

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/1/68

JOHN NALDI, 2044 Dracena, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his place of employment, Mario's Italian Restaurant, 1001 Broxton, Westwood Village, and furnished the following information:

On the evening of May 21, 1968, he accompanied his wife, MARIA NALDI, to a meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPPF) at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles. NALDI is only slightly acquainted with ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE, the owners of the residence located at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles. NALDI indicated that he is not interested in the meetings of the Los Angeles Peace and Freedom Party; has only attended two prior meetings of this organization, and attended the May 21, 1968, LFPPF meeting as a favor to his wife, MARIA NALDI, who he described as young and impressionable. NALDI is not acquainted with others attending this meeting, with the exception of ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE.

NALDI, who sat by himself toward the rear of the room during the entire meeting, indicated that he did not pay attention to the speakers. He remembers that the meeting became quite noisy when an unknown Cuban individual spoke following a slide presentation on Cuba by an unknown youth but does not recall any comments made or anyone in particular arguing with the Cuban individual. NALDI did not observe anyone wearing a white T-shirt but noted that his wife, whom he believes sat toward the center of the room, has since told him that she observed an individual so attired and believes that this individual resembles news media photographs she has seen of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

NALDI was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, NALDI stated that he did not observe anyone at this meeting who resembled these photographs.

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HUGO BYRNE, 4035 Monroe Street, Apartment 1, Los Angeles, California, telephone 662-0972, was contacted at this location and furnished the following information:

He stated he is a reporter for "La Prensa de Los Angeles", a semimonthly Spanish language newspaper published at Los Angeles, California.

He stated that three or four weeks ago one JOSE ANTONIO DUARTE, 6643 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, California, told him that he (DUARTE) and a number of other Los Angeles area anti-Castro Cuban individuals recently attended a "pro-Castro" meeting at a private residence near Griffith Park in Los Angeles, California. DUARTE told BYRNE that he (DUARTE) observed a young dark complected male individual at this meeting and that he (DUARTE) is certain that this individual is identical to news-media photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. BYRNE believes that one ALBERT VELAZCO was one of the Cuban individuals who accompanied DUARTE to this meeting.

BYRNE stated he does not have any first hand knowledge of this meeting and was unable to furnish any additional information regarding same.

Although BYRNE is acquainted with a Cuban individual by the name of FRANK GUITIERREZ, he has not seen this individual in approximately two years. At that time GUITIERREZ was residing in an apartment building on Normandie Avenue, between Wilshire Boulevard and Olympic Avenue in Los Angeles, California

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GERALD LIGHT GOLDSTEIN, 649A Hawthorne, Glendale, California, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

Although currently unemployed, he is a free-lance photographer and occasionally sells photographs to the Los Angeles area newspapers.

Between midnight and 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968, he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, for the purpose of taking photographs of a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. GOLDSTEIN proceeded to the Embassy Room at the hotel, and, shortly after arriving at this location was told that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot in another area of the hotel. GOLDSTEIN then proceeded to the area of the shooting and took several photographs of the persons who had been shot. Several days later he gave this film to the "Free Press" newspaper. GOLDSTEIN did not see the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY or the person responsible for the shooting.

GOLDSTEIN also advised that on May 21, 1968, he attended a meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3300 Amesbury, Los Angeles, which meeting included a talk and slide presentation on Cuba by PAUL SHINOFF. GOLDSTEIN, who is a member of the LFPFP, arrived at the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m. As SHINOFF was preparing to present his slides of Cuba, a Cuban individual, subsequently identified to GOLDSTEIN as Major JOSE DUARTE, stood up and requested that he be given time to present his views on Cuba. The meeting became quite loud, and GOLDSTEIN believes that those present voted to allow DUARTE to speak following SHINOFF's slide presentation. After the presentation of these slide, which slides GOLDSTEIN described as being of very poor quality, DUARTE again stood up at the front of the room and proceeded to present his views on Cuba. The audience again became quite noisy and critical of DUARTE. GOLDSTEIN was unable to

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identify any particular individuals arguing with DUARTE, nor could he recall any of the comments made by these individuals. He did not hear anyone accuse DUARTE of being a CIA Agent and did not observe anyone scuffle with this individual.

GOLDSTEIN was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a photograph taken June 5, 1968, by the Los Angeles Police Department. After viewing these photographs, GOLDSTEIN advised he could not recall observing anyone at the above meeting, or at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968, who resembled these photographs.

GOLDSTEIN noted that several weeks ago, RON SCHNEIDERS, Chairman of the LFPFP, mentioned that one of the other LFPFP members who attended the above May 21, 1968, meeting told him (SCHNEIDERS) that an individual resembling SIRHAN attended this meeting. GOLDSTEIN, however, does not know the identity of this LFPFP member.

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VANIK SALMASIZADHE, Apartment 11, 631 East Windsor, Glendale, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, Dunlop Tires, 1023 East Colorado (241-4756), in the presence of Sergeant MICHAEL MC GANN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1968, he and five other individuals of Iranian extraction attended a meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, arriving at this location at approximately 8:15 p.m. The other Iranians attending with him were as follows:

Dr. PARVIZ TAHERPOUR, who runs a medical clinic on East First Street in Los Angeles.

ALI KHAN BOUCNAND, 2119 North Beechwood, Los Angeles, California.

REZA JALALIPOUR, a student at Valley Junior College, Van Nuys, California, who rooms with BOUCNAND.

SIROUS KARAMI, who lives in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles; and one unknown Iranian individual who is an acquaintance of JALALIPOUR.

According to SALMASIZADHE, KARAMI, who is a member of the LFPFP, invited the other Iranians to this meeting.

SALMASIZADHE recalled that the meeting included a talk and slide presentation on Cuba by an unknown American individual who recently returned from a trip to Cuba. Following this talk and slide presentation, an unknown Cuban individual spoke for approximately ten minutes, claiming to have been with FIDEL CASTRO during the Cuban revolution and to have later been arrested and imprisoned by CASTRO

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for opposing communism in Cuba. SALMASIZADHE further recalled that during the Cuban's talk, REZA JALALIPOUR confronted this individual and engaged in a loud argument. SALMASIZADHE stated he does not recall any statements made during this argument, although he believes that JALALIPOUR told the Cuban that he was a Persian, in response to an inquiry by the Cuban. SALMASIZADHE described JALALIPOUR as being approximately 24 years of age, 5'6", 145 pounds, dark complected, curly black hair, and having a heavy foreign accent. He believes that JALALIPOUR was wearing a light colored turtleneck pullover type shirt on the evening of this meeting. SALMASIZADHE volunteered that JALALIPOUR can be particularly loud and outspoken in pressing an argument.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to SALMASIZADHE, and, after viewing same, he noted that REZA JALALIPOUR closely resembles the individual depicted in these photographs. SALMASIZADHE stated he did not observe anyone else resembling the SIRHAN photographs at the above meeting and could not recall anyone else who actually confronted and argued with the Cuban individual.

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ALBERTO GUERRO, Banquet Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised through an interpreter, BENITO ACOSTA, 915 South Saint Andrews Place, Los Angeles, that he, GUERRO, resides at 826 Fedora Street, Los Angeles, California. On the night of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he was not in the area of the incident. GUERRO learned of the shooting of the Senator only after people started rushing about seeking a way out of the hotel. GUERRO advised he did not see Senator KENNEDY on the night of the shooting and at no time did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Mrs. TRUDY JENNINGS, Housekeeping Staff, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment regarding the events surrounding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

JENNINGS advised that she resides at 11231 Success Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 569-0548.

JENNINGS stated that on the evening KENNEDY was shot, she was assigned to work from twelve midnight to eight o'clock in the morning. She further stated that on that evening she had come in approximately two hours before her shift was to begin. She advised that she had done so in hopes of seeing KENNEDY. She stated that she had been hanging around the area of the Embassy Ballroom, and the adjoining kitchen where the Senator was shot. Shortly prior to the shooting, JENNINGS advised she had noticed some cocktail glasses on the floor near the women's restroom, just outside the kitchen. She picked up the glasses and brought them into the kitchen and placed them on a serving counter across from the ice machine. She then advised that she proceeded to the powder room downstairs to see if it was clean. While enroute to the powder room, she stated that she heard cheering coming from the vicinity of the Embassy Ballroom upstairs. Surmising that KENNEDY had won the election, she ran back upstairs to the kitchen to see KENNEDY.

JENNINGS stated that she returned upstairs to the kitchen and stood by the ice machine. She advised that she only noticed one other person in the room at that time. This person, she stated, was a dishwasher. Shortly after she had arrived in the kitchen, she saw the Senator coming into the kitchen from the Ballroom. She stated that he was accompanied by CARL (Last Name Unknown), the Maitre d', and two other unidentified white males in business suits. She stated that the Senator was followed by a number of persons, none of whom she recognized.

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When KENNEDY passed her, JENNINGS advised, he smiled at her and "gave her a little squeeze". JENNINGS advised that she had had occasion to see KENNEDY several times during his stay at the hotel and that he had always smiled at whenever they happened to run into one another.

JENNINGS advised that KENNEDY then walked on past her and began shaking hands with the unidentified dishwasher. JENNINGS then advised that she heard someone yell, "KENNEDY!" and then heard two loud reports. At this point, JENNINGS advised that KENNEDY was about six feet from her. Upon hearing the two loud reports, she turned and looked at KENNEDY and saw him falling back toward her. JENNINGS stated that she did not see him actually hit the floor. She stated that she did not see the subject SIRHAN. She further stated she saw no one with a gun. JENNINGS also advised that she did not notice any blood as KENNEDY was falling. She advised that she did not notice that any one else had been wounded.

At this point, JENNINGS stated, she became very frightened and ran out of the room via the door next to the men's restroom which leads to the lobby of the hotel. She stated that immediately after hearing the two loud reports, people began screaming and there was a great deal of pushing and shoving. She advised that when she ran out of the room, she ran directly to the Venetian Room which is across the lobby from the Embassy Ballroom.

JENNINGS stated that she went to a pay telephone booth in the Venetian Room and called her mother, Mrs. GERTRUDE MANLEY, 722 East 115th Street, Los Angeles, California, and advised her that KENNEDY had been shot.

JENNINGS stated that she then walked downstairs to the area where the maintenance employees are stationed. Upon arriving there, JENNINGS advised that she remembered seeing her supervisor, MAJOR HAYDEN, and telling him that KENNEDY had been shot.

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JENNINGS advised that she then just wandered around for awhile and then walked into a women's restroom downstairs in the same area. She stated that she began crying over the preceeding events, and while doing so, two women came in and asked why she was crying. JENNINGS stated that she advised one of the women that she was crying because Senator KENNEDY had been shot, and that she had been there when it had happened. One of the women commented to her that it was a terrible thing to have happened and said that she had been in the Embassy Ballroom while KENNEDY was making his victory speech.

JENNINGS stated that she then just "walked around" the hotel until four or five o'clock in the morning. She stated that there were so many people around that she was unable to get any work done anyway.

At around dawn, JENNINGS advised she went back to the men's restroom by the kitchen where the shooting occurred with the purpose of cleaning it. When she entered there were several police officers in the restroom washing their hands. She stated that she emptied a waste basket near the door and in the course of doing so, noticed a brown alligator wallet lying on the floor next to the waste basket. JENNINGS advised that she picked up the wallet, and without looking at its contents, walked outside into the kitchen and gave it to a policeman in plainclothes. She stated that at this point a uniformed officer asked what she was doing there and took her name and address.

JENNINGS stated that she then went to the Coconut Grove and cleaned the restrooms there. By the time she had completed that task, JENNINGS advised, it was eight o'clock and she left to return home.

JENNINGS reiterated that at no time during the evening did she see anyone resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, nor did she see anyone shooting. She also repeated that when she saw the Senator begin to fall, she panicked and ran from the room. She could recall nothing further about the incident.

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JENNINGS advised that she had been interviewed on June 21, 1968, by two men she believed were Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department. She stated that she was questioned for approximately two hours by these two men; and that the entire interview had been recorded on a tape recorder. JENNINGS stated that at several times during the interview, the interviewers had expressed doubt at the veracity of her story.

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MANUEL CHAVEZ, dishwasher, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised through an interpreter, NICHOLA VALENZUELA, 908 South Normandie, Los Angeles, that he, CHAVEZ, resides at 1000 West 23rd Street, Los Angeles.

On the night of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, CHAVEZ advised he was washing silverware one floor below the kitchen where Senator KENNEDY was shot. CHAVEZ advised he did not hear any shots and at no time did he see anyone resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel. CHAVEZ advised he first learned of a shooting when someone stated Senator KENNEDY had been shot. CHAVEZ advised he could not recall who gave him this information.

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SIDNEY PLOTNICK, 4542 Avocado Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location regarding a May 21, 1968, meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) held at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles.

It was noted that PLOTNICK's residence contained numerous posters desecrating religions. PLOTNICK was himself dressed as a clown for no apparent reason.

PLOTNICK's account of the above meeting was replete with inconsistencies and incoherent rambling statements. He acknowledged attending this May 21, 1968, LFPFP meeting and stated that he "may have" observed a slender, dark complected, white male individual sitting by a set of doors leading to an outside patio. PLOTNICK further stated he believes this individual approached and argued with JOSE DUARTE, previously unknown to PLOTNICK, as DUARTE attempted to speak at this meeting. PLOTNICK was unable to further describe this dark complected individual or recall any statements made by same.

PLOTNICK was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, PLOTNICK claimed he now recalls that the above individual may have resembled the photographs of SIRHAN.

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MARIA CHRISTINA NALDI, 2044 Dracena, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1968, she and her husband, JOHN NALDI, attended a Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) sponsored meeting at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, the residence of ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE. NALDI estimates approximately 60 persons attended this meeting, including approximately 10 LFPFP members and a group of approximately 10 Cuban individuals, headed by JOSE DUARTE, previously unknown to NALDI. Attending from the LFPFP were ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE, RON and ELLEN SCHNEIDERS, PAUL GROSSBERG, SIDNEY PLOTNICK and ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI.

NALDI recalled that following a talk on Cuba by PAUL SHINOFF, JOSE DUARTE stood up before the audience and requested time to present his views and refute statements made by SHINOFF. The audience became quite noisy, and the question of whether DUARTE should be allowed to speak was put to a vote. She believes that those present voted to allow DUARTE to speak following the SHINOFF slide presentation.

NALDI further recalled that during the slide presentation, she became aware of a slightly built white male individual seated in a row of chairs in front of double doors leading to an outdoor patio approximately ten feet from the front of the room. NALDI further described this individual as youthful in appearance, between 18 and 19 years of age, 5'5" tall, dark curly unkempt hair, medium to dark complexion and wearing a white T-shirt and jeans. She had never seen this individual before and assumed that he was of Latin American extraction because of his dark complexion.

NALDI recalled that as a slide depicting traffic congestion in Cuba was presented, one of the Cuban individuals remarked in jest, "There's my car," and that the above T-shirted individual commented to the effect that only the rich people in Cuba owned automobiles.

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Following the slide presentation by SHINOFF, DUARTE spoke for approximately ten minutes. Considerable shouting prevailed as DUARTE spoke, and although NALDI recalls that the above T-shirted individual occasionally shouted critical remarks at DUARTE, she does not recall any words spoken. She did not hear or see anything which might indicate that this individual was of Arab extraction. Toward the end of DUARTE's talk, this T-shirted individual became very excited and angry, got up from his seat and proceeded to within several feet of DUARTE. DUARTE and this individual argued back and forth in loud voices, but NALDI does not recall what was said. She did not observe any kind of a scuffle between DUARTE and this individual. The meeting adjourned for coffee several minutes after this individual approached DUARTE, and NALDI left the meeting at this point and did not further observe the above T-shirted individual.

NALDI was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, NALDI advised that they closely resembled the above described T-shirted individual who argued with DUARTE, although noting that the latter individual appeared lighter complected than the photographs.

NALDI, who sat next to ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI, 2040 Rodney, Los Angeles, during this meeting, recalled that toward the end of the meeting, BUDZISLAWSKI nodded toward an elderly, well-dressed man standing on one side of the room and commented that this individual looked like a CIA Agent. This comment was directed to NALDI, and NALDI does not believe that anyone else heard the comment. She did not hear anyone, including the above described T-shirted individual accuse DUARTE of being a CIA Agent.

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Date 6/11/68

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with activities of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights (LACDBR) was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, which photograph was taken by the Los Angeles Police Department June 5, 1968. This source advised that SIRHAN does not appear identical with any individual who has been involved in activities of the LACDBR, 326 West Third Street, Los Angeles, during the Fall of 1966 or during 1967 or 1968.

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VINCENT THOMAS DIPIERRO, 1645 Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 279-1411, was recontacted and furnished the following information:

VINCENT DI PIERRO stated that he is employed by the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was employed at that hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, and early morning of June 5, 1968. DI PIERRO stated that on the early morning of June 5, 1968, he was a witness to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. DI PIERRO stated that he was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI relative to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on June 7, 1968, and furnished a statement relative to the shooting.

DI PIERRO was asked how many people were in the area of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on June 5, 1968. DI PIERRO stated that approximately 20 to 25 people were in the immediate vicinity where Senator KENNEDY was shot, and approximately 40 to 50 people were in the general area.

DIPIERRO was asked did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting, and if so where. DI PIERRO stated that he first saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN approximately one minute before the shooting standing on a tray holder six inches high located approximately 30 feet from where he was standing.

DI PIERRO was asked if SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was with anyone. DI PIERRO stated that when he first saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN he was standing next to a girl. DI PIERRO furnished the following description of the girl:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	21 to 25 years of age

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Height	Approximately 5'4"
Weight	100 to 105 pounds
Build	"Shapely and attractive"
Hair	Dark brown or black, shoulder length
Characteristics	"Pudgy nose"
Clothing	White dress with black or purple polka dots on it.

DI PIERRO stated that when he saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN standing next to the above described girl, she was leaning over SIRHAN standing next to him, and SIRHAN was smiling at her.

DI PIERRO was asked if he saw any objects in the hands of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. DI PIERRO stated that he did not see any objects in SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's hands, but he could not see his hands clearly. DI PIERRO stated that SIRHAN was holding on to the tray holder with his left hand and his right hand was across his body.

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Date 5/15/68

After having been advised of the identity of WILLIAM J. REHDER as a Special Agent of the FBI and after having executed a Waiver of Rights form STEPHEN DALE AHERN, 14372 San Jose, Mission Hills, California, executed the following statement and furnished the following information:

"STATEMENT

"I, STEPHEN DALE AHERN, called the Greek Theatre in March of 1968, at 1:45 p.m. on day prior to the scheduled speaking appearance of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. When the operator at the Greek Theatre answered the telephone I said, 'There is a bomb inside, it will go off tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m.' I knew prior to making this bomb threat that the Senator was to address a rally at the Greek Theatre at 4:15 p.m. the day after I made the telephone call.

"Later that same day (ie. the day before Senator KENNEDY was to appear at the Greek Theatre) at approximately 4:00 p.m. I telephoned the Los Angeles Times and told whoever answered the telephone that 'Senator KENNEDY will be shot.'

"Both of the aforementioned phone calls were made from a public phone booth in Sylmar, California.

"At approximately 1:00 p.m., I telephoned American Airlines at Los Angeles International Airport and told whoever answered the telephone 'Senator KENNEDY will be shot when he lands'. This call to the airport was made from a public phone booth on Laurel Canyon Blvd., San Fernando, California.

"Immediately after making the telephone call to the Los Angeles Airport I drove to the airport and saw Senator KENNEDY land and was even able to

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"shake his hand. After having seen the Senator at the airport, I drove to the Greek Theatre where I observed the entire KENNEDY rally.

"I originally made the three calls involving the aforementioned threats in order to see what news that it would create.

"I have read the statement contained on this and one (1) other page & I now sign this statement because I know that is true & correct.

"/s/ STEVEN DALE AHERN

"Witness:

/s/ WILLIAM J. REHDER, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Cal."

AHERN advised that on the following Monday after Senator KENNEDY's appearance at the Greek Theatre he made an appointment with his psychiatrist, Dr. CAGLE, Oliveview Sanatorium, to explain to Dr. CAGLE that he had an urge to kill Senator KENNEDY for some reason which he was unable to explain within himself. Once AHERN's actions regarding the telephone threats against Senator KENNEDY's life and the accompanying urge on the part of AHERN to assassinate Senator KENNEDY were explained to Dr. CAGLE, Dr. CAGLE notified AHERN's probation officer, Mr. GOTTLEIB, Van Nuys, California and GOTTLEIB arranged to have AHERN's probation suspended and on May 3, 1968 in Division 20, Municipal Court, Los Angeles, California AHERN's case was certified to Department number 95, Superior Court, Los Angeles County for a sanity hearing.

On May 9, 1968, AHERN was interviewed by two court appointed psychiatrists who declared AHERN legally sane on May 10, 1968. On May 15, 1968 Judge FAIRNER (phonetic), Municipal Court, Los Angeles, California, sentenced AHERN to 36 months active probation under the supervision of Officer GOTTLEIB on condition that AHERN regularly see a psychiatrist.

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The following description of AHERN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	STEPHEN DALE AHERN
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of birth	May 21, 1946
Place of birth	Glendale, California
Height	6'
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Current address	14302 San Jose Mission Hills, California
Relatives	Father, DAVID JOSEPH AHERN; Mother, HELEN FRANCES AHERN, nee Hutchinson
Occupation	Student, Valley College Van Nuys, California
Former political associates	Member of American Nazi Party from December, 1964 to May, 1965

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Date 6/26/68

WINFRED HOLDER, Desk Clerk at the Hope Hotel, 735 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, advised as follows:

He was in the Cordova Bar in Los Angeles the afternoon of June 9, 1968, and he ran into JOHN WRIGHT at the bar. WRIGHT had stayed at the Hope Hotel from November 3, 1967, through December 29, 1967. WRIGHT did not work while he stayed at the Hope Hotel and he was finally asked to leave because he was very noisy. WRIGHT told HOLDER the following story at the bar on June 9, 1968:

He had been working at the Ambassador Hotel in the kitchen, as a kitchen reporter for two or three months up to the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He saw SIRHAN SIRHAN several times during the evening of June 4, 1968. SIRHAN was in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel drinking coffee. A pretty girl was waiting with SIRHAN that night, and SIRHAN kept asking kitchen employees when Senator KENNEDY would be coming through the kitchen.

As Senator KENNEDY came through the kitchen, he saw one man try to hold Senator KENNEDY's arm to keep him still. This was the man with dark glasses whose picture was in the paper. He saw SIRHAN with a pistol but he did not see him pull the trigger and he thinks somebody else did the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

HOLDER advised that WRIGHT also mentioned the following things during their discussion on June 9, 1968:

People in the Ambassador Hotel's kitchen had been talking for two weeks about how they planned the shooting of Senator KENNEDY;

He knew alot that he could not tell or it would be his neck;

A kitchen reporter reports what they need in the kitchen;

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He was married to an actress but he could not tell who she was;

He had a key to the Playboy Club;

He did not have to worry about money;

The girl with SIRHAN had dark hair, was wind-blown, and she was well built;

He was leaving soon for Pensacola, Florida, for construction work

HOLDER stated that WRIGHT never mentioned that any money was offered to the kitchen help to assist in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

HOLDER described WRIGHT as follows:

Name	JOHN DAVID WRIGHT
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	28 to 30 years
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Characteristics	Two gold front teeth

HOLDER furnished the Registration Card of JOHN DAVID WRIGHT and it listed his former address as 715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California.

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ROLAND L. TARDIFF, Resident Manager of the YMCA, 715 South Hope, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

He can find the record of only one JOHN or DAVID WRIGHT staying at the YMCA in the last year, and he does not remember this man at all. TARDIFF furnished the Registration Card of this man and it contained the following information:

Name	JOHN WRIGHT
Date of Birth	March 11, 1932
Address	631 Freeman Kansas City, Kansas
Business Address	Fairfax Kansas City, Kansas
Employment	General Motors
Relative	LAURA WRIGHT 631 Freeman Kansas City, Kansas
Dates resided at the YMCA	September 10, 1967, through September 17, 1967

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R. L. NICKENS, Manager of the Milner Highland Hotel, 813 South Flower, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

JOHN WRIGHT stayed at this hotel until June 10, 1968. WRIGHT stated that he was flying to Pensacola, Florida, to work in a construction job and that he would be back in two or three months. NICKENS advised that he knew of no friends of WRIGHT in the hotel. He talked to WRIGHT several times, but WRIGHT never mentioned the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. WRIGHT worked days and nights but NICKENS did not know who his employer was. When WRIGHT left, he left no forwarding address.

NICKENS furnished the Registration Card of WRIGHT and it contained the following information:

Name	JOHN D. WRIGHT
Date of Registration	December 29, 1967
Date of Departure	June 10, 1968
Automobile	None
Address	735 Hope Street Los Angeles, California
Rent	\$15 per week

NICKENS described WRIGHT as follows:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	30
Height	5 feet, 7 inches - 5 feet, 10 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Characteristics	Moustache, Two gold teeth

NICKENS had no further information on WRIGHT.

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On June 10, 1968, Mr. JOHN RITTENHOUSE, 4642 $\frac{1}{4}$ Elizabeth, Cudahy, California, advised that one RICHARD MEGOWN, a former co-worker of his who hung around the Tom Haynes Chevron Station located in the 6500 block of Manchester Boulevard, Los Angeles, had made many statements indicating that he hated the KENNEDYS and felt that they should all be killed. RITTENHOUSE had no other details concerning MEGOWN.

Mr. RICHARD MEGOWN, 4873 West 142nd Street, Hawthorne, California, advised that he formerly "hung around" the Tom Haynes Chevron Station in the 6500 block of Manchester Boulevard in Los Angeles. He said that he did not care for the KENNEDY family and had made many statements against the KENNEDYS but had never stated that he would kill one of the KENNEDYS. He advised that he had never even seen any of the KENNEDYS and did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that he would be careful of any statements that he would make in the future.

The following physical description of MEGOWN was obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'3"
Weight	220 pounds
Build	Large
Hair	Dark blond, crewcut
Occupation	Unemployed
Army Serial No.	

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JIM SOLOKA, Assistant Manager, Standard Gasoline Station, 23614 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California, advised upon viewing JOHN FAHEY that he does not remember FAHEY or a blond woman driving a 1962 white Pontiac.

SOLOKA advised that he was on duty on June 4, 1968 and that he was attending the gasoline pumps at approximately 6p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that evening when FAHEY stated he drove into the gasoline station.

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FRANK BARBARO, Owner of Trancas Restaurant, 30765 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu (north), California, advised that he would be glad to help the FBI in any way he possibly could. BARBARO granted SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY, permission to enter the ladies lounge, whereupon BARBARO escorted SA MC CARTHY to the lounge and observed therein was a pay telephone, number 457-9511.

BARBARO introduced SA MC CARTHY and FAHEY to IVA HESTIR, one of the waitresses employed at Trancas Restaurant, who resides at 2644 Fifth Street, Santa Monica, California.

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IVA HESTIR, waitress, Trancas Restaurant, 30765 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu (north), California, who resides at 2644 Fifth Street, Santa Monica, California, advised that FAHEY looked familiar to her, but that she can not remember serving him in the restaurant and can not remember him in the company of a blond woman.

HESTIR advised she did work the evening of June 4, 1968 and that the table at which FAHEY advised he sat was her station.

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TY HAMMOND, Manager of the Kenmore Motor Motel, 3170 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that the description of the unidentified blond woman does not fit any of his customers residing at that motel.

HAMMOND advised upon review of motel records, he could not find a record for anyone fitting the description of the unidentified blond woman.

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WILLIAM GARDNER, Chief of Security, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he knows of no blond fitting the description given by FAHEY and does not know any girl in the building by the name of GILDERDINE OPPENHEIMER (phonetic). GARDNER advised that he does not know of any prostitutes or con scheme people presently working at the hotel. He advised that he would alert all bellhops and other personnel to be on the lookout for a woman fitting the unknown blond's description, however, so far none of the personnel have been able to identity the woman.

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PATRICK MURPHY, Security Officer, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he does not know of any one fitting the description of the unknown blond described by FAHEY. MURPHY advised that hotel personnel have been given a description of this woman and that if she should appear at the hotel the Security Division would immediately notify the FBI.

MURPHY advised that he knows of no prostitutes or con scheme people fitting the description of the unknown blond.

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Mrs. ROBERT H. (ZANE) THOMPSON, 2216 Highland Oaks, advised that she is a member of the Pasadena Chapter of the Rosicrucians, 2031 East Villa, Pasadena, California. She said that she attends meetings approximately twice monthly, however, she cannot recall ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mrs. THOMPSON said that she did not know that SIRHAN belonged to the Rosicrucians until Saturday night, June 15, 1968, when her sister visited her home and told her that she had read in the newspaper that SIRHAN supposedly was a member of the Pasadena Chapter.

Mrs. THOMPSON said that she has observed SIRHAN's photograph on television and in the newspapers numerous times since the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, but is positive that she has never personally conversed with him.

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Dr. MARCUS S. MC BROOM, Ph. D., was contacted at his office, 706 East Manchester, Los Angeles concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He advised that he was a KENNEDY supporter and member of Senator KENNEDY's Local Speaker's Bureau and he was present at the Ambassador Hotel on the night KENNEDY was shot. He provided the following observations which occurred at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

He arrived at the Ambassador about 10:30 PM on June 4, 1968. The guards at the door of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador would not let him enter the room. He was told that because of fire regulations they were unable to allow anyone else to enter the room. He then went through the kitchen in order to enter the Embassy Room. While he was going through the kitchen he stated that he observed SIRHAN sitting on a table in the kitchen. He stated he thought it was odd that SIRHAN was in the kitchen because he was not dressed as a kitchen employee and he was dressed in "dirty" clothing. He did not speak to SIRHAN but remembered seeing him in passing through the kitchen about 10:30 PM, June 4, 1968.

MC BROOM stated he had been an active worker for the KENNEDY campaign in the Los Angeles area. He was with the KENNEDY party on the Senator's visit to Watts and at the Greek Theater and acted as a security man at the Greek Theater.

After he arrived in the Embassy Room he saw Mrs. JEAN SMITH who invited him to join the private after-victory party, which was for the campaign workers. About mid-night, Senator KENNEDY came into the Embassy Room to make a short speech. It was his understanding that the Senator would leave through the crowd. Someone told him that Mrs. KENNEDY was feeling faint, so KENNEDY decided to leave through the back entrance and through the kitchen.

He joined the KENNEDY group and was following them through the "pantry door" which lead to the kitchen. Just before he went through the door, he saw many balloons floating in the air.

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Just as he entered the door, he heard what he assumed later to be the first of several gun shots fired. At first, he thought the noise he heard was caused by the exploding of the balloons. When he realized that the noises he heard were gun shots, he recalled hearing six (6) shots. He did not see any person firing the shots. The last thing he remembered of seeing Senator KENNEDY was his apparent efforts to protect himself by throwing up his hands. His next recollection was of ROOSEVELT GRIER and others trying to take a gun away from SIRHAN.

An unidentified woman shouted to him to "get a doctor, the Senator has been shot." At this point, MC BROOM ran from the kitchen into the Embassy Room searching for a doctor. While running in the Embassy Room, he stated he remembered seeing a caucasian female about twenty-five, 5'4", 126 pounds, moving toward the exit. This woman was wearing a white dress with black polka dots and definitely had dark hair. He did not say anything to this woman, nor did he hear her say anything. He stated the only unusual thing he noticed about this woman was the fact that she appeared much calmer than anyone else in the room, and appeared to be trying to leave the room as soon as possible.

While in the Embassy Room, searching for a doctor, a man hurried past him in a furtive manner. He could not describe this man, but believed he was caucasian and carried a notebook. As he left the Embassy room into the hall, he saw Mr. SAMUEL A. STRAIN, who is an insurance broker with an office on Crenshaw Boulevard. STRAIN said to him, "My God--he run right through our fingers." MC BROOM stated that the man to whom STRAIN was referring was the same man who ran past him mentioned above. MC BROOM said his impression at the time that this man ran past him ~~was~~ that he was a newspaper reporter. He did not give this man any additional thought, since he was sure that the assassin was being subdued in the kitchen.

Just outside the Embassy Room entrance, he found Doctor FRED PARROTT, who is a Medical Doctor, and Doctor ROSS MILLER, whom he said is a surgeon. He attempted to lead them back

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to the kitchen where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. At this time security was extremely tight, and the guards at the Embassy Room entrance would not let them into the room. After proper identification, indicating that the three were doctors, the guards let them into the Embassy Room. The three of them then rushed back to the kitchen.

When they reached the kitchen, the ambulance was already there taking care of Senator KENNEDY. The first thing he saw was Mrs. EVANS lying against the wall with blood coming from her head. He advised that he is not a medical doctor, but a clinical psychologist, therefore, he did not administer first aid to Mrs. EVANS or anyone else. He did what he could to help Doctor MILLER in administering emergency treatment to the other victims of the assassin's bullets. As additional ambulances arrived the various victims were taken from the kitchen.

Shortly after he arrived back in the kitchen with the doctors, the police had SIRHAN in their physical custody. As they were taking him out of the kitchen into the main hall, he heard SIRHAN say, "I did it, but I can explain. I did it for my country."

After all the victims had been taken away in ambulances, there was still mass confusion in the kitchen and the Embassy Room. He stated ABC and CBS reporters wanted him to make a statement which he did. At this point, he advised that he became extremely exhausted and wanted to go home. He went into the Embassy Room and discovered that the police would not let anyone leave. He went back to the kitchen and had one of the kitchen employees lead him out the back way. He went to his car and went home.

In reflection, he remembered that every person he thought to be an employee in the kitchen was dressed in white. This is another reason he thought it strange to see SIRHAN in the kitchen area earlier in the evening.

He estimated that the lapse of time from the shooting until he left the hotel to go home was about thirty (30) minutes. He arrived home between 1:30 and 2:00 AM.

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MC BROOM stated that he resides at 3736 Mullin Place, Los Angeles, California, 90043, and has telephone number 294-0342.

He advised that he had been interviewed by Mr. BOLES (phonetic) of the Los Angeles Police Department. He said he told BOLES everything he had just stated. BOLES showed him many photographs of both males and females. From the photographs shown to him, he was unable to identify the woman in the polka dot dress or the man who ran past him in the Embassy Room whom STRAIN thought was involved.

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PHYLLIS HAZEL YOUNG, who resides at 14414 Addison Street, apartment 1, advised that she began working as a cocktail waitress at the Fez Restaurant on Vermont in Los Angeles, in August 1965. She advised that this was when she first met ADEL SIRHAN, the brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He stated that ADEL was working at the Fez as a musician at that time.

YOUNG advised that ADEL became a good friend of hers and that he used to take her home after work quite often, out for breakfast and on other social engagements. She stated that approximately one year after having met ADEL, he introduced her to one of his brother's, who was at the Fez Restaurant, and to her recollection this brother was SIRHAN. She stated that she saw this individual about two more times, each time at the Fez Restaurant. The last time was approximately April 1968.

YOUNG advised that during the time she knew ADEL, she never had any occasion to discuss politics with him and she never heard him express any anti-American or anti-rich sentiments. She stated that she knew ADEL to be a kind, generous person and thought a great deal of him.

She said that in her few encounters with ADEL's brother, SIRHAN, her conversations were always short and very light, never discussing anything such as politics or ideologies. She stated that she never remembers his brother to display any sign of temper or violence in her presence.

She stated that she left the employ of the Fez Restaurant earlier this year inasmuch as she was of a Jewish background and she did not wish to put up with some of the comments or insults of some of the Arab patrons of the restaurant. She said that the upper floor of the Fez Restaurant was a very pro-Arab nationalist environment. On the night that Senator KENNEDY was assassinated, several of the individuals there, whom she did not know by name, indicated that they were glad that the "Jewish lover" was dead. She stated also that she sensed, among many of the Arab people at the Fez, the strong feeling of anti-Americanism.

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YOUNG advised that she has not seen ADEL SIRHAN since she left the Fez and that she has never met any other member of his family.

She is described as a white female, born April 22, 1940, at New York City, New York, 5'2", 155 pounds, hazel eyes, and black hair.

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JOHN FAHEY advised that at approximately 10:30 a.m. this date, while traveling in his 1962 white Pontiac from the Ventura Freeway south on the San Diego Freeway, that he was followed by a dark blue Volkswagen for approximately four miles. FAHEY stated that the Volkswagen stayed approximately the length of a football field or maybe 200 feet behind his car. FAHEY advised he realized he was being followed when the Volkswagen on three different occasions started to leave the freeway via exit ramps, but would suddenly pull back onto the freeway and continue to follow FAHEY's car.

FAHEY advised that this automobile disappeared after approximately four miles and was not seen again by him as he continued to travel back to his office at Cal-Tek Industries, 1833 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

FAHEY again advised he did not obtain the license number of the Volkswagen.

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RUBY VILIN, Assistant Manager, Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that on June 4, 1968, the only blond on duty for the breakfast shift was VERA WALKER, 3115 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles, California.

Upon being introduced to FAHEY, VILIN advised that she was also on duty, and she does not remember FAHEY in the restaurant.

VILIN advised that WALKER was not on duty this morning due to illness, but that she could be contacted at her residence.

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VERA WALKER, 3115 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed and introduced to JOHN FAHEY. WALKER advised that she is a waitress at the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California and that she was on duty on the morning of June 4, 1968.

WALKER advised that at first she did not recognize FAHEY, but now remembered that he had been in sometime last week, asking her whether she remembered him being with a blond woman and having breakfast on June 4, 1968. WALKER advised that for this purpose she recognized FAHEY and does not remember serving either him or the blond on June 4, 1968.

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JOHN FAHEY advised that he is presently being contacted by FERNANDO FAURA of the "Hollywood Citizens News" newspaper as much as three times daily. FAHEY advised that he has not been giving any further information to Reporter FAURA.

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Mr. RON SMITH, Owner, Cal-Tek Industries, 1833 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California, employer of JOHN FAHEY, advised that FAHEY had described the incident occurring at the boulder on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, California, as follows:

FAHEY was seated in his car with the unknown blond woman and advised that he got out of his car and could see the unidentified man standing behind the boulder holding a gun. FAHEY told SMITH that he practically crawled back into his car and that it hurt in his chest and his side. FAHEY exclaimed to SMITH that he could still feel it and that he was scared to death. FAHEY further advised SMITH that a waitress at the Trancas Restaurant, 30765 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu (North), California, had remembered both himself and the blond woman on June 4, 1968, having dinner.

SMITH advised that upon reviewing FAHEY's application for employment that there are three employments on the application that FAHEY failed to advise SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY of. These are Interchemical, Los Angeles, California, January 1967, to March 1967, employed as an Outside Salesman; Thomas Brothers Maps, South La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, June 1967, through December 1967, and Gensler Jewelry, 955 Market Street, San Francisco, California, from March 1963, until April 1964. SMITH advised that he did not perform any background check on FAHEY and has not contacted any of his previous employers. SMITH advised that FAHEY is only a fair employee, that he has only worked at Cal-Tek a few months and has shown himself to be hot-headed with a bad temper, having challenged some of the salesmen to a fight and, in fact, challenged SMITH also. SMITH advised that he was not always cooperative, that he resented being reprimanded, was often late on the submission of his reports and careless as to the contents of the reports when submitted. SMITH advised that FAHEY is slow in that he does not grasp the facts of a situation quickly.

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Between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY, in the company of JOHN FAHEY, retraced FAHEY's route taken on June 4, 1968 with an unidentified, female, white, blond companion.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., SA MC CARTHY and FAHEY attempted to contact the waitress who had served FAHEY on the morning of June 4, 1968 in the company of the blond woman at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. Mrs. RUBY VILIN, Assistant Manager of the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop, advised that the only blond waitress on duty on the morning in question was a VERA WALKER, who resides at 3115 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles. VILIN advised that WALKER was not working this date due to illness, but that she could be contacted at her residence.

SA MC CARTHY in the company of FAHEY interviewed VERA WALKER at 3115 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles.

SA MC CARTHY and FAHEY then retraced FAHEY's route from the Ambassador Hotel, west on Wilshire Boulevard, west on Santa Monica Boulevard, north on Pacific Coast Highway, as far as North Malibu and returning to Los Angeles making a stop at the Trancas Restaurant, 30765 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu (north), California, where the owner, FRANK BARBARO was interviewed along with the waitress, IVA HESTIR, who supposedly waited on FAHEY.

An interview with JIM SOLOKA, Assistant Manager, was conducted at the Standard Station, at which FAHEY stopped for gas at 23614 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California.

A stop was made at a parking lot adjacent to a public beach in Malibu, California, at which FAHEY now stated that he and the unidentified blond woman had pulled into, parked their car, carried on a conversation generally the same

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as that which has been reported in previous interviews. Upon questioning by SA MC CARTHY, FAHEY admitted to having carried the blond unidentified woman from the car, across the sand, to a ramp, which led up to a deserted life guard stand. FAHEY advised that the conversation again was similar to what has previously been stated and that the woman was still insistent upon wanting his confidence.

The route traced went as far north as the large boulder on Pacific Coast Highway, which has been described in prior interview. At this point, FAHEY advised that he remembers more as to what then transpired and gave the following account:

FAHEY's car was parked facing west towards the ocean and the blue Volkswagen pulled up thirty to forty feet on the right side FAHEY's car, also facing west. FAHEY advised that the man then got out of his car and walked around to the other side of the Volkswagen and stood staring at FAHEY and the blond girl, who was still seated in FAHEY's automobile. FAHEY advised that he was going to get out of his automobile but noted that the blond girl was watching to see if he removed the ignition key. He stated that being afraid his car could possibly be stolen, he did not remove himself from it. The unidentified man at this point got back into his Volkswagen and drove it behind a large boulder, directly south of FAHEY's car, and disappeared from view. FAHEY pulled back onto Pacific Coast Highway and continued north and did not see the blue Volkswagen.

SA MC CARTHY logged the mileage from as far north as the boulder, back to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Upon leaving the parking lot at the boulder, the odometer read 10,189.6 and registered at 10,203.1 upon arriving at the Trancas Restaurant in Malibu (north). The odometer read 10,213 at the Standard Station in Malibu and 10,239.7 upon arrival back at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. The route north from the boulder was not covered by SA MC CARTHY.

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Upon arrival at the Ambassador Hotel, FAHEY gave the following account of his previous employments. On April 14, 1948 he joined the United States Air Force, obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, Air Force No. [REDACTED] and was honorably discharged on November 22, 1952. From 1952 to 1962 FAHEY was employed by Fields Jewelers on Market Street, in San Francisco, California. FAHEY advised that this jewelery concern went out of business in 1962. He traveled with his wife to Washington, D. C. where he was employed as Assistant Manager for Hot Shops, Incorporated, headquartered at River Road, Bethesda, Maryland. FAHEY advised that in 1964 he again returned to San Francisco and was employed by the Bank of America, Number 1 South Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco in the Auto Center Branch. His Supervisor was AL SADINI. FAHEY left the Bank of America in early 1966 and was employed by the Schick Electric Razor Company on Market Street in San Francisco until November 1967, at which time he was transferred to Los Angeles and having lost an important account, he was relieved of his position with the Schick Company and was employed by RAY SMITH, Owner of Cal-Tek Industries, 1833 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, as a chemical salesman. FAHEY continues to be employed by Cal-Tek Industries.

FAHEY advised that he recognized VERA WALKER as being the blond waitress, who waited on himself and the unidentified blond woman on June 4, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop. He also stated he recognized IVA HESTER the waitress who waited on him and the unidentified blond woman at the Trancas Restaurant, 30765 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu (north). JIM SOLOKA was known to FAHEY as being the gas station attendant who waited on him and the unidentified woman at the Standard Station, 23614 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu.

FAHEY advised that he paid cash for both meals at the Trancas Restaurant and the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop and also the gasoline at the Standard Station, Malibu, California.

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MARIA GIROUARD, 731½ Fairview Avenue, Arcadia, California, furnished the following information:

She advised that she had been employed part-time from 1962 until mid-April, 1968, at the Monterey Nutrition Store and to a lesser extent at Organic Pasadena, both stores owned by Mr. WIDENER. She advised that through this employment, she met SIRHAN SIRHAN, whom she knew as "Saul", shortly before Christmas, 1967. SIRHAN was employed at Organic Pasadena and was principally involved in making deliveries to the various other healthfood stores which Mr. WIDENER owned.

Mrs. GIROUARD stated that ~~her~~ contacts with SIRHAN were generally of short duration and just during the course of their work. She advised that their conversation was principally concerned with the work, however, he did once say that he had been an exercise boy for race horses and since Mrs. GIROUARD's husband had been involved with horses for many years, they thereafter talked about horses and horse racing. She said that at no time did SIRHAN ever get into any discussion with her of a political nature.

Mrs. GIROUARD stated that due to the considerable differences in their ages, she was not aware of any associates which SIRHAN may have had. She stated that she did not believe that SIRHAN was at all close with anyone at the store. She stated that he was probably the most friendly with Mr. WIDENER.

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JAMES LOWE, 4620 Coliseum, Los Angeles, California, ^{Date} _____, advised he recalled having told some young KENNEDY workers just before the end of Senator KENNEDY's speech at the Embassy Room that there had been a change in plans, that instead of exiting from the stage at the right, as one looks at the stage, from which point Senator KENNEDY and his party had entered, the new plans were that he was to exit from the left rear and go to the Colonial Room for a press conference. He said he had been told this by a well-dressed man from New York, whom he understood to be from New York.

Mr. LOWE stated he had furnished detailed information concerning this portion of the inquiry when previously interviewed by SA BAILEY of the Los Angeles Office.

He also stated he wanted to furnish the following additional information:

On June 14, 1968, he was talking with THAD HEATH, another member of the KENNEDY party, who was on stage at the time Senator KENNEDY spoke at the Embassy Room. He was also with the Senator when he was shot and held the people back. HEATH told LOWE he felt certain he had seen SIRHAN sitting on stage the night Senator KENNEDY gave a speech at Temple Isaiah, 10345 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, about three weeks ago. HEATH said this man was just sitting on stage, looking out into the audience.

LOWE, who was also present at Temple Isaiah on the night in question, said he does not remember seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN.

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In LOWE's presence, LENA SMITH telephoned KAREN GANLEY, another young professional KENNEDY worker. LENA SMITH mentioned to KAREN GANLEY that someone closely resembling SIRHAN had been seen onstage at Temple Isaiah, and discussed with GANLEY the fact that someone with a similar name had been calling her for dates. GANLEY said she did not believe the man onstage, who may have had some resemblance to SIRHAN, was identical with SIRHAN. She said she had also been called by someone with a name SHAN, SHAWN, or something similar, asking for a date, but had turned him down.

LOWE asked LENA SMITH where this man might have gotten her telephone number, and she suggested the possibility he may have gotten it from KENNEDY headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

LOWE then talked with LINDA SUCKNEY, secretary at KENNEDY headquarters. She recalled talking with a young man who volunteered his services as a KENNEDY worker and filled out an application. She believed he had a first name resembling JAMESTED, and remarked that he was an exchange student from one of the Arab countries. She recalled that he had asked for, and been given, the telephone numbers of LENA SMITH and KAREN GANLEY.

LOWE said he is chairman of the Membership Committee of the local KENNEDY organization. BILL EVANSON is co-chairman, and currently has all the application forms of volunteer workers at his home. LOWE estimated there are about 600 such forms, and said EVANSON would be glad to furnish them for review.