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JOHNSON observed Senator KENNEDY enter the Embassy Room through a door way which was crowded with people. He then proceeded on to the stage. JOHNSON recalls that the stage was surrounded by a curtain and that if the stage was viewed from the center of the ballroom, Senator KENNEDY would have entered the right side of the stage. During this time BARRY and JOHNSON were standing together and he questioned BARRY as to how the Senator planned to leave the stage upon the conclusion of the speech. BARRY indicated that the exit would be made the same way as they previously entered the stage. Shortly before the end of KENNEDY's speech, BARRY moved towards the Senator. Senator KENNEDY turned from the podium and started towards the side of the stage by which he had previously entered. Senator KENNEDY paused for a moment and then turned to the opposite direction (left side of stage). JOHNSON could not see whether the Senator continued to the far left of the stage, but did notice that his direction of travel was slightly towards the rear. JOHNSON realized that the Senator was leaving the stage by a different way and attempted to reach him but because of the crowd he could not move forward. JOHNSON, in the company of Mrs. PLIMPTON, walked to the back of the stage (right side) near the corridor and joined Senator KENNEDY as he walked past. JOHNSON is unaware as to why KENNEDY left the stage in a different direction.

As Senator KENNEDY walked past JOHNSON, he noticed that BARRY and unrecalled other individuals were in front of the Senator. Between Senator KENNEDY and JOHNSON, who were approximately five feet apart, there was a camera man and a sound man, identities unknown. JOHNSON and Mrs. PLIMPTON continued to follow Senator KENNEDY through a darkened area and at a point, three or four feet from an opened double doorway with a divider in the center, JOHNSON heard a sound which reminded him of a bursting balloon. A second or two later, JOHNSON heard a second similar sound and looking in the direction where he assumed the Senator should have been, he saw smoke and fragments of paper in the air. The area in front of JOHNSON was brightly lit possibly by camera lights. After hearing the second noise, JOHNSON immediately assumed that these noises were gunshots. JOHNSON immediately moved forward pushing

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people aside. Due to the great number of people in the area forward movement was seriously impaired. As he passed through the open double doors he saw BARRY hit and push a white male who was standing on the floor in front of him (JOHNSON) but slightly to the right. JOHNSON continued to push forward and observed a wounded man lying on the floor in front of the doorway. He saw blood on this person's forehead and also thought that he saw a bullet hole in the top of his head. JOHNSON then observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor in the same area. The Senator was lying on his back in an almost flat position but looked as if he was struggling to get up. His left arm was on the floor, his right arm moved from a down position beside his head through an arch and down to his side. JOHNSON saw blood on the floor beneath the right side of Senator KENNEDY's head. He also saw blood on the right side of KENNEDY's head below the ear and extending down the right cheek and down the right side of his chest. Senator KENNEDY looked at JOHNSON and they stared at each other for a moment.

JOHNSON was then deciding whether to assist the Senator or proceed towards BARRY who was attempting to subdue the white male who JOHNSON assumed had been firing the gun. He approached this individual and observed that he was still holding a gun in his hand. JOHNSON does not recall if the gun was being held in the right or left hand. Other unrecalled individuals were trying to seize the weapon and at this time the assailant was pushed back against a table. JOHNSON lunged at the man and grasped the front part of the gun with his left hand. ROOSEVELT GRIER had the buttend of the gun in his hand. The assailant still had his finger in the trigger housing. GRIER twisted the gun from this individual's hands and at the same time JOHNSON tightly held this person's body. JOHNSON then turned towards Senator KENNEDY and saw that BARRY was now at his side.

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At the same time that JOHNSON was holding the assailant, ROOSEVELT GRIER was holding the man around the waist and by the left leg. GEORGE PLIMPTON was holding the man's right arm and was holding his right side. A hotel employee, who JOHNSON described as having a fair complexion with a sunburn, was holding the assailant around the neck. Another hotel employee who appeared to be an Italian or Armenian was also holding this individual. At this time a male voice said, "Let me have the gun. Let go ROSIE", (meaning ROOSEVELT GRIER). "Let go RAFTER." JOHNSON then shouted to this individual who was speaking, "shut up". JOHNSON then shouted to GRIER, "ROSIE let me have the gun." The male voice then said, "Let RAFTER have the gun." JOHNSON then repeated to GRIER, "ROSIE give me the gun", and GRIER complied with his request. JOHNSON placed the gun in his left pocket and released his grip on the assailant. JOHNSON remained next to this man and while he was standing there said to this individual "Why did you do it?" The man did not answer. JOHNSON, moving his face directly in front of the assailant and looking directly into his eyes repeated "Why did you do it?" The man did not respond. JOHNSON then clenched his fist and placed the back of his fist on the assailant's forehead. JOHNSON then repeated, "Why did you do it?" The assailant answered "I'll explain it." The assailant did not speak any other words while he was in JOHNSON's presence. Several minutes later, JOHNSON observed two uniformed Police Officers approaching and he left the assailant and moved to where Senator KENNEDY was laying. Two men with a stretcher were with the Senator and ETHEL KENNEDY said to them "Don't move him. Don't lift him". JOHNSON heard the Senator say "no don't." The Senator was then placed on the stretcher and taken to the freight elevator. JOHNSON stood guard at the elevator door and only allowed the KENNEDY family and a few other people to enter the elevator. JOHNSON wanted to remain with the Senator so he ran from the kitchen area into the lobby and took the nearest elevator to the fifth floor where he assumed Senator KENNEDY would be taken. Since he did not find the Senator on the fifth floor, he returned to the ground floor of the hotel and found the area where the ambulances were parked. He then learned that the Senator was taken to the

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hospital and he with Deputy Mayor QUINN went to Central Receiving Hospital in QUINN's automobile. At the hospital, Police Officers allowed him to enter at QUINN's direction and he saw Senator KENNEDY. While in the hospital a Police Officer asked JOHNSON for the assailant's gun and JOHNSON denied that he had the weapon. He then saw two men whom he recognized as Police Detectives. JOHNSON told these men that he had the assailant's gun and asked if Chief THOMAS REDDIN was at the hospital. One of the detectives told JOHNSON that REDDIN was not present, but that they would take possession of the gun. JOHNSON informed the detectives that he would only surrender the gun at Police Headquarters. The detectives thereafter transported JOHNSON to Good Samaritan Hospital and accompanied him to the floor where Senator KENNEDY was being treated. The same detectives then drove him to the Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters and at this time JOHNSON surrendered the gun. The gun was given to Sergeant CALKINS and Sergeant MC GANN who are assigned to the Los Angeles Police Department Detective Bureau, 150 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California.

JOHNSON said that the assailant's gun was a revolver, black in color with brown grips. The barrel of the gun was approximately four inches long. JOHNSON was unable to recall the caliber of this weapon.

JOHNSON stated that he has seen photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the newspaper and on television and SIRHAN is the same person who he helped to subdue following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and others on June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel. JOHNSON is certain that he did not see SIRHAN in the hotel or elsewhere prior to the time he helped to subdue him.

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JOHNSON does not recall seeing a woman wearing a white dress with polka dots either prior to or after the shooting. He did not see anyone run from the kitchen area after the shooting occurred.

He explained that the kitchen or serving area was very crowded and that when the first shots were heard people immediately fell to the floor or attempted to hide to keep out of the line of fire.

JOHNSON said that he is certain that he heard at least four shots. The first shot was followed one or two seconds later by a second shot. The second shot was followed by a "string of shots", exact number unrecalled. No shots were fired while JOHNSON was attempting to seize the assailant's gun.

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[REDACTED] 131 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

She is sixteen years of age, having been born [REDACTED] at Santa Monica, California. At approximately 3:30 p.m. on the evening of June 4, 1963, she arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, accompanied by her girl friend, [REDACTED] 1175 South Windsor Boulevard, Los Angeles, for the purpose of attending a celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, candidate in the California Presidential primary.

As [REDACTED] was standing near a metal bar (serving alcoholic beverages) toward the rear of the southwest portion of the ballroom, she became aware of a male individual standing immediately behind her, less than one foot away. Although she did not look this individual directly in the face, she observed his face by looking in a mirror approximately four feet in front of her behind the bar. [REDACTED] noted that she and this individual were the only one in the immediate area, and she thought it odd that he would stand so close to her. [REDACTED] believes that this man stood behind her for between four to five minutes. During the entire four or five minutes, she observed this man in the mirror. She felt a hard object brush against her right hip, approximately waist high, and feels that this object was either a belt buckle or something in the man's pocket. At this point, [REDACTED] stated, "Would you please move?" and the man replied only, "Yes," in a nervous voice and walked toward the east side of the ballroom, disappearing from [REDACTED] sight.

[REDACTED] advised that she has mentioned the above individual to [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] told her that she did not see the man. [REDACTED] further noted that the bartender at the nearby bar had gone to get some Coke for

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the Coca Cola machine, otherwise she would have requested the bartender to ask the above male individual to move away from her.

[REDACTED] recalled that this male individual was approximately the same height as herself, namely 5'5", and that his overall appearance was unkempt and out of place at the hotel. She could not recall the man's dress, other than that his clothing was light colored; that he was not wearing a sport or suit type coat, and that his shirt was open at the collar.

[REDACTED] indicated that she had seen photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN displayed by the news media and she believes the individual she observed at the hotel very closely resembles these photographs of SIRHAN.

[REDACTED] further described the above individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Complexion	Dark
Age	Middle to late 20s
Height	5'5"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, medium length and wavy
Eyes	Brown
Voice	Medium tone and nervous

On June 11, 1963, [REDACTED] was shown glossy photographs of SIRHAN, including a Los Angeles Police Department mug photograph taken June 5, 1963, and a left profile view of SIRHAN taken sometime after the shooting of KENNEDY on June 5, 1963. After viewing these photographs, [REDACTED] again advised that the individual she observed at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1963, very closely resembles the photographs of SIRHAN.

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[REDACTED] noted that she and her girl friend, [REDACTED], left the hotel between 10:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. arriving home at approximately 11:00 p.m. and did not further observe the above described individual at the hotel.

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On June 8, 1968, ANDREW MARTIGANI, Proprietor, Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, was reinterviewed and furnished substantially the same information he had furnished to SA DOUGLAS R. LUND on June 7, 1968, with the following exceptions:

MARTIGANI related after viewing a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN that he was ninety per cent certain that this was the individual he had observed with "JIM" at the Golden Garter Bar on or about May 29, 1968, wherein he overheard SIRHAN comment to "JIM", "We will wait till he gets into town and then we will get him." In connection with this conversation, he related that "JIM" owed him \$5.00 and this was the purpose in going to speak to "JIM" sitting at the table with SIRHAN on that evening. "JIM" had requested more credit at the bar and MARTIGANI advised that he informed "JIM" in the presence of SIRHAN SIRHAN that he would not extend any more credit and wanted the \$5.00 that was owed to him. He added that "JIM" became somewhat upset; and after a few words, both he and SIRHAN departed the Golden Garter Bar.

MARTIGANI continued that he has not observed "JIM" or SIRHAN since that event.

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On June 8, 1968, CARL M. MARTIGANI, Proprietor, Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MARTIGANI related, on approximately May 13, or 14, 1968, he saw an individual he believed to be SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN come into the Golden Garter Bar. From that date up until the Memorial Day weekend, He saw this man on at least three separate occasions. On one of these occasions he saw this individual with an individual known to him as "JIM"; and on the other two occasions, he observed him with an individual who appeared to be of Mexican descent.

MARTIGANI described "JIM" as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	28
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Sandy
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Hazel
Characteristics	Appeared to have a southern accent and seemed to be smiling at all times

MARTIGANI described the Mexican appearing individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24 to 25
Height	5'11" to 6'
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Slender

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Hair	Dark black, combed flat over his head (possibly could be somewhat kinky)
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MARTIGANI added that the above individual of Mexican descent had very, very dark skin but yet appeared to be of Caucasian race.

MARTIGANI related at approximately one and a half months ago, "JIM", while in the Golden Garter, recommended a girl for employment at this bar as a barmaid. At a later date he appeared at the bar with this girl who identified herself to MARTIGANI as DOROTHY MANNING. She filled out the customary employment applications, specifically the W-2 Form, and advised she is presently residing at 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra; that she had been married twice previously; and had three children. She also advised MARTIGANI that she had been arrested in the recent past for a traffic violation; and after failing to appear for a hearing, she received ten days in jail and was released from jail just two days previous. She informed him that she previously worked at the Purple Bunny, Norwalk, California. He contacted the Purple Bunny and inquired concerning DOROTHY MANNING. He was advised by an individual, who identified himself as STANLEY at the Purple Bunny, that they were not acquainted with a DOROTHY MANNING, but they did have a DOTTIE who worked there.

MARTIGANI had observed the individual believed to be SIRHAN SIRH and the Mexican looking individual arrive at the bar in an orange and white Desoto (had white strip down center of doors and orange had appeared to be oxidized).

MARTIGANI described DOROTHY MANNING as follows:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	21 or 22
Height	5'4"
Weight	125 pounds

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Hair	Bleach blond, worn on top of head in a bun
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue or gray
Characteristics	Sociable in nature; attractive in appearance

MARTIGANI added that absent the bleached hair, and her natural color was probably **brunette**.

MARTIGANI related that on number of occasions he picked DOROTHY MANNING up in the morning at 2317 West Main Street and brought her to work at the Golden Garter. On one of these occasions, the Mexican looking individual, described above, appeared at the door without his shirt on and indicated DOROTHY would be down shortly. He added that he never did observe "JIM" at this address.

MARTIGANI advised that the employment of DOROTHY MANNING was terminated because it was learned that she was using dope and had been taking money from the cash register. Date of termination, he believed, was May 30, 1968. He added that since that date, he has not seen any of the individuals described above.

MARTIGANI furnished the names of the following individuals, who he believed had observed "JIM", and the individual believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN, and the Mexican looking man at the Golden Garter Bar:

HAROLD PITZ
1104 South Marengo Avenue
Alhambra, California

CAROL HAINES
1304 Westminster Avenue
Alhambra, California

MARTIGANI noted that HAROLD PITZ reported he
• had played pool with the individual believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN on a number of occasions and allegedly had been acquainted with him for six or more months.

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MARTIGANI related that he resides at 90 Monterey Road, Apartment 5, South Pasadena, California, telephone 254-6570. Further, that if he was to observe photographs of the above individuals, he believes he could identify same.

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STEVE STUART, 12025 East Broadway, Whittier, California, telephone 692-4280, advised that approximately two weeks ago he shot pool at the Golden Garter Bar with an individual whom he believes was SIRHAN SIRHAN. He said while they were shooting pool, he asked SIRHAN his name and SIRHAN made the comment that "you probably wouldn't believe it," and rattled off a foreign sounding name. STUART said he is unable to recall what name he gave him. STUART could furnish no further information concerning SIRHAN or his associates.

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Mrs. MURIEL TEAGUE, owner of the apartment at 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra, California, advised that in early April, 1968, she was telephonically contacted by an individual, who identified himself as BOB ALLEN, who was interested in renting an apartment at 2317 West Main Street. Subsequently, Mrs. TEAGUE contacted BOB ALLEN, who was accompanied by JAMES WILSON and arrangements were made whereby she rented the apartment to ALLEN and WILSON with a small deposit and a promise to pay her the advance in rental at a later date. They informed her that they were from the Paramount, California, area and had recently acquired employment with the International Extrusion Company, Alhambra, California.

Mrs. TEAGUE advised that they rented the apartment commencing on April 2, 1968, and did not sign any form of leasing agreement. She said that in an effort to secure payment from the apartment she had made a number of trips to the apartment and had contact with the individuals residing there. According to her, shortly after the apartment was rented, ALLEN contacted her telephonically and informed her that he was no longer living at the apartment in view of the fact that he could not put up with the other individuals there.

In her contact at the apartment, Mrs. TEAGUE said there were two women living at the apartment and another man, who she believed was identified to her as RUDY MARTINE or RAMIREZ. A woman living at the apartment, who she knew as DOROTHY a blond, claimed she was the wife of that individual. In conversation with the woman, she was told that this individual was called EDDIE. Mrs. TEAGUE said they resided in Apartment A.

On one occasion when she visited the apartment, there were two small children there. DOROTHY told her that an aunt in Norwalk normally took care of the children.

She furnished the following description of the men associated with the apartment:

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Name	JIM WILSON
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	24 years
Height	5'10"
Hair	Brown
Build	Heavy

Name	BOB ALLEN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24 to 26 years
Height	5'10"
Hair	Sandy
Build	Slender
Complexion	Fair

Name	RUDY MARTINEZ
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'10"
Age	22 to 24 years
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, may have been a little kinky

Mrs. TEAGUE said that in view of the failure of the occupants to pay their rent that she contacted the International Extrusion Company concerning WILSON and was informed that he terminated on May 9, 1968. There was no record at the International Extrusion Company for BOB ALLEN.

The apartment was vacated some time over the Memorial Day weekend; and according to her, it was in a "terrible mess." She engaged the services of the EVERETT SNODGRASS family, who reside in Apartment B at 2317 Main Street, Alhambra, to clean up the apartment.

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Mrs. TEAGUE related after viewing a composite photograph of an individual known as JIM by ANDREW and CARL MARTIGANI, that this composite was similar in appearance to the individual Mrs. TEAGUE knew as JIM WILSON.

At time of interview, a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was exhibited to Mrs. TEAGUE and after viewing same, she stated she could not identify this individual as anyone she knew.

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Mrs. EVERETT SNODGRASS, 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra, California, Apartment B, advised that she recalls the individuals who resided in Apartment A during May 1968. She stated she was never informed of their names by the individuals residing there, however, Mrs. MURIEL TEAGUE, the owner of the apartment had informed her that JIM WILSON lived there. She said that she knew a woman who resided there by the name of DOROTHY. She said DOROTHY was a blonde and had an infant child. After observing a photograph of DOROTHY MANNING, she stated that the woman in the photograph appeared to be identical to the DOROTHY she knew. She said there were two other men she observed there and assumed to be living there. She did not know their names. After viewing photographs of ROBERT ANDRESE, and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, she commented that ANDRESE's photograph resembled photographs she had observed of SIRHAN through the news media. She said she had not observed individuals resembling ANDRESE and SIRHAN at the apartment.

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VERNER A. PEDERSEN, 10921 McVine Avenue, Sunland, California, advised that he is employed as an Electrician in the Maintenance Department at the Ambassador Hotel, and was born on [REDACTED] in Copenhagen, Denmark.

He stated that on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, he worked a partial shift from approximately 7:40 AM to 9:40 PM and was not at the hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and saw nothing concerning this incident.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that, to his knowledge, he has never seen this individual in person.

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CHARLES D. REDMIER, 6611 Benson Avenue, Huntington Park, California, born on [REDACTED] at Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he is employed as the Chief Electrician in the Maintenance Department of the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. REDMIER advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was on duty in the public address booth of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel and could observe the activities of the room through a two-way mirror in the booth. He stated that after Senator KENNEDY had finished talking, he believes the Senator left the stage through the doors at the rear of the podium but that there were so many people blocking his view that he could not see the Senator clearly after he left the podium. Shortly after the Senator apparently left the podium, he heard a woman scream, "He's been shot!" Two large men ran onto the podium and, through the microphone on the podium, shouted, "Clear the room!" Shortly after, one of these men, through the same microphone, shouted, "Turn out the lights!" Almost immediately most of the lights went out, however, some of them remained on and REDMIER went to the switchbox on the standard located on the opposite side of the podium from the two swinging doors leading into the corridor to the rear of the Embassy Room pulling the switch and darkening the entire Embassy Room. REDMIER then went to the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) truck parked in the main driveway off of Wilshire Boulevard to the rear of the Embassy Room location and, at this point, saw someone being carried on a stretcher from the rear of the Embassy Room.

Mr. REDMIER advised that he saw nothing further concerning the incidents surrounding the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and, after observing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, stated that, to his knowledge, he has never seen this individual in person.

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EDWARD R. ANDERSON, 2360 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, California, with wife, HELEN T., advised that he was born on [REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois, and has Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Mr. ANDERSON advised that he is employed as an Assistant Engineer in the Maintenance Department at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that on the morning of June 5, 1968, he checked out at the employees' time clock at approximately 12:35 AM, at which time the Security Guard on duty told him that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot. ANDERSON immediately went to the Boiler Room and stood by until approximately 2:35 AM.

Mr. ANDERSON advised that he saw nothing concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and, when shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, advised that, to his knowledge, he has never seen this individual in person.

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Miss FRANCES W. ANDERSON, 427 South Mariposa Street, Los Angeles, California, born on [REDACTED] at Los Angeles, California, with Social Security Number [REDACTED] Miss ANDERSON advised that she is the Front Office Cashier at the Ambassador Hotel on the 3:00 to 11:00 PM shift and had left the hotel prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on the morning of June 5, 1968, and had observed none of the activities incidental to this shooting.

Miss ANDEERSON advised after observing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN that to her knowledge, she had never seen this individual.

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PRODRAMOS (No Middle Initial) BEGAKIS, 217 South New Hampshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, born [REDACTED] Istanbul, Turkey, with Social Security Number [REDACTED] advised that he is Desk Clerk at the Ambassador Hotel on the 4:00 to 11:00 PM shift. He stated that on the morning of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, June 5, 1968, he had gone, after being relieved on the desk, to the Embassy Room of the hotel and, after seeing and hearing the commotion and shouting shortly after Senator KENNEDY left the podium and disappeared in the corridor in back of the podium, BEGAKIS left the hotel and knew nothing further concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY until he read about it in the newspaper later that morning.

BEGAKIS advised after observing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN that to his knowledge, he had never seen this individual.

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Mrs. MARION CLARK, 448 South Alexandria Street, Apartment 201, Los Angeles, California, born [REDACTED] Amsterdam, New York, with Social Security Number [REDACTED] advised that she works as a Front Office Cashier at the Ambassador Hotel from 3:00 to 11:00 PM, and worked this shift on the night of June 4, 1968, and was not present and did not see anything concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

Mrs. CLARK observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated, to her knowledge, had never seen this individual.

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JOHANNES A. KORTHOFF, Assistant Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 11, 1968

"I, Johannes A. Korthoff, make the following voluntary and free statement to John H. Borgman, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI.

"My name is Johannes A. Korthoff. I reside 3198 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, Apt 404. I was born [REDACTED] Utrecht, Netherlands.

"I am the assistant manager of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

"On Wednesday, June 5, 1968, I was on duty in my normal capacity at the hotel. Shortly after midnight on the morning of June 5 I was in the Embassy Room while Senator Kennedy was on the podium. Shortly before the senator left the podium I went to the lobby and then to the main kitchen. As I was walking into the kitchen I heard several reports. At the time ~~I thought~~ these reports were balloons bursting or firecrackers. I cannot recall how many reports or in what sequence. I was standing at the corner of the entrance to the kitchen from the pantry way, at the corner of the kitchen nearest the Embassy Room. Senator Kennedy was moving down the pantry way toward me at about a distance of 25 to 30 feet. At the time I heard the reports I saw the Senator lurch. At that point the Senator disappeared from my view, and a male voice, either beside or behind me shouted either "I'm shot" or "he's shot".
~~Immediately there was chaos a press of people~~

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"moving back and forth. I did not see the person who had fired the shots. I immediately pushed my way through the crowd to the Bell Captain's Desk to use the telephone. However, as I reached the phone I found that Pat Murphy, our Security Guard was on the phone telling the operator to contact the police and to have an emergency ambulance sent to the hotel.

I then went back to the pantry way. There was a great wrestling of people going on and I could see people standing around or looking down on others who were apparently injured. I ran back to the Bell Captain's phone and told Ruby, the switchboard supervisor who was on duty, to call additional ambulances and police because I thought from the number of people involved and their violent actions that many more people were injured. I think my exact words were, "my God, they're slaughtering each other".

"I went back to the kitchen and I saw a man on the steam table in the pantry way and a large colored fellow lying across him. The gun, a very small gun, being held up in the air, pointed toward the ceiling. It was my impression that the gun was being held by the man lying on the steam table. I did not see the face of the man on the steam table at that time. I then left the scene and returned to my desk in the lobby, where I locked my phone. While I was putting the lock on my phone a Los Angeles police officer brought a young man whose hands were handcuffed behind him past my desk, past the public phones and the two disappeared from my view down the corridor leading to Executive Suites A & B. The man in custody appeared to be of Mexican extraction, in his early twenties, 5 foot 6 or 7 inches, medium dark complexion, dark hair, dressed in a bluish-grey dress shirt with sleeves rolled up and wearing dark trousers.

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"I was then kept busy in the lobby trying to maintain some semblance of order. After what seems like 20 to 30 minutes I saw about 6 or 7 police officers bring a man, a Caucasian who was short with dark hair in his early twenties out of the pantry way, through the lobby and down the stairs to the bottom floor. I was standing at the head of the stairs where the officers with the suspect passed me at an approximate distance of two or three feet. I was amazed at the calm demeanor of the suspect.

"The individual with police, the suspect, looks just like the photo of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan whose photo was shown to me by Mr. Borgman.

"I have read the above 6 page statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"S/ J. A. Korthoff

"Witnesses:

S/ John H. Borgman, Special Agent, FBI,
Los Angeles, Calif., 6/11/68.
S/ Robert E. Sage, Special Agent, FBI,
Los Angeles, Calif., 6/11/68

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VICENTE C. VELASQUEZ, Pot Washer at the Ambassador Hotel, 1010 West 32nd Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born on [REDACTED] at Colima, Mexico.

VELASQUEZ advised that he is employed on the 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM shift but that he was not working on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, and was not present at the hotel nor did he see the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

VELASQUEZ was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that, to his knowledge, he had never seen this individual in person.

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STANLEY F. TKACZYK, 1204 South Loara Street, Apartment 5, Anaheim, California, advised that he was born on [REDACTED] at Gardner, Massachusetts, and had Social Security Number [REDACTED] and that he is employed as a Desk Clerk at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. TKACZYK advised that he was at the double doors leading into the corridor from the Embassy Room when he heard what he believed at the time to be balloons bursting. He saw the crowd erupt into shouting and considerable commotion but saw nothing of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and did not see his assassin.

Mr. TKACZYK was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that, to his knowledge, he had never seen this individual in person.

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HANS PETER BIDSTRUP advised that he is an Electrician in the Maintenance Department of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, and resides at 1886 North Avenue, Los Angeles. He stated he was born on [REDACTED] at Skorup, Denmark, and his wife is IRNA BIDSTRUP, who resides with him.

Mr. BIDSTRUP advised that he arrived on duty at the hotel at approximately 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, and left the hotel at approximately midnight the same date. He stated that he left the hotel before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and had no first hand knowledge of the happenings involved in this incident.

Mr. BIDSTRUP was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and asked if he had seen this individual prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. Concerning his knowledge in this respect, he furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 10, 1968

"I, Hans Peter Bidstrup, make the following voluntary free statement to John H. Borgman, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI.

"My name is Hans Peter Bidstrup. I was born on [REDACTED] at Skorup, Denmark. I reside at 1886 North Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. I am employed as an electrician in the Maintenance Dept. of the Ambassador Hotel.

"On the night of June 4, 1968 I was the standby electrician in the sound booth at the Rafferty Party in the Venetian Room at the Ambassador Hotel. At about one hour before I went off duty, which would be about 11 p.m. a man wandered into the booth.

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"He sat down on a spool of wire. He had a drink in his hand. I am not a drinking man, so I don't know what kind of a drink he had but it was clear with a milky white cast and had in it what appeared to be a piece of lime and a small red object which looked like a piece of red candy to me. It was round on one side and flat on the bottom.

"As best I can recall this man began the conversation by saying 'I'm a Democrat'. He asked me if I was a Democrat and I replied that I was. He then asked me what I was doing, or what my job was. I told him I was an electrician and possibly I went into a little detail as to what my duties were.

"Also, after I had told this man I was a Democrat he held out his hand and shook hands with me. He then inquired something to the effect as to whether Senator Kennedy was going to be at the hotel that night. I told him I thought he was. The man appeared to be drinking, he did not appear intoxicated, but drinking just enough to be talkative. For this reason I did not pay too much attention to the sequence of the conversation & cannot remember the exact words, for the most part, used by this individual.

"This man asked in what room or on what floor Kennedy was staying, when Kennedy was coming in or if Kennedy was then in the hotel. I don't remember that I knew at the time so I couldn't tell him. The man made some inquiry concerning Kennedy's security. I think it had to do with whether or not Kennedy had bodyguards. Although I'm not sure it was as direct as this but this is the impression I have recalling it now.

"While we were talking, a Los Angeles fireman in uniform came into the booth. The man stopped his conversation and seemed to take

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"particular attention of the fireman. He asked the fireman what he was doing or what his capacity was. The fireman explained to the man that he was a fireman and was there for crowd control and fire security. The man appeared to take less interest in the fireman after this.

"The fireman left shortly thereafter. The man also asked when Kennedy was going to come to the hotel. I didn't know.

"The fireman left and returned a short time later, staying a few minutes & left again. It was about this time that the man left. About the same time as the fireman left. However, I don't recall if the two left together, or if the man left before or after the fireman.

"The sound booth was in an isolated section of the Venetian Room. The man came alone and did not meet anyone outside the booth and to the best of my knowledge was alone.

"The man who talked to me in the sound booth looks very much like the photo of Sirhan Sirhan shown to me by SA Borgman.

"I had, prior to the time that I talked to SA Borgman, seen pictures of Sirhan in the newspaper but the description of Sirhan in the newspaper stated Sirhan had an accent & the man I talked to had no accent. So, altho I was struck by the similarity between the newspaper photos of Sirhan and the man I talked to, because of the accent ascribed to Sirhan by the newspaper, I did not mention the incident to the authorities.

"The man I talked to in the sound booth in the Venetian Room I would describe as follows:

"male
Caucasian

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"about 22 years
5'6" to 5'7"
130 to 140 lbs.
slender build
no glasses
no moustache
dark curly hair; full head of hair
medium dark complexion
wearing no hat; faded dark blue sweatshirt
with a full zipper down the front and long
sleeves; shirt of unknown color under the
sweatshirt; blue denim trousers.
No noticeable accent.

"I have read the above 8 page statement and it
is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Hans Bidstrup

"Witness: /s/ John H. Borgman, Spc. Agt. FBI, LA,
Calif_ 6/10/68

"Witness: /s/ Robert E. Sage, Special Agent, FBI,
L.A._ Calif. 6/10/68"

Mr. BIDSTRUP described the fireman who came into
the sound booth at the Venetian Room while the above described
individual was in the booth as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	30 years
Height	6'
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Possibly blond
Dress	Wearing uniform of Los Angeles Fire Department

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MARIA URSANO, who resides at 5020 Hazeltine Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, telephone 788-9406, was interviewed at her place of employment, International Host Restaurant, Sattallite Number Four, Los Angeles International Airport.

Mrs. URSANO advised she was present at the Ambassador Hotel during the night on which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mrs. URSANO advised that she lives by herself with her 12 year old son and did not wish to become involved in the matter as she feared for her welfare should her identity be made known.

Mrs. URSANO related that she had worked as a campaign volunteer for ROBERT F. KENNEDY and as such had arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 6:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968 in anticipation of a victory celebration. She stated she mingled with the guests for two or three hours and observed at approximately 9:45 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. that it was extremely hot. She stated for this reason she left the main hall and entered a small room adjacent to the stage. At the rear of this room there was a small patio or balcony outside of the room in the open air. Mrs. URSANO stated, while on the balcony, she observed an individual standing by himself who she later saw being carried out by the police department and identified through newspaper photographs as SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mrs. URSANO stated she commented to SIRHAN at the time how hot it was but he did not answer her comment. She stated he was just standing on the balcony and from his facial expression she assumed he was a MC CARTHY supporter as immediately prior to that time MC CARTHY had been interviewed on national television and the tone of his statements seemed to indicate he was acknowledging defeat. Mrs. URSANO stated after a minute or two she returned to the hall.

Mrs. USANO stated immediately prior to Senator KENNEDY's victory speech she observed an individual described as "hippie" in appearance with long blond hair, blue jeans and very dirty, standing on the left side of the stage. She stated that the man seemed out of place by his appearance. She stated another individual who appeared to be a KENNEDY supporter commented to

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her prior to the speech that she had better leave as the balloons over the stage contained some sort of explosive and shortly thereafter the balloons would explode, killing everyone in the area. Mrs. URSANO took this comment in jest and thought no more of it. She stated she also observed a nice looking girl in a white dress with blue or black polka dots in the company of a Latin appearing individual, who is not identical with SIRHAN. She did not observe them in any kind of conversation with SIRHAN. Mrs. URSANO stated she thought it was worthwhile to comment on the individuals, not because she had any indication that they may be involved in the assassination, but only because their appearance and movements seemed suspicious to her.

Mrs. URSANO stated shortly after the speech she heard what sounded like balloons exploding, followed by screaming, indicating that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and was bleeding. She stated she did not see the Senator after his speech and was not even aware of the way he exited from the hall until later on.

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KENNETH RICHARD SEM, 13611 Ruther, Apartment C, Hollydale, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, Public Works Department, City of Downey, 12324 Bellflower Boulevard. He holds the position of Street Maintenance Subforeman.

Mr. SEM advised he went to the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club the morning of June 4, 1968 to practice shooting his rifle and pistol. He arrived at the gun club at approximately 9:30 a.m. He went directly to the target house where he paid a fee and obtained a target and a telescope. He was requested to register because he rented a telescope. Mr. SEM advised he first used the rifle range where he practiced shooting his Japanese 6.5/257 caliber rifle. He was assigned to target number 57 or number 58, as best he could remember, which he explained was located approximately the middle of the rifle range. Mr. SEM stated he remained on the rifle range for approximately one and one-half hours. During this time there were approximately ten to twelve other individuals using the rifle range. He was not acquainted with any of these individuals nor did he converse with any of them except an older man, approximately 50 years old, who occupied the station just to the right of him. This individual seemed to know a lot about guns and helped Mr. SEM adjust the sight on his rifle when he had trouble with it. This individual was by himself.

Mr. SEM advised that on one occasion while they were walking to the targets to examine them, he noticed two young females walking ahead of him. He described them as follows:

Number one

Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	Late teens or early 20's
Height	5'7" to 5'8"
Weight	125 pounds
Build	Medium
Dress	Levi pants

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Hair	Brown, shoulder length
Number two	
Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	Early 30's
Build	Slim
Height	Unknown
Dress	Levi pants
Hair	Brown, shoulder length

Mr. SEM stated he observed number one in the company of an individual described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Mid 20's
Height	6'2"
Weight	170 to 180 pounds

The female was shooting a .22 rifle and the male was shooting a high powered rifle. Mr. SEM stated he did not pay particular attention to the other individuals at the rifle range and advised the females he referred to could have been together with an older male as a family group.

Mr. SEM stated he returned his rifle to his car after an hour and half and obtained his pistol; a .22 Ruger magnum. He obtained a target from the target house and located himself approximately 1/3 of the distance from the target house. He advised he remained approximately 45 minutes on the pistol range. During this time there were five other males using the pistol range. Two of these were located at the far end and the one occupying the last position was shooting a .357 Magnum, the second one was shooting what Mr. SEM thought was a .38 revolver. Mr. SEM advised an individual just to the right of him was shooting a .357 Magnum. Two others were located near the target house. He did not know the caliber of the pistol used by the one nearest the target house, however, the second one was shooting a .22 pistol.

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Mr. SEM stated he did not pay particular attention to the individuals on the pistol range, however, he was interested in the guns they were shooting and therefore felt his description of the guns being used was quite accurate.

Mr. SEM advised that at no time during his stay at the gun club did he observe a blonde female. He stated there definitely was not a blonde female using the pistol range while he was using that range. Mr. SEM observed a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department number 495 139. He stated that at no time while he was using the gun club ranges did he observe this individual present.

Mr. SEM stated he departed from the gun club at approximately 12:30 p.m.

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and was unable to furnish any further description of them.

MILLNER's next door neighbor, JESSE CARDONA, was also at the range when they arrived. He was delivering mail on his regular route and could be contacted through the Duarte Post Office.

MILLNER stated he is currently enrolled as a graduate student at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is leaving for school tonight and can be contacted there in the future if necessary.

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MARION HENRY STIPP, 9561 Pentland, Temple City, California, was interviewed at his residence. He is self employed as a subcontractor doing lettering for commercial signs.

Mr. STIPP advised he went to the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club the morning of June 4, 1968 to speak with Mr. HAGER, the range manager, regarding some sign work he was to do for the club and also to practice shooting his rifle. He arrived at the club around 9:00 a.m. He spent approximately one-half hour talking with Mr. HAGER and another individual by the name of CHARLIE JENKINS, who was doing some concrete work at the club. Mr. JENKINS is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) at Monrovia, California. Mr. STIPP stated he registered at the target house listing his name and address. He explained he was not required to register but he normally does so as he is then placed on a mailing list to receive brochures regarding hunting seasons, etc. Mr. STIPP stationed himself in approximately the middle of the rifle range and as best he could recall, it was target number 52. He was shooting a 300 Holland and Holland Winchester Model 70 rifle. Mr. STIPP is a National Rifle Association (NRA) member, membership number 15R91780STIPM9561, expiration date October, 1970. Mr. STIPP advised that when he arrived at the rifle range, there were four other males on the range; two to the right of him and two to the left. After being on the range about one hour, a young man arrived and stationed himself next to him, Mr. STIPP. This individual in his mid 30's, was alone. He was shooting a Japanese rifle. At one point this individual had trouble with his rifle and he, Mr. STIPP, helped him adjust the sights. Mr. STIPP advised he noticed two young fellows, probably in their middle 20's, stationed approximately eight to ten places to his right and each were shooting a 03A3 30:06 Military rifle. He advised he did not pay any attention to the other individuals at the range nor the rifle being used. He also mentioned he did recall seeing a young girl, approximately 14 to 21 years of age on the rifle range. He specifically remembered seeing her in the company of an older man and assumed this was her father.

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Mr. STIPP did not recall seeing a blonde female at the gun club during the time he was there. He did not observe any of those people shooting on the pistol range as he has no occasion to visit the pistol range and he explained one cannot observe the pistol range from the rifle range or from the target house as there is a concrete wall separating the pistol range from the other areas of the range. Mr. STIPP observed a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department number 495 139. He did not observe this individual at the club while he was there. Mr. STIPP left the gun club at approximately 12 noon.

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Date 6/18/68

CHARLES T. CRADDOCK, Executive Vice President, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was in the hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968 and due to the large number of people present in the hotel in connection with the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and MAX RAFFERTY rallies, Mr. CRADDOCK had been in the various banquet rooms of the hotel. He stated that at approximately 12:30 a.m., June 5, 1968, he left his office to walk over to the Embassy Room, when he observed a large number of people come out of the Embassy Room shouting Senator KENNEDY had just been shot. Mr. CRADDOCK advised that during the next few minutes, he was involved with contacting various employees in the hotel and did not witness either the shooting or the man alleged to have shot Senator KENNEDY.

He advised he was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the incident. Mr. CRADDOCK viewed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised SIRHAN was unknown to him and he had never observed SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

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WILLIAM KONOLD, 71 North Meredith, Pasadena, was interviewed at the Campus Ball and Cue Billiard Parlor, 1656 East Colorado Boulevard. KONOLD was shown photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. Mr. KONOLD advised that he was playing pool at the Campus Ball and Cue from mid-afternoon until approximately midnight on June 4, 1968. Mr. KONOLD stated he is certain that SIRHAN was not at the Campus Ball and Cue on June 4, 1968.

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Mrs. DONALD BOYKO (ELSIE) resides with her family at 1545 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, California. She is 42 years of age. She is nominal Vice President of D.B. Electronics Company, a firm which her husband previously owned and now manages. Mrs. BOYKO was born in Lodi, California, attended College of the Pacific and Walla Walla College in that city. She is active in the affairs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and has been a member of this church since childhood. Mrs. BOYKO has lived at the above address for six years, and previously resided at 15½ El Dorado Place in Arcadia, California.

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. BOYKO met a Jordanian student named ABDUL MJED DOBASS, a visitor to the United States who was sponsored for study here by some neighbors. She had known DOBASS as a student, but has not seen him during the past four or five years. He has remained in the United States, married, and become a United States citizen. She does not know his present whereabouts.

Mrs. BOYKO first met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN shortly after Christmas of 1967, when she went to work as a saleslady in a health foods store owned by JOHN WEIDNER at 1380 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena. SIRHAN, whom she referred to as SAUL, was already working in the store as stock clerk and delivery boy. WEIDNER owns two other health food stores, one in Monterey Park which is known as "Monterey Nutrition" and another in Downey, California, on Florence Avenue (name unrecalled). In addition to his duties as a store clerk, SAUL would drive WEIDNER's station wagon to make deliveries between the stores. She knew SIRHAN from December 1967 to March 1968, when he left WEIDNER's employ because of daily differences between them. When he was at the store, she would talk to him during slack business times and found him to be a serious, sensitive person and one with strong feelings. From the beginning of their association, she made it clear that she would not and could not discuss the politics of his country and

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that of the Near East because she did not wish to and was not sufficiently versed in this subject, but told him that she would talk to him about religion and he very eagerly accepted this arrangement. He told her that he was very much interested in religion - all religions and was making a comparative study of religion. In this connection, Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN's mother had been attending her church (Seventh Day Adventist) in Pasadena for a couple of months prior to her meeting SIRHAN, but she did not know her until some time later when SIRHAN attended this church with his mother. He did not attend often, perhaps three or four times, then dropped out. His mother ceased attendance about a month after (February 1968). Mrs. BOYKO has never met any other members of the SIRHAN family.

Mrs. BOYKO said she understood that during part of the time that SIRHAN worked for WEIDNER, he took some religious instruction from a relative of WEIDNER's who was living in Pasadena at the time with his wife and was visiting the West Coast. This person's name was _____ PETERS, an older man who originally came out to California from Wisconsin and has since returned. The instruction Mr. PETERS gave to SIRHAN was in Bible Study. Mr. PETERS is a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wisconsin (place unrecalled).

It is Mrs. BOYKO's further reflection that Mr. PETERS was highly incensed at JOHN WEIDNER's alleged harsh treatment of SIRHAN. He indicated to Mrs. BOYKO that WEIDNER's treatment of SIRHAN was undoing any good effort he could make with the boy, from the standpoint of religious instruction

Mrs. BOYKO feels she had a good relationship with SIRHAN and he seemed to like her. They talked of many things - nothing of a serious nature - none of a political nature. Through these conversations and other events that transpired in the store (his relationship with WEIDNER), Mrs. BOYKO gained something of an insight into his character. For example, she soon learned that he harbored a great envy for the good fortunes of others. He said he did not like wealthy people. She cited as an example of his dislike NELSON ROCKEFELLER who he said had too much wealth. He did not mention ROBERT KENNEDY in this connection and never mentioned his name to Mrs. BOYKO's knowledge. It was in this connection - in his comments about wealth and his dislike for

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wealthy people-that he mentioned, inferentially, his dislike for Jews. He did not mention these things with any discernible emotion, but she remembers them from parts of his conversations.

SIRHAN's relationship with JOHN WEIDNER, in Mrs. BOYKO's opinion, was never good, and as nearly as she and others in the store could judge, SIRHAN was really not at fault in this. WEIDNER is domineering, harsh and rude with his employees, she said. He seemed particularly harsh with SIRHAN at times. He insisted on strict compliance with his orders, i.e. "SAUL come here at once!" SIRHAN might have had a box of groceries in his arms and would deposit them in a car or whatever before complying. This would infuriate WEIDNER. He would regard this as a challenge to his authority. He would berate SIRHAN and accuse him of laziness and insubordination. SIRHAN would defend himself shouting as loud "You just don't talk to me like that" "You have to treat me like a man", and he would stand his ground; then walk away in desperation and frustration. Mrs. BOYKO tried to be the mediator, but the arguments and flashes of temper on both sides became an almost daily occurrence. SIRHAN wanted WEIDNER to fire him so he could get some severance pay, but WEIDNER sensed this and would not fire him.

After these outbursts, SIRHAN would calm down and talk to Mrs. BOYKO about his abiding interests. He indicated he was interested in spiritual things. He definitely was interested in horses. He spoke about his desire to be a jockey and talked about his weight problems. He was also interested in the gambling aspect. He went to the track frequently; every Saturday (at Santa Anita) and apparently was a consistent loser. This bothered him because he was interested in money and wanted money. He was very conscious of his size. Being a little person, he felt disadvantaged. He felt this very strongly and had a defensive complex about it. He felt it was a handicap, even though he had aspirations to be a jockey.

He showed no interest in, or interest in talking about, girls. He indicated that dating girls was a waste of time, and did not wish to discuss the subject. Mrs. BOYKO doubts that he did date girls during this time.

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Finally SIRHAN left the shop, sometime in March 1968, and subsequently either sued or filed charges against WEIDNER for back pay. Mrs. BOYKO does not know the particulars about this.

Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN was strong in his beliefs - strong in his convictions. With regard to other aspects of his activity as known to her, Mrs. BOYKO said no one ever came to the shop to visit him. He received no mail at the shop. He received no telephone calls at the shop. He never waited on customers except to carry groceries to waiting cars. He was polite. He was respectful. He never expressed any strong hatred even after his heated exchanges with WEIDNER.

He never came back to the store after he left and Mrs. BOYKO last talked to him sometime in March.

He did complain about the poor condition of WEIDNER's delivery station wagon.

Mrs. BOYKO said she has seen newspaper accounts datelined Washington, D.C. which have quoted her as saying, "SIRHAN was a religious fanatic." Mrs. BOYKO said she never said any such thing.

Mrs. BOYKO said the only Jordanians she has ever met were ABDUL DOBASS (mentioned initially), SIRHAN and a local barber named SIMON SHARU. Mrs. BOYKO recalls asking SIRHAN if he knew DOBASS (above) and he acknowledged that he did, but said no more, so that Mrs. BOYKO could not determine what the degree of association was.

After the news of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and SIRHAN's picture was published in the morning newspaper, all the persons at the store knew who it was, but could not believe it. Mr. WEIDNER's reaction was electric. He walked around the store beating his fists to his head saying, "it's him, it's him - it's got to be him;" and then to a customer who had been friendly to SIRHAN in the past, he said "you see I was right about him. I don't know why he didn't kill me - he hated me so."

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Mrs. BOYKO said she has no explanation for SIRHAN's terrible act. She is shocked and unable to fit it with her recollection of him. It is her opinion that she never did see him except for some surface manifestations, and these were, to say the least, contradictory.

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Date 6/19/68

Mr. EDWARD MINASIAN, residing at 129 North Lamer Street, Burbank, California, and employed in the catering department of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was reinterviewed at which time he advised as follows:

In connection with the change of plans wherein Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was proceeding to the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel instead of going to the Embassy Ballroom as originally planned, MINASIAN explained as follows:

On the night of June 4, 1968, after Senator KENNEDY completed his victory speech in the Embassy Room, he and his party, which included PIERRE SALINGER, JESSE UNRUH, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, and several others whom he could not remember, left the stage and entered a rampway leading to the hallway to the Ambassador Ballroom. He recalled he was walking in front of Senator KENNEDY and while the KENNEDY party was following him, they were discussing the advisability of going to the Colonial Room for a brief press conference before going downstairs to the Ambassador Ballroom. He said this discussion was very brief, lasting no more than 15 to 20 seconds.

He said he stopped at the end of the passageway before entering the aisle leading to the Ambassador Ballroom. The KENNEDY party turned right into the passageway leading to the Colonial Room, and he joined the KENNEDY party, walking on Senator KENNEDY's right side.

He said he feels certain the decision to go to the Colonial Room instead of the Ambassador Ballroom was a spontaneous decision after a brief conference. He based this upon the conversation he overheard plus the fact that as of the time KENNEDY was delivering his victory speech, the plans were for him to proceed directly to the Ambassador Ballroom.

MINASIAN said inasmuch as he was walking in front of the KENNEDY party, he did not see who took part in the discussion but believes he recalls hearing the voices of Senator KENNEDY, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, and possibly one other whom he could not recall.

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Date 6/11/68

JAMES LLOYD WILSON, JR., 115 South Halladay Street, Apartment 7, Santa Ana, California, was interviewed at his residence and in a Bureau car while enroute to Commerce, California. WILSON was advised by SA ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT the interview was regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his knowledge and association with SIRHAN SIRHAN. A Waiver of Rights Form was furnished to WILSON and after reading it stated he understood his rights and executed the form.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to WILSON who advised he appears to be identical with an individual he worked with during May, 1968, who he knew as BOB (last name unknown).

WILSON explained he lived in Alhambra, California, for approximately two months at 2317 West Main Street, Apartment A. For the first month he lived by himself, but on May 9, 1968, DOROTHY MANNING and EDDIE NESS moved in with him. A few days thereafter, he helped MANNING obtain a job as a barmaid at the Golden Garter. He, WILSON, had hung around this bar for approximately four months shooting pool and drinking and knew the owners.

During the third week in May, WILSON obtained employment at the Scanbe Manufacturing Corporation, 1161 Monterey Pass Road, Monterey, California, and on the first day of employment met a fellow employee named BOB. They became friendly and BOB agreed to drive WILSON to and from work. Each evening after work at approximately 6:00 p.m., they stopped in the Golden Garter for some drinks, thereafter, they would go to WILSON's apartment for an hour or so. WILSON stated he kept the job at Scanbe for approximately two weeks and on each work day stopped at the bar and apartment with BOB.

WILSON pointed out he did not recall BOB's last name but had it written down in a address book maintained by RHONDA GREEN who resides in Commerce, California.

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