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CROWE states he was in the W.E.B. Du Bois Club at UCLA after he left PCC and dropped out before his 1968 meeting with SIRHAN so that SIRHAN could not have known of this club membership while CROWE was a member.

CROWE tried to fix the date he went out with SIRHAN, that is, the first time he saw SIRHAN since 1965 which is also the last time he ever saw or spoke to SIRHAN. CROWE was interviewed on June 7, 1968. He believes the time he went out with SIRHAN was four weeks and two days prior to this date. CROWE looked at a calendar and stated the date was Friday, May 2, 1968. CROWE recalled he began working for Los Angeles County as a social worker the day before this date, that is, Thursday, May 1, 1968.

CROWE states he met SIRHAN about 8:00 p.m. just as it was getting dark (daylight saving time had just gone into effect). They met and ate dinner at Bob's, 1616 East Colorado, Pasadena, California. They ate from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. During this time and since they had not seen each other since June, 1965, they exchanged personal information. SIRHAN said he had been working with horses since graduation, had fallen several times, was not currently working, and had not completed his education. CROWE then told SIRHAN about completing his BA work at UCLA, about joining the W.E.B. Du Bois Club and the Student Club of the CP.

CROWE states he told SIRHAN that the CP, USA and the CP in Russia functioned differently and were not the same group. He also mentioned to SIRHAN that the Russian Government was supporting the Arabs with arms in the fight against Israel. CROWE claims he did not directly tell SIRHAN that the two CP's were in effect helping Russia which in turn was helping the Arabs; however, he thinks it possible this impression could have been perceived by SIRHAN. CROWE asks the question how can he know what influenced SIRHAN. SIRHAN never told him this was significant information, he showed no surprise, gave no indication of startled enlightenment, he accepted this information along with other information that CROWE was verbalizing.

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CROWE states there is no way that SIRHAN could know the other seven members of his CP Club and noted that he has not told SIRHAN. Further CROWE said he does not walk the streets recruiting CP members and for that matter based on SIRHAN's prior lack of interest in the SDS would not and could not have recruited him for the CP at this time. CROWE says that recruitment would have to follow overt activities on the part of SIRHAN over an extended period of time, like membership in a club like the W.E.B. Du Bois Club that CROWE was in. Since this background was lacking in SIRHAN, CROWE could not recruit him and did not try.

CROWE states that of the hour between 8 p.m., and 9 p.m., when they talked, the discussion of CP activity, including the W.E.B. Du Bois Club took about twenty minutes. At about 9 p.m., two other former students whom CROWE recognized but whose names he absolutely does not know and never knew, came into Bob's Restaurant. He stated Bob's is the restaurant adjacent to Pasadena City College and is frequented regularly by students as a hang-out. These two former students joined CROWE and SIRHAN both of whom recognized both of them and vice versa. At this point CROWE discontinued all efforts to discuss anything personal with SIRHAN since he and SIRHAN were out "on the town" for the evening. The other two students decided to join in and they left Bob's going to a topless bar across the street from Dow Radio on East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. They next went to a topless restaurant on Foothill Boulevard in the eastern part of Pasadena, named the Black Cat. After a very few beers in both bars they all went to Ernies Taco Restaurant on Colorado near Fair Oaks in Pasadena, had some Mexican food, split up, the two others going off together and he and SIRHAN going their separate ways. CROWE did not see, talk to or communicate with SIRHAN in any way, directly or indirectly since that time.

CROWE states he is "aware of the awful" implications of his contact with SIRHAN. He has seen a Los Angeles newspaper account of an interview of Mayor SAM YORTY since the murder of Senator KENNEDY wherein YORTY make reference to

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notes that once belonged to SIRHAN which suggest that SIRHAN believes in the objectives of the Communist Party. CROWE "hopes to God" that dates on these notes are prior to his talk with SIRHAN on May 2, 1968. CROWE states this matter weighs heavily on his conscience. He hopes he did not influence SIRHAN to shoot Senator KENNEDY. He cannot believe that his brief remarks to SIRHAN could be the motivation, but since he does not know of anyone else who contacts SIRHAN, knows only of his own contact, he has an ache in the pit of his stomach when he thinks of the consequences. He says he is examining his own conscience searching for an answer; he says he has a "dreadful" fear that he might be responsible for this shooting which he states must be considered one of the crimes of the century.

CROWE cannot think of any way in which to further clarify his feelings or enlighten this investigation. He says he is always available for recontact and interview further at any time and he was told he would be recontacted and reinterviewed.

CROWE states he never discussed the current political scene in the United States with SIRHAN on their May 2, 1968, meeting and never discussed Senator KENNEDY or any candidates in the California primary with SIRHAN.

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GAYMOARD MISTRI, 825 East Delmar Street, Pasadena, California (Phone SY 6-7449), advised that he came to the United States from Bombay, India, five years ago. He related that he attended Pasadena City College (PCC), Pasadena, California, for two years after which he transferred to the Western State College of Engineering (WSC) at Inglewood, California. He studied there for two years and was graduated one week ago with a degree in Engineering. MISTRI explained that he is presently unemployed and in the process of seeking a job after obtaining his degree. He thereafter furnished information as follows:

In 1962 or 1963, MISTRI was attending PCC and belonged to a social club called the Foreign Students' Group. This club was for all foreign students on campus. Through the club, he developed speaking acquaintances with various other foreign students, one of whom was SIRHAN SIRHAN. MISTRI explained that their relationship was that of "casual acquaintances" and noted that he never knew SIRHAN by name until he was identified through the press as being the assassin of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He pointed out that their sole relationship was that of speaking to each other on campus or having coffee where other foreign students gathered. MISTRI recalled, however, that SIRHAN always called him "MISTRI."

MISTRI further explained that he continued to reside in Pasadena while attending WSC and would often eat or attend social functions on campus at PCC. On some occasions, he would see SIRHAN but estimates that in the last three years he has not seen him over four or five times.

In late March, 1968, MISTRI saw SIRHAN at the Santa Anita Racetrack, Arcadia, California. They talked for only a few minutes, and the conversation was mainly about the races. He recalled that SIRHAN asked about some mutual acquaintances and asked how MISTRI was doing. He noted that they talked for only three to five minutes.

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On June 4, 1968, at approximately 6:10 p.m., MISTRI entered Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, 1616 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena. The restaurant is adjacent to the campus at PCC. MISTRI sat at the counter for approximately ten minutes after which SIRHAN entered the restaurant, recognized him and joined him at the counter. After greeting him, SIRHAN asked MISTRI to join him for dinner and stated, "The meal is on me." After MISTRI declined the offer, SIRHAN took MISTRI's check for coffee. After a few minutes of non-specific conversation, MISTRI began reading a newspaper which carried a caption concerning the Israeli-Jordan situation. SIRHAN noted the caption and said words to the effect of "things are wrong there." However, MISTRI did not pursue the conversation, and SIRHAN made no further comments concerning Israel, Jordan, or any other political situation or figure. SIRHAN's meal was served, and the remainder of the conversation was of horse racing, about which both had a mutual interest.

When SIRHAN finished his meal and paid the checks, he asked MISTRI where he was going. When MISTRI informed him that he was going to the PCC campus, SIRHAN stated, "I think I'll come with you."

They then walked to the campus cafeteria, during which time they again talked of horse racing. Upon entering the cafeteria, SIRHAN observed four Arab students whom he immediately approached. He introduced himself and MISTRI, after which a conversation ensued in Arabic. MISTRI recognized one of the students to be MOROOF BADRAN (phonetic), whose address MISTRI furnished from an address book as 5733 Benner Street, Apartment 7, Highland Park, Los Angeles. He did not recognize the other students. BADRAN and the other students then departed the cafeteria to attend a 7:00 p.m. class, and MISTRI and SIRHAN sat at another table.

MISTRI initially stated that inasmuch as they had just left the restaurant, he did not care for coffee, but at SIRHAN's insistence he ordered hot chocolate. A casual and non-specific conversation then began, during

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which time, SIRHAN began toying with a small metal object which he held in his hands. When MISTRI asked what the object was, SIRHAN advised that it was something connected with a gun or bullet. MISTRI explained that SIRHAN told him what the object was but noted that he cannot now recall exactly what it was. He noted, however, that he is sure that it was connected with guns or bullets and stated that his impression is that it was a spent slug of a bullet which had been fired from its casing and subsequently recovered.

A detailed interview with MISTRI and an examination of a .38 caliber bullet failed to clarify exactly what type of object MISTRI had seen. He concluded, however, that he feels that it was a spent slug of a smaller caliber than the .38 caliber bullet displayed for clarification purposes.

After MISTRI inquired about the above mentioned object, he asked SIRHAN if he was a hunter. SIRHAN replied that he had hunted on occasion but noted that he was just learning about the sport. However, MISTRI noted that he then asked SIRHAN an unrecalled question about rabbit hunting and pointed out that, judging from the conversation that followed, he formed the opinion that SIRHAN had little or no knowledge about hunting or firearms.

Shortly thereafter, they departed the cafeteria and began walking to a campus parking lot where each had a car parked. While walking toward the lot, SIRHAN observed a new campus building and noted that the new building stands on what was a vacant lot when they attended PCC. SIRHAN then, referring to the time when they attended PCC as students, said words to the effect of, "That was a beautiful time ... when the political situation was better." MISTRI noted that he felt that the statement was odd and did not exactly understand it; however, inasmuch as he did not wish to continue the conversation, he made no comment and neither did SIRHAN.

While walking toward the lot, they came to a newspaper rack, from which MISTRI purchased a Preview Edition of the "Los Angeles Times." When SIRHAN stated that he also wanted a paper, MISTRI told him not to purchase one inasmuch as he, MISTRI, wanted only the classified ad section for job hunting purposes. MISTRI then took the classified ad section and gave the remainder of the paper to SIRHAN. MISTRI does not recall seeing SIRHAN look at the paper.

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As they approached their vehicles in the parking lot, SIRHAN asked MISTRI if he wanted to shoot pool. After MISTRI declined, SIRHAN lingered for a few moments talking about mutual friends. MISTRI recalled that SIRHAN asked such questions as how former students were getting along and how many children they now have.

As they entered their respective vehicles, MISTRI recognized that SIRHAN entered the same vehicle which he had when they attended PCC. He described the vehicle as an older model Chrysler product which was pink in color. MISTRI departed the lot first and did not observe the direction in which SIRHAN drove away. MISTRI estimated the time to be 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

MISTRI could not recall the clothing worn by SIRHAN, other than he was not dressed in a coat or tie and wore a shirt and trousers.

MISTRI concluded by noting SIRHAN made no comment about Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the current political situation, or the primary election being held in California. Further, he stated that SIRHAN gave no indication of emotional instability or any type of contemplated violent act. MISTRI further noted that when SIRHAN asked him to go shoot pool, there was no time limit suggested. He further stated that it was his opinion that SIRHAN appeared to be lingering with nothing to do and was seeking his company. He noted, however, that no time limit was suggested about shooting pool, inasmuch as he refused SIRHAN's offer outright.

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Mr. UNO TIMANSON, Vice President, Banquet and Sales, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the hotel and furnished the following information:

Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY arrived back at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, and went immediately to the Royal Suite. At approximately 11:45 p.m., he instructed EDDIE MANASIAN, one of the assistant maitre d's, to hold the north elevator so that Senator KENNEDY could go down to the Embassy Room to make his victory statement.

He was escorting the Senator to the elevator and when they were only two or three feet from the elevator, the Senator decided not to go through the crowds that were in the hallways but to use the service elevator.

They took the service elevator to the kitchen level and he, TIMANSON, led the way for the Senator into the Embassy Room.

The Embassy Room was completely crowded at the time and he, TIMANSON, was concerned that too many people might get up on the platform and cause it to collapse.

After the Senator had completed his victory speech in the Embassy Room, he was preparing to lead the Senator down to the Ambassador Room through the enclosed stairway. Just before the Senator's speech was completed, FRED DUTTON, one of the Senator's aides, asked TIMANSON if there were television sets in the Ambassador Room, and TIMANSON told him there were. It was then decided that the Senator would visit the Press Room to make a press release. TIMANSON escorted the Senator and his party through the hallway behind the Embassy Room and into the pantry area.

TIMANSON stated that he was approximately six feet ahead of the Senator when he heard what sounded like a fire cracker. He heard the sound three or four times in quick order and he thought it was some sort of celebration.

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Immediately, however, TIMANSON observed that Senator KENNEDY was down on the floor in front of the big ice machine located in the pantry. At this time, there were numerous screams and pandemonium broke out in the immediate area.

Mr. MURPHY, one of the hotel security guards, told TIMANSON that he had called an ambulance but TIMANSON wanted to make sure and he ran into the Colonial Room in an effort to contact the operator but was unsuccessful. He was assured by the people present that an ambulance had been called and was on the way. Mr. TIMANSON stated that from the time of the shots to this time when he was inquiring about an ambulance was just a matter of seconds.

He ran immediately to the kitchen steps and took the steps down to the Casino level and out to the back ramp to the outside of the hotel to await the arrival of the ambulance. The ambulance arrived in a very few minutes and he escorted the ambulance attendants to the area where Senator KENNEDY was lying.

Senator KENNEDY was taken by the ambulance attendants to the ambulance almost immediately. TIMANSON attempted to ride in the ambulance but was not allowed. He rode on the back of a motorcycle following the ambulance to the hospital.

Mr. TIMANSON advised that he did not see the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and he did not observe the individual holding the gun at the time of the shooting.

He did observe the individual who was being held down by several people following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and has seen photographs in the newspapers and appearances on television of the individual accused of the crime. The individual he observed in the newspapers and on television is the same individual he observed being held down following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Mr. WILLIAM F. GARDNER, Chief Security Officer, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 387-3394, was contacted at the hotel, and he furnished the following information:

He resides at 4932 Echo Street, Los Angeles, and his telephone number is 256-6592.

He began work at approximately 8:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968 and remained at the hotel through approximately 6:00 p.m., on June 5, 1968.

Shortly after midnight, on June 5, 1968, he was located in the foyer on the Ambassador Room level just at the bottom of the inside staircase which leads down from the level where the Embassy Room is located.

He had two security guards with him at that location, one of whom was WILLIE S. BELL, a guard from Ace Guard Service, and the other one was LLOYD CURTIS, a guard employed by the hotel.

They were at this location at the request of one of Senator KENNEDY's aides, who had instructed them that the Senator and his party were due to come down the enclosed stairway and go to the Ambassador Room to talk to the people located there. It was his understanding that the Senator was to leave the Ambassador Room after a short speech and go out the fire escape to his car and leave the hotel. At approximately 12:20 a.m., a female aide of Senator KENNEDY came to where he was located and advised him that there had been a terrible accident. She did not tell him anything about a shooting at that time.

He advised that he had not heard any gun shots at the time. It was sometime later that he heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He estimated the time was probably 15 minutes after the actual shooting.

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GARDNER did not go out to the level where the shooting took place until sometime after Senator KENNEDY and the other wounded individuals had been taken from that location.

He did not observe the individual who did the shooting at any time in the hotel. The first time that he saw a photograph of the individual accused of this shooting was at approximately 8:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968 when it was displayed to him by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mr. GARDNER advised that he does not recall ever having seen this individual in the vicinity of the hotel. Mr. GARDNER advised that the following guards were on duty at the hotel during the night of June 4, 1968 and the early morning hours of June 5, 1968:

Guards - Employees of the Hotel:

S. KAWALEC  
502 South Westlake Avenue  
Los Angeles, California  
telephone HU 3-6171

PAT MURPHY  
111 South Oxford Avenue  
Los Angeles, California  
telephone DU 3-3653

WILLIAM A. FRANKLIN  
806 Edgewood Street  
Inglewood, California  
telephone 674-0364

ARTHUR MADDOX  
744 South Catalina Street  
Los Angeles, California  
telephones 389-8147 and 383-1716

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SAM TROUT  
833 North Normandie  
Los Angeles, California  
telephone NO 5-7728

THOMAS PEREZ  
538 South Lorena Street  
telephone AN 9-4387

JACK GRUGAN  
3003 Leeward Avenue,  
Apartment 17  
Los Angeles, California  
telephone 387-1273

HAROLD PEDERSON  
3654 West 59th Street  
Los Angeles, California  
telephone AX 1-7533

LLOYD CURTIS  
2522 Lucerne  
Los Angeles, California  
telephone 734-4987

DAVID CRITES  
4233 Gateway Avenue  
Los Angeles, California  
telephone 664-7004

JAMES (last name illegible)  
5640 Santa Monica Boulevard  
telephone HO 9-5806

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Guards from Ace Guard Service,  
8720 Woodley Avenue  
Sepulveda, California:

WILLIE S. BELL  
4515 Lexington Avenue  
Hollywood, California  
telephone 665-4822 and 629-4789

ELMER M. BOOMHOWER  
10156 Collett Avenue  
Granada Hills, California  
telephone 892-7123

THAINE CESAR  
1852 Morley Street  
Simi, California  
telephone 805-526-0574

AUGUSTUS MALLARD  
557 West Imperial Highway  
telephone 755-8053

JACK J. MERRITT  
10109 Swinton Street  
Sepulveda, California  
telephone 892-7892

ALBERT LOUIS STOWERS  
13577 Mercer Street  
Pacoima, California  
telephone 899-6579 and 787-4100

Mr. GARDNER advised except for the two guards who were with him, whose names were mentioned above, he is not certain where the other guards listed were located at the time of the shooting.

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Mr. GARDNER advised that he had moved the guards from place to place during the evening at the request of the Fire Department and some of the KENNEDY aides.

He advised that Senator KENNEDY had been a guest at the hotel on previous occasions during the present campaign and that during his previous visits to the hotel, it was made clear to he, GARDNER, that the Senator did not want any uniformed security guards in his presence nor did he want any armed individuals as guards.

Mr. GARDNER said that this is one of the reasons why he did not have any guards assigned to escort the Senator through the hotel during this visit.

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Mr. FILIBERTO GONZALEZ, JR., 2036 Vineburn Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number CA 1-2658, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as an assistant maitre d'. He furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, he worked from 7:00 a.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. He left the hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968 and did not return to the hotel until approximately 7:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968.

He did not hear of the shootings that took place at the hotel until he awoke sometime prior to 7:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968. He has seen photographs of the individual accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY and he has also observed this person on television. He stated he had not seen this individual prior to seeing the news photographs or television appearances.

GONZALEZ advised that he was born in Juarez, Mexico on [REDACTED] and has Social Security No. [REDACTED]

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MAROF MOHAMMAD BADRAN, also known as Maruf Muhammad Badran, 5733 Benner Street, Apartment 7, Highland Park section, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 254-0434, was interviewed at his apartment home.

BADRAN advised that he is a student at the Pasadena City College (PCC), Pasadena, California.

He stated that he was born on [REDACTED] at Silwan, a suburb of Jerusalem, Jordan. He stated that he entered the United States at Los Angeles on August 25, 1965, on a non-immigrant visa dated August 6, 1965, at Valencia, Spain, as a student, passport number [REDACTED]

He stated that he enrolled at PCC in September 1965, and continues as a student as of the present time.

BADRAN advised that he is employed part-time as a "box boy" at Kory's Market, York Boulevard and Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California.

BADRAN advised that approximately one week after coming to the United States, he went with his brother, GHALEB BADRAN, to an Arab "Festival" in Glendale, California, the location of which he could not recall.

BADRAN advised that at this festival, he was introduced to SIRHAN SIRHAN, a Jordanian who was a sometimes student at PCC. He stated that following this festival, he saw SIRHAN in or around PCC. He advised that he does not think that SIRHAN was attending the college at the time but he got the impression that he was coming around the school because of his association with students and friends at the college.

BADRAN advised that SIRHAN was a rather quiet type of an individual and that he did not appear to have any real close friends.

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BADRAN advised that on two or three occasions, he had coffee with SIRHAN at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, which is located on Colorado Boulevard adjacent to PCC.

BADRAN advised that he has never been a close friend of SIRHAN, has never been in his company for any extended period and has only seen him and talked with him in casual meetings around the college.

He stated that he last saw SIRHAN on Tuesday evening, June 4, 1968, at approximately 7:00 PM. He stated that on this occasion, he had stayed at the school library to study for a test which he was having the next day. He stated that at about 7:00 PM, he went from the library to the college cafeteria for coffee with ANWAR SAOIG and ABDUL MALKI. He stated that shortly after they arrived at the cafeteria, SIRHAN and an Indian student, whose name is MISTIG (Last Name Unknown)(LNU), came in the cafeteria and over to the table which they were occupying. He stated that they engaged in general non-specific conversation, the text of which he could not recall. He stated that after one or two minutes after SIRHAN and MISTIG appeared, an Armenian girl, NURA (LNU), came by with some of her paintings and she asked him, MAROF, to help her carry the paintings to her classroom. Then, on his way back to the library, he saw SIRHAN and MISTIG leaving the cafeteria. BADRAN stated that the time interval between his arrival at the cafeteria and SIRHAN's appearance was not more than one or two minutes and that the interval from the time BADRAN left the cafeteria until he saw SIRHAN leaving the campus center was about ten minutes.

He stated that SIRHAN did not appear to be emotionally upset or disturbed in any manner but that he seemed in a "pleasant mood".

BADRAN advised that he does not recall specifically what SIRHAN was wearing but he believes that he was wearing casual clothes.

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BADRAN advised that he later went to his apartment with ABDUL MALKI and FARUK BADAWI to study for the final exam to be held the next morning.

BADRAN advised that he was not aware of the identity of the alleged assassin of Senator KENNEDY until around 11:00 AM on June 5, 1968. He stated that after the examination was over at the college, he and ABDUL MALKI went to MALKI's home and it was during the time they were having lunch that he learned, via television, that SIRHAN was identified as the alleged assassin. He stated that he was shocked as SIRHAN seemed like a quiet, pleasant individual whom he did not believe was capable of such a crime.

He stated that in his limited association with SIRHAN, he has never heard SIRHAN express any resentment or animosity towards either Senator KENNEDY or the United States Government.

BADRAN stated he was not sure of the exact spellings of any of the names he had given to the interviewing Agents other than his own and his brother's, but they were as close as he could recall. He said he did not know the address or telephone number for ANWAR SAOIG nor did he know the address for ABDUL MALKI, but MALKI's telephone number is 792-3430 and MALKI resided somewhere in the nearby Pasadena area.

BADRAN stated that he does not know of any girl friends or close associates or friends of SIRHAN.

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GHALEB MOHAMMAD BADRAN, also known as Ghaleb Muhd Ahmad Badran, Apartment 7, 5733 Benner Street, Highland Park section, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his apartment home.

BADRAN advised that he entered the United States at New York on January 31, 1961, on a non-immigrant visa as a student, passport number [REDACTED]

BADRAN stated that immediately after arriving in Los Angeles in February 1961, he enrolled as a student at Pacific College, Los Angeles, California. He stated that he subsequently attended Pasadena City College (PCC) from September 1961, until June 1963, and is currently enrolled as a student in Television Speech and Arts at Columbia College, 2328 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

BADRAN advised that he was employed part-time as a salesman for the Broadway Department Stores at the Pasadena and Crenshaw Stores, from September 1965, until February 1968. He stated he is now employed as a salesman by the Silwani Company, an import gift shop owned by his uncle, MUSTAFA SIAM, at 6519 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

BADRAN advised that he first met SIRHAN SIRHAN at PCC where they both were students. He stated he believes that he met SIRHAN in the fall of 1963. He stated that he does not recall who introduced him to SIRHAN but that he is sure that he met him at the International Club at the college, which club is an association of American and foreign students primarily established for social activities.

He stated that he has, on occasion, had coffee with SIRHAN at the college. He stated that he has never socialized with SIRHAN and has only been in his company by chance meetings at activities off the campus with one exception; that exception being a time, after learning that SIRHAN was interested

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in horses and horse racing, when he decided to go with SIRHAN to the Santa Anita Race Track at Arcadia, California. He stated that he has seen SIRHAN on a number of occasions at the Santa Anita Race Track.

He stated that he thought SIRHAN to be a very intelligent, quiet and nice mannered individual.

He stated that he discussed politics very little with SIRHAN and never discussed the Arabic - Israeli War with him. He stated that their conversations always were about horses.

BADRAN stated that he was watching television at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot, however, he did not learn who the alleged assassin was until sometime the next morning when he heard this news on television.

BADRAN stated that he was shocked upon learning that the alleged assassin was SIRHAN SIRHAN.

BADRAN stated that he last saw SIRHAN SIRHAN at the Santa Anita Race Track in February 1968.

BADRAN stated that in his limited association with SIRHAN, he has never heard SIRHAN express any resentment or animosity towards either Senator KENNEDY or the United States Government.

BADRAN stated that he does not know of any girl friends or close friends or associates of SIRHAN.

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ABDO JABRA MALKI, 356 South Waldo, Pasadena, telephone 792-3430, was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information:

He first met SIRHAN SIRHAN on June 4, 1968, in the cafeteria at the Pasadena City College (PCC). MALKI was at the campus center studying for an examination and at about ten minutes before 7:00 p.m., he left the center with MAROUF BADRAN and ANOUR SAIGH and went to the cafeteria on the campus to have a cup of coffee before going to a 7:00 class. Just after MALKI had obtained his coffee and was seated at the table, SIRHAN came in and walked over to their table and was introduced by BADRAN or introduced himself. MALKI could not recall if anyone came in with SIRHAN or after him, but did remember another person at the table, whom he could only describe as being "fat".

MALKI stated SIRHAN was engaged in conversation with ANOUR SAIGH about their travel to the United States and how they had come by plane and ship. He said they had both entered the United States about 12 years ago.

MALKI was only at the table between five and ten minutes when he and SAIGH left because they both had classes at 7:00 and it was about two minutes till 7:00 when they left.

MALKI said he could not recall anything specific about SIRHAN and that his first and only impression was that SIRHAN was a "small guy" who was laughing and smiling during the meeting.

MALKI did not recall SIRHAN until the following morning when he and MAROUF BADRAN were watching television and learned that SIRHAN had been accused of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. It was when BADRAN reminded MALKI of who SIRHAN was that he remembered meeting him the night before.

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MALKI stated he entered the United States at Seattle, Washington, on July 22, 1967, on a Jordanian passport, number [REDACTED]. He came to the United States as a permanent resident and is presently unemployed, being engaged as a full-time student at PCC.

MALKI reiterated he had never seen SIRHAN prior to their meeting in the cafeteria and would not have been able to identify him had it not been for the photograph on television the following morning. He did not remember what type or color of clothing that SIRHAN was wearing when they met, only that SIRHAN was dressed casually and it was not a suit or tie.

MALKI said he does not know where SAIGH lives but it is somewhere in the Pasadena area and his telephone number is 793-8768.

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"Torrance, California  
June 7, 1968

"I, Harold L. Burba, reside at 20503 Osage Avenue, Torrance, California. I am employed by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, at 217 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

"I have been advised of the identities of interviewing agents -- that they are special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I voluntarily furnish the following signed statement.

"On the night of June 4, 1968, I was on official duty at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles to take pictures of any violation of fire regulations. This was done at the request of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

"At around mid-night I was sitting across the hall which runs along the north side of the Embassy Room. I observed Senator Kennedy and his party pass where I was sitting and go out of sight around a door way and I believe that he had gone on into the Embassy Room.

"There were several stragglers following the Senator's party. One of them came to my attention due to the way he was looking from side to side as though he was observing the layout of the area or the people around the area. He was also carrying what appeared to be a rolled up poster in his hands. It appeared to be a roll about two feet long and three to four inches in diameter. As I saw a rolled up poster, similar to the one I had previously seen being held in the air in the hall, while the Senator was apparently in the Embassy Room. Sometime later the Senator's party was leaving the Embassy Room

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"and moving down toward the Press Room at the end of the hall. I did not actually see Senator Kennedy at this time but by the movement of the crowd I was under the impression that he was in the group.

"I heard what sounded like three shots fairly close, followed by several more at random intervals. They sounded like they came from a cap pistol. I also saw what appeared to be flashes from the shots. At this time I had the impression of someone standing on a table and firing a gun at a downward angle.

"I moved toward where this activity had happened and learned that Senator Kennedy had been shot. I got my camera and returned and began to take pictures. I took five pictures of the activity. I then learned that in addition to Senator Kennedy, several others had been shot. I also became aware that some of the commotion was caused by several others subduing the person who apparently had done the shooting.

"I later left the ambassador Hotel and went to Fire Department Headquarters. Enroute I wondered whether the person I had seen following the Senator's party with the poster had been involved in the shooting. However, after I arrived at Headquarters I heard a newscast that described the suspect as possibly a Negro or Mexican man about 25 years of age. I recalled the person I had seen with the poster as about that description but with a complexion too light to be described as Negro or Mexican. The man I had seen had a full head of black hair and he was wearing a blue shirt or blue jacket and possibly dark trousers.

"I later saw newspaper pictures of the person charged with the shooting and I felt that it was the same person I had seen following Senator Kennedy and carrying the poster.

"The pictures I took showed several people struggling with a man who apparently had done the shooting. One picture showed Senator Kennedy on the floor surrounded by people. The foot and a portion of the leg of one of the other victims was also shown in the picture of Senator Kennedy. One of the pictures only showed the backs of some bystanders. Another picture showed a man standing on a table next to the wall near where the Senator had been shot.



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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and four other pages which I have read and initialed and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"s/ Harold L. Burba

"Witnessed:

"/s William E. White, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/7/68.  
"/s Samuel J. Felton, Special Agent, F.B.I., Los Angeles  
6/7/68."