

1 Q Did I understand you to say that he was with a  
2 girl here?

3 A No. No, I don't see no girl, but he was talking  
4 with us. He was--

5 Q He was alone?

6 A He was alone. I don't see no girls around.

7 Q This was about a half-hour before Kennedy came  
8 out?

9 A Yes, it was about a half an hour before Kennedy  
10 passed through there.

11 Q And was there other persons here other than  
12 employees?

13 A Yeah. There was--some employees there, too.

14 Q Were they people besides the employees and him,  
15 anybody you didn't know as employees?

16 A No.

17 Q Were there other people other than him and the  
18 employees you knew?

19 A No, I don't know. I don't--too many people  
20 coming, passed through.

21 Q There were several people there, then?

22 A Yeah, passing through. I don't know. If  
23 somebody was with him, I don't know; but when he was  
24 talking to us, he was alone. He was alone. He was--he  
25 was like (\*). He told me three or four times, "Mr. Kennedy  
26 going to pass through here?" I don't know how I tell to him.

1 Q Now, he's the one--this guy that asked you, "Is  
2 Mr. Kennedy going to pass through here?" he's the one that  
3 ultimately had the gun in his hand and was--

4 A Yes, he was (\*).

5 Q The one that done the shooting?

6 A Yeah.

7 Q Did you see the gun? Did you get a good look at  
8 the gun?

9 A Well, I couldn't see very far, you know; here  
10 to the wall. Yes, I see a gun, big like this.

11 Q Now, I'll show you a gun here.

12 A No, I think it's bigger than that.

13 Q It looked bigger to you than that, huh?

14 A Yeah. I'm not very sure, but the gun, I  
15 think it was about this big. It was big like this.

16 Q It looked awful big to you?

17 A Yes, and I saw it like this big.

18 Q You thought it was about a foot long, a foot?

19 A Yeah.

20 Q And you talked to this guy. Did you talk in  
21 English?

22 A In English.

23 Q He didn't speak in Spanish?

24 A No, he don't--I think he doesn't speak Spanish  
25 because I told something (\*) he told me to what he's said.  
26 He told me about the beautiful girls.

1 Q So you don't think he spoke espanol?

2 A No, I don't think he speaks Spanish. I don't  
3 know what kind, what people--maybe Armenian or Italian or  
4 something else. I don't know.

5 Q Olive skin, though, like espanol?

6 A Looked like Armenian or something like that.

7 Q Armenian or something like that?

8 A Something like Italian. He had black hair,  
9 skinny guy, oh, a little taller than me--not so big, a  
10 skinny one.

11 Q How tall are you?

12 A 5'2".

13 Q You are 5'2", and he's just a little bit taller  
14 than you?

15 A I think 5'3" or 5'4", something like that.

16 Q Would you know him if you saw him again?

17 A Well, I'd try. I don't know, but I don't want  
18 to get involved because, you know, I don't have no (\*) in  
19 the street. You know what this means.

20 Q Yeah.

21 A You get me in the street, they going to (\*) me  
22 (\*).

23 Q Who's your boss at the Ambassador?

24 A My real boss's name was--because I belong to the  
25 Steward apartment, but I work in the kitchen.

26 Q I see.

1 A Yeah, I work in the kitchen, like helper--

2 Q Who is your boss in the kitchen?

3 A My boss in the kitchen, the--the chef.

4 Q What's his name?

5 A Let me see--Roberto.

6 Q Roberto?

7 A Roberto, a tall man. He's the head steward;

8 I mean, the head--

9 Q The head chef?

10 A Chef, yeah. One little Japanese, he said he  
11 recognize him. He said, "I saw him and never forget his  
12 face. I saw him." He said, "I never forget his face."  
13 He take a good look at him, better than I do, because,  
14 you know, I talking to somebody else. I don't know what's  
15 going to happen, you know.

16 Q Uh huh (yes).

17 A I talk to--but I'm sure he told me about three  
18 or four times, "Is Mr. Kennedy going to pass through from  
19 there?" I said, "I don't know. I don't know what's going  
20 to happen." A little bit, I get a shot in my head, but what  
21 I don't understand, so many people were coming, so why  
22 somebody don't knock him down or something else?

23 Q I don't know either. Thank you very much, Jesus.  
24 You can come on out, now.

25 (Termination of recorded interview.)

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STATEMENT OF JESUS PEREZ

DATE 6-5-68

1415 S. Burlington Ave.

L.A.

No home phone

Work - Ambassador Kitchen porter

Susp. stood in pantry hallway and asked at least four time, "Is Mr. Kennedy coming this way." Was told by Perez he didn't know. Susp. asked other persons, "Is Mr. Kennedy coming this way." Susp. described as Male, olive skinned (Perez does not think susp. speaks Spanish) short, blk hair. Susp. shot Kennedy, tackled by several persons. Did not see anyone with susp. during 1/2 hour susp. stood in hallway. Can ID susp. and gun.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

DATE: 11/1/68

FROM : SA R.J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE: HENRY PETERS

On 10/31/68, Sergeant MIKE NIELSEN, Los Angeles Police Department, SUS Unit, made available a copy of a 48 page interview of HENRY PETERS.

This is a tape recorded conversation conducted by personnel of the Los Angeles Police Department with HENRY PETERS in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 8/28/68.

A copy is attached hereto.

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TRANSCRIPT #65  
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TAPE #29743  
HENRY PETERS  
August 28, 1968

1 TAPE #29743  
2 TAPE RECORDED CONVERSATION WITH HENRY PETERS  
3 MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, AUGUST 28, 1968, 11:00 A.M.

4 QUESTIONED BY: LT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ #7101, S.U.S. UNIT  
5 MR. JOHN MINER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
6 TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

7 \*\* INDICATES UNINTELLIGIBLE

8 . . . . .

9 MR. PETERS: Come right in.

10 MR. MINER: Thank you, sir. I'm John Miner and  
11 this is Lt. Hernandez from Los Angeles.

12 MR. PETERS: Have a seat.

13 MR. MINER: Thank you very much.

14 MR. PETERS: I've been kind of staying around  
15 here in case that telephone call came so that I would be  
16 here. Well, otherwise I would have been helping that fellow  
17 up here painting the thing, and it looked so terrible I said  
18 I'd do it for him if he'd help me fix my trailer. So he  
19 helped me fix my trailer.

20 MR. MINER: Oh.

21 MR. PETERS: I've been painting his building up  
22 there.

23 MR. MINER: Oh.

24 MR. PETERS: So \*\* it was so hot this morning.  
25 It was hot here for awhile I thought. Well that heat was 92  
26 and then that humidity, we be so near the lake here.

MR. MINER: Oh, yeah, I was up in Cleveland last  
week, and, oh my!



1 MR. PETERS: It was \*\* humidity.

2 MR. MINER: Oh, yes, it was way up 90, 95, and  
3 the humidity about 90 percent. Oh, it was really awful.

4 MR. PETERS: That's why I like it when I'm out  
5 in California the winter months. You know we spend some time  
6 out there and some time here, and sometimes we stay out there  
7 and sometime with my nephew and niece, and that's how we got  
8 into this mess here, I guess. And so I like it because over  
9 there the humidity isn't too bad; and then when we--we're  
10 back here, of course, then this year it was once when we  
11 really got some heat, but otherwise we never had it really  
12 so hot as we had it here now for awhile.

13 MR. MINER: Well \*\*

14 LT. HERNANDEZ: Well, Mr. Peters, to get down to  
15 the business at hand, here, because you probably are busy,  
16 and we--

17 MR. PETERS: Well, I'm trying not to be so much.  
18 I used to be so--work was my second name, you know--

19 LT. HERNANDEZ: Uh huh.

20 MR. PETERS: And I have to cut down more as I  
21 used to.

22 LT. HERNANDEZ: What we're trying to do, Mr.  
23 Peters, is to clear up and clarify certain things, situations,  
24 that have come up in the investigation of this boy Sirhan,  
25 and the investigation of Senator Kennedy; and we understand  
26 in talking to various people that you were in Los Angeles, in

1 the Los Angeles area, earlier this year; is that right?

2 MR. PETERS: That's right.

3 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: When did you arrive in Los  
4 Angeles?

5 A Well, it was just--we got there in Monterey Park  
6 last Christmas, just the night before Christmas, see, on the  
7 25th. We got there just in time to be with those folks when  
8 they had their Christmas party, see.

9 Q BY MR. MINER: That was in 1967, then?

10 A Yeah, that's what I mean, '67.

11 MR. MINER: Uh huh.

12 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, I understand that you  
13 are related to Mr. Weidner?

14 A Weidner, that is my nephew through marriage, see,  
15 nephew through marriage.

16 Q And in your association with Mr. Weidner, I  
17 understand that you had the opportunity of meeting and getting  
18 to talk to Sol Sirhan. I think you called him Sol?

19 A I worked with him, see.

20 Q Uh huh.

21 A I worked with him. He was working at the store;  
22 and, of course, I--when we are out there, we don't lay  
23 around and do nothing, we--we just help my nephew and niece,  
24 see?

25 Q Uh huh.

26 A Because they have three health food stores there.

1 Q Uh huh.

2 A So, I worked with him; and that's how it come  
3 that we got together, see?

4 Q Okay, sir, I'm going to show you some pictures  
5 here and see if you recognize any of the people that I show  
6 you. Do you recognize this man?

7

8 A No, I don't know. This might be a brother of  
9 Sirhan's.

10 Q It is a brother of Sirhan's.

11 A Because I've been to the house, and I've seen the  
12 two brothers there and the mother, see; I've been to his  
13 house.

14 Q Okay, I'll show you a picture of this lady here.

15 A Yeah, that's his mother.

16 Q That is Mrs. Mary Sirhan.

17 A That's right.

18 Q You recognize her?

19 A Yes. A nice lady, too. I liked her. She was  
20 very nice. Now this is one of the others; isn't it?

21 Q Yeah, another brother.

22 A Another brother. You know they look somewhat  
23 alike. Yeah, this is--this is--we always called him Sol,  
24 see, for short.

25 Q Uh huh.

26 A I didn't know him by that--by that time. Yeah,

1 that's another picture. Wait a minute, that looks different.

2 No, it looks like--

3 Q This is Sol and this is another brother of his.

4 A There was another brother maybe from the one  
5 that's over across or somewhere? Maybe I didn't see--you  
6 see I--I didn't have much \*\* I was just there, and I saw them  
7 in the house and that's about all, see? But this boy I  
8 worked with, see, so you can figure that I knew him better  
9 than I would the other.

10 Q This is the one that you called Sol Sirhan?

11 A Sol, yeah. We just--that's all I knew when we  
12 were out there because for the short time I worked with him,  
13 that's all we knew him, and I even--we drove and got the  
14 bread from--from Glendale and we \*\* for produce to the  
15 different stores, and we worked together, see? Or from the  
16 garages where he's got his stock we would take it out in the  
17 store and put it on the shelves and so on.

18

19 Q Well, now when you started working for your  
20 nephew, Mr. Weidner--

21 A Yeah.

22 Q Sometime later you, in working there, you got to  
23 know this person Sol Sirhan. He was also working there?

24 A Yeah.

25 Q And how soon would you say it was before you  
26 started becoming more acquainted with him than with some of

1 the other people, employees, that you had an opportunity to  
2 talk to them? Would you say right away or a matter of a week  
3 or two weeks or--

4 A Well, he was there when we got there; and, of  
5 course, we always worked in the store. I painted the stores  
6 and did a lot of things in the store, made shelving and so  
7 on, and a lot of times he helped me because he was there.  
8 I--I--I think he was so courteous in every way, he--to me he  
9 was--we were such a surprised--boy, when this happened, we  
10 couldn't believe it; because when we left him, he was a nice  
11 boy.

12 Q So, you knew him as a nice boy--

13 A Yeah.

14 Q --you know your contact with him.

15 A Yeah, we--we couldn't figure it out what in the  
16 world got into his head.

17 Q When did he first invite you to his house?

18 A Well--

19 Q BY MR. MINER: Start how did it come about that--

20 A You mean that I come to his house?

21 Q Yes, uh huh.

22 A See, once I got there for--I had to tell him  
23 something--I have forgotten just--John told me something, and  
24 I guess I had to run over and bring him a message or something  
25 and then another time then we got to talking some--just plain  
26 ordinary talk, but never did he say anything about that he

1 had it in for anyone or anything, and I said, "Well," I said,  
2 "we have some meetings going on over at the church," I says,  
3 "you ought to come over there, " I says. Then one night he  
4 did, him and his mother, they come over; and John, a number  
5 of times, took them home from church. She went to church  
6 once in awhile there at Pasadena to our Seventh Day Adventist  
7 Church, and--but that's all--then later on I spoke to him  
8 about some things that the Bible has and so on. Well, he  
9 says, "How about showing me some things?" Well then there  
10 was about three or four times that I went over and I had  
11 studies with him on the Bible, see, how \*\* he said--one  
12 evening he said, "My--he said, "If a person had to live like  
13 that," he says, "you'd have to be pretty good Christian,  
14 wouldn't yah?" And I said, "Yeah." And his mother spoke up,  
15 "Yeah," she said, "Sol, I have told you lots of times," she  
16 said, "that you should study the Bible with me, but you never  
17 would," see?

18 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Who would be present during  
19 these meetings you had with Sol?

20

21 A Just the mother and Sol, see. And twice the boys  
22 --these other boys were there, and they were listening to  
23 their television while I was sitting at the dining room table  
24 with Sol and his mother, see, and discussing some of the  
25 things in the Bible. She's pretty well versed in the Bible,  
26 too, you know; and she'd bring up some questions, and we'd

1 just discuss them just like you ordinarily would, so see?  
2 But nothing otherwise.

3 Q BY MR. MINER: Drawing your attention to the date,  
4 Mr. Peters, approximately what would you say would be the  
5 first date that you went to Mr. Sirhan's home?

6 A Boy, that would be the--you see this is quite  
7 awhile ago. It would be hard to say.

8 Q Well,--

9 A Probably then it was in February sometime.

10 Q February of this year?

11 A Yeah, sometime in February maybe, but--but to  
12 state the exact date, I wouldn't--

13 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: When did you return from Los  
14 Angeles back to Wisconsin?

15 A The second last weekend, April. We returned  
16 back here, see.

17 Q The second weekend of April?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q 1968?

20 A Yeah. We came back here, and--

21 Q Excuse me. And going back to these meetings,,  
22 when did he--how did it happen the first time that you  
23 went there to talk to Sol, how did this circumstance arise  
24 where you went over to talk with him about your Bible  
25 meetings and what have you?

26 A Well, let's see. I really don't know what brought

--what brought--he said, "Well," he said--well, gee, I was trying to discuss with him a little bit some things because he kind a--he kind of asked--he was inquisitive, see, a little bit. You know how it is sometimes when things come up, and then he doesn't know it. I says, "Maybe it would be a good idea if I come to the house and I sit down with you and I show it to you," I says. He knew that I was well acquainted with the Bible because I could quote the text to him, see. So he got inquisitive and wanted to know, and I said, "Well," I says, "why not come Tuesday night, I says, "I'll come up Tuesday night. That was the first night that I went up to his house. That was on a Tuesday night. And I think it was at least four times that I went to his house, see?

Q Did you take any literature with you when you went there to the house?

A Just the Bible.

Q The Bible?

A Yeah.

Q Anything from the church?

A No, no. He might have gotten some when he was there that one evening when we had that evangelistic meeting where Dolan preached, but otherwise he might have gotten some then, but otherwise none.

Q Let me show you something, Mr. Peters, do you recall the pamphlet like this?



1 A Yes, yes, did he have that?

2 Q Did you ever take a pamphlet similar to that to  
3 the house that you and he discussed?

4 A I guess I took that over--some of this over to  
5 him. No, not this.

6 Q Well, similar to that, though?

7 A This here I see is "The Mystery of Life" here  
8 coming to--

9 Q Let me show you this other pamphlet. Now this  
10 is a pamphlet with Sol Sirhan's name on it, and the  
11 address 696 Howard Street; and forget this, but is this  
12 writing here, is that your writing?

13 A Yeah, that's mine I think.

14 Q Pardon me?

15 A I think so.

16 Q Do you remember writing this and putting Sol's  
17 name on it then? I'm just trying to refresh your memory.

18 A Yeah, it's--it's quite awhile ago now, you see.  
19 I--I know I took--because some of the topics that he were--  
20 was inquisitive about, and these things they have the Bible  
21 subject and then all of the text, you see, so I would go  
22 over with him and show him the text and show the ones that  
23 would answer the questions on those, see.

24 Q Very good. Well, that's--I'm just trying to  
25 clarify; that's all we're interested in. We're not trying  
26 to harass you, but we're just trying to clarify this for

1 our own knowledge, you see.

2 A Yeah.

3 Q Now this is your writing here where it says--

4 A Yeah.

5 Q --Sol Sirhan?

6 A That's right. Those are some of the things that  
7 they get from the church.

8 Q All right. And you do remember discussing a  
9 series of lessons with him? Do you remember the lesson  
10 regarding "Forgotten Riches"?

11 A Yes, that was the first one we--

12 Q That's right. And do you remember the lesson  
13 "God Unfolds the Future?"

14 A Uh huh. \*\*

15 Q Was that at a second meeting that you had with  
16 him?

17 A Yeah, I think that's the way they run.

18 Q That's what we assume, and that's what we had  
19 learned that each--

20

21 A As they are on there--on the list that's the way  
22 I went through with him.

23 Q Okay, this shows nine. This shows the last--

24 A Yeah, because we have two each time.

25 Q Two each time?

26 A Two each time that I was there, see.

1 Q Okay, well then do you remember what the last  
2 one was, the last meeting. I'll read some here to you,  
3 "The Problem of Sin", "Sin and Its Cure," "How you can be-  
4 come a new person."

5 A Yeah, those are some of the things that about  
6 sin that I know we discussed some on that, I guess.

7 Q Well, that to our record and to the best that we  
8 have been able to disclose is that that the last time you  
9 saw him you discussed the problem of sin with him. Do you  
10 remember that?

11 A Well, it's--it's kind of vague. I wouldn't--I  
12 couldn't say just whether--but I'm quite sure that I  
13 discussed with him this sin problem.

14 Q Okay, well then this would make nine separate  
15 topics that you discussed?

16 A Uh huh.

17 Q Which would indicate that you had nine meetings  
18 with him?

19 A See, I--I can't even remember how many times I  
20 was there to his house, see, and it's--it's rather a long  
21 time ago. If I had had that pamphlet then I would have  
22 known, see?

23 Q Well, here's the pamphlet, you see. I know that  
24 someone else gave him or discussed with him the tenth  
25 lesson, this one here. I know who discussed that lesson  
26 with Sol Sirhan.

1 A Yeah.

2 Q And up to this point we have assumed that you  
3 discussed the previous nine, and I think if you did discuss  
4 sin with him, the first one would be lesson No. 9, "The  
5 Problem of Sin."

6 A See, I checked them as we went, see.

7 Q This is the last check mark here which you have,  
8 this "Problem of Sin."

9 A Uh huh.

10 Q You remember making these check marks?

11 A Oh, yes, I marked them because I wanted to know  
12 how far we were. See, every time we discussed two of them  
13 together that way and went through the text, why I checked  
14 it off then, see?

15 Q Very good.

16 A So, I--I hadn't even an idea that I was there  
17 that many times, but I see now by if I had two each time,  
18 see, I could have been there and probably five, the last  
19 one we didn't check, see. So that's probably what it was  
20 then.

21 Q Very good. Okay, then in any of your discussions  
22 with him regarding these lessons, did Sol Sirhan complain  
23 to you of any desires or political feelings that he had  
24 about anyone in public office?

25 A Never. Never. If I had had any kind of an  
26 inkling, you know, that he had any, then I would have worked

1 on the love toward our neighbor, something like that. See  
2 I would have pushed that, see, but I didn't know how--he  
3 had when he worked in the store with John wants to know all  
4 this as you do when people work together, and so on that  
5 they have a little discussions or little arguments. I  
6 remember one time they had a little something about wages  
7 and another time about that load, but that does happen, and  
8 that's not anything that's out of the ordinary, see, so make  
9 nothing of it; but with me, boy, was always--he was always  
10 courteous and nice. And when we studied together--that's  
11 why I say one evening he said, "My," he said, "If I had to  
12 live that a person would have to be a different person," he  
13 said. But there was one thing that he said one night that  
14 disturbed me a little bit.

15 Q What was that?

16 A He said, I wanted to change from Tuesday  
17 night to Friday night. I thought it would probably be a  
18 little bit easier for me, see; so I suggested, "Can't we  
19 shift it over from Tuesday night to Friday?" I said. "No,"  
20 he said, "I'm studying. I have a study going, too, on  
21 Friday night." And I said, "What's that, or where, or what  
22 is that?" He said something about mysticism. And I thought  
23 to myself, mysticism, I never heard of it. So afterwards  
24 when I was home here, and this all happened, see, I always  
25 wondered if he got into something else. So when I saw his  
26 pictures on TV and everything and found out who he was, and

1 then I thought I better look up that word mysticism, so I  
2 went to the dictionary to find out what it was, see? And  
3 it said it was intuition without human reasoning. I thought  
4 to myself, boy, if he studied that kind of stuff, that's  
5 something that can put you--change you into another--and  
6 then I also remembered that one night he said something  
7 about--he says--well, he said, "If the power of God comes  
8 into a person," he says, "don't we become like God?" Or  
9 something like that he said, and I thought that was a fool-  
10 ish, funny statement to make, too, see. So from there on  
11 that was all that was said. That is all that I know, and  
12 I thought to myself afterwards when I read in the papers  
13 here and they said over TV some things about that he had  
14 a notebook in his pocket with something like that, Kennedy  
15 wasn't supposed to live until the fifth of June or some-  
16 thing, and I thought to myself and wonder if this mysticism  
17 business, what he got into, whether he had anything to do  
18 with that that he thought probably he had to carry out or  
19 what, I don't know.

20 Q Did he ever give you--did he ever give you any  
21 writing, anything written? You don't have anything that  
22 Sirhan signed to you or wrote to you?

23 A No, if he did, any items or anything that were--  
24 they were for the business of the store or something that  
25 he handed me, but otherwise I don't think of anything. Did  
26 he give you anything that he thought that I give him?

1 Q No, no, I was just asking because--

2 A No, no.

3 Q --because that's the only way we can find out is  
4  
5 by asking.

6 A Yeah, sure

7 Q Also I understand that prior to your leaving Los  
8 Angeles to return back home, that you went to the pastor,  
9 Mitchell?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Would you tell us about that?

12 A Well, I told him that when we're leaving, I said,  
13 "Will you take over Sirhan's--keep following up?" I says,  
14 "I want to finish up the rest of these." "Yeah," he says,  
15 "I'll do that. But because of the fact that they had this  
16 evangelistic effort going and, you know, to have an  
17 evangelist here there was quite a bit of work to it and so  
18 on, I guess he--he couldn't--either he didn't fulfill it  
19 or couldn't follow it up, see. And in the meantime, I  
20 suppose Sirhan would be going to these other places, if he  
21 did.

22 Q Well, when did you go talk to Pastor Mitchell?

23 A Oh, that was during the time that they had that  
24 effort and that must have been in--see, when was that? Was  
25 that in March?

26 Q You said that you left on the second week of

1 April.

2 A About the second last week in April so it must  
3 have been near the last part of March into April or some-  
4 where in there, see. They had meetings. They were for  
5 three or four weeks there, see.

6 Q To the best of your knowledge, when was the last  
7 time that you, yourself, saw and talked with Sirhan? Sol  
8 Sirhan?

9 A Boy, that must have been the last week in March,  
10 I think, or somewhere in there.

11 Q And that would have been on a Tuesday?

12 A Oh, you mean to sit down and study with him?

13 A No, well--

14 A No, I think--it's--it's so long ago, and I think  
15 that was the--you see, there was two weeks, see, the last  
16 week--the second last week in April we left, and then two  
17 weeks back, that would take us into March, the last part  
18 of March, wouldn't it? And just about that is the last  
19 time that I was there, about around there somewhere.

20 Q The last part of March?

21 A The last part of March.

22  
23 Q Do you recall ever going to discuss meetings,  
24 Biblical meetings with him on any night other than Tuesday  
25 night?

26 A No.



1 Q It was always Tuesday night?

2 A Tuesday night. That was the only time I went  
3 there.

4 Q Do you know who continued the Biblical studies  
5 with Sirhan? Did anyone ever tell you who it was that was  
6 assigned the work?

7 A No.

8 Q You don't know who it was?

9 A No, nobody. I thought Mitchell went over, see.  
10 I thought Mitchell would do it, but I heard later that  
11 Mitchell had not carried it out, see, because of the busy  
12 schedule he had with the evangelistic effort, you see.

13 Q What was your impression of Mr. Sirhan as far as  
14 his intelligence or his demeanor?

15 A Very bright boy, I thought.

16 Q Very bright?

17 A Yeah, I thought he was very bright.

18 Q Did he ever complain to you about being sick or  
19 anything like this, or lead you in any way to believe that  
20 he wasn't feeling a hundred percent?

21 A No, I don't think so. I don't think so. I  
22 think he was always--at least when he worked with me, I  
23 never--I never heard him say that he was sick or anything  
24 that he didn't or he couldn't work or anything, or something  
25 like that, no.

26 Q Did he ever complain about anything, headaches,

1 backaches, or anything like that? He never complained?

2 A Well, he told me one morning he told us that he  
3 had won a case where he had been hurt by riding or some,  
4 thing, and he had won the case, and he got--I guess he got  
5 \$2,000 or something out of that case. And I said, "Boy,"  
6 I says, "All that money," I says, "what are you going to  
7 do with all that money?" Well he said, "I had some bills  
8 for my car," and he said, "I'm going to use that for school  
9 work, see. I'm going to school afterwhile." Well, I  
10 thought that was pretty good.

11  
12 Q Did he tell you about how the accident happened  
13 or--

14 A Yeah, he said he fell. He must have been working  
15 for some place where they had horses, and he was riding or  
16 something and he fell off, I guess, or something, or some-  
17 thing happened anyway.

18 Q Did he tell you whether he had been hurt when he  
19 fell off?

20 A Well, that's--that's evidently what the case was  
21 all about.

22 Q Well, did he tell you himself?

23 A Yeah, I guess he talked about it and that was  
24 the reason he got that money, he won the case, I guess, or  
25 something, and he got that money. I believe he said \$2,000.

26

1 But that's what he said.

2 Q But he never mentioned, or you didn't ask him  
3 anything about his physical condition--

4 A No.

5 Q --subsequent to the fall?

6 A No, and he was nice and good and strong because  
7 these boxes and things with honey in and all that other  
8 stuff that we had to lift back and forth. He was good and  
9 strong as far as I could see. I couldn't see that there  
10 was anything wrong with him. Of course, you feel sometimes,  
11 you feel a little tired maybe, but that doesn't happen very  
12 often, but otherwise--

13 LT. HERNANDEZ: John, is there anything that--

14 MR. MINER: Yes.

15 Q BY MR. MINER: Now this, of course, is under-  
16 standable that you wouldn't be able to separate each of  
17 the meetings that you had, but generally speaking, as best  
18 you can, Mr. Peters, we would appreciate it if you would  
19 cover that starting of the meetings, pretty much what were  
20 the questions that he raised? What seemed to be the thing  
21 that he was interested in that you talked with him about?  
22 As best you can remember. Well, what kind of questions  
23 did he ask you? What were the problems that seemed to be  
24 in his mind?

25 A Well, I don't--now I don't want to rebate (sic)  
26 this.

1 Q Uh huh.

2 A But to me my desire was to get him to see how  
3 God comes in by his power to help us to keep away from doing  
4 wrong or from sinning, and so on, see?

5 Q Uh huh.

6 A And, of course, that was what his mother was  
7 interested in, too. She probably knew a whole lot more than  
8 I didn't know. I was just strange as far as I was concerned  
9 as far as his life was concerned. Now that all the infor-  
10 mation that we get through TV and through the papers and  
11 all that we hear now back and forth, now that I can see  
12 that there might have been some things that I didn't know  
13 anything about, see, but I was trying to show--

14 Q Without speculating on that, but rather trying  
15 to now go back in your mind, you talked to him about  
16 him, questions that he may have asked you or tried to where  
17 you thought he was trying to understand, that would be more  
18 what I would be interested in, you know. I mean that would  
19 these lessons perhaps be a good way of starting from?

20 A Now that was what I was going to say. The main  
21 thing was these lessons, you see, they bring up a subject.

22 Q Right.

23 A And, of course, he wanted to know what they were,  
24 see.

25 Q Well, just taking the topics of the subject now,  
26 the first part--you have a list there?

1 A Yeah, "Forgotten Riches."

2 Q I don't want that. I just want the name of it.

3 A "The Forgotten Riches was the first one."

4 Q Yes, now this in "The Forgotten Riches," for  
5 example, was there anything in your discussion that you  
6 remember about that in discussing it with him? Any questions  
7 that he raised or any topic?

8 A Well, what I--the thing was the way this topic  
9 is titled--

10 Q Uh huh.

11 A Of course naturally he would want to know what--  
12 what that meant, and I said--well, I said, "That's the  
13 thing," I says, "today that's very little done--"

14 Q Uh huh.

15 A "--is the study of the Bible or the study of  
16 Christ's life so that we know and he tells us that we  
17 should follow his example because he was our example. And  
18 then how to get the power to live out this word. The power  
19 that's in this work if we put it--I stress putting it up  
20 here, see?"

21 Q Uh huh.

22 A "If you got the book up there," I says, "then you  
23 have got something, but otherwise you haven't," see?

24 Q Uh huh.

25 A And so that's the reason--and then, of course,  
26 these questions bring up different questions. I mean the

1 questions and answers bring up different things that in  
2 his life--there may have been a lot of questions that he  
3 brought up that were aside from just the main questions.

4 Q Uh huh.

5 A But I couldn't remember them now.

6 Q Uh huh.

7 A I tried to remember them, but it would be too  
8 hard to do.

9 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Well, at the end of each  
10 lesson there is a series of questions?

11 A Yes, I know.

12 Q Does he fill those answers out in front of you?

13 A No, I don't--see, I left them lessons with him  
14 for a week, see; and then he's supposed to fill them in,  
15 see.

16 Q Uh huh.

17 A And then when I got there, we went over them, see  
18 if he had them correct. I've got a correction sheet, you  
19 see, where I got all the answers on and the text and things.

20 Q Uh huh.

21 A And then we'd go through it, see?

22 Q Uh huh.

23 A With him, then, see, if--he did very well.

24 Q What happens to the answer sheet on lesson No. 1  
25 for example? What happened after you came back the  
26 following week, and you reviewed the answers with him? And

1 whether or not he answered correctly according to the  
2 Bible, what happened to those answers that he wrote?

3 A I left them with him. He was supposed to have  
4 them. Now I see they're back here again as they--aren't  
5 the first ones in there?

6 Q No, they're not in there.

7 A Then she's got them. They must have them because  
8 I didn't take them back, see?

9 Q Uh huh.

10 A I left them with Sirhan.

11 Q I see.

12

13 A See, because I told him when he's all done, then  
14 he can put them in a little folder like that, and he's  
15 got the whole book right there, see, all of them in there  
16 with the questions and answers the way he answered them.  
17 Then if anybody asks him a question, I said, "You can  
18 refer to your lessons where you've answered them from the  
19 Bible." I says, "Nobody can question that." I says,  
20 "Nobody can question that," I says, "if they want to argue,  
21 they'll have to argue with--" \*\* "You've got the answers  
22 right there."

23 Q Uh huh.

24 A So he liked that. He was--he liked it very much.  
25 He was willing to study and everything. That's why I say  
26 it was such a shock to us, boy, to hear that something like

1 that happened. I said there must have been something else  
2 that got a hold of him.

3 Q BY MR. MINER: Now when you started working with  
4 him, what was your impression as to why he wanted to get  
5 into this subject matter? What seemed to be his motive as  
6 to why he wanted to discuss these topics in the area of  
7 religion with you?

8 A Well, if I have to--

9 Q What's your opinion?

10 A I kind of had the idea, the opinion, that his  
11 mother was behind this to get him to study, see, because  
12 she expressed it after awhile when he made that statement  
13 about, he says, "If you have to live it like that," he says  
14 --

15 Q Who was he referring to when he said, "If we have  
16 to live it like that"?

17 A Well, he was referring to the--what he had  
18 learned how we have to live, how we have to do, if we have  
19 to follow Christ's example and Christ's life, what a  
20 difference it makes, see. He knew that I didn't drink and  
21 smoke or--and he didn't either, by the way.

22 Q Uh huh.

23 A He didn't do that, no. All the while I was with  
24 him, he didn't smoke or he didn't drink, or--and he didn't  
25 use any vulgar language or anything. That's why I say he  
26 was to me he was a good bright boy and nice to everyone.



1 Q Uh huh.

2 A I can't--we just--we just--

3 Q Did he ever talk to you at all or make any mention  
4 of his own national origin of being a Jordanian or an Arab,  
5 or any of the problems that he had been through?

6 A I--well, I knew--I didn't have to ask him at all,  
7 see, because I knew he was an Arab.

8 Q Uh huh.

9 A Because I've got a nephew out there--he's married  
10 to my niece, and he's also an Arab, see; but--and they are  
11 courteous--these people are courteous. Joe, my nephew, is  
12 --Sue (sic) married--he's the most courteous boy I have  
13 ever seen. Boy, no matter what happens, he's right there  
14 on the spot to help and to--and they're that way. That is  
15 in their system so to speak. That's why I say we can't  
16 understand how this come about.

17 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Other than your knowing this,  
18 though, because of your nephew Joe, did Sirhan himself ever  
19 make any oral mention to you about any difficulties or  
20 problems or anything concerning his early childhood back  
21 in Palestine?

22 A Huh uh, never. We only read it now through the  
23 papers and through TV is where we got how he was treated  
24 back there. See, that's all there, but he never, never  
25 discussed it.

26 Q Did he ever tell you anything about how he

1 resented things that happened in childhood?

2 A No, never. He seemed to be well satisfied with  
3 everything. He seemed to be--well, he seemed to be happy  
4 as far as I could see.

5 Q BY MR. MINER: Did he ever mention anything about  
6 how he felt toward Israel or the Jewish people?

7 A That's just the point. He never mentioned any-  
8 thing to me when anything--any of his troubles, he never  
9 brought up to me. John told us one time that he had talked  
10 over some things with him; but as far as with me, never.

11 Q What did John tell you that Sirhan had talked with  
12 him about?

13 A That I think John has given you folks, has told  
14 it over TV, and that's all I know, see?

15 Q Uh huh.

16 A Just what has John expressed it and told it the  
17 way it was.

18 Q Did he ever discuss Mr. Weidner with you?

19 A No. As--well, the only thing that he said he had  
20 an argument with him on account of one morning loading the  
21 car, see. John wanted to put more in, and I could see  
22 where Sol had been right. I was there, too, and John  
23 wanted to put more in. It was a little Rambler car or  
24 station wagon; and, boy, it was overloaded. I was really  
25 afraid to drive on the freeway with that thing like that.  
26 So, I told John, I said, "That's an overload," I says, "boy,

1 I says, "if we have an accident on the freeway, what then?"  
2 So Sol was right in what he said, but Sol let it go; and,  
3 therefore, didn't say no more because--so we drove away,  
4 and we took the stuff. Both of us went that morning.

5 Q You mean by we, you and Sol?

6 A Yeah, me and Sol, we went and delivered the stuff;  
7 but we had an awful load for a dolly.

8 Q Uh huh.

9 A Why I said we should really not drive on the  
10 freeway with that.

11 Q Uh huh.

12 A Going around these curbs, you know, with an  
13 overload, and should the cops have caught us, they'd have  
14 sure made us unload some stuff because it was really--

15 Q During the time that you knew Sirhan, did you  
16 ever see any example of a display of temper or irritation  
17 on his part?

18 A I'd have to lie about--I'd have to lie. No, he  
19 didn't. He never--I've--that's why I say, we were just  
20 dumbfounded to think that such a nice boy as--I had him  
21 even working up by John's house when we put that--they  
22 have an overhang--what they call those things? Patios or  
23 something on stilts for the house, and they wanted that  
24 enclosed, and I had him up there two days working with me  
25 to staple those things on, see?

26 Q Uh huh.

1           A    Because it was a little high for me. I couldn't  
2 reach it, so we had to hold the ladder up there, and he'd  
3 go up and staple it for me, see?

4           Q    Uh huh.

5           A    So I had him working with me. As far as working  
6 with him, you couldn't want a better man to work with.

7           Q    Uh huh.

8           A    I cannot say anything against him. He was really  
9 a nice boy.

10          Q    BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Well, did he ever express to  
11 you any deep-seated feelings that he had possibly of being  
12 subjected to Mr. Weidner's harassment or Mr. Weidner's ill-  
13 treatment of him where he felt bad about the fact that Mr.  
14 Weidner in his mind treated him badly?

15          A    I guess he did say just a little bit about it,  
16 but one time he wanted to--I don't know what--it wasn't a  
17 promise, anyway it was something about money that he would  
18 get, and regardless of--I guess what happened or something,  
19 and anyway he stayed there, and he wanted to have that job,  
20 and I was told afterwards he had to have police there to  
21 get him out of the store. He was sitting there and  
22 demanded his \$200, I guess, he said he had coming to him  
23 or something. Anyway it was about wages. Well, that was  
24 nothing to us because we didn't have nothing to do with it,  
25 and--and I don't know, he said afterwards he felt that John  
26 belittled him a little by doing that. He should have kept

1 his promise or something, but I don't know what they  
2 promised or--or I didn't--I said, "Well, Sol, I don't know  
3 anything about that." I says, "I didn't promise or anything."  
4 I said, "If John did," I says, "that's John's business to  
5 tend to it." I had nothing to do with it, see? That's all  
6 that he really--

7 Q Well, you know the incident on the overload on  
8 the Rambler?

9 A Well, that I agreed with him. I agreed with Sol,  
10 and I told John afterwards when we came back, I said,  
11 "John," I says, "that was--that was wrong. We certainly  
12 shouldn't have overloaded that car like that." I says,  
13 "Boy, I was scared all the while we drove down there."

14 Q Was there an argument prior to this with Sirhan  
15 and John?

16 A No.

17 Q Weidner?

18 A No, it was just because we couldn't hardly get  
19 it in there any more, and we had to reload it a little bit  
20 in order to get more in, see? And John thought we should  
21 have waited with the load until he had all the stuff that  
22 he wanted to go along on that load and why there was no  
23 reason at all why he could have left Sol do it because the  
24 next day we went down anyway. He could have sent it the  
25 next day, see, anyway; but some how or other John didn't  
26 think--of course, he apologized--he apologized to him

1 afterwards and told him he was wrong, and so he felt all  
2 right about that.

3 Q Did Sirhan, Sol Sirhan, ever mention to you that  
4 he did not or was not desirous of continuing the Bible  
5 lessons because of the church, the Seventh Day Adventist  
6 Church, allowing John to talk before the congregation of  
7 the church during services, and that he felt that John  
8 should not be allowed because of his personality and the  
9 way that he treated Sol, what kind of person he was?

10 A No.

11 Q He never told you anything like this?

12 A No, never, never. Huh uh. No, I don't think he  
13 had anything that I know of that he had anything against  
14 that or anything.

15 Q Anything else there, Mr. Miner?

16 Q BY MR. MINER: Well, getting back to this matter  
17 of the kind of topics that you discussed with him; and, of  
18 course, what we're really sort of asking for is your  
19 impression, your opinion. Did he appear to you in any way  
20 to be irrational about any subject--that is not to seem to  
21 be quite in contact with realities in any way, anything  
22 like that? Anything sort of strange or--

23 A You mean that it seemed strange to him?

24 Q No, to you--to you.

25 A You mean about his conduct while we were  
26 studying?

1 Q While you were studying or while you were working  
2 together while you were talking together, anything that--  
3 anything that--that--

4 A No, I couldn't--I couldn't say. Sure, he was--  
5 some of those things he didn't understand them, and of  
6 course he asked. Well, he had a right to ask, you see. I  
7 wanted him to. I told him, I says, "Anything that you don't  
8 understand," I says, "I can show you in the text where the  
9 answers are for you," I says, "if there's anything, just  
10 ask."

11 Q Uh huh.

12 A See, and I think he--I think he acted the gentle-  
13 man all the way through. I think he did.

14 Q Would this be a fair statement, Mr. Peters, that  
15 in your opinion during the time that you knew Sirhan that  
16 he seemed to you to be a rational, intelligent human being?

17 A That's right.

18 Q Is that a fair statement?

19 A That's a fair statement. While I was--as much  
20 as I knew of him, I think he was a nice boy. I--I would  
21 uphold him from that because there is nothing, anything  
22 that he--any wrong moves or anything that he ever made  
23 that I could say that there was something that--you know,  
24 when people do some things sometimes, you say well there's  
25 just a little something, see, but that was not with him.  
26 Very nice, I think.

1 Q One other aspect now you not only talked Bible  
2 subjects with him, but you actually physically worked with  
3 him in the store. You told us about his going up on the  
4 ladder and stapling for you things like that. Did you ever  
5 notice or did he ever complain of anything physically the  
6 matter with him at any time?

7 A No. He--why he could do the work just that I did,  
8 too. Now if I had to climb up, hang on a ladder and staple  
9 up above. He could do that. You know that's a back-breaking  
10 --that's pretty hard work, and he could do it, and I'd  
11 climb up and do it and so far as I could see, he could do  
12 it just like I could.

13 Q Did you see him lift heavy weights?

14 A Yeah. These honey boxes, and sometimes these  
15 barrels out there where all this powder stuff, different  
16 stuff that comes--and believe me, to lift them up sometimes  
17 above you is heavy, but he did it just like I did, so--

18 Q How much weight are you talking about?

19 A Oh, they are around 50 or some 80 pounds and so  
20 on. Why there were some that were over a hundred. Of  
21 course, then I helped him, and we worked together and pushed  
22 them up, see?

23 Q Uh huh.

24 A They were so--

25 Q Did he ever complain to you at all about his  
26 vision?



1 A No.

2 Q His sight?

3 A No, he never said anything about his sight.

4 Q You never noticed that he had any problems with  
5 it?

6 A No, no, never did.

7 Q When you read together, he was able to read fine,  
8 huh?

9 A Just as nice as I could.

10 Q Uh huh.

11 A That's all.

12 Q And did he ever mention to you about having an  
13 accident, a fall from a horse?

14 A Well, that was the thing. He said he--his back,  
15 I guess, was hurt or something. I don't know. I can't  
16 even remember what it was, and that was the reason he had  
17 those \$2,000, see; and one morning when we were working  
18 together out in the vegetables, and he then said that he  
19 won his case and got \$2,000. And I said, "My," I said,  
20 "all that money, what are you going to do with all of it  
21 now? You going on a spree?" "No," he said, "I'm going to  
22 pay my little bills that I got on the car." He was fixing  
23 up a car, he said, and then the rest of--he says, "I'm  
24 going to put away for education." He says, "I'm going to  
25 school afterwhile."

26 Q Uh huh.

1           A   Well, now what's wrong with that? There's nothing  
2 wrong with that, is there? This was sense.

3           Q   Did he tell you when he said he planned to go to  
4 school what subject he planned to study?

5           A   No, that he didn't. Just that he was going to  
6 go back to school and to school somewhere, and--

7           Q   He didn't tell you what school he had in mind to  
8 go to?

9           A   No, no.

10          Q   Did he ever talk to you at all about his family,  
11 his brothers, his sister who died, his mother?

12          A   I never--I never questioned him because I was a  
13 little surprised afterwards when I found out that it was--  
14 that three boys were here and his father was over across,  
15 and I almost one time I was going to ask him, well, what  
16 the reason was, see; but I never did, see. I thought well  
17 it was none of my business, I thought; so I didn't see--and  
18 of course, he never said anything either.

19          Q   Uh huh.

20          A   But when we were at the church one night, I asked  
21 the mother about where her husband was, see.

22          Q   Uh huh.

23          A   And she says, "He's over in Europe or Arabia,"  
24 wherever it is, see; but that was all. I didn't mention--  
25 well she says he wanted to go back and that was all she  
26 answered me, and so I thought, well, probably she didn't

1 want to discuss it, and it's none of my business either,  
2 so I left it alone, see, if people kind of act as though  
3 they don't--well, I keep my mouth shut, see. There's no  
4 use getting into a thing if it isn't necessary, see. But  
5 here we find it all out now.

6 Q BY MR. MINER: What about did the subject of  
7 communism ever get mentioned at all?

8 A No. No. Anything like that as far as political  
9 or that order, never was anything said about it.

10 Q Uh huh.

11 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Did he ever mention anything  
12 to you about girl friends, or girls that he was seeing or  
13 going out with?

14 A He never--I don't know whether he was anti-girl  
15 friend or something; he never had no girl friends, as much  
16 as I know, never said anything about--I kidded him once in  
17 awhile a little bit, but he never did he mention of having  
18 one.

19 Q How did he take your kidding about it?

20 A Well, just laughed it off is all, like anybody  
21 else would.

22 Q What would you tell him, Mr. Peters--

23 A What?

24 Q --for example what would you tell him?

25 A Well, one time I said, "Gosh," I said, "you're  
26 getting now in years where you ought to look for a partner"

1 I said, "pretty soon." "Oh," he said, "oh, I got time yet."  
2 He kinda brushed it off, you know. He never--

3 Q What about money? Did he ever tell you or dis-  
4 cuss the fact that he might have envied people for having  
5 money or certain people for having money?

6 A I don't know. I guess he never--the occasion  
7 never arose that we discussed that or anything.

8 Q Did he ever show you any large bills that he  
9 carried with him?

10 A No, he never--he never showed any money. I never  
11 saw him when he paid the gas and that. That was generally  
12 done at the filling station right there next to the store  
13 where John would pay by the month, see. So these slips  
14 were given, see, so otherwise another station, of course,  
15 we weren't too much together as far as buying gas and things  
16 is concerned. We generally had gas from there--we make  
17 our trip, and so that wasn't anything that--I don't think  
18 that could be of any value to anything there. Never said  
19 anything about money that way.

20 Q Uh huh.

21 A And he did--if he had to go over to the bank to  
22 get John some change for the store, he did that; he went  
23 over there and just like anybody else would, and you could  
24 trust him and anything, otherwise you could trust him. I'm  
25 telling you I can--I must say Sol was nice to us, very nice.

26 Q BY MR. MINER: How did he get along with the

1 other people who worked in the store?

2 A You mean Sol? How he got along with the others?

3 Q Uh huh.

4 A I think they all spoke highly of him. Everyone.  
5 Boy, I think it was a shock to them as well as to us,  
6 because I have often wondered what in the world could  
7 actually go wrong with me now if I did anything like that,  
8 what in the world could go wrong. But, you know, I guess  
9 human beings are so fickle you cannot trust them. God says  
10 man doesn't know anything as he ought to know, and a lot of  
11 times it says, "Do not trust in the arm of flesh." God  
12 tells us that, and I can see now why we can't trust mankind  
13 no matter what it is.

14 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Well, we're trying to be as  
15 objective, as open-minded as we can possibly can in this  
16 investigation, and we're trying to get facts.

17 A Yeah, I know you've got to do something or you  
18 couldn't find anything out.

19 Q One thing that concerned us, Mr. Peters, is that  
20 sometime around the 28th of June, there was some people  
21 from the FBI talked to you--

22 A Uh huh. From Madison.

23 Q Yes, and at that time their report indicated that  
24 you mentioned to them that you had had no conversation in  
25 which Sol Sirhan talked of any of his political or religious  
26 philosophies. Did you tell the FBI that?

1           A   Well, here's what I told them. They never asked  
2 me anything about religion; and, of course, I didn't answer  
3 them on that. Otherwise I could have told them just what  
4 I told you here now today, and it doesn't directly state  
5 in there, it \*\* speaks something about--read that again.

6           Q   Right. We've had the same feeling that you have  
7 just spoken of here.

8           A   See, and I just--because of the fact they didn't  
9 ask anything about religion, so I didn't.

10          Q   Did they ask you anything about going to Sirhan's  
11 home at any time?

12          A   Yes, I think they did. Is that in there?

13          Q   No, it isn't.

14          A   See, because they didn't ask me about it, there  
15 wasn't too much said, and I don't think there is anything  
16 gone in there that could in any way change what we have had  
17 here now. It's about the same thing. Only I say they didn't  
18 ask me about those because I could have told them I was  
19 studying with him.

20          Q   Well, we appreciate the fact that you've been  
21 frank with us and \*\*

22          A   Well, there's no use beating around the bush  
23 because they find you out anyway, see. That's all I know,  
24 and I'm telling you what I told you. That's the way it  
25 happened.

26          Q   Has anyone from either the newspapers or television

1 or magazines tried to talk to you or talk to you on the  
2 phone or in any way?

3 A Huh uh, never. I'm glad they didn't because  
4 what's the use of broadcasting all that stuff?

5 Q This is very important from the standpoint that  
6 legally we cannot jeopardize anybody's chances for a fair  
7 and impartial trial, and therefore in Los Angeles they have  
8 put out a court order of prohibiting--

9 MR. MINER: , \*\* press at all. It's better not to.

10 A I think a lot of times the press is messing things  
11 up, but I've just listened to this convention down here.  
12 Man, alive, some of the things they pull, I can't understand  
13 how they get by with the stuff but they do.

14 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: So we would like to ask you  
15 unless there is something else, John, that you have in mind  
16 that you would like to ask?

17 Q BY MR. MINER: No, unless--let's just ask the  
18 shotgun question, so to speak. Mr. Peters, is there any-  
19 thing at all that in your contact with Mr. Sirhan that we  
20 haven't talked about that you feel would be helpful to us  
21 in understanding his state of mind? That's really what  
22 we're trying to understand how the man thought, what was in  
23 his mind?

24 A Well, that's why I say this thing is a rather  
25 hard question to answer because--

26 Q It is, I know.

1           A    Because all I know is what I gave you now, and  
2 from that I can't see, as I said, we're shocked. We can't  
3 understand how all of a sudden a man can pull a stunt like  
4 that out of a clear sky and we don't know anything. We had  
5 no idea the man could ever pull anything like that, and so  
6 I can't say.

7           Q    Let me ask you this, did you get the impression,  
8 for example, that he accepted the concepts of the religious  
9 beliefs that you talked with him about? I mean he believed  
10 in God, for example?

11          A    Well, that I can't say. I can't speak for  
12 another man, see, but as far as we went--

13          Q    Uh huh.

14          A    He seemed to like it.

15          Q    Uh huh.

16          A    And wanted to study on, see, or I wouldn't have  
17 gone there no more, see?

18          Q    Sure.

19          A    But, and his mother, of course, she liked it  
20 very much. She wanted him to study because she mentioned  
21 that one night to him. She says, "Yeah, see, Sol, I told  
22 you a lot of times you should study with me, the Bible," and  
23 see?

24          Q    BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Did she sit, and was she there  
25 at every meeting that you had?

26          A    Practically at every meeting, yeah.



1 Q BY MR. MINER: She sat right with you?

2 A Well, right at the table. We were just sitting  
3 at the dining room table.

4 Q I see, very good.

5 A Well, I wished a lot of times--I wished I hadn't  
6 gone home that time, but I would have stayed there and I  
7 kept going there. I think if I had gone through the whole  
8 series of lessons, I think I could have changed even if he  
9 did go to some other organization, I know the power of God  
10 is strong enough to--to outdo all that, and I sometimes  
11 felt, boy, I wished I had never went home, I had stayed out  
12 there and got him off of that. Well, you know we feel for  
13 a fellow when he gets himself in trouble like that. We  
14 feel for him because he was so nice and everything, you  
15 know, if you say for instance you have somebody that you  
16 like and all of a sudden this word comes that he pulled some  
17 awful stunt--by the way did you hear one of our judges  
18 here in Milwaukee here just shot himself? Well, we don't  
19 know whether he shot himself or whether somebody else did,  
20 but they found him in a washroom.

21 Q Yeah, we just heard that on the radio.

22 A Yeah, the reporter said he was dead already, but  
23 now there was another news bulletin came in that he's still  
24 alive, so I don't know. Oh, I'm telling you this world  
25 sometimes it's terrible. Well, what I was going to ask you  
26 fellows now while you were here--

1 Q Yes, Mr. Peters.

2 A You think that you don't know, of course, when  
3 the trial comes off yet, do you?

4 Q Well, there is a trial date scheduled, Mr. Peters,  
5 for November 1st.

6 A Oh.

7 Q But whether there be another motion for a con-  
8 tinuance, there is no way for us to know.

9 A Yeah.

10 Q As far as I am concerned in the prosecution side--

11 A You are a district attorney?

12 Q Yes.

13 A I see.

14 Q We'll be ready to go to trial when we're supposed  
15 to on November 1st.

16 A I was hoping that they wasn't going to subpoena  
17 me; that I'd have to come way out there. All the informa-  
18 tion you got now that you could take care of that.

19 Q As far as we're concerned, Mr. Peters, we will  
20 not be putting you on in our case in chief. The way it  
21 works is the prosecution first puts its case on.

22 A Yeah.

23 Q Then after we rest which means after we finish  
24 putting our case on, then the defense puts its case on.  
25 Then we have an opportunity to put on rebuttal testimony  
26 that is against what the defense advances. Whatever it