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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/17/68

SAMUEL TAPIA MILLAN, waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 827 South Kenmore Avenue, telephone 388-0106, advised that he had the night of June 4, 1968, off and, therefore, could furnish no information concerning the shooting which occurred at the hotel that evening.

MILLAN was thereafter displayed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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Date 6/14/68

ANTHONY MESSINA, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 10744 Valerio Street, Sun Valley, residence phone 982-0951, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

MESSINA was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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JUSTINO MENDEZ, waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1061 North Sentinel Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone 268-7737, advised that he had a night off on the evening of June 4, 1968, and therefore, has no information concerning the shooting which occurred that evening.

MENDEZ was displayed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and immediately advised he had never seen this individual in his life.

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FRANK MELLODY, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address, 607 South Parkway, Los Angeles, phone 384-5281 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

MELLODY thereafter was displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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DEMETRIOS MAVROMATIS, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 7115 Stafford Avenue, Huntington Park, residence phone 581-9632 advised that he worked the Coconut Grove from 5 PM, June 4, 1968, until approximately 11:45 when the last patrons at tables he was serving left the room. MAVROMATIS stated that as soon as he had completed his duties he left the hotel estimating his time of departure at 11:55 PM June 4, 1968. He advised that while listening to his car radio enroute home, he heard a news flash which indicated that Senator KENNEDY and several members of his staff had been shot.

MAVROMATIS further related that at approximately 9 PM, that evening, he visited the Embassy Room in the hopes of seeing Senator KENNEDY but when he learned that the Senator would not be in the room until later that evening, he immediately returned to the Coconut Grove to resume his duties.

MAVROMATIS was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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GEORGE AWADIS MAJARIAN, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 7741 Radford Street, North Hollywood, residence phone 764-2701 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

MAJARIAN, a Jordanian by birth and of Armenian parents advised that he deeply regretted that a fellow countryman namely SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had been charged with murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. MAJARIAN who was born [REDACTED], at Karek, Jordan, advised that his parents AWADIS and mother KAIGOUHI are currently residing in Amman, Jordan and he felt sure that his parents were distraught over the fact that a fellow countryman had been accused with the murder of the Senator. MAJARIAN stated that both he and his wife have viewed photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on television and newspapers and were both positive that they had never seen the alleged assailant prior to his arrest. MAJARIAN stated that he arrived in the United States via Germany in 1961 and has not returned to Jordan since that time. MAJARIAN advised that although sympathetic with his countryman's dispute with Israel he could not condone the alleged actions of SIRHAN in any way.

MAJARIAN was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN which he advised that he was positive that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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MANUEL CUETO MACHUCA, Bus Boy, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1442 West 25th Street, Los Angeles, phone 733-8585 advised that he had the evening of June 4, 1968, off.

MACHUCA was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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IVO KASTELAN, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 17409 Septo Street, Northridge, phone 886-4760 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

KASTELAN was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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LOUIS HIGAREDA, Banquet Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 826 South Fedora, Los Angeles, advised that he has been employed in his present capacity for the past two months. He stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he and fellow employee, FRANCISCO ESPINOZA, worked in the Regency Room of the hotel until approximately midnight after which he went directly home.

HIGAREDA viewed photographs of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, after which he advised that he had never seen this individual before.

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FERNAND HARIOT, waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1036 South Magnolia Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone 388-1003, advised that he had a day off on June 4, 1968, and therefore, knew nothing concerning the shooting which occurred at the hotel that evening.

HARIOT was displayed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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ARNALDO GAMEZ, busboy, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 2367 Scarff, Los Angeles, telephone 747-3480, advised that he was employed on the evening of June 4 and early morning of June 5, 1968, at the Coconut Grove. He stated that midway through the course of the evening, he left his post and walked into the Palm Court Bar, which is directly across the lobby from the Embassy Room to watch television. He recalled that it was approximately midnight and Senator KENNEDY was depicted on the screen talking to his campaign workers. He stated that he remained in the Palm Court for approximately five minutes, after which he went directly back to his post in the Coconut Grove. He stated a few minutes elapsed after which he learned that a shooting had occurred in the hallway off the kitchen; however, he stated he remained in the Coconut Grove and did not see any of the victims or the police until later that evening.

GAMEZ was displayed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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FRANCISCO ESPINOZA, Banquet Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 759 South Catalina Street, Los Angeles, advised that he has been employed in his present capacity for one and a half years. He advised that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he was working in the Regency Room of the hotel until approximately midnight after which he went directly home.

Mr. ESPINOZA viewed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and advised that he has never seen this individual in his life.

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WILLIAM EMBERTOM, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 2116 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, no phone number, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

EMBERTOM was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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CLAUDE BENJAMIN DUPE, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 5738 Fair Avenue, North Hollywood, California, residence phone 985-4879 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

DUPE was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised he had never seen this individual in his life.

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PEDRO DIAZ, waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 875 West 23rd Street, Los Angeles, telephone 747-4965, advised that he was on duty from 5:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, until 1:00 a.m., June 5, 1968, and said at no time during the evening did he have occasion to visit the Embassy Room.

DIAZ recalled that a busboy informed him at approximately 12:20 a.m., that a shooting had occurred in the Embassy Room, but made no mention of the fact that one of the victims of the shooting was Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated that he left the hotel at approximately 12:30 a.m., and did not stop in the kitchen area prior to departing.

DIAZ was thereafter displayed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. BESS JACOBS, 2149 North El Molino, wife of JOSEPH E. JACOBS, advised that approximately 11 years ago while residing on Walworth Avenue, Pasadena, she and her husband met a Jordanian woman whom they have just now discovered was the mother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Mrs. JACOBS related that this one and only meeting with Mrs. SIRHAN occurred at a Market Basket Food Store on Lake Avenue, in Pasadena. She explained that it was on this occasion she and her husband overheard Mrs. SIRHAN speaking Arabic to her young son as they proceeded down the super market lanes.

Mrs. JACOBS stated that although both she and her husband are native born Americans they are both of Syrian heritage and are fluent to a limited degree in Arabic. She related that as she and her husband reached the end of the lane paralleling that of Mrs. SIRHAN they introduced themselves to her and inquired if she might possibly be Syrian. She stated that after the introductions the woman, subsequently identified as Mrs. SIRHAN, then informed them that she was Jordanian and had been in the United States for a very short time.

Mrs. JACOBS explained that her own son, JOSEPH, age 20, formerly attended Longfellow Elementary School with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, but never knew them to be friendly even at the age of 8, 9 and 10.

She explained that when SIRHAN was identified on television and in newspapers as the alleged murderer of Senator KENNEDY her husband casually announced to both her and her daughter, [REDACTED], that he thought that he had driven SIRHAN SIRHAN to elementary school years ago on one or two occasions when it was raining.

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Mrs. JACOBS stated that there has never been any further contact between members of her family and members of the SIRHAN family.

She recalled that one or two days subsequent to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY both she and her husband viewed a photograph of SIRHAN's mother in the Los Angeles Times after which they concluded that this was the woman whom they had introduced themselves to at the Market Basket Food Store in Pasadena 11 years ago.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/68

Mrs. SHIRLEY MC CONNELL, 508 Concha Street advised that her daughter, SUSIE, age 18, and [REDACTED], age 17, are classmates and close friends at John Muir High School, Pasadena. Mrs. MC CONNELL related that on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, she picked up her daughter and [REDACTED] at the JACOBS' residence, 2149 North El Molino Street, Altadena and drove them to school. She advised that shortly after they departed the JACOBS' residence, [REDACTED] mentioned that her father had driven SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to either John Muir High School or junior high school years ago.

Mrs. MC CONNELL related that [REDACTED] had further indicated that on one or two occasions her mother and father had met the SIRHAN family during the period that they resided in Pasadena. Mrs. MC CONNELL stated that she thought that these disclosures by [REDACTED] were significant in that she understood that the JACOBS' were from some place in the middle east.

Mrs. MC CONNELL stated that she wanted to make it quite clear that she had no reason to believe that the JACOBS' family was in any way involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY but could perhaps shed some light on the reasoning behind SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's alleged assault upon Senator KENNEDY. She concluded by stating that through [REDACTED] she ascertained that all members of the JACOBS' family were deeply shocked on learning that Senator KENNEDY had died.

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RUBIN ZUAZUA, Bus Boy, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 1860 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles, no residence phone, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

ZUAZUA was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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FRANK ZARATE, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 11222 Maid Stone Street, Norwalk, residence phone 868-5706, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

ZARATE was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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JOHN EDWIN ZAJIC, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 4132 Hood Avenue, Burbank, residence phone 845-4433 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

ZAJIC was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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Date 6/14/68

HERMANN SPLITTER, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 500 South Catalina Street, Los Angeles, home phone 385-4088 advised that he worked the Coconut Grove from 5 PM, June 4, 1968, until approximately 12 midnight. He advised that as he was in the process of clearing his tables some employees of the Coconut Grove informed him that Senator KENNEDY and others had been shot in the kitchen area which joins the Embassy Room. SPLITTER stated that although he remained in the Coconut Grove after being informed of the shooting, he heard a considerable amount of commotion in the lobby and subsequently saw several women crying hysterically immediately outside the entrance way to the Coconut Grove.

SPLITTER stated that midway through the course of the evening June 4, 1968, he visited the Embassy Room in the hopes of viewing Senator KENNEDY but only learned that the Senator would not make an appearance until approximately 11 PM and returned to the Grove to resume his duties.

SPLITTER stated that after it was learned that the Senator had been shot the assistant maitre d' announced to all of the Coconut Grove staff that they would be detained until such time as the Los Angeles Police Department permitted them to leave. SPLITTER stated that he remained in the Coconut Grove until approximately 2:30 AM, on the morning of June 5, 1968, at which time he was informed that he was free to leave.

SPLITTER was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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MICHAEL SILVERS, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 1043 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California, residence phone HU 2-0821, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

SILVERS was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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PAUL SHAHAN, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1204 North Marilyn Street, Glendale, California, phone CI 34704 advised that he was not working on the evening of June 4, 1968.

SHAHAN was exhibited a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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RICHARD RODRIGEZ, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 9711 Greening Whittier, phone 696-8305, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

RODRIGEZ was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

WILLIAM BURTON BLUME, age 18, was located and interviewed at his residence, 2851 North Lake Avenue. BLUME, a senior at John Muir High School, Pasadena, advised that he and a friend, one DAVID VOGEL, 1578 Casitas Street, Pasadena, attended a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the Palm Terrace of the Ambassador Hotel from the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., Sunday, June 2, 1968.

BLUME explained that approximately three months ago he and his friend, VOGEL, joined the KENNEDY for Youth Campaign headquartered in Pasadena, and have assisted the Senator in his campaign in and around the Pasadena area since that time.

BLUME stated that as he and VOGEL proceeded across the main lobby toward the doors leading into the Palm Terrace in the Ambassador, an individual whom he had formerly been acquainted with passed by him at a distance of approximately three feet. He stated that he immediately recognized this individual as a former employee of the Organic Pasadena Food Company, which is located next to his own former employment, the Show Case Liquor Company, 1374 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena. BLUME explained that while employed at the Show Case from December 1967 through March 1968, he frequently had occasion to observe the aforementioned individual in and around the store and received the impression that he was working as a stock boy.

BLUME related that after passing this individual in the main lobby of the Ambassador, he turned toward VOGEL and may have commented to him with words to the effect "I know that guy", and then continued into the Palm Terrace to await the arrival of Senator KENNEDY. BLUME related that he did not have occasion to see this same person throughout the remainder of the evening and thought no more

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o. the incident until the day following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY when photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN were shown on television

He advised that at that point he immediately realized that the person whom he had seen on the evening of June 2, 1968, in the lobby o the Ambassador Hotel was unquestionably SIRHAN.

He stated that he immediately discussed the matter with his mother after which they both concluded that this information might be of assistance to the Los Angeles Police Department and/or the FBI.

BLUME stated that during his four months employment at the Shaw Case Liquor Company he casually greeted SIRHAN with a brief salutation but never entered into any lengthy discussions with him. He stated that from a distance he formed the opinion that SIRHAN was a quiet, introverted and intelligent person who did not appear to want to cultivate friendship with him.

At that point in the interview, BLUME furnished the following signed statement in his own hand:

"Altadena, California  
June 10, 1968

"I, William Burton Blume o. 2851 North Lake Ave., Altadena, hereby furnish the following voluntary signed statement to Special Agent Norbert R. Linker of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am 18 years of age, single and will graduate from John Muir High School on 6/13/68. In my spare time I have been active in the Youth fo Senator Kennedy campaign in the Pasadena, California area.

"On Sunday, 6/2/68, a friend, David Vogel, and I attended a reception for Senator Robert Kennedy held on the Palm Terrace of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. As Vogel and I approached the doorway off the main lobby of the Ambassador which leads onto the Palm Terrace, I observed an individual whom I immediately recognized as a onetime employee of the Organic Pasadena Food Company of Pasadena, California. This individual went by me from the opposite direction at a distance of approximately three feet. As he passed I turned at which time I noticed that he was alone and appeared to be wearing a sportshirt and green trousers.

"On turning back in the direction of the Palm Terrace I may have commented to my friend, David Vogel, that I knew the man that just passed, but I am not sure of this point.

"At approximately noon, 6/5/68, I was en route home in my car and was listening to a Mr. John Weidner, the owner of Organic Pasadena Food Company being interviewed on radio. Mr. Weidner was identifying Sirhan Sirhan as a former employee of his concern.

"I would like to point out that I was employed as a stockboy at the Showcase Liquor's at 1374 North Lake, Pasadena, from December, 1967 through March, 1968. The Showcase Liquor Company adjoins Organic Pasadena Company. During my four months of employment I frequently observed a person later known to me as SIRHAN SIRHAN working in and around Organic Pasadena.

"When Sirhan Sirhan's photographs were shown on television on the evening of 6/5/68, I immediately recognized him as the person who passed me at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of 6/2/68, as well



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as being the person whom I had worked next door to at Showcase Liquor from December 1967 to March 1968.

I have read this statement consisting of three pages and find it to be true and correct.

"/s/ William Burton Blume  
June 10, 1968

"Witness:

/s/ Norbert R. Linker, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles,  
6/10/68"

BLUME advised that DAVID VOGEL, a fellow senior at John Muir High School, may recall the fact that as SIRHAN passed them he turned toward VOGEL and commented with words to the effect "I know that guy".

Additionally, BLUME advised that subsequent to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, he had occasion to talk to Mrs. SHIRLEY MC CONNEL, the mother of a fellow classmate of his, SUSIE MC CONNEL, age 18. He advised that during this discussion Mrs. MC CONNEL related that she had heard a rumor that a Mr. JOSEPH E. JACOBS of 2149 North El Molino, Altadena, California, was understood to have regularly driven SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to either John Muir High School and/or Pasadena City College. BLUME related that according to Mrs. MC CONNEL, JOSEPH E. JACOBS was understood to have had a middle eastern background and may possibly have been related to SIRHAN.

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Date 6/18/68

LARRY KENNETH ARNOT, Salesman, Lock Stock 'N Barrel Gun Shop, 8972 East Huntington Drive, residence 517 Melcanyon Road, Duarte, California, residence telephone 358-7887, was interviewed at his employment.

ARNOT advised that sometime during the mid-afternoon of June 1, 1968, three men entered the gun shop and walked directly to the last counter on the south side of the building where they momentarily paused and appeared to be looking over the various boxes of ammunition which were located behind that particular counter.

ARNOT stated that as he approached the three men to inquire whether he could be of any assistance, the shorter of the three men stated, "I want two boxes of Mini Mags", or words to that effect. ARNOT stated that simultaneously, one of the three separated himself from his other two associates by a distance of approximately six to eight feet and appeared to be intent on the items which were located behind the counter on the west side of the building.

He related that as he turned towards the ammunition stock, he asked the man who had ordered the "Mini Mags" whether he desired the standard type or the hollow point type.

After learning that the purchaser desired the hollow point, he obtained two boxes of high velocity .22 caliber long rifle bullets, each box of which contained 50 shells.

On returning to the counter and placing the ammunition directly in front of the purchaser, his associate, who was standing along side him, then informed him that he wanted two boxes of .22 caliber long rifle shells of the standard type. ARNOT returned to the ammunition stock, removed two boxes of .22 caliber Super X ammunition and, on returning to the two men, placed all four boxes in a paper bag and then proceeded to complete a sales invoice.

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He related that on completing the sales which totaled \$3.99 including tax, he removed the yellow copy of the three copy sales invoice from the sales book and placed it in the bag with the four boxes of ammunition.

He advised that although not certain which one of the two individuals paid him for the sales transaction, he received the money, thanked them, at which point all three men departed the store leaving via the front door.

ARNOT also recalled that midway through the course of the transaction, he asked the shorter of the two men who had purchased the ammunition whether they planned to go rabbit hunting, as the .22 caliber bullets they were buying appeared ideal to him for that type of game. He advised that the shorter man acknowledged that that was their plan, to which he asked, "Are you going toward Red Mountain", which ARNOT explained was located off Highway 395 in San Bernardino County, as ARNOT knew this area to be an excellent rabbit hunting ground. ARNOT stated that he specifically recalled that the shorter man answered in the negative and cited another spot where they planned to go hunting but, at this time, ARNOT cannot recall that location.

ARNOT stated that one or two days subsequent to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he observed a photograph of KENNEDY's alleged assailant SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on either television or in a newspaper, at which time he instantaneously realized that SIRHAN was the shorter of the two men to whom he had sold the two boxes of "Mini Mags" on June 1, 1968, while SIRHAN was in the company of two associates.

At that point in the interview, ARNOT was displayed the below listed photographs:

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

MUNIR SIRHAN

(Two photographs, one of which depicts  
MUNIR with glasses, the other without glasses)

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ADEL SIRHAN

SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN

SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN

After closely reviewing the above photographs, ARNOT identified the picture of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as being identical to the individual to whom he had sold the two boxes of .22 caliber, long rifle, high velocity shells to on June 1, 1968. Upon completing his identification of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ARNOT affixed his initials and the date of June 16, 1968, on the rear of this picture.

Continuing his review of the remaining four photographs, ARNOT chose the photograph of SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN from the remaining pictures and advised that he was of the opinion that SHARIF "bears a strong resemblance" to the individual who, while standing next to SIRHAN in the shop on June 1, 1968, ordered and purchased two boxes of .22 caliber, long rifle, Super X bullets. ARNOT stated that he could not make a positive identification of the photograph of SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN but could be positive if afforded the opportunity of viewing this individual in person.

Regarding the third individual who had entered the store and then had parted from the other two men to view other merchandise, ARNOT stated that he was not confident that he would effect the identification of this person by either photograph or in person viewing.

ARNOT was then displayed Lock Stock 'N Barrel original sales invoice number 2372 which reflects the date June 1, 1968, for a cash transaction of two boxes of CCI .22 caliber ammunition and two boxes of Super X .22 caliber ammunition with tax totaling \$3.99. ARNOT identified the writing upon this invoice as his own and advised that he believes this is the sales slip covering the purchase made by SIRHAN and his associate. After viewing the sales slip, ARNOT affixed his initials to the document as well as the date June 16, 1968.

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At this point in the interview, ARNOT prepared the following voluntary signed statement in his own hand:

"June 16 - 1968  
San Gabriel\_ California

"I, Larry Kenneth Arnot\_ hereby furnish the following signed statement to Norbert R. Linker and B. Bruce Bradford who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"I am 36 years of age and reside at 517 Melcanyon Rd.\_ Duarte\_ California. I am employed as a salesman at the Lock Stock 'N Barrel gun shop, 8972 E. Huntington Dr.\_ San Gabriel\_ California.

"During the afternoon of June 1, 1968 3 men entered my employment and walked to the rear of the store where out stock of ammunition is located. Two of the men remained positioned at the counter, their associate parted from them at a distance of about six feet and began to look over the items behind another counter.

"One of two men standing together appeared interested in the ammunition behind the counter. After approaching them to inquire if I could be any help the shorter of the two men responded by stating 'I want two boxes of Mini Mags' or words to that effect. On questioning he added that he wanted the hollow point as opposed to the standard type. I would like to point out at this time that 'Mini Mag' is a brand or type of high velocity .22 caliber ammunition of short, long or long rifle sizes.

"I obtained two boxes of hollow point .22 caliber high velocity, long rifle 'Mini Mags' made by the Cascade Catridge Inc. of Lewiston\_ Idaho and placed them on the counter. Each box contained fifty cartridges.

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"After placing the cartridges on the counter the person standing next to the person who had ordered the 'Mini Mags' then asked me to get him two boxes of .22 cal. 'Super X' long rifle bullets. On returning to the counter I placed two boxes of .22 cal. 'Super X' standard long rifle bullets manufactured by Winchester-Western Division of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. along side the other two boxes.

"I totaled a sales receipt arriving at a total of \$3.99. I placed the four boxes of ammo. in a paper bag along with the customer yellow copy of the cash sales slip. I cannot recall whether one of both of these men paid me the cash covering the \$3.99 sale.

"I have been shown a photograph of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan by agents Bradford and Linker of the F.B.I. and positively identified this individual as the person to whom I sold the two boxes of .22 cal. high velocity, long rifle, hollow point 'Mini Mags' on 6-1-68.

"I have been shown a photograph of a person identified to me as Sharif Bishara Sirhan by agents Bradford and Linker and believe that he strongly resembles the individual who was with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and to whom I sold the two boxes of the standard .22 cal., long rifle 'Super X' Western ammunition on the same date.

"I have read this statement, initialed all corrections and find it to be true and correct.

"/s/ Larry Kenneth Arnot  
6-16-68

"Witnessed: /s/ Norbert R. Linker, Special Agent,  
F.B.I., 6/16/68  
/s/ B. Bruce Bradford, S.A., F.B.I.,  
L.A., Calif., 6-16-68"

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ARNOT, thereafter, furnished the following description of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Weight	130 to 135 pounds
Age	21 to 25 years
Hair	Black or dark brown, bushy, unkempt
Build	Slight
Complexion	Ruddy
Nationality	Appeared to be of Mexican descent; ARNOT stated that he is not familiar with the general characteristics of people with Middle Eastern backgrounds
Eyes	Unrecalled
Scars and Marks	Unrecalled
Teeth	Unrecalled
Facial Conformation	Lean, gaunt, cheeks noticeable but not pronounced, nose normal size and shape, clean shaven,
Clothing	Hatless; white or light colored, long sleeved shirt, neck opened, soiled at the neck and sleeve areas, appeared to have been "slept in"; trousers unrecalled; shoes not known; jewelry not observed

ARNOT then proceeded to describe the individual standing along side SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and who had purchased the two boxes of standard .22 caliber Super X shells:

Race	White (ARNOT emphasized that if this individual was a member of the Caucasian race, he was extremely dark)
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Sex	Male
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 pounds
Age	20 to 25 years
Build	Slender
Complexion	ARNOT stated that if he was Caucasian, he would be considered to have a very dark complexion
Hair	Black or dark brown, short, kinky texture with either curls or waves
Nationality	Appeared to be either Mexican or American Indian (ARNOT advised that he was not familiar with the physical characteristics of persons from the Middle East area)
Facial Conformation	Nose appeared broad and somewhat flattened; face oval shaped; thin eyebrows; lips appeared to be dark or redder than lips of most Caucasians; width of lips thin
Complexion	Smooth, clean shaven
Eyes	Unrecalled
Scars and Marks	Unrecalled
Clothing	Hatless; dark bluish green or olive green loose fitting long sleeved sport shirt, buttons down the center of the shirt, shirt thought to have overlapped trousers; trousers unrecalled; belt unrecalled; shoes unrecalled

ARNOT stated that he felt confident that he could effect a positive identification of this individual if afforded the opportunity of viewing him in person.

ARNOT, thereafter, furnished the description of the individual who, on arriving in the store, remained



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separated from SIRHAN and his other associate at a distance of approximately six feet throughout the sales transaction:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Weight	Unrecalled
Build	Medium
Hair	Black or dark brown, wavy, "unruly"
Complexion	Unrecalled, clean shaven
Age	Unrecalled
Nationality	Possibly Mexican (ARNOT advised that he was not familiar with the character- istics of individuals with Middle Eastern backgrounds)
Contour of Face	Unrecalled
Width of Lips	Unrecalled
Shape of Nose	Unrecalled
Shape of Face	Unrecalled
Clothing	ARNOT stated that he could not recall any items of wearing apparel he was wearing

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Date 6/21/68

Mrs. DONA (No Middle Name) HERRICK, residing at 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California, telephone number AT 6-7877, furnished the following information:

Her husband is BENJAMIN JAMES HERRICK. Together they own and operate the Lock, Stock 'N Barrel located at 8972 East Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, telephone number 287-0051. This is a gun and ammunition sales store.

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following written statement:

"June 16, 1968  
San Gabriel, California

"I, Dona Herrick, hereby furnish the following voluntary information to B. Bruce Bradford and Norbert R. Linker who have identified themselves to me as Special agents of the FBI.

"I live at 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California. My husband, Ben J. Herrick and I operate the Lock Stock 'N Barrel located at 8972 Huntington Dr. San Gabriel, California. I am 42 years old.

"On or about April 3, 1968 I was working at the store. Sometime between one and six p.m. three males of foreign extraction entered the store. I had never seen them before or since. Only one of the three spoke And with such an accent I could not understand him. I asked Ben to help me to understand him. I then understood this same person to say, 'Do you have any 357 Mag. tank piercing ammo', or words to that effect. Ben replied 'We don't have any'. The three then left without speaking further. They were here only three or four minutes. I did not see them leave in any car. As they were leaving they picked up one of our business cards from the counter. They made no purchase.

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"On June 16, 1968 I was shown a group of six photo's by agents Bradford and Linker. I selected a photograph of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and I am positive this is a photo of the man who inquired about 357 Mag. tank piercing ammo on or about April 3, 1968.

"A photo of Adel Sirhan and Munir Sirhan have been shown to me by the FBI on this date and both of these men bear strong resemblance's to the men who were with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on or about April 3, 1968 in our store.

"I was not at the store on June 1, 1968 when cash sale No. 2372 was made.

"I have given original bill of sale No. 2372 dated June 1, 1968 to agents Bradford and Linker this date June 16, 1968.

"S/ Dona Herrick

"Witnesses:

S/ B. Bruce Bradford, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/16/68.

S/ Norbert R. Linker, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/16/68."

In addition to this written statement, Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following information:

She did not see any of these three men carrying or exhibiting any type of weapons on or about April 3, 1968. None of these three men mentioned or inquired about any .22 caliber ammunition.

Mrs. HERRICK advised that cash bill of sale Number 2372, dated June 1, 1968, was apparently filled out by an employee, LARRY ARNOT. It indicated the following sales were made:

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	Bx CCI 22	100	200
2	Bx S.X 22	90	180
			<u>380</u>
		Tax	19
			<u>399</u>

She explained each box contained 50 cartridges. The "CCI" refers to the manufacturer, Cascade Cartridge, Incorporated, Lewiston, Idaho. The "22" refers to .22 caliber cartridges. According to the price of \$1.00 per box the sale was for .22 caliber, long rifle, hollow point, mini-mag ammunition. She explained the second two boxes would have been for .22 caliber, long rifle, standard Super X, manufactured by the Winchester-Western Division of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation. The original, white copy, of the sales slip is kept by her firm with the second tissue copy. The third copy, colored yellow, is given to the customer as his receipt. Mrs. HERRICK advised she would keep the book from which sales slip Number 2372 was taken and make it available if needed.

The following photographs were shown to Mrs. HERRICK on June 16, 1968:

1. ADEL SIRHAN
2. SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN
4. SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN  
MUNIR SIRHAN, 68 521 466, dated June 5, 1968  
(With glasses)  
MUNIR SIRHAN, 68 521 466, dated June 5, 1968  
(Without glasses)  
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police  
Department BK 495 139, dated June 5, 1968

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	21-25 years

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Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	130-135 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent
Complexion	Medium to dark tan, possible acne on face, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, wavy, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses
Voice	Medium to soft
Accent	Foreign
Teeth	Unrecalled
Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted except for acne possibility on face
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Normal oval shape
Eyebrows	Dark and thick
Nose	Normal
Ears	Normal
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; very clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for the man she believes bears a strong resemblance to the man shown in a photograph as ADEL SIRHAN, stating she believes she might recognize him again if she were to see him:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	29-30 years
Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	135-140 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent

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Complexion	Dark brown, smooth, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, wavy, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown "piercing, penetrating", most prominent feature, no glasses
Teeth	Unrecalled
Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Long oval, elongated, narrow face
Eyebrows	Brown or black, medium
Nose	Prominent
Ears	Normal
Voice and Accent	Not noted as did not speak
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; very clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for the man she believes bears a strong resemblance to the man shown in a photograph as MUNIR SIRHAN, stating she is not sure if she would recognize him again if she were to see him:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	25-30 years
Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	135-140 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent
Complexion	Dark tan, smooth, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, possibly curly, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses recalled
Teeth	Unrecalled

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Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted
Tattoos	<del>None</del> noted
Head	Oval
Eyebrows	Brown or black, medium
Nose	Normal
Ears	Normal
Voice and Accent	Not noted as did not speak
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK advised she would described the clothing worn by all three men as being very similar as though they might have been "in uniform clothing". She stated, however, that she did not observe any lettering on the clothing. She was impressed with the fact that all three appeared to be "neat and clean".

In addition she advised that when she saw these three men in their store on or about April 3, 1968, she and her husband were ~~the~~ only ones working at the time. Her husband was waiting on one other customer at the time. This was the only other person in the store at the time but she advised she can not recall the identity of this other customer.

Mrs. HERRICK advised she is unable to furnish any other additional information at this time.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

DAVID BERRY VOGEL, age 18, was interviewed at his residence 1678 Casitas Avenue, telephone number 798-9706.

VOGEL, a fellow classmate and long time friend of WILLIAM BURTON BLUME, advised that he and BLUME had attended a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY held on the Palm Terrace of the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 2, 1968.

VOGEL thereafter furnished the following signed statement which was prepared in his own hand concerning events which he observed on the evening of June 2, 1968, while in the company of BLUME and conversation held with BLUME subsequent to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968:

"6/12/68  
Pasadena

"I, David Berry Vogel hereby furnish the following voluntary signed statement to Robert Sage and Norbert Linker who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI.

"I am 18 years of age, a senior at John Muir High School, Pasadena and reside at 1678 Casitas Ave. Pasadena. I have been a personal friend of William Burton Blume for the past two years.

"At approximately 8:30 P.M., Sunday, 6-2-68 Blume and I attended a reception for Senator Robert F. Kennedy which was held on the Palm Terrace at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. As Blume and I reached the second floor landing which leads into the main lobby of the Hotel we crossed the lobby from a west to east direction heading toward doors which lead on to Palm Terrace. Midway across the lobby I noticed that Blume had fallen behind me and it appeared that his attention had been diverted to someone

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in the lobby. As I approached the door leading on to the Palm Terrace Blume was again abreast of me. We then entered on to the Palm Terrace and awaited the arrival of Senator Kennedy at approximately 9:30 P.M. After the reception Blume and I drove home and no further mention of the events of that evening were made by Blume to me until sometime during the day of 6-5-68.

"On 6-5-68 Blume approached me at school and informed me that the alleged assailant of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was known to Blume as a former employee of Organic Pasadena Food Company and that he, Blume had seen this individual in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel on 6-2-68.

"Blume then asked me whether I thought that he should notify the police of his observations and I suggested that he immediately contact the Los Angeles Police.

"Approximately two days later I happened to meet Blume at which time he informed that he had been in touch with the Los Angeles Police Department concerning his observations on the evening of 6-2-68.

"I had never seen or met Sirhan Bishara Sirhan prior to having viewed his picture on television and in the newspapers on the evening of 6-5-68.

"I have written and read the above statement consisting of three pages, initialed all corrections and find it to be true and correct.

"S/David Berry Vogel  
"6-12-68

"Witnesses:

S/Norbert R. Linker, Special Agent, FBI, L.A. Cal, 6/12/68  
S/Robert E. Sage, Special Agent, FBI, L.A. Calif. 6/12/68"