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On June 15, 1968, SAMIRA J. HADDAD, 1232 Mc Clellen Drive, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

She had contemplated vacation travel to the United Arab Republic on or about June 25, 1968, via a charter flight. These plans were only tentative and she has now abandoned plans to travel abroad.

Miss HADDAD said she is a native born American citizen of Lebanese derivation and she does not know, nor does she have information of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, other than that information which was obtained by her from the newspapers concerning the ROBERT F. KENNEDY assault, and assassination. She stated she was not at the Ambassador Hotel on the night that Senator KENNEDY was mortally wounded and that she does not have a polkadot dress in her wardrobe.

Miss HADDAD deplored this violence and said she was a supporter of another Democratic candidate in the recent California primary elections. She informed she has a slight acquaintance among people of Arabic origin and noted she is not of Jordanian or Palestinian derivation, but specifically of Lebanese derivation. She emphasized this point and pointed out that it was her understanding SIRHAN is of Palestinian derivation or connection.

She advised she could furnish no information regarding the KENNEDY assassination and she would be available for recontact at any time by the FBI.

A description of HADDAD was obtained during interview and follows:

Name Age Born

SAMIRA J. HADDAD 27 years April 20, 1941

at Willimantic, Connecticut

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Residence

1232½ Mc Clellen Drive Los Angeles, California 479-\$874 5'6" 120 pounds

Telephone Number

Height Weight

Hair

Black

Eyes Epmplexion Dark Brown

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Occupation

Weacher, Willowbrook Elementary School, Los Angeles

Marital Status

Single

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JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO, 475 South Mc Donald Street, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a busboy.

He furnished the following information, including the signed statement set out below:

"Los Angeles, California June 6, 1968

"I, JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO, hereby furnish the following voluntary statement to ROBERT F. PICKARD and WILLIAM A. BAILEY, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I could be required to testify in court regarding this matter

"I was born June 24, 1950, at Masatan, Mexico. I entered the United States approximately 1962. I reside with my stepfather, FLAVIANO ROMERO, and my mother, ANTONIA ROMERO, at 475 Mc Donald Street, Los Angeles, California. I am in grade A-11 at Rosevelt High School, Los Angeles, California I am employed as a room service busboy at the Ambassador Hotel and have been so employed for approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ years

"On June 4, 1968, I arrived at the hotel at approximately 3:30 p.m and was assigned to room service as a busboy I assisted the waiters with the deliveries to the various rooms. These duties took me to the kitchen on several occasions. There were eight or ten waiters assigned to room service and two busboys including myself. Because there were so many waiters assigned I had freedom to move around.

"At approximately midnight I was in the Embassy Room with JOSE CARDENAS and NICOLAS VALENZUELA. I

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"observed Senator KENNEDY completing his talk to the people in the Embassy Room and noticed him shaking hands with the people.

"I knew he was about to leave the Embassy Room and that he would pass through the hallway near the kitchen. My companions and I rushed over to the hallway to await Mr. KENNEDY so that we could shake his hand. I had shaken hands with Senator KENNEDY on two previous occasions.

"I took a position in the hallway just in front of the opening that leads to the kitchen. There were approximately 15 to 20 people in the hallway.

"Senator KENNEDY came through the door accompanied by approximately five men. He seemed to recognize me. I was smiling and Senator KENNEDY was smiling. He held out his hand and I shook it. Senator KENNEDY kept walking for approximately one or two steps.

"I continued to observe him and I noticed a man who was to my left and who was smiling and who appeared to be reaching over someone in an effort to shake Senator KENNEDY's hand.

"At about the same time I heard gunfire and I noticed that this individual was holding a gun in his hand, which hand not recalled, and that the gun was approximately one yard from Senator KENNEDY's head

"I observed Senator KENNEDY placing his hands to his face and he staggered backwards a few steps and slumped to the floor.

"I immediately turned my attention completely to Senator KENNEDY and I ignored the gunman. I knelt on the floor at Senator KENNEDY's left side and I placed my right hand behind his head and slightly lifted his head. At this time I felt blood in my right hand.

"I said, "Come on Mr. KENNEDY you can make it." His lips moved and he seemed to say, "Is everybody all right?" I heard someone say, "Throw that gum away Mr. KENNEDY," and I noticed he was chewing gum. I started to reach for the gum but did not as I did not want to put my fingers in his mouth. His right eye was wide open and his left eye was opening and closing.

"A white man, age not known, handed me a rosary and said, "Keep this Mr. KENNEDY." This man said something else which I could not understand I placed the rosary around Senator KENNEDY's thumb and folded it in his left hand. He moved the hand with the rosary up to his chest.

"I looked up and I noticed that several people were taking pictures of Senator KENNEDY with cameras and TV cameras. I shouted for a doctor and a tall white man, approximately 30 - 35 years old, approached Senator KENNEDY, took off his coat and folded it and placed the coat under Senator KENNEDY's head.

"I got up from the floor and I noticed another man who was on the floor and who had blood on his forehead. This individual was very still.

"At about the time I got up, Mrs. KENNEDY came rushing up and pushed me out of the way

"I went to see if the gunman was in custody. I saw a man who was being held down on the heating table by at least four men. I noticed that ROOSEVELT GRIER was one of the men and he was holding part of the man. GRIER had the gun away from the man at the time. I saw RAFER JOHNSON take the gun from GRIER. CARL, one of the headwaiters, was holding the man's head and a small Japanese cook was holding down the man's right arm.

"The man I observed holding the gun and shooting Senator KENNEDY is the same individual I later observed being held by two Los Angeles Police Officers as they were taking him from the hotel.

"I do not recall ever having seen the individual who did the shooting prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY

"I have read this statement of this page and four other pages. It is true and correct.

"/s/ JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO

"Witnesses:
"/s/ ROBERT F. PICKARD, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/6/68.
"/s/ WILLIAM A. BAILEY, SA, FBI, Los Angeles, California, 6/6/68."

ROMERO stated that he did not know how many shots were fired but that there were more than one. He said that there may have been some pause between shots, but he could not estimate the time of the pause. He did not notice any prolonged pause between any of the shots.

While he was assisting Senator KENNEDY, he heard someone say, "Get the gun, get the gun" several times, and he also heard people scuffling. He did not pay any attention to the individuals who were scuffling as he was concentrating his attention on Senator KENNEDY.

He did not notice the other individuals who were wounded except for the man who was lying on the floor with the blood on his forehead

Approximately two days before the shooting occurred, date and time not recalled, he was working at the hotel when he was approached by two white males. He recalls that one of the white males was very stout, approximately six feet tall and approximately 45 years old. He does not recall any of the description of the other individual. The stout one talked to him and asked him where he could get a hotel jacket similar to the one that ROMERO was wearing. He told ROMERO that they were police officers, but ROMERO did not ask for or see any identification.

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ROMERO reluctantly took these individuals down to the supply room area, but when they arrived there, the supply room was closed.

Both of these individuals were wearing a KENNEDY sign which was secured with a chain around their necks.

He has not seen these individuals since the above occasion and had not ever seen them before. They did not say why they wanted the jackets.

ROMERO stated that photographs of the individual he has seen in the newspapers and on television are the same individual be observed shooting Senator KENNEDY.

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Mr. JOHN T. HARRIS, Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services, Pasadena Unified School District, Education Center, 351 South Hudson, made available the academic file of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, date of birth March 19, 1944. HARRIS advised that the file contained three documents containing personal information regarding SIRHAN; two documents regarding his academic courses during elementary and secondary school; one document regarding notification of parents in case of an emergency, dated September 24, 1958; one grade report to parents from Eliot Junior High School; one admittance record from Eliot Junior High School; and one polio immunization statement for SIRHAN dated January 7, 1963. HARRIS stated that several other documents were in the file which reflected duplicate academic information which was contained on SIRHAN's secondary cumulative record. HARRIS furnished nine documents, a review of which disclosed the following information:

Pasadena City Schools, Elementary Registration form, Henry W. Longfellow School, dated January 21, 1957, for SIRHAN SIRHAN. This document is a $8\frac{1}{2}$ " by 11" printed form, handwritten in pencil. HARRIS furnished the original copy and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached.

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Emergency Card Instructions, Child Welfare Department, for SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, dated September 2^{1} , 1958. This document is described as a 4^{11} by 5^{11} white printed form, WSN 10685, written in blue ink. HARRIS furnished the original copy and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached:

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HARRIS furnished a photostatic copy of the Pupil
Personnel Record, Pasadena City Elementary School for
SIRHAN SIRHAN. This document is 8" by 13" blue manila
record of SIRHAN's elementary school work. No receipt
was given.

Name SIRHAN SIRHAN (first and last na are the same)

Date of Birth March 19, 1944

Verification Passport

Place of Birth Jerusalem, Jordan (January 1957)
1321 North Mentor

Grade Sixth (January 1957)
Father BISHARA SALAMEH SIRHAN
Race Arabian

Race Arabian
Present work Gardner
Mother MARY SIRHAN

Number of people

living in home (January 1957)

Two brothers, one sister

Remarks concerning

the home (January 1957)
Sponsor in this country:

HALDOR LILLENAS

1945 East Mountain

Health and physical

condition (January 1957)

General health good;

(June 1957) Good

Registration and

Transfer Data Lutheran School - Jerusalem;

Longfellow, January 21, 1957, E-1

Grade 6, Teacher FRALEY Date left - June 1957; Transferred to Marshall

CITIZENSHIP	GRADE 6
Social Responsibilities Work and Study Habits Health Safety Practices	B B B A
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE	
Reading Arithmetic Written English Oral English Spelling Social Studies Handwriting Art Music Science Physical Education	C C C B C C B C C D
ATTENDANCE	
Days Present Days Absent Times Tardy	89 1 -
UNITS, SUBJECTS & ACTIVITIES	Grade 5
Communications F.F. South America F.F.	

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

January, 1957	Having only been in this country a short time he does have a language handicap. He tries hard and is
	showing improvement in all areas. F.F.
June, 1957	Improvement has been noted in all areas. F.F.

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SIGNIFICANT BEHAVIOR

January 1957 Friendly, cooperative, and well

liked by all. Very well mannered.

F. F.

June 1957 He has adjusted very nicely to

his new environment making many

new friends. F. F.

Pasadena City Schools, Health Department form for SIRHAN SIRHAN, undated. This document is a $8\frac{1}{2}$ " by $11\frac{1}{4}$ " white printed form, handwritten in pencil, regarding SIRHAN's health. HARRIS furnished the original copy and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached; the original is being maintained in Los Angeles file.

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Information blank, Pasadena City Schools, Eliot Junior High School, dated October 28, 1958, for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. This document is a $8\frac{1}{2}$ " by 11" blue printed form, WSN 10537, dated October 28, 1958, written in blue ballpoint pen. HARRIS furnished the original copy and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached:

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Pasadena City Schools, Junior High Report to Parents, for SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. This document is described as a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " by $3\frac{1}{2}$ " green printed form, WSN 10597. HARRIS advised that the handwritten name SIRHAN SIRHAN on this document may be that of SIRHAN's, but that he could not positively identify it as SIRHANS. HARRIS furnished the original copy of this document and a receipt was given. A photographic copy of this document is attached

Pasadena City High School District, Attendance Summary for SIRHAN SIRHAN. This form is a 5½" by 8" form from Eliot and Marshall Junior High School, which disclosed that SIRHAN missed only one day of school between September, 1957 and June 1950. In the blank for comments is a statement "entered September 15, 1958, withdrew October 27, 1958." HARRIS furnished a copy of this record and no receipt was given.

Pasadena City Schools, Secondary Cumulative Record, Student Code 792560 for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. This document is described as a $9\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ blue manila. record sheet with photo attached. HARRIS furnished the original copy and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached.

Polio Immunization Statement, dated 1/7/63, for SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. This document is a 5" by 8" white printed form, WSN 10919, with appointment card attached. HARRIS furnished the original copy, and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached

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HARRIS advised that he had requested on June 5, 1958, that all of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's records be sent to him from John Muir High School, and that he had received them on June 5, 1958. HARRIS advised he had done this to prevent public disclosure of these records, which would be contrary to the policies of the Pasadena Unified School District and law of California. HARRIS advised that these records are available to representatives of appropriate Governmental agencies. HARRIS advised that he was maintaining this file in his office under lock and key.

HARRIS advised that he also had in his possession, the file of MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN, and would furnish copies of this file to agents.

HARRIS stated that he could find no record of attendance for any other member of the SIRHAN family in the Pasadena schools. HARRIS advised that persons over the age of 18 would not attend in the Pasadena School System and would probably have attended Pasadena City College, even though their level of achievement was below that of the high school standards.

HARRIS advised that he had no personal contact with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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GRIGOR H. NAVASARTIAN, Electrician in the Maintenance Department of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at 124 North 10th Street, Montebello, California, with phone No. 724-4732.

NAVASARTIAN advised that on the morning of June 5, 1968, he was on duty at the Ambassador Hotel, and at approximately 12:30 a.m. that date, he had gone up to the Embassy Room from the Ambassador Ballroom at the hotel. When he left the bank of television cameras, CHARLIE (REDMIER), the Chief Electrician, told him that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot.

NAVASARTIAN advised that he had no previous knowledge of this incident, did not see the incident, and to his knowledge, had not seen the individual suspected of shooting Senator KENNEDY.

NAVASARTIAN furnished the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Sex Male
Race White
Birth Data April 2, 1924, Baku, Russia
Height 5'6"
Weight 183 pounds
Build Husky
Wife ROSA NAVASARTIAN

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WILLIE (no middle initial) FRANKLIN, Maintenance Man, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at the Hotel Ohio, 11042 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, California.

FRANKLIN advised that he was on duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968. approximately 12:20 a.m. that date, he was at the guard post at the entrance by the employees time clock, when he saw a large number of people running around in a frantic manner. He heard some of these people say, "A man is shot". Also, he heard some say, "KENNEDY's shot". FRANKLIN advised that this was the first he knew of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, and saw nothing concerning the actual shooting, and to his knowledge, he had not seen the individual who allegedly shot Senator KENNEDY.

FRANKLIN furnished the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Male

Sex Race Birth Data Height Weight Hair Eyes Complexion Build Marital Status Social Security Number

Negro October 1, 1912, Houma, Louisiana 516" 136 pounds Black Brown

Slight Single

Dark brown

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SA JOHN H. BORGMAN/rlz

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Mr. GLEN WOERDEHOOF, 11251 Duncan Avenue, advised as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN EVRA reside next door to him at 11247 Duncan Avenue. He described them as being people of excellent character, good neighbors and as being apparently loyal Americans. He said that they had recently come from Israel and they were definitely Jewish and anti-Jordanian. He said that as early as the morning of June 7, 1968, he had talked with Mrs. EVRA and that she, at that time, had expressed great concern and regret over the death of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. Upon observing a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN he, WOERDEXOF, stated that this person has never visited the EVRA's residence to his knowledge. He said that they have several sons one of which is of the same general physical make up as SIRHAN. He said that this son is usually home on the weekends and that he does drive a dark colored car. He stated that there was another son, name unknown, who drives a white Mustang.

Mr. WOERDEHOOF reiterated that he was positive of the EVRA's being a "Jewish" family as they often talked to him about going to the synagogue and other aspects of their religion.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was arraigned in Department 100 of Los Angeles County Superior Court, before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge ARTHUR L. ALARCON, in proceedings which commenced 5:48 p.m., June 7, 1968. The proceedings were held in the Chapel Facility of the new Los Angeles County Jail, 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, California. Judge ALARCON announced that the reasons for holding the proceedings in that facility were two-fold:

- 1. Because of the defendant's physical condition.
- 2. To insure appropriate security.

The indictment against SIRHAN was read by Deputy District Attorney JOHN E. HOWARD, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. SIRHAN was represented by WILBUR L. LITTLEFIELD, Chief Trial Deputy for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. Also present in court at the specific request of Judge ALARCON, was A. L. WIRIN, a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union. WIRIN conferred with SIRHAN prior to arraignment at the request of SIRHAN.

Defender LITTLEFIELD requested the Judge to order an examination of SIRHAN by two psychiatrists, which was approved by the court. This psychiatric examination was for the benefit of the defense only, and the court ordered that the examining doctors not divulge the results of their findings to anyone other than the defense. At the request of the defense counsel, Judge ALARCON fixed date of June 28, 1968, at 9:00 a.m., for plea and further proceedings.

The defendant was observed being brought into the Chapel Facility in a wheel chair. It was also observed that the defendant left the Chapel Facility in a wheel chair.

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IRENE WISHNUCK, laundry room employee at the Ambassador Hotel, furnished the following information:

She started work on June 4, 1968, at 11:00 p.m., and got off duty at 7:00 a.m., the next morning. She stayed in the laundry room the whole time, and never went upstairs. She had no firsthand knowledge as to the shooting that occurred upstairs. WISHNUCK was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and she advised she had never seen him before.

The only unusual incident that WISHNUCK could recall happening in the last several weeks was that some time during the afternoon of June 3, 1968, a Negro male over six feet tall, medium build and about 30 years old, asked for a busboys uniform but he did not have the necessary card with which to obtain the uniform. When she told him he had to have such a card, he said nothing and just walked away. She had never seen the man before, and she has never seen him since then.

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Mrs. GLADYS SARAH SHARRETT, Waitress, Coffee Shop, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised that she was on duty from approximately 12 noon until 8:45 p.m., June 4, 1968, and worked the same duty schedule June 5, 1968. Mrs. SHARRETT stated that she spent the entire duty period in the coffee shop and was never upstairs near the KENNEDY For President Campaign Headquarters.

She was displayed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated that she had never seen an individual resembling SIRHAN in or about the hotel on June 4, 1968.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

> Sex Female Race White Birth Data

March 31, 1905

Rock Island County,

Illinois

Social Security

Number

Marital Status

Married

CLARENCE SHARRETT

(retired)

Residence 724 South Mariposa

Apartment 302

Los Angeles, California

Telephone None

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Mr. CORNELIS DEKKER, 718 East Howard Street, Pasadena, was telephonically contacted at his place of employment, Electrical Optical Systems, Halstead Street, Pasadena, and he furnished the following information voluntarily:

He was not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of the SIRHAN family and he could not provide any pertinent information regarding SIRHAN's friends or acquaintances.

On June 4, 1968, Mr. DEKKER was working and did not return home until approximately 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN that day nor could he provide any information regarding SIRHAN's activities on that day or any other day.

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Mr. BRANDON LAMONT, 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, furnished the following informations

Mr. LAMONT has lived next door to the home of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street for approximately the past 18 months; however, he has had little or no contact with the SIRHAN family other than to say hello to SIRHAN SIRHAN and SIRHAN's mother, MARY, and prior to June 5, 1968, he did not even know the name of the family living next door. Mr. LAMONT described himself and his wife, JANE, as members of the Peace and Freedom Party and ardent supporters of Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY. During the California primary he had displayed MC CARTHY posters on the front porch of his home, however, he did not receive any comments or criticisms from any member of the SIRHAN household nor did any member of the SIRHAN household attempt to engage him in a political conversation.

Mr. LAMONT described SIRHAN SIRHAN as a quiet, shy person who would not speak unless first spoken to. He never saw him with any person other than a member of his family, and he does not know of any friends or acquaintances he might have. No neighbors ever visited the SIRHAN family to his knowledge but he believes SIRHAN SIRHAN would visit the home immediately west of his own residence and also the residence located at 619 East Howard Street. He does not know the names of the persons residing in these homes, however.

SIRHAN SIRHAN drove a late model pale colored Volkswagen and also a white over pink Chevrolet or De Soto and one of SIRHAN's brothers, name unknown, drove a 1962 or 1963 white Chevrolet. These are the only vehicles seen in front of the SIRHAN home, according to Mr. LAMONT, and this was the best description he could provide for these vehicles.

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Mr. LAMONT did not know how many people lived in the home of SIRHAN SIRHAN nor the names of these people but he did state that he never **saw** any firearms being handled by the residents of that home.

Mr. LAMONT did not recall seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN on June 4, 1968, nor could he provide any information regarding his activities on that date.

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Mrs. JANE LAMONT, 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, furnished the following information!

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Mrs. LAMONT stated that during the morning hours prior to 11:00 AM, and at later times on days she assumed SIRHAN SIRHAN was off from work, she would see him walking on neighborhood streets or sitting in the Santa Catalina Branch library on Washington Street, three blocks west of Lake Street, Pasadena. He would not speak to her at these times although she believes he did recognize her.

The only difficulties Mrs. LAMONT encountered living next door to the SIRHAN family was that the SIRHAN brothers would throw stones at the dogs owned by Mrs. LAMONT when these

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dogs would be making noise. SIRHAN SIRHAN particularly would poke sticks through the backyard fence in an effort to quiet the dogs. Also, approximately one and a half weeks ago, one of SIRHAN SIRHAN's brothers, name unknown, but not SIRHAN SIRHAN appeared to be drunk while driving his car up and down the street in front of the LAMONT home after 10:00 PM. Mrs. LAMONT could not provide any reason for this activity.

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She has lived at the above residence since December, 1966 but was not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN other than to say hello if they met on the street. She believes SIRHAN SIRHAN resided at 696 East Howard Street with two brothers and his mother, names unknown.

She never saw SIRHAN SIRHAN with anybody other than a member of his family, and she did not know any neighbors, friends or acquaintances who ever visited SIRHAN. SIRHAN SIRHAN, himself, however, appeared to be very friendly with the garbage collectors who service Howard Street and almost every Wednesday, he would talk with these men at length. The last time Mrs. DEKKER saw SIRHAN SIRHAN was Wednesday, May 29, 1968, when he took one of these garbage collectors in his car, which could only be described as pink and white by Mrs. DEKKER, to a nearby Orange Julius from which they returned with soft drinks for the other garbage collectors. She described the collectors as those who come by every Wednesday.

Mrs. DEKKER advised she never had any difficulty with SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of his family. She added, however, that one afternoon approximately ten days ago, she heard what she now feels might have been a pistol shot resound through the neighborhood. She thought at the time that it was just a loud noise and could not provide any pertinent information regarding it. She me ver saw any firearms in the possession of any member of the SIRHAN family.

She could not recall seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN on June 4, 1968 nor could she provide any pertinent information regarding his activities on that date.

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Mr. HARRY SNOW, 728 East Howard, Pasadena, furnished the following information:

Although he has lived at the above address for approximately six years, he was not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN, nor could he provide the names of any friends or acquaintances of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

For the past six months, Mr. SNOW has been recuperating from a heart attack and ensuing complications which have affected his ability to walk. Therefore, his activities have been limited to his immediate household and he could not provide any information regarding SIRHAN SIRHAN's activities on June 4, 1968, nor any pertinent background information regarding SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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Mr. JOHN J. AMBROSE, Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was in the area of the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, when he heard a news bulletin on his car radio that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that he arrived approximately 15 minutes after the shooting. Upon entering the main entrance of the hotel, a girl (SANDY SERRANO) came running up to him very excited and asked him to help her as she had to inform the proper authorities of a confrontation she had just had with a couple in the hallway of the hotel. AMBROSE advised that he told the girl that he would help her. He quieted her and asked what had happened. She replied that she was walking down the hall of the hotel when a man and woman approached from the opposite direction. Both were walking and the girl stated "We just shot him". SERRANO then inquired what the girl meant by this and the girl stated "We just shot Senator KENNEDY". AMBROSE at this time asked SERRANO if the girl possibly could have said "They just shot him". SERRANO advised that she distinctly remembers that the girl used the pronoun we and mentioned the name Senator KENNEDY.

AMBROSE stated that SERRANO told him that she could identify both persons and furnished him with the following descriptions:

The girl was a white Caucasian, 22 to 23 years of age, 5'5", and wore a long sleeve white dress with black polka dots and bib collar. She possessed a very shapely figure. The man was about 23 years old, Mexican-American, had black hair, and wore a gold sweater.

AMBROSE added that he then took SERRANO into the building to the scene of the shooting where he turned her over to the investigating officers as a witness. He further added that SERRANO did have one girl friend accompanying her but could not recall if she was present when SERRANO told him of her confrontation with the couple in the hallway.

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SERRANO impressed AMBRÓSE as a very sincere person and although she was alarmed and excited over what was told her by the couple, she remained insistent in the wording of the girl's statements.

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THANE EUGENE CESAR, 1852 Morley, Simi, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California.

CESAR advised he is employed on a part-time pasis by the Ace Guard Service, 8720 Woodley Avenue, Sepulveda, California. CESAR stated in connection with this employment, he was assigned as a guard to the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

CESAR stated he arrived for work at the Ambassador Hotel that evening at 6:05 p.m. and was assigned to the Embassy Room for most of the evening. CESAR stated his main function during the early part of the evening was to patrol the entrance to the Embassy Room, control drunks, break up fights, and to keep young children from sneaking into the Embassy Room.

About 10:50 p.m. the Embassy Room was becoming so crowded that CESAR, at the request of the Los Angeles Fire Department, was assigned to the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room. CESAR stated his function at that point was to restrict people from entering the Embassy Room from the kitchen, allowing admittance only to KENNEDY staff members and members of the working press. CESAR stated that it was nearly impossible to control people entering the room since false press badges and staff buttons were prevalent. CESAR stated he noticed no one in the kitchen who was not wearing a business suit and noticed no one loitering in a suspicious manner.

At 11:50 p.m., CESAR was moved to the exit door leading from the Embassy Room into the Eitchen area by FRED A. MURPHY, Security Guard, Ambassador Hotel. CESAR stated at this time he was informed by MURPHY the plan was for Senator KENNEDY to leave the Embassy Room through this door after making his victory speech and proceed through the kitchen to the Colonial Room where a press conference was scheduled to be held. At approximately 12:10 a.m., Senator KENNEDY emerged from the Embassy Room into the corridor leading to the kitchen;

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and CESAR, holding Senator KENNEDY's right arm and holding the crowd back with his right hand, began to escort the Senator through the crowd.

As the Senator entered the kitchen from the corridor, approximately ten feet from a steam table, KENNEDY pulled loose from CESAR's grasp and proceeded over to shake hands with a busboy. At this time, CESAR attempted to stay as close to KENNEDY as possible and at the same time, trying to control the crowd. As KENNEDY was shaking hands with a busboy, CESAR looked up and suddenly saw a hand sticking out of the crowd between two camera men and the hand was holding a gun. continued he was blinded by the brilliant lights and could not see the face of the individual holding the gun. Just as CESAR started to move to jump on the gun, he saw the red flash come from the muzzle. At the same time, CESAR was shoved by an unknown individual, and the next thing he remembered he was on the floor against the ice machine. CESAR stated he was approximately four feet from the gun when it went off and that Senator KENNEDY was approximately two feet from the gun.

CESAR scrambled to his feet, drew his gun, and moved to the Senator. At this time, CESAR stated there were several men on top of the assassin trying to get the gun from his grasp. CESAR stated he took a position next to the Senator's body to protect him from further attack, and about three minutes later was given orders by Ambassador Security Guard MURPHY to get to the Embassy Room doors and keep the crowd out. CESAR took his position at the Embassy Room door inside the Embassy Room and stayed there until approximately 2:00 a.m. controlling the crowd.

CESAR stated he did not see SIRHAN at all during the evening and never saw anyone in the kitchen area that was dressed in anything other than a suit except for one television employee who turned out to be a delivery man. IA 56-156

CESAR estimated there were approximately fifty persons in the kitchen area at the time of the shooting. This included kitchen help, newsmen, and campaign workers. CESAR recalled the room was in utter confusion but there appeared to be very little movement of people and he cannot recall seeing anyone attempting to flee from the room. CESAR added he cannot recall seeing any female wearing a white dress with black polka dots.

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Mrs. MARION WALDO, 670 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that she has resided at this address for approximately the past 20 years. She noted that possibly six years ago SIRHAN SIRHAN, his mother MARY and several brothers and a sister moved in at 696 East Howard Street, two doors down the street.

She advised that they were a very quiet reserved family, who kept to themselves and did not socialize with their neighbors. She advised that they were extremely quiet about their own family affairs almost to the extent she felt they were ashamed of something. She stated she only knew SIRHAN SIRHAN to say hello to and he impressed her as a quiet polite She stated that about two years ago SIRHAN's brother SHARIF had given some expensive gifts to his girl friend but she continued to date other fellows. Apparently this upset SHARIF quite a bit because she learned reading a newspaper account of how he placed a bomb in this girl friend's car. As she recalled it, SHARIF was caught while he was doing this and the girl was not injured. However, she stated that several times after this incident she saw him back on the street and she did not know how this incident came out. She further stated that this family was so quiet that when SIRHAN's sister died about one year ago they did not even know she was married until they read it in the newspaper. She stated they impressed her as being mysterious people.

She further stated that possibly one or two years ago Miss ANN SYLVAN and Mrs. OLIVE BLAKESLEE, next door neighbors to SIRHAN SIRHAN, had told her that MARY SIRHAN had informed them (SYLVAN and BLAKESLEE) that she was worried about her son, SIRHAN, because he was becoming too communistic. She could not recall any further details concerning this statement. However, she stated yesterday she talked to both Miss SYLVAN and Mrs. BLAKESLEE about this conversation and they both stated they could not recall SIRHAN's mother making the statement.

She advised she could furnish no further pertinent information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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STEPHEN WALDO, 670 East Howard, Pasadena, California, advised that he is age 23 years, but has never associated with SIRHAN SIRHAN, a neighbor who reportedly is age 24. He stated that he knew nothing derogatory concerning SIRHAN but that he felt that they had nothing in common. He knew none of SIRHAN's associates or activities and was unable to comment concerning his character.

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JOHN E. DICKERHOFF, 3211 Rubio Canyon Road, Altadena, California, advised that he is the Assistant Chairman of the Art Department at Pasadena, City College, Pasadena, California. He had previously been employed as a teacher at Muir High School, Pasadena, California. He recalled having had SIRHAN SIRHAN as a pupil in his crafts class about 1960, at Muir High School. He recalled SIRHAN only as a quiet, mediocre student, who did not associate with the other students at the school. He did not recall that SIRHAN had any close friends or associates.

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JOH California, advised that he is a counselor at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California. He had previously been employed in the same capacity at Muir High School, Pasadena, California.

He vaguely recalled SIRHAN SIRHAN as a pupil at Muir High School about 1960 - 1961, but could not recall anything specific about him.

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NORMA CASE, 3320½ Perlita Avenue, was interviewed at her residence and provided the following information:

She stated that she has been employed as the hospital dispatcher and switchboard operator for the Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, California, for 22 years.

She stated that she received a call apparently from the switchboard operator of the Ambassador Hotel, on June 5, 1968, at approximately 12:18 am, requesting an ambulance. She asked the person to whom she was talking the nature of the trouble. The person told her she did not know, but that she was told to call an ambulance. CASE asked her if it was someone sick, or if there had been an accident. The person told her she thought someone was injured, and "please hurry". CASE advised at this point, she could hear much excitement in the background and she asked the person where the ambulance was needed, and the person told her the Embassy Room. CASE advised that she would estimate this conversation lasted 20 to 30 seconds. She advised that she immediately dispatched ambulance unit G18, to the Ambassador, and then immediately notified the Los Angeles Police Department switchboard. She advised that the police switchboard operator wanted to know what had happened.

She advised that the ambulance which she dispatched to the Ambassador Hotel, arrived there at 12:20 am, or 12:25 am. She could not remember which. She advised that this ambulance arrived back at the Central Receiving Hospital at approximately 12:30 am.

She advised that seconds before the ambulance arrived back at Central Receiving Hospital, the Los Angeles Police Department switchboard notified her that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She stated at this time her switchboard was completely full with incoming calls. She said many of these were from other phones at the Ambassador Hotel.

She advised that she thinks she dispatched seven ambulance units to the Ambassador Hotel. She did not recall

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any of the times which these units were sent to the hotel, but stated the times were logged in the records of the Central Receiving Hospital.

She advised that from the time the ambulance arrived with Senator KENNEDY at the hospital, she was extremely busy handling incoming calls and a few other routine requests for ambulances. She advised that she received many, many, calls from persons wanting to know the condition of Senator KENNEDY. She advised them that his condition was critical, which ended the conversation. She stated that no one told her the condition of Senator KENNEDY, but she assumed that it was critical, and this was the easiest way to handle the inquiries coming in from the general public. She stated that she did not think that any of the calls she received were out of the ordinary. She thought that all of them were from persons who were just generally concerned about Senator KENNEDY. She did not recall any calls out of the ordinary.

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TIMOTHY PAUL RICH, age 22, 5501 South Acacia, telephone 0.X. 5-5406, employed as reporter, pnotographer and proofreader for the "Whittier Daily News", 7037 Comstock Avenue, telephone 0.X. 8-2571, was interviewed at his residence.

RICH stated that he had previously covered the KENNEDY campaign at the Biltmore Hotel approximately six weeks before. He covered this campaign from the time KENNEDY arrived at the Burbank Airport until the time KENNEDY made his final speech at the Biltmore Hotel. During this time he took numerous photographs of KENNEDY and his campaigners.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, RICH went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, arriving at approximately 11:00 p.m. He drove his 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 and was accompanied by his cousin, WALTER GEORGE RICH, 10812 East Indiana Street, Whittier, California. He parked his vehicle on 7th Street behind the Ambassador Hotel, walked across the parking lot behind the Ambassador Hotel and entered the building. They found themselves in the RAFFERTY campaign area and immediately began to look for the area where KENNEDY would possibly make an appearance. The first people they saw were the "Kennedy Girls". They began to follow these "Kennedy Girls" and finally arrived at the Embassy Room.

They arrived at the Embassy Room approximately 45 minutes to an hour before KENNEDY made his speech. The Embassy Room was very crowded, containing numerous television cameras, newspaper photographers, campaigners and spectators. Several reporters were on the stage. One section of the room located to the righthand side of the stage, was roped off and appeared to be crowded by KENNEDY supporters. RICH went to this area in an effort to locate a "Kennedy Girl" he had met during the previous campaign. He identified this individual as ROTA HERTZBERG, who lives in West Los Angeles.

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To the right and behind the roped off area was an exit leading to a passageway which appeared to run behind the stage in the Embassy Room. As he attempted to look into this passageway, an individual, who apparently was a KENNEDY campaigner, told him that he was in the way. RICH left this area; however, before leaving he noticed that the passageway running to the left apparently led to a flight of stairs which led to rooms on the floor beneath. If one went to the right in this passageway, they would enter a doorway leading into an area, which RICH subsequently determined was the kitchen. RICH advised that he looked into this kitchen area and noticed that there was a small "anteroom", which one had to go through before entering the main kitchen area. In this anterpom were several chairs lining the Wall. There were several individuals in this antersom and the kitchen area; however, RICH took no particular notice of any individual. When asked if he had noticed an individual which he could now identify as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, RICH advised that he had not taken notice of any particular individual who might resemble SIRHAN.

RICH advised he returned to the Embassy Room and while he was in the Embassy Room KENNEDY came onto the stage and made a speech. RICH watched the activities through television monitors and occasionally made an effort to see the stage through the crowd. Standing nearby was his cousin WALTER RICH.

Toward what RICH felt was the end of KENNEDY's speech, WALTER asked him if he was going to give KENNEDY the pictures he had in a manila envelope. RICH explained that having previously covered the campaign and taken numerous photographs of KENNEDY, he had made a packet of appropriate photographs and intended to give them to the Senator if he had an opportunity. RICH advised WALTER that he did intend to give KENNEDY the packet and the two of them made their way to the passageway behind the stage. While they were in the passageway, an individual asked them to get out of the way. The man extended his arms in an effort to block people from coming into the passageway from the Embassy Room. RICH and WALTER extended their arms and helped this individual form a line in front of which KENNEDY could pass into the kitchen area.

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RICH stated he saw KENNEDY come down the passageway toward the kitchen area. At about that time the crowd was pressing so hard behind him that he was forced into the passageway. He decided that he would attempt to get into the kitchen area to avoid the press of the crowd and as he entered the doorway to the kitchen he noticed that KENNEDY simultaneously had entered the door into the anteroom area with him.

KENNEDY was walking faster than he and passed him by. RICH called out "Senator Kennedy, Senator Kennedy" and received no response. He again called to Senator KENNEDY and at this time the Senator turned his head to look over his right shoulder. RICH handed the envelope to the Senator saying, 'This is for you'. KENNEDY took the envelope and kept on walking toward the main part of the kitchen. RICH turned to go back the way he had come, at which time he heard three 'pops' which sounded like a cap pistol. At almost the same instant he felt a shove from behind and immediately turned, at which time he observed a man, whom he later determined to be PAUL SCHRADE, falling to the floor backwards. He also saw Senator KENNEDY on the floor, all over PAUL SCHRADE, and in particular under the head of Senator KENNEDY.

RICH advised he is not sure of exactly what he saw or heard for a few seconds after that. He definitely did not see the individual who fired the shots or the struggle over the gun which he subsequently learned ensued after the shots were fired.

RICH advised he does not recall hearing other shots, although he is confident that there were more shots fired because something prompted him to run. He speculated that he felt a gun battle was about to ensue and after seeing KENNEDY on the floor he moved as rapidly as possible toward the Embassy Room. En route he saw one man sitting on the chair at the side of the anteroom apparently shot, and while looking through the doorway he noticed another man fall as if he had been shot.

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While en route to the doorway he noticed his cousin coming into the kitchen area; however, he did not know what his cousin did until he arrived in the vicinity of a wall outside the kitchen and noticed his cousin was right behind him.

After about 30 seconds to a minute, he then saw that someone was closing the door to the kitchen and he immediately moved back into the kitchen area. He climbed up on a metal-top counter along the wall of the anteroom in an effort to see what was going on. Also on the counter was a Negro female whose identity he does not know. RICH advised he stayed on the counter while KENNEDY was being removed from the room and observed the pandemonium going on during the next 45 minutes to an hour. He kept looking for the envelope he had given to KENNEDY, but did not see it after he had given it to the Senator.



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VILITE S. PEIL was interviewed at his residence, 4515 Lexington Avenue, telephone 665-4822. He stated he was working at the Amhassador Hotel as a security guard of the Ace Guard Service, 8720 Woodley Avenue, Sepulveda, California, telephone 894-5717, on the evening of June 4 1968. He began working about 6:00 p.m., and after about an hour and a half at one post was sent to the hallway near the Press Room and staved at that post until about 3:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968. He advised that his position was between the Embassy Ballroom and the kitchen area. In order to go from the ballroom to the hitchen one had to go up some steps and around the corner.

BELL advised that he first learned of the shooting when a woman in a pink dress came from the area of the kitchen sometime shortly after midnight and sat on the steps saying that Mr KENNEDY had been shot. A woman in a blue dress came up shortly thereafter and sat on the steps also stating that Mr. KENNEDY had been shot. Shortly thereafter he stated he was busy trying to hold closed the doors leading from the Embassy Ballroom to the kitchen area inasmuch as people were attempting to go to the kitchen area to see what was happening.

BELL stated he did not hear any shots but at one time heard a voice whom he assumed to be a newspaper man shout, "The gun is on me. Take that gun if you have to break his fingers", and shortly thereafter another voice shouted twice, "Kill him, RCSEY".

BELL advised that before or after the shooting incident courred, he did not see anyone who resembled the man who shot Senator KENNEDY who was described to him as wearing a greasy prim of blue jeans and a T-shirt. He stated this description was furnished to him by people coming from the kitchen area where the Senator had been shot. He said he observed a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN later on television and in the newspapers, but he did not recognize the photographs as anyone he had seen on the evening of June 4 through 5, 1968.

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