

1 might be, of course, we don't know what that might be.

2 (Noise)

3 Q If there were any need for you to appear ** so that
4 as of now there certainly isn't any reason to anticipate
5 that you would be called.

6 A Of course in the wintertime, we are going to be
7 out there again. If they're going to postpone it, come up
8 when we were out there, it wouldn't be so bad. Now if they
9 do subpoena for when we're here, do they--do they pay the
10 trip out and everything?

11 Q Yes.

12 A That all comes out of the court case?

13 Q That's right. That's right.

14 A ** You have no expenses. Now, you're on the
15 State side?

16 Q The State side.

17 A State side, I see. You're trying to defend him,
18 or defend, or prosecute him?

19 Q I'm a prosecutor.

20 A I see. You're the prosecuting attorney, you see,
21 I just want to get this a little clear in my head, you know,
22 it--I haven't been much in anything. I never hardly had
23 a chance to get in a courtroom. The only time I was ever
24 in a courtroom I witnessed an accident up here on the
25 corner up here oneplace, and the folks were from the city
26 so I got into that in Milwaukee, had a witness for these

1 people that got hit, see?

2 Q You understand, Mr. Peters, the prosecutor is
3 bound by law to charge persons with a crime that the evid-
4 ence shows they committed a crime, and to convict them in
5 court if the evidence supports that; but we also have an
6 obligation to the defendant.

7 A Uh huh.

8 Q In other words, we represent the People whether
9 the person's accused of crime or not; and while we certainly
10 aren't defending Mr. Sirhan, it's our job to get all the
11 information humanly possible so that we can make the right
12 decisions in the interest of justice. That's our job. We
13 serve justice.

14 LT. HERNANDEZ: And for that reason we might add,
15 Mr. Peters, that in the event we don't know this, and we
16 don't expect it to happen, but it could possibly, that
17 some publisher of a magazine, they get little bits of in-
18 formation and as soon as they somehow--they obtain some-
19 thing from somebody, if someone were to contact you--

20 A Yeah.

21 Q --we'd like to ask you not to discuss anything
22 about what we've talked about today with them.

23 A I know they want to write a book or something--

24 Q Right.

25 A You see, and when the case isn't even finished,
26 you see, and I know when these guys--I know they do that.

1 LT. HERNANDEZ: You can refer them to us.

2 A It isn't fair.

3 MR. MINER: A man should have a fair trial.

4 A Sure, and another thing what I can't see a lot
5 of times these newsmen, boy, they broadcast stuff when they
6 have something new--now like our United States Government
7 when they have something that's by security reasons they
8 ought to keep their mouth shut. They ought not to broad-
9 cast this. These are the guys over there that are listening,
10 see. I don't see the fairness of this that they let these
11 newsmen go and broadcast everything.

12 MR. MINER: Mr. Peters, you have been very
13 helpful, and we do appreciate your giving us time--

14 (Noise)

15 A I told them, I says, "You've asked me, and I've
16 told you what we know." ** What is this, Homicide?

17 LT. HERNANDEZ: Homicide, S.U.S., that is the
18 Special Unit Senator, and it is a detail that has been
19 assigned the responsibility for the investigation of the
20 thing, and we're like I said before, we're trying to **
21 anything we're trying to investigate this vigorously, open-
22 minded with the end result hopefully that it will be the
23 facts as they occurred.

24 A Don't you think maybe I'm wrong in this? Don't
25 you think that in some of these things where they have
26 actually have caught the man like now for instance, in this

1 case, they saw the man with the gun, and there were people
2 right alongside of him, and the colored man that held him
3 and they took the gun away from him and everything; and
4 don't you think in some of these things that they really
5 spent too much money on some of this? Go through so much
6 red tape and all that, when really they know he--really,
7 when you come right down to it, a person knows ** because
8 I saw the whole scramble right on TV, and a lot of people
9 were right there with him ** I asked him, mysticism, well
10 now I didn't know anything about mysticism. I didn't know
11 up until the time I read in the paper about this that he
12 was studying with some other group or something, and then
13 I thought well mysticism must be something, so I looked it
14 up, see, in the dictionary, and that's what it took.

15 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Did he ever mention the
16 Rosicrucian Order to you?

17 A No. No, just mysticism. He said something about
18 mysticism.

19 Q Did he tell you how many people were studying with
20 him or where he was studying?

21 A No, he said he had someplace where he was going
22 Friday night, see. He was studying somewhere else, some
23 other thing. I said, "Well, what are you studying?" He
24 said, "Mysticism." That was all he ever said. That's all
25 I know, see?

26 LT. HERNANDEZ: ** Mr. Peters, thank you again.

1 MR. PETERS: Maybe I'll see you out there.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-1017Person(s) Interviewed: PLIMPTON, Fredy (Mrs.) Date 6-21-68

SUPPL TO I-94

Time- 1:45pm541 E. 72nd St., New York (212) UN 1-0016

Business Address & Phone _____

Residence Address & Phone _____

Info tion (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

Phone interview and Suppl to I-94

SEE - ATTACHED STATEMENT

Investigators making interview
Mac Arthur & Patchett

Approved by:

L.T. Riva

STATEMENT OF FREDY M. PLIMPTON, 541 EAST 72ND, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. (212) UN-10016.

2 She stated at the conclusion of Senator Kennedy's speech,
3 she was walking from the Embassy Room to the Colonial
4 Room, where the press was to interview the Senator. She
5 was approximately at the end of the first steam table in
6 the kitchen when she heard the shots. She turned and saw
7 a group struggling with the suspect. She stated there were
8 other people in front of her walking in the same direction,
9 but she does not recall who they were. (Her husband was
10 walking in front of her, but she was not aware of it.)
11 She recalls seeing John Marquand coming toward her from
12 the press room (Colonial Room) right after the shooting.
13 She does not know what he saw. She states he is a writer
14 or a reporter in New York City and his phone numbers are
15 (212) 265-4088 and (212) 247-4185. He was traveling from
16 the Colonial Room to the direction of the shooting.
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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-1020

Person(s) Interviewed: PLIMPTON, George (Mr) Date 6-21-68

Time- 1:45pm

Business Address & Phone 541 E. 72nd St., New York (212) UN 1-0016

Residence Address & Phone _____

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

Phone Interview above date & time

Suppl to I-95

SEE - ATTACHED STATEMENT

Investigators making interview

Patchett & Mac Arthur

Approved by:

L.T. Runt

STATEMENT [REDACTED] GEORGE AL PLIMPTON, LIVE [REDACTED] 541 EAST 72ND,
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, PHONE (212) 68-10016.

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2 Mr. Plimpton indicated that at the conclusion of the Senator's
3 speech, he left the area of the Embassy Room and was
4 proceeding to the Colonial Room where the Senator was to be
5 interviewed by the press. He passed the area where the shoot-
6 ing was to occur and was in about the middle of the steam
7 tables when he heard the pop of the shots. He turned and
8 observed a group of men struggling with the suspect. He
9 returned back to the first table and assisted in subduing
10 the suspect.

11 Mr. Plimpton's picture is in the photo (L.A. Fire
12 Department Official) of the apprehension of the suspect.
13 Prior to the shooting, and while en route to the Colonial
14 Room, Plimpton was aware of other people in the area but
15 could not recall who they were and where they were.
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STATEMENT OF GEORGE PLIMPTON

541 E. 72nd

New York City

Ph: (212) UN-10016, Same Bus.

Susp. Male Latin, thin, 135/40, wearing demin trousers, brn or brn/
yellow shirt, brn eyes, dark hair, small face. Susp. stated, "Stop,
you're hurting my left" Spoken in English. Can ID susp.

I-96
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Set out leads
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& H. J. [unclear]
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RAMPART DIVISION DETECTIVES

INTERVIEW - JUNE 8, 1968

KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68-521-466

PHILLIP B. POOLE - Metropolo Hotel (owner), 600 W. Ave. 27 L.A.

Ph CA 59933 5:45pm

States that Shariff B. Sirhan has lived in room #46 of his hotel for approx. 1½ years. Shariff alledgedly keeps very much to himself and according to Mr. Poole is a very steady worker at ITT CANN & Electric Company at 3208 Humbolt ave., L.A. Mr. Poole relates he cashed a check for Shariff at approx. 8:30 p.m., 6-4-68 and has not seen him since. P. Poole's hotel maid informed P. Poole that Shariff's room appeared to have been last occupied on 6-4-68. His Hotel records indicate Shariff's room is paid for until 6-18-68. Mr. Poole states Shariff has no girlfriends to his knowledge and spends a good portion of his free time at the horse races.

Ofc's while accompanied by Mr. Poole made a brief invest. of Shariff's room and obs. Shariff's clothing and personal belongings including shaving gear undisturbed.

Further invest. at the hotel revealed shariff to own and operate a 1964 2 dr. wht. Cal. Lic # OLS 910, ID# 4-18474-124534. Ofc's also became aware that Shariff's Veh. was reported stolen 12-23-67 at which time Shariff used the name of "Sharief B. Sirhan," (C-DR# [redacted]) and the same address as above. Shariff was found to have been issued a traffic citation #M2446585 on 5-10-68, at which time his Ca. Oper.

Lic# was [redacted]. Shariff is believed to have Account # [redacted] at the U.S. National Bank. *SHARIFF reportedly goes to RACE TRACK EVERY SATURDAY.* Further invest. revealed numerous names, addresses, and phone no.'s of people poss associated with Shariff, they are as follows: *copy*

RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

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INTERVIEWS - CONTINUED

KENNEDY SHOOTING

DR 68-521-466

1. Marie Christian 843-4640 PO 95895 Res.
2. 'Lola' 1130 S. Burlington Ph# 383-1727
3. Luther LU 87518
4. Linn 793-7914 (Name Illegible)
5. Sid HO 50648 Res. Bus. 245-9255 (Name Illegible)
6. 5555 Carlton Way, Apt. 202, Hollywood 465-3934
7. Adolphe 794-2741
8. 50/50 Club 220 E. Ave. 28, L.A.
9. Susan 876-9949
10. "Fez" 1508 N. Vermont
11. Boyd Mc Cullough (Poss Frequents #10 address)
12. Nine 2602 Hollywood St. Santa Monica.

Ofc's interviewed the waitress; Latisha Romero at Gene's Cafe 2634 N. Idell (across from Shariff's hotel), and were informed that Shariff (I.D.'s from photo) ate there quite regularly but that she did not know him well and that she has not seen him for a few days. Other neighborhood businesses were checked but no one recognized the photograph.

J. J. Finn	12422	Metro
Rosalino	12173	
Lambert	12447	

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-4608

PERSON INTERVIEWED: POWERS, William Lee DATE/TIME 1-4-69 12:10pm

SEX M RACE Cauc HAIR Brn EYES Blu HT 6-1 WT 180 DOB 1-18-33

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Shamel Ranch, Rancho, Cal. Murietta PHONE (714) 676-3762

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Serial to T-205

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

SEE ATTACHED SHEETS FOR INTERVIEW

See Serial 56-156-2931

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

Sgt. Varney & Sgt. Gutierrez

APPROVED BY:

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William Lee Powers

January 4, 1968, 12:10 p.m.

Shamel Ranch

Rancho, California, Murietta, California, 714-676 3762

M/C, 6'1", 180, Brown, Blue, D.O.B. 1-18-33

William Powers' name first came to the attention of S.U.S. on December 31, 1968, when John C. Weatherly (I-4603) named him as having loaned Jerry Owen a truck on June 4, 1968. According to Weatherly, Owen had borrowed the truck to take Sirhan to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

On January 4, 1968, 12:30 p.m., Powers was interviewed at the Shamel Ranch, Murietta, California, regarding the statements made by Weatherly.

William Powers has known Jerry Owen for the past two years. Owen lived approximately one mile from Powers when both lived in Santa Ana.

During the month of May, 1968, Owen met with Powers in Santa Ana in order to purchase a 1953 Chevrolet blue pickup truck which Powers had for sale. Since Owen did not have the \$250.00, Powers was asking for the truck, they did not close the business transaction that day.

The following day Owen again met Powers at the same location in order to buy the truck. Owen reached in his pocket and displayed a thousand dollar bill.

Powers did not have change for that large amount so Owen paid him \$100 (or possibly \$150, Powers could not recall) as a down payment.

Note: During the first part of the interview, Powers stated this transaction took place several days before the shooting of Senator Kennedy. He later changed the time to be sometime in May of 1968. He stated he was not sure of the exact date.

During the month of November 1968, Powers saw Owen at the Hilton Hay Company in Santa Ana. Powers, who had read a story about Owen in the paper regarding Sirhan riding in his truck, stated to Owen, "How about paying me what you owe me for the truck now that you've got money since you helped knock off Kennedy?" Owen denied being implicated but did relate to him the story about seeing Sirhan. This story as told to Powers by Owen is as follows:

Owen stopped to give a blond male a ride. Sirhan and another male jumped in the back of the truck. The blond climbed in the front with Owen. Later Sirhan told Owen he wanted to buy a horse which Owen had for sale. Sirhan offered to pay half of it in advance. However, Owen did not consent to the down payment. Sirhan called him the next morning regarding the sale of the horse. Sirhan wanted to buy the horse that night at the Ambassador Hotel. Owen did not show up because he did not think Sirhan actually wanted the horse. Owen surmised to Powers that Sirhan probably just wanted a way to "get away from the hotel."

Powers asked Owen where the truck was now. Owen told him that the police had impounded it to check it for Sirhan's fingerprints. The police agency which impounded the truck was supposed to have been the local jurisdiction where Owen was hiding out. Powers thought it was Victorville or Lancaster, California.

Note: This truck, according to Powers, was acquired by him through a swap. The title was under another person's name. Title for this truck is still with Power's attorney, Mr. Nat Tar, in Tustin, California.

Powers was shown four photos of different males, one of which was Owen. He identified Owen immediately. He also identified the picture of Owen's truck as being the same one he sold to him.

Powers has never seen Owen riding with Sirhan or anyone else. The only time he ever saw Owen with any unidentified person was a month prior to the shooting. On that day Owen was with two male Negroes who were expensively dressed. One of the Negroes was introduced as a prizefighter.

He has never known Owen to carry a large amount of money in the past.

Powers has not been interviewed by the news media. However, during the first weeks of December, a male telephoned him. This person identified himself as an F.B.I. agent. The agent wanted to know what his connection was with Owen. Powers, believing this to be a prank, hung up on the caller. He has not been contacted since.

Sergeants M. F. Gutierrez - D. D. Varney

This interview was taped - Tape #30159.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-3875
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PERSON INTERVIEWED: PRICE, William Edmond

DATE/TIME 6-6-68

TAPE # 29261

SEX RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB TRANS # 28

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 2488 Galbraith Road, Pasadena

PHONE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

C - FBI REPORT

Accompanied George Erhard to location on Howard St., Pasadena, where Erhard sold murder weapon to Munir B. Sirhan.

Identified Sirhan Sirhan as person with Munir at the time of sale.