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On July 8, 1968, Sergeant MIKE NIELSEN, Los Angeles Police Department furnished the following copies of Los Angeles Police Department reports to SA R. J.LA JUENESSE, JR. He explained that these reports contain results of <u>interviews and</u> <u>investigation conducted in the Washington, D.C. and New York</u>. New York, areas subsequent to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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STATEINAT OF WILLIAM O. BARKY, LIVES AT 16 OVERLOCK ROAD, NEA CITY, ROCKLAND COUNTY, NUM YORA, ADSIDENCE PROME (914) NE-44541. EUSTICESS - EAMCERS FRUET OCTPANY, NO. 16 WALL STRUET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROME (212) 577-2152.

Mr. Birry indicated that the Senator, at the conclusion of his speech, was to go from the stage to the Embassy Room through the kitchen where the shooting occurred and give an interview to the "writing" press in the Colonial Room. Barry indicated that he was approximately three feet from the Senator's right by the ice machine and approximately six to nine feet behind the Senator, moving up on him. This would place him somewhere between the petition that jets out next to the ice machine and the edge of the first steam table where the shooting occurred. Barry indicated when he heard the shooting, he moved forward along the ice machine, made a pivot to his left and came in on the suspect. As he approached the suspect, he stated the suspeet was standing with his arm extended and a gun in his hand. There was no one holding him at that time. lie went for the suspect and knocked the gun from his hand. The suspect grabbed the gun again. Once Barry felt that the suspect was under control, he left him and went to aid Hr. Earry indicated there was a male Arab or the Senator. Indian, 5'4", 130 pounds that may have been the suspect. This person's picture appears in the June 14th issue of Time Magazine on page 16. It is the first photo on the top of the page and the suspect is in the right corner area.

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STATEMENT OF DICK DRAYNE, RESIDES AT 33241 LIVINGSTON STREET NORTHWEST, WACHINGTON D.C. FHOME (202) 244-3734. HE WORKS IN THE CIFICE OF SEMATOR LENARD KENNEDY, NO. 431, OLD SEMATE DUILDING.

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He stated he was in the Colonial Reem when the shooting took place. He had gone to the room as the Senator was to have been interviewed by the writing press. At the time he stated there were 15 to 20 people in the room. The deer to the room was open. This door is the one leading to the kitchen. He heard what he thought were fireerackers, recalled there was a feeling of excitement, and then a Hays Gorey of Time Hagezine and a Eob Sheagy, a reporter for the Eoston Globe, ran into the kitchen ahead of him. He saw a large group of people around a man and at first thought this was a group around the Senator. He later learned it was the suspect Sirhan and that the Senator was shot and lying on the floor. He did not see the shooting,

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erson(s) Interviewed:	EPPRIDGE, Bill	Date	6-21-68
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STATERENT OF BILL EPPRIDGE, 333 EANY 46TH STREET, NEW YORK, PHONE (212) 687-3276; BUSINESS ADDRESS TIME LIFE BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY. BUSINESS PHONE (212) LL-62342, JOB TITLE STAFF PHOTOCHAPHEN, LIFE HAGAZINE.

I was with the Senator in Room 512 at the Anbassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, 11:55 p.m. The Senator received word that it was time to go down to the Enbassy Ballroom and make his victory speech. The Senator and his party loft the room and took a freight elevator to the kitchen area. He then proceeded to the stage in the Embassy Ballroom. During the speech I was on the stage behind the Senator and standing next to Mrs. Kennedy. After the speech, the Senator went out through the back of the stage. I followed him out and was about 12 feet behind him. IX was also behind Jim I had not gone through the double doors Wilson's TV crew. into the kitchen area when I heard what sounded like pop, Then I took pop, and then a very rapid four more pops. off running towards where the sounds were coming from. Jin Wilson's TV crew was just ahead of me. The first thing I saw was Paul Schrade: was down. I then ran forward and saw the Sonator was hurt. I never can the suspect or the actual shooting. From the time that the Senator left his room until after the chooting was over, I had taken about 30 or 40 still shots.

Mr. Eppridge was shown a map of the kitchen area, and he placed himself, at the time of the first shot, approximately two feet; before the double doors leading into the kitchen area. Mr. Eppridge also volunteered that he would

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STATEMENT OF JACK GALLIVAN, NO. 17 SOUTH 12TH EAST, SALT LAKE CITY. PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED.

He was an advance man in the California area for the Senator's campaign. Gallivan stated at the time of the shooting, he was approximately three quarters of the way down the length of the metal tables in the kitchen area and was en route to the Colonial Room. He was walking by himself, and although there were other people near him, he does not recall who they were. He heard the shots and on a about the fifth shot recalled turning and looking back. He remembers seeing Barry (William G. Barry, a security man for Senator Kennedy), along with a group of other men, wrestling with the suspect. He ran to where they were, told by Barry he could handle the suspect, and Barry left to help the Senator. He recalled that during the struggle of the suspect, he had the web of his left hand between the hammer and the frame of the gun to keep it from firing again. As he recalled Rosie Grier later wrestled the gun from the suspect.

Gallivan's location at the time of the shooting would be such that he would have had to have walked past the suspect in the route he traveled. He was questioned regarding observing the suspect prior to the shooting but stated he did not.

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STATEMENT OF VIRGINIA GUY, REPORTER FOR FLAIR MAGAZINE, 4319 18TH STREET. MONTHMEST, MASHINGTON, D.C., 882-4319.

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After the Senator finished his speech, I was preceding him through the kitchen area to the Colonial Room. I was 8 or 10 feet in front of him when I heard the shots. As to what happened next, I am not really sure. I can remember other people being nearby, one was Dick Drayne. I remember someone saying, "Something happened to Bobby." I remember sceing Bobby was down and had been shot. Most of the details are very hazy in my mind. I do not remember sceing a suspect or anyone actually doing the shooting. Like I said, everything was very hazy.

From the statements made by witness, she places hercelf in the vicinity of the second metal steam table.

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STATEMENT OF HUGH MECDONALD, ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY FOR ROBERT F. MEMMEDY, 2601 ROBERT E. LEE PLACE, MACHINGTON D.C.; TRLEPHONE 755-3258. EUSINESS ADDRESS, NEW SEMATE BUILDING, SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE.

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Prior to the shooting and during the Senator's speech, I was in the vicinity of the Colonial Room (Press Room). when I first learned of the shooting, I entered the kitchen area through a double door leading from the main corridor As I entered I to the entrance to the Enhancy Bollroom. observed a large crowd of people halfway down the room. I jumped up on a metal serving table. I could see what was later identified as the suspect's head. He was being hold in custody by several people. I then jusped down off the table and went to the Senator's assistance. I was the first one to his side. I took off my cost and put it next to his head. About this time Bill Barry and Fred Dutton arrived. There was really nothing we could do for the Scnator until the ambulance arrived. Mr. NacDonald was shown a map of the kitchen area and he placed himself, just prior to the shooting, at the double doors at the far east of the kitchen area. These doors lead from a corridor from the main entrance hallway into the Embassy Ballroom. There are just south of the doors leading into the Colonial Room.

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The below statement was taken June 21, 1958, 11:20 a.m. Hr. Hanklewicz stated that on June 5, 1968, at approximately 12 midnight that he was with Senator Konnedy in Room 512 at the Anbassador Hotel. When it was time for the Senator to leave his room and go to the Embassy Ballroom to make a speech, the Senator stated, "Let's not go down through the crowd." One of the hotel personnel suggested the freight elevator and through the hotel kitchen. Ne left the room and took the freight elevator and valked through the kitchen and up onto the stage and the Senator wade his speech. After the speech, I did not know which way we Here going to leave, but I assured we would go off the stage on the right side and welk through the crowd to the Colonial Room for a short press conference. but someone at the last moment changed the plans (probably Fred Dutton). The Senator jurged off the rear of the stage and went out the back way. I was following him. I had just entered the kitchen area and had walked five or six feet beyond the swinging doors when I heard a pop. It sounded like a firecracker, and then five or six more shots. They still sounded like firserackers. I had some papers in my left I put them down on a table and ran forward. hand. 1 sow Schrade, was down and it looked like he was shot right

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between the eyes and he looked like he was dead. I looked over to my left and saw a struggle going on. I could see an arm out with a gun. There was a bunch of hands pinning the gun and arms down. I then looked over to my right and saw the Senator was down and had been shot. I went over and tried to aid the Senator. At that time Bill Parry and Fred Dutton were over next to the Senator also. I then left them and went into the kitchen to phone for an ambulancy. Mr. Mankiewicz was shown a map of the kitchen area and he placed hirself, at the time the shots were fired, just inside the two swinging doors traveling towards the Colonial He figured he was somewhere on the left side of the Room. room and not quite halfway between the double doors and the large petition that is next to the ice machines.

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

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

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STATEN OF GEORGE AL PLIMPTON, 1 ES AT 541 EAST 72ND, HEN YORK CITY, NEW YORK, PHONE (212) UN-10016.

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Mr. Plimpton indicated that at the conclusion of the Senator 2 speech, he left the area of the Embassy Room and was proceeding to the Colonial Room where the Senator was to be interviewed by the press. He passed the area where the shooting was to occur and was in about the middle of the steam tables when he heard the pop of the shots. He turned and observed a group of men struggling with the suspect. He returned back to the first table and assisted in subduing the suspect.

Mr. Plinpton's picture is in the photo (L.A. Fire Department Official) of the apprehension of the suspect. Prior to the shooting, and while on route to the Colonial Noom, Plinpton was aware of other people in the area but could not recall who they were and where they were.

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At the time the Senator was making his speech, I was in the press room (Colonial Room). When he left the stage, I was still in the Colonial Room. When I heard the shots, I ran into the kitchen area and observed the struggle going on between three or four men and the suspect. I then ran over to where the Senator was lying. There were several of his aids trying to give him aid. I did hear the shots, but I did not actually see the shooting.

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Mr. Weisel was interviewed at his home, 2700 Upton Northwest Washington, D.C., and made the following statement regarding the shooting and the injury incurred. Hr. Neisel indicated that after Senator Kennedy loft the stage, he followed along with a large group through the small room between the stage and the kitchen area where the shooting took When he reached the double doors entering into the place. kitchen area, he was facing the stanchion that divides the double doors. He was walking sideways at the time trying to get through the crowd and catch up with the Just at the time that he reached the stanchion Senator. (he indicated on the map that he was facing this stanchion at the time he was shot), he heard what he thought were Although his body was facing in the direction firecrackers. of the stanchion, he was looking to his left in the direction where the Senator was at the time of the shooting. He recalls feeling the shot strike him and at the same moment having a clear field of vision in observing someone (This person later identified as Paul Schrade:) going down. He also recalled at the time of the shooting that a friend and coworker, David Jayne, was behind him and has his hand on his shoulder. He stated to Jayne,"I think I've been shot." He did not see the suspect, but was aware of the He was removed from the scene to Kaiser Hospital struggle.

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on Suncet Boulevard in Los Angeles. He was confined for approximately one week and releaced on June 12. He is being treated in Mashington, D.C., by Dr. Cantor (unknown address, Montgomery Avenue, Vethesda, Maryland). He gave the address of David Jayne as ABC New York, No. 7 West 65th Street; residence address unknown.

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Officers measured the height of the entry wound in victim Weisel from his heel and it measured 44-3/4". The bullet entered the left side and traveled approximately 11°, coming to rest just past the spinal column and 45-1/2" from the heel.

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Mr. Wilson indicated he was carrying a portable television camera on his shoulders and was approximately one or two paces outside the double doors going from the stage to the He recalled hearing the first shot but did not kitchen. react. On the second shot, he turned on the camera and went through the double doors. The electrician, John William Lewis, III, who was working with him stated, "They're shooting." He recalled that the crowd parted and he moved forward with his camera. The first time he caw the Senator, he was down. He indicated his path of vision was limited as he was looking through the sight on the This prevented him from being able to see more in camera. the room. He ran out of film, dropped his camera, and helped contain the crowd. Also working with him at the time Mas his soundman, Robert F. Funk. As he recalled Lewis. his electrician, was to his left as they entered the room, and the soundman, Funk, was to his right or right rear. He indicated that both Funk and Lewis lived in Virginia. They could probably be contacted in Room G-329, New Senate Office Building, and are both presently working for NEC. Wilson indicated that in roving forward after turning on his comora, he moved between Paul Schrades and the petition. He was directly in line with the Senator's body between his head and the petition.

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Kr. Witcober stated he was on stage with Senator Kennedy and exited the stage on the left side. He was proceeding from the Embassy Room to the Colonial Room via the kitchen and were between the end of the steam tables and the door to the Colonial press room. He heard one pop, a pause, and then rapid fire. He first thought the shots were firecrackers. He reacted to the rapid fire by turning to his left and observed a scuffle where four or five people were wrestling with someone. He observed Rosie Grier running towards this group. He stated when he first heard the shots and turned. he had a clear field of vision to Although there were other the area where the scuffle was. people walking in the same direction, he does not recall any of them at that particular time. He stated he was walking fairly close to the tables and did not see the suspect prior to the shooting.

Mr. Wilcober wrote an article which appeared in the Patriot, a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, newspaper on Thuraday, June 6, 1968.

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She indicated that during the Senator's speech, she was about three feet from his right. At the conclusion of the Senator's speech, she exited the stage and followed the Senator along with the crowd into the kitchen area. At the time of the chooting, the only way she was able to place herself was to indicate that the victim, Paul Schrade, was slightly in front of her and to her left. She did not see the suspect with the gun until after the chooting. She recalled hearing eight shots. Her recollection of the sequence of the shots were one, a pause, two shots, a second pause, and then the balance of the shots. She recalled Faul Schrado being hit in the head from one of the shots. The only person she could remember in the room was Sandy VanOker of NEC, whom she heard state, "Get the gun." She had no idea where anyone else was in the room.