting in chairs close to the news telephones. Miss CASDEN kept going back and forth to talk with CORKY and SCOTT. She met IRA GOLDSTEIN again and began wandering around with him observing the activities. Miss CASDEN did not see Senator KENNEDY come into the ballroom. She saw him first on the speakers' platform. During Senator KENNEDY's speech she and IRA went back to the kitchen to get a sandwich, as some man who passed her mentioned that there were sandwiches in the kitchen. They decided to make a quick trip to the kitchen to get a sandwich and come back and listen to the rest of Senator KENNEDY's speech. Miss CASDEN and IRA went to the kitchen; they observed no sandwiches. She recalled that there were several people in the kitchen in addition to hotel employees. She recalled seeing two waiters and another employee cleaning tables. She recalled seeing a person in the rear of the kitchen area who may possibly have been the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN. At that time, she was just vaguely aware of this individual in the rear of

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the kitchen. She recalled this person as having dark hair and appearing to be of Mexican extraction. She recalled that he was not wearing a suit; however, she could not remember the type of clothing this person actually was wearing. She stated that she had seen a photograph of the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN, but was unable to state definitely that the person in the rear of the kitchen was or was not identical to SIRHAN SIRHAN.

She also noted there were several men in suits in the kitchen area and one or two women. She was unable to recall any specific details or descriptive data on these individuals. Her impression is that this all occurred in two or three minutes. Then Senator KENNEDY came into the kitchen from the ballroom with his party. She and IRA GOLDSTEIN stepped back out of his path. Senator KENNEDY was shaking hands with people. He shook hands with a waiter near Miss CASDEN and then approached her. He smiled and shook her hand and passed on, taking about three steps. At this point, Miss CASDEN heard two separate consecutive noises, resembling a cap gun shot. Someone fell against Miss CASDEN at this point and then she heard the rest of the shots. The shots came in a jerky, but rapid manner. She realized that they were shots after the person fell against her. She recalled that there was a lull between the first two shots and the remainder of the shots. During this lull, the individual who fell against her continued to the floor. The lull appeared to her as only four or five seconds. The shots commenced again and she heard a woman scream. Miss CASDEN moved to the side toward the wall to avoid the shots and then continued her movement to leave the kitchen area. Later, after reflection of the circumstances, she thought perhaps the person who fell against her after the first two shots and then fell on the floor may have been Senator KENNEDY. At any rate, it was positively the person who was struck by the first two bullets.

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Miss CASDEN stated that she did not observe the person who actually did the shooting. She made her way out of the kitchen into the ballroom in a matter of a few seconds. She was hysterical, but recognized her friends, CORKY and SCOTT, who tried to calm her. SCOTT left to see what happened and CORKY stayed with Miss CASDEN and attempted to calm her and wipe some blood off her face. A plain-clothes man with a badge in his wallet came up and displayed the badge to Miss CASDEN and CORKY. This man seeing CORKY wiping the blood from Miss CASDEN's face asked if she had been shot. She told him no. He asked if she wanted a doctor and CORKY said yes inasmuch as Miss CASDEN was still hysterical. The man immediately went and obtained something for Miss CASDEN to drink. She does not recall what it was. At this point, SCOTT came back and Miss CASDEN had calmed down by this time. The man with the badge had asked them to move out of the area, so they left. On the way out they saw LAURIE and another girl with her. LAURIE and this girl also left together.

Miss CASDEN stated that at the time of the shooting she was wearing a white sheer dress, with a white on white flower design. She recalled that the dress had several blood spots on it. She stated that she still has the dress but that it was washed and the spots removed.

Miss CASDEN described herself as 5'3", 120 pounds, hazel eyes, long brown hair, born [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. She was observed to be Caucasian. Miss CASDEN stated that on the night of the KENNEDY shooting she was wearing her hair long in the back with a ponytail on top, with a white bow in front of her hair.

She recalled that the actual shooting took place at approximately 12:15 a.m., on the morning of June 5, 1968.

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She was unable to recall any further details of this matter at this time; however, she stated that sometime after the shooting, date, place or time unrecalled, LAURIE told her something to the effect that she (LAURIE) had possibly seen the suspect prior to the shooting and perhaps talking to a guard. Miss CASDEN was unable to say if LAURIE was kidding or just hysterical.

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Inspector JOHN POWERS, Detective Division, Los Angeles Police Department, advised that the ballistics examination regarding the slugs recovered at the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968, has not been completed. Examination to date indicates that the murder weapon was approximately six inches from Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY when discharged.

Regarding the two spent bullets found in the vehicle registered to SIRHAN SIRHAN, one is not capable of being examined as it is flattened out, appearing to have hit a piece of metal or rock. The other one has not been subjected to ballistics examination but from visual observation indicates that it had been removed from its casing without being fired.

Examination has indicated that one bullet located in Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was definitely fired by the murder weapon.

The bullet taken from EDWIN STOLL was a half slug which cannot be positively identified as coming from the murder weapon although examination is continuing. At the present time a ballistics expert will testify to the fact that it is his professional opinion that this bullet is a .22 caliber. No further determination could be made.

The bullet causing the wound to Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS cannot be entered into evidence as continuity of the bullet has been lost.

Inspector POWERS stated that the ballistics examination has not yet been completed, however, it is anticipated the examination will be finished by June 9 or 10, at which time it will be furnished to the Los Angeles Division.

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DONALD CLAUS RUS, 10951 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, California, telephone 632-7897 advised he is employed as an ambulance driver for the City of Los Angeles presently assigned to the Boyle Heights Station, 2111 East First Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone 483-7311, extension 32. He advised that he has ten years experience as an ambulance driver for the City of Los Angeles and a total of 15 years experience as an ambulance driver. He stated he is presently working a shift from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. He stated on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968 he was assigned as a driver to Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California.

He further advised he appeared before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on June 7, 1968 and testified to his knowledge of the events surrounding the KENNEDY shooting.

RUS furnished the following signed statement which he advised was substantially the same testimony which he furnished to the Grand Jury:

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"I, DONALD C. RUS, am employed as an ambulance driver for the city of Los Angeles, California. I was so employed on the night of June 4 - 5th.

"At about 12:20 a.m., on June 5th, I and my partner, TOM RATLIFF, were in ambulance G-15, at Sixth Street and Alvarado, without any patients in vehicle. I heard a radio call of an ambulance - shooting at 3400 Wilshire Blvd., at which time I told my partner that address was the Ambassador Hotel. I was not assigned to respond to this call. We proceeded to Central Receiving Hospital at 1401 West 6th St. to turn in time and hospital records.

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by SA FRED B. LAFFERTY, III and
SA BERNARD P. FLANIGAN BPF/nmb Date dictated 6/8/68

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"At about 12:25 a.m., I was in the ambulance office with several other drivers and attendants. I noticed a yellow cab drive to ambulance entrance of hospital. There was a motorcycle escort guard with the taxi cab. One of the passengers of the cab entered room requesting help because someone had been shot. Then, about six drivers and attendants went outside to ambulance ramp and observed a young white male sitting in rear of the cab. I assisted him removing him from the cab and placed him in a wheelchair. I determined he had bullet wounds in his left leg. Attendant TOM RATLIFF took the patient into the hospital and I ordered the cab and the motorcycle to clear the ambulance area. The man who came in the ambulance office told us KENNEDY was shot.

"At this time, approximately 12:30 a.m. ambulance G-18 arrived at the ambulance ramp. The ambulance backed up to the dock. I opened the rear door of the ambulance. I opened the Gilson belt, a belt which covers the rear door and is a protective device in case the rear doors of the ambulance doors open. In the rear of the ambulance, I observed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the stretcher. MAX BEHRMANN, the attendant was at the rear of the ambulance. Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY was sitting next to BEHRMANN. There was at least another white female in the ambulance rear. ROBERT HULSMAN was the ambulance driver. In the cab, I observed Mr. BARRY, KENNEDY's bodyguard and at least one other person riding in the cab. Dr. BAZILAIUSKAS entered the ambulance and attended to Mr. KENNEDY. I released the stretcher and proceeded to roll it from the ambulance. We wheeled the stretcher inside the hospital to treatment room #2. As we were entering room #2, Mrs. KENNEDY, grabbed a camera from a news cameraman and knocked it to the floor. She also swung at him and hit him in the chest area.

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"KENNEDY's bodyguard jumped over the stretcher and attacked the photographer. They wrestled with each other for several seconds and were separated by L.A.P.D. officers, Hospital Detail. I then wheeled the stretcher into room # 2 and helped lift Mr. KENNEDY onto the treatment table. I removed the stretcher from room # 2. In treatment room # 2, there were doctors, nurses, and members of the KENNEDY group.

"I was then paged over the public address system and dispatched to the Ambassador Hotel as a request for 2 more ambulances had been received. RATLIFF and I drove ambulance G-15 to the hotel. On arrival, we were guided to rear entrance of the hotel. We took our stretcher and first-aid kit and entered the hotel by the rear entrance. We were guided to the freight elevator which we took to the third floor. We were guided through the corridors. We located one victim in a corridor. He was lying on the floor. We examined him and determined he was not critical. I do not recall his injuries. We left him and told him a private ambulance following us would take him. We were led into the Embassy Room where we found Mrs. EVANS. She was just to the left of the speakers stand in the Embassy Room. The room very crowded with people. The time was about 12:40 a.m. Mrs. EVANS was lying on her back on a table. There was a man, who claimed he was a doctor attending to her. He said she had a 'bleeder' in the forehead. RATLIFF and I examined her and determined she had a laceration on her forehead. We applied a pressure dressing over the wound and placed her on the stretcher. We were then advised of another injury of a photographer who had been hit in the head with a camera. We examined him and determined he had a laceration on the rear of the head. We took both patients down the freight elevator and out the rear entrance. We loaded them in

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"in the ambulance and proceeded to Central Receiving, Code 3. On arrival at the hospital, we unloaded the patients and placed them in treatment rooms.

"At about 1:00 a.m. I went to treatment room # 2 and assisted transferring Mr. KENNEDY from treatment table to stretcher. We wheeled the stretcher out to the loading ramp and placed it into ambulance G-16. Mrs. KENNEDY and several other people in the KENNEDY group and a doctor went in this ambulance which was transferring Mr. KENNEDY from Central Receiving Hospital to Good Samaritan Hospital at Lucas and Shatto St. about 4 blocks from Central Receiving. During the time we were loading Mr. KENNEDY into ambulance, the hospital corridors and entrance were jammed with crowds. We were slowed in our efforts to load him into the ambulance due to the large unruly crowd in and in front of the hospital.

"During the course of the entire affair, I saw or heard nothing which could aid in identifying a suspect or could be evidence to the shooting.

"I have read this written statement which is six pages long. I have initialed all page and corrections. This is a true statement.

"/s/ DONALD C. RUS, 6/3/68

"Witness:

/s/ SA BERNARD P. FLANIGAN, FBI, 6/3/68, Los Angeles, California
/s/ SA FRED B. LAFFERTY, FBI, 6/3/68, Los Angeles, California."

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JACK LUBARSKY, 7516 $\frac{1}{2}$ Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, home phone 876-3662, advised he is a bellboy at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. He stated that on June 4, 1968, he punched out about 11:00 p.m. and went home. He said he was unaware of the shooting until the next day; and could furnish no information concerning it. He provided the following background information:

Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Russia
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 pounds
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]

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by *Buc* SA BERNARD M. CONNORS/cyn Date dictated 6/8/68

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ROBERT G. HURON, 1593 West 47th Street, home phone AX 4-8832, advised he is a freight elevator operator at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire, and that he was working the night of June 4, 1968 and punched out at approximately 1:06 a.m., June 5, 1968. He advised he did not see or hear anything concerning the shooting, but heard about it on the radio that he had in his elevator. He stated further that he gave a few people a ride on the freight elevator after the shooting and that everyone he saw was somewhat hysterical. He advised, however, that he did not see or hear anyone who acted in a suspicious manner.

He provided the following background information on himself:

Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	San Antonio, Texas
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]

HURON stated he had a police record and was convicted for the sale of marijuana in Huntsville, Texas, and that he served six years for this offense.

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FRANK S. FOX, 811 South Kenmore, no phone, advised he is bell captain at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. He stated he has been an employee of the Ambassador Hotel for three months. He stated further that on June 4, 1968, he left the hotel at approximately 11 p.m. and went home, and knew nothing about the shooting until he heard about it on television a few hours later. He stated his date of birth was [REDACTED] and that he was born at Patterson, New Jersey. He stated he was 5'8" and weighed 135 pounds.

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HAROLD PEDERSON, 3654 West 59th Street, Los Angeles, home phone AX 1-7533, advised he is a security guard at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard. He stated he punched out at 10:31 p.m. on June 4, 1968, and did not know of the assassination until the next day when he reported for work. He stated he could furnish no information concerning the shooting as he went right home after he left the Ambassador Hotel at the above time.

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JERRY LEWIS LAMBERT, Professional Jockey, residence address 718 Winston Avenue, ~~Bradbury~~ California, was interviewed at Hollywood Park Race Track, 1050 South Prairie Street, Inglewood, California.

LAMBERT was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that the photograph and name are totally unfamiliar to him.

LAMBERT advised that to the best of his recollection, he has never had any contact or association with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Mrs. BETTY EVELYN JOHNSTON, 295 South San Rafael, Pasadena, California, advised that she and her husband, ELWOOD B. JOHNSTON, own several race horses and also are owners of a ranch at 1550 East Locust, Ontario, California, which is managed by her son, BUD JOHNSTON.

Mrs. JOHNSTON was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, which she recognized from recent news reports regarding the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised, however, to her recollection that she had never seen the individual depicted on the photograph.

As an explanation as to how SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN knew of her name, she advised the Monday, June 3, 1968, issue of the "Daily Racing Form" published in Los Angeles, California, contained a photograph of her on the front page and an article regarding a horse owned by her and her husband, named "O' Lucky You, which had been victorious in races on Monday, June 3, 1968, at Golden Gate Fields Race Track, Albany, California. She was unable to explain how her name was referred to by SIRHAN, if he was referring to her, as Mrs. B. GALE JOHNSTON as that combination of names has never been used by her.

Mrs. JOHNSTON further advised that since recent news articles regarding KENNEDY's assassination and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, she and her husband had looked at photographs of SIRHAN on television and in the newspapers and discussed him because of his connection with horse racing. Mrs. JOHNSTON advised that her husband indicated that within the past year, SIRHAN may have been employed by a trainer who occupied a stable near the JOHNSTONS' stable at Hollywood Park Race Track. She could not recall the name of the trainer or owner whom he worked for.

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Mrs. JOHNSTON, during the course of the interview, telephonically contacted her son, BUD JOHNSTON, Manager of their ranch in Ontario, California, and inquired of him if SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had applied for or worked on the ranch. Her son, BUD, advised that he had not.

Mrs. JOHNSTON made available a copy of the above referred to racing form.

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FRANS STALPERS, Assistant Manager of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, was contacted to arrange for the photographing of the interior and exterior areas of the hotel which were involved directly or indirectly in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

STALPERS directed SAA GREINER and FBI Photographer RICHARD FERNANDEZ to the Embassy Ballroom in which he said Senator KENNEDY had made his victory speech during the early morning of June 5, 1968, following the California State Primary Election.

STALPERS said that following Senator KENNEDY's speech from the speakers platform in front of the stage area of the Embassy Ballroom, the Senator made his exit through the stage area. After leaving the stage through double doors at the rear, he made a turn to the right in a corridor which leads to the serving kitchen area. STALPERS advised that he did not personally witness the route of exit being used by Senator KENNEDY, but he learned the details of same, he said, from talking to several other employees who were there.

STALPERS directed SAA GREINER and Photographer FERNANDEZ over the entire area where Senator KENNEDY had been immediately prior to the shooting and the route taken by him to the point where he was hit. STALPERS also provided copies of the floor plans of the hotel's Lobby and Casino Floors; the Embassy Ballroom being located on the Lobby Floor level, and the Ambassador Ballroom on the Casino level. He pointed out that the Senator KENNEDY party was utilizing both the Embassy and Ambassador Ballrooms.

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Through the cooperation of Lieutenant JESSE PISTOLE, Central Communications Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Parker Center, 150 North Los Angeles Street, LEE R. ERICKSON, civilian employee was contacted. ERICKSON is a junior administrative assistant and tape search and tape survey expert who handles all tape recordings of all incoming and outgoing calls on radio and telephone at the LAPD, Central Communications.

ERICKSON furnished information that at 12:06 AM, on June 5, 1968, Rampart Patrol Unit 2A68 was assigned to handle an illegally parked vehicle complaint at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. He also advised that his records indicate that Rampart Division, Patrol Unit 2A51 had indicated it was conducting an investigation at 3400 Wilshire Boulevard a few minutes later.

The above information concerning Units 2A68 and 2A51 were taken from red colored "tickets" maintained in the Communications Division inasmuch as red tickets concern communications concerning LAPD units.

ERICKSON then exhibited a blue ticket which indicated a non-police department call had been received at 12:19 AM, in which operator 84 (determined to be Officer WAYNE G. HATHAWAY No. 3977) received a call reporting a shooting and an ambulance needed in front at 3400 Wilshire Boulevard. It was indicated that Unit 2A68 was assigned Code 3 (immediate action, red light and siren) at 12:21 AM. This was done by link operator No. 43 (main radio dispatcher; Officer MORRIS A. CANDLISH No. 4406).

ERICKSON advised that all tickets are stamped at the conclusion of conversations.

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The call received by Operator 84 indicated it came from telephone No. 387-7011 (Ambassador Hotel) in which the night Switchboard Supervisor reported the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and requested an ambulance. She requested the ambulance be directed to the front of the Ambassador Hotel.

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FLAVIO TOTEN, 280 Bella Vista Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his father, ASHLEY L. TOTEN, was appointed under former President JOHN F. KENNEDY as a Commissioner for the Virgin Islands Development Program in 1962. TOTEN said that his father died in 1963 while on this job. FLAVIO TOTEN said that he, himself, lived in Washington, D.C., from approximately 1942 to 1962 and during the years from approximately 1952 to 1962 he was employed at the Embassy of Burma in Washington, D.C. He said that during this time he had met Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, on occasion, and that he had great respect for him. He said that he even recently had maintained correspondence with Senator KENNEDY and that he hoped should KENNEDY be elected, he would be able to go back to Washington and work in the administration in some capacity.

Mr. TOTEN said that he is a customer at the Richfield Gas Station owned by JACK DAVIES, 2529 East Foothill, Pasadena, where SIRHAN SIRHAN was formerly employed. Mr. TOTEN said that approximately two years ago he met SIRHAN at the station and that he saw him quite frequently in connection with using the services of this station while SIRHAN SIRHAN was employed there. He said that he and SIRHAN passed the time of day on occasion and that their discussions never encompassed any political views which either he or SIRHAN had, but that he does recall SIRHAN frequently stated that he had "No money. Just hard work".

He said that SIRHAN seemed to him to be a warm and friendly individual and that he cannot recall SIRHAN ever making any remark which could be considered anti-United States.

TOTEN further advised that during his discussions with SIRHAN, he determined that SIRHAN was attending Pasadena City College and that SIRHAN mentioned to him that he may possibly someday hope for some kind of a diplomatic career, however, the details of this were not discussed in depth.

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Inspector MERTON HOWE, Plans and Control Division, Los Angeles Police Department, made available tape reels numbered 29083 and 29084 bearing the taped interview of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Reel number 29083 contains the following inter-views:

A six minute original tape made June 5, 1968 at 2:05 a.m. in Room 318, Parker Center Jail

A 28 minute original tape made June 5, 1968 at 3:15 a.m. in Room J-1, Parker Center Jail

A 1 3/4 hour original tape made June 5, 1968 at 4:00 a.m. in Room J-1, Parker Center Jail

An original tape made June 5, 1968 at 3:45 a.m. and later in Room 2A1, Parker Center Jail

Reel 29084 is a continuation of the original tape made June 5, 1965 at 3:45 a.m. and later in Room 2A1, Parker Center Jail

The following is a transcription of the above tapes:

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MARTIN PATRUSKY was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as a waiter.

"I, Martin Patrusky, furnish the following voluntary statement to Charles I. Carter, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has advised me that this statement may be used as evidence in a court of law.

"I was born in the Bronx, New York on [REDACTED] and spent most of my life in the New York area and up-state New York with the exception of two years that I served in the U.S. Army. In September 1966 I left New York and came to Los Angeles where I secured employment as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel.

"I have been a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel from that time to the present.

"I work various hours at the Hotel Ambassador as a waiter depending upon the type of function that is being presented.

"On June 4, 1968 I was assigned to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel as a waiter to serve drinks at a political reception for Senator Robert Kennedy. I reported for roll call at 5:00 p.m. and during the evening served drinks in the Embassy Room and several other rooms.

"The Embassy Room has a stage which is just west of the kitchen area and from the rear of the stage is a corridor which runs east into the kitchen area and a large serving room. At about midnite, the night of June 4, 1968, Senator Kennedy was brought down on a freight elevator and he

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"proceeded through the kitchen area and the serving room to the rear of the stage of the Embassy Room and entered the stage.

"I was in the kitchen serving area at the time and saw him as he went to the Embassy Room stage.

"I stayed in the kitchen serving area watching the speech of Senator Kennedy on a TV monitor.

"In about 15 or 20 minutes Senator Kennedy and a group of people came through the door from the Embassy Room to the kitchen serving area. Karl Ucker, Assistant Maitre D' Hotel had Senator Kennedys left sleeve in his hand and Ucker was attempting to lead Senator Kennedy through the crowd.

"I was standing in the serving area near a small silver table and as Senator Kennedy approached me I said to Senator Kennedy, 'Congratulations, Mr. Kennedy'. Senator Kennedy shook my hand and said 'Thank you'. Senator Kennedy then turned to his right and shook hands with Vincent Di Pierro, a fellow waiter. Senator Kennedy then turned to his left and shook hands with a chef and a bus-boy, Juan Romero.

"After Senator Kennedy shook hands with Juan Romero I noticed a man pushing his way toward Senator Kennedy and Karl Ucker. I thought this man was going to shake hands with Senator Kennedy. He pushed himself around to the right of Ucker. This man leaned around the left side of Uckers body and extended his hand toward Senator Kennedy. I do not know if this man extended his left or right hand. I immediately heard a sound like that of a firecracker. A second later I heard a series of sounds like fire crackers.

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"Karl Ucker swung about and grabbed this individual by the neck and I then heard more sounds like fire crackers.

"I saw Senator Kennedy falling backwards. I looked across the serving room and saw a man falling back against Vincent Di Pierro and blood appeared on the eye glasses of Di Pierro. 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 Maitre 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 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 from the service area through the door to the back of the

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"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 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.

"S/ Martin Patrusky

"Witness:

S/ Charles I. Carter FBI Los Angeles 6/7/68
S/ Robert F. Pickard, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 5/7/68."

Mr. PATRUSKY stated that the man he saw with the gun approaching KENNEDY and after the shooting is the same individual whose photograph he has seen in the newspaper and television identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/8/68

Mr. GEORGE ANTHONY FAURE, 1540 El Molino,
Pasadena, furnished the following information:

He and his wife, IRMA FAURE, have been residents at that address for approximately four years. They were acquainted with Mrs. MARY SIRHAN who resided across the street from them. He was not acquainted with the members of the SIRHAN family but believed the family consisted of four or five young men, and he saw them coming and going on many occasions during the time they have resided there. He did not know the names of the individual family members. He did not know where any of the family members worked and had no knowledge of their recent activity. He believed that a Mr. DANNY BEDELIAN who occupies a house attached to a former grocery store at 1525 North El Molino was acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN, whose photograph he recognized in the newspapers as one of the individuals residing with Mrs. MARY SIRHAN, and their acquaintanceship extended over several years. He believed that BEDELIAN spoke Syrian or Arabic language and could converse with SIRHAN in that language. He did not know any other acquaintances of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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