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and informed the Los Angeles Police Department that Mrs. WESTLAKE, while still living in Pasadena, California, either in the latter part of November or the first part of December 1967, gave this gun to a neighbor boy. She stated that the boy was identical to GEORGE ERHARD of 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California, 798-3957. Later on the morning of June 5, 1968, the Los Angeles Police Department contacted GEORGE ERHARD, who advised that Mrs. WESTLAKE gave him the gun around the first of the year in 1968 and that he had it only a very short time before he sold it. He stated that he sold the weapon to a person that works with him at the Nash Department Store located in Pasadena, California, on the northeast corner of Arroyo and Colorado Streets. ERHARD stated that the individual to whom he sold the gun was known only to him as JOE, whom he described as a male, Latin in appearance, but he thought that the individual was an Arab. ERHARD indicated to the police that he could recognize and point out this individual he knew as JOE. ERHARD was taken to the Nash Department Store in Pasadena, where JOE, who was later identified as MUNIR SIRHAN, "was taken into custody". At this time, according to the Los Angeles Police Department report, officers received information that ADEL SIRHAN "was also in custody" at the Pasadena Police Department.

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GEORGE CHARLES ERHARD, JR., 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California, was interviewed concerning selling a .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol to MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN.

ERHARD was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and he was interviewed in the presence of his mother, Mrs. HELEN B. ERHARD, at his residence.

ERHARD stated that he originally obtained the pistol, serial number unrecalled, from a former neighbor, Mrs. DANA TULITA WESTLAKE, who now resides with her husband, ROBERT F. WESTLAKE, 349 Redwood Drive, Woodacre, California, in about December 1967.

He stated that the pistol was given to him as Mrs. WESTLAKE did not want it around the house where her children could get hold of it, and she knew that he collected guns.

He said that he believes LESLIE H. HERTZ, father of Mrs. WESTLAKE, was the original owner.

He described the pistol as an Iver Johnson, eight shot, double action, .22 caliber pistol which he believed had not been shot prior to his obtaining it.

He stated that he possessed the pistol until about February 15, 1968, when he sold it to a fellow employee at the F. C. Nash Company, a department store, 141 East Colorado Street, Pasadena, California, known to him as "JOE".

He identified a photograph of MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN, also known as "JOE", who is employed at Nash's, as the individual to whom he sold the pistol.

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He stated that "JOE" was not a friend but rather an acquaintance he knew at work. He stated that "JOE" had heard from some of the other employees that he (ERHARD) collects guns and in early January 1968, "JOE" asked him if he had a gun for sale which could be used for "hunting". "JOE" specified a hand gun for under \$50, but ERHARD had no guns for sale at that time.

ERHARD stated that in about February 1968, he needed money to fix up his automobile so he mentioned to "JOE" that he might have a gun for sale. He stated that he believed this was on a Saturday at work and "JOE" asked him to bring the gun to work so he could see it.

ERHARD stated that he believes he brought the Iver Johnson .22 to the customer parking lot of Nash's on the following Monday where "JOE" came out to his car and looked at the pistol.

ERHARD was asking \$27 to \$30 for the pistol and "JOE" stated that he did not have enough money with him at that time and requested ERHARD to meet him later that afternoon at the corner of Howard Street and an unrecalled cross street at about 5:30 PM.

ERHARD stated that he and another friend, BILL PRICE, 2488 Galbraith Road, Pasadena, California, drove to the Howard Street location in his (ERHARD) Corvair automobile. "JOE" and another individual described as a dark complexioned male with black curly hair were standing on the corner.

ERHARD got out of the automobile and walked to the rear of the automobile and talked with "JOE" about the pistol. The other individual walked to the side of the automobile and talked with PRICE. ERHARD stated that he believed that he had the pistol with him at this time and he and "JOE" bargained for it. ERHARD was asking \$30 and "JOE" and the other individual

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walked away from ERHARD and PRICE who had joined him in the discussion. ERHARD stated that "JOE" and this other individual appeared to be talking in a foreign tongue, possibly Arabic.

Both individuals walked back to where ERHARD and PRICE were standing and "JOE" stated that he did not have quite enough money but he would purchase the pistol for \$25. ERHARD agreed and "JOE" had to borrow about \$6 from the other individual. ERHARD recalls that he gave the pistol to "JOE" who handed him the \$25. He stated that no ammunition was sold with the pistol.

ERHARD reviewed photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN and identified MUNIR as "JOE". He stated he was unable to identify a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN as the individual with "JOE" who had loaned "JOE" the \$6.

ERHARD stated that he does not recall any specific identifying features of the pistol which he sold to "JOE", but he might possibly be able to identify the brown cardboard box containing the pistol.

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WILLIAM EDMOND PRICE, 2488 Galbraith Road, Pasadena, California, was interviewed concerning his knowledge of a .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol sold to MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN. PRICE was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and he was interviewed in the presence of his mother, Mrs. PAUL EDMOND PRICE, at his residence.

PRICE stated that in February 1968, he was visiting a friend, GEORGE CHARLES ERHARD, 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California, who was working on a recently purchased automobile.

ERHARD asked him to go with him as he hoped to sell a pistol to a fellow employee.

He stated that they drove to a location on Howard Street, the cross street unrecalled, in ERHARD's 1962 Corvair automobile.

He stated that he recalls it was approximately 6 PM, when they arrived at the corner where two fellows were standing.

ERHARD got out of the automobile and walked to the back and talked with an individual later known to him as "JOE". PRICE remained in the automobile with the pistol.

A short time later ERHARD returned to the automobile and took the pistol and returned to the rear of the automobile with "JOE".

The individual accompanying "JOE" came over to the automobile and talked with PRICE. A short time later PRICE got out of the automobile and he and the other individual joined ERHARD and "JOE" and discussed selling the pistol.

PRICE recalls that "JOE" stated that he wanted his brother to see the pistol and his brother looked over the pistol.

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ERHARD and "JOE" bargained over the price of the pistol as ERHARD was asking \$30.

He stated that the two brothers walked away and started talking in a foreign language. A short time later they came back and settled on \$25, of which "JOE" obtained about \$6 from his brother. PRICE stated that he recalls that there was no ammunition with the pistol and it was in a brown cardboard box with a velvet type lining and he recalls the word "Iver" on the box. He stated that he does not believe that he could positively identify the pistol or the box if seen again.

He stated that he recalls "JOE" mentioning several times that the pistol was to be used for hunting. PRICE stated that both brothers discussed the price of the pistol but "JOE" did the actual purchasing and the pistol was in "JOE's" possession after the transaction. He described "JOE's" brother as 5'5", thin build, black greasy hair, unkempt and wavy with dark eyes. He stated that the brother appeared to be older than "JOE" and he believes that he could identify him if he saw him again.

He identified a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN as being identical with "JOE's" brother, mentioned above.

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The following is a photograph of the weapon used in the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. This photograph was taken by LARRY SHARKEY of the "Los Angeles Times".



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SEARCH OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN'S CAR
BY LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/6/68

On June 5, 1968, SA FREDRICK E. BECKER, FBI, observed the search of a 1956 De Soto, two-door, V-8, pink and white in color, bearing 1963 California license JWS 093, and Vehicle Identification No. 62050511, which was registered to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. This examination was conducted by Officer JAMES E. CLABORN, Badge 6023, Special Investigation Division (SID), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), under the authority of a local search warrant.

Examination of the vehicle revealed the presence of a "Los Angeles Times" newspaper issued June 5, 1968. The odometer reading of the vehicle was found to be 80968.3. What appeared to be two spent .22 caliber lead projectiles were found on top of the front seat on the passenger side of the automobile. One business card from the "Lock Stock and Barrel" gun and fishing equipment store, 8972 East Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, was found on the rear floor of the automobile on the passenger side. Officer CLABORN examined the contents of the glove compartment and found one empty box of CCI Mini Mag High Power .22 caliber bullets. One sales receipt, No. 2372, of the Lock Stock and Barrel store was found in the glove compartment and this receipt reflected the purchase of four boxes of .22 caliber bullets for the sum of \$3.99 which was paid for in cash on June 1, 1968. A wallet holding identification in the name of SIRHAN SIRHAN was located in the glove compartment. The trunk of the automobile was found to contain three old spare tires and numerous rags. A book entitled "Healing-The Divine Art" was found in the back seat of the automobile.

Officer CLABORN advised that the automobile was to be impounded by the LAPD at the time of the examination. He further advised that official lists of items taken from the car could be secured through him and Officer C. D. WHITE. Officer CLABORN processed the automobile for latent fingerprints and advised that he obtained several fairly good impressions from the steering wheel area and the glove compartment.

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1Date 6/6/68

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on June 5, 1968, a 1956 De Soto Sportsman, white over pink in color with a white panel along each side, bearing California license JWS 093, 1968 tab number A0929926, was located in the 3200 block of New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California, parked on the east side of the street about one-half block south of Wilshire Boulevard. Closer observation determined this vehicle to have an eight cylinder engine, a fireflite transmission and a radio antenna on the right rear fender. It was noted this vehicle was located at parking meter number 436 and that a parking violation ticket, number 39-43559 M, dated June 5, 1968, at 8:35 a.m., had been issued for this vehicle by the Los Angeles Police Department and had been placed under the windshield wiper on the driver's side.

It was also observed that State of California vehicle registration certificate attached to the steering column and visible through the window on the driver's side of the vehicle reflected the registered owner to be SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. The registration certificate also reflected the Vehicle Identification Number of this vehicle to be 62050511.

At approximately 4:35 p.m. Officers R. W. JOHNSTONE, Serial Number 11506, and L. D. YANT, Serial Number 12607, assigned to the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, arrived at the vehicle's location and advised that their department was in the process of obtaining a search warrant for this vehicle.

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SA's WILLIAM L. BOURQUE and
by JOSEPH A. HANLON JAH:nmb:rah:jmk Date dictated 6/6/68

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1Date 6/9/68

Lieutenant ALBIN HEGGE, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was advised at 4:05 p.m. by SA WILLIE R. WHITE that Special Agents of the FBI located SIRHAN B. SIRHAN's car described as a 1956 De Soto bearing California license JWS 093. Lieutenant HEGGE was advised that the car was located on the east side of New Hampshire Street south of Wilshire Boulevard. The car was placed under observation and was being protected to preserve any possible evidence.

Lieutenant HEGGE advised that he would immediately dispatch black and white patrol cars to the area together with the necessary laboratory examiners for the search of the vehicle. Lieutenant HEGGE stated that this would require the obtaining of a search warrant which he would personally handle.

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Lieutenant ALBIN HEGGE, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, furnished a copy of the vehicle report to SA WILLIE R. WHITE on June 6, 1968. This report contains the location and impounding of the 1956 De Soto automobile, California license JWS 093 registered to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN which is as follows:

PRESENT OWNER (Last, First, Middle name if bus.)

SIEGAN, SIMON

DR 63-52746

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTO-STATUS CHECKED		HOLD? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		YEAR - MAKE MODEL BODY TYPE COLOR		TYPE OF REPORT	
VEHICLE RECORD CLERK NOTIFIED		TIME		IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		LICENSE NUMBER	
STOLEN/LOST		DATE/TIME REPORTED TO P.D.		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE		STATE YEAR	
TYPE OF PREMISES		IGNITION LOCKED?		DOORS LOCKED?		KEYS IN VEH.?	
REC/IMP/FOUND		REASON FOR IMPOUND		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE		RPTG. DIST.	
DISPO. OF VEHICLE (GARAGE NAME & LOCATION)		DIV.		DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE		CONDITION OF VEHICLE	
INVEST. DIV./UNIT NYFD. & PERSON CONTACTED		Recovery/Found Report Only:		DATE RPTD. STOL/LOST		DIV. STOL/LOST	

CODE: R — PERSON REPORTING OCCURRENCE TO POLICE DEPT.

D — PERSON LAST DRIVING VEHICLE

W — WITNESS

CODE	PERSON REPORTING OCCUPANCY TO OWNER	CODE	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Bus. add. if firm) CITY	RES. PHONE	BUS. PHONE & EXT.
	Present Owner — Named Above		696 E. HOWARD - PASADENA		
NAME					

IDENTIFY SUSPECT(S) BY NO. (Name-address-sex-descent-age-ht-wt-hair-eyes-complex.-clothing-identifying characteristics. If arrested, include bkg. no. & charge.)

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ITEM NO.	(1) IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SUSPECT(S). (2) CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING OCCURRENCE(S). (3) STOLEN OR LOST: (Describe any access, with ident. numbers, any property in vehicle which could be sold or pawned). (4) RECOVERED - FOUND - IMPOUNDED: Specify items stripped from vehicle, describe damage and all evidence which may connect with any other crime or occurrence.
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OFFICE OBS. ARV VEH PKD N/B ON NEW HAMPSHIRE
APPROX 200' SO. OF WILSHIRE BLVD. VEH HAD EXCESSIVE
AMT OF LEGAL & TRASH UNDER IT. REGISTRATION HAD NAME
OF ALLEGED KENNEDY ASSASSIN. VEH WAS IMP L/HOLD
FOR INVESTIGATION.

CITATION N° 3943559, WHICH WAS ON WIND SHIELD, WAS
ADDED TO PROP RPT, ABU DR #.

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1Date June 8, 1968

Lt. CHARLES HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, advised that he testified before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on June 7, 1968. HUGHES related that he assisted Officers A. PLACENTIA and T. WHITE to make out an evidence report in connection with the arrest of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN while SIRHAN was in the interrogation room. He then gave PLACENTIA and WHITE a key found in the possession of SIRHAN and requested them to search for SIRHAN's car. HUGHES stated the key was returned to him at which time he gave the key to Lt. A. S. HEGGE, attached to the Rampart Division, who obtained a search warrant to search a vehicle believed to belong to SIRHAN. HUGHES advised the key was returned to him by Lt. HEGGE and he entered the key into evidence at the Grand Jury hearing.

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Lt. A. S. HEGGE, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, advised he testified before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, Los Angeles, on June 7, 1968. HEGGE related he testified that he received a key from Lt. CHARLES HUGHES and obtained a second search warrant at 4:30 PM on June 5, 1968, to search a 1956 pink DeSoto located by FBI Agents which was believed to be connected with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He returned to the car and tried the key which unlocked the door of the vehicle. Thereafter the following items were removed from the vehicle: A wallet containing identification for SIRHAN SIRHAN, two slugs, one bullet, a receipt for purchase of .22 caliber ammunition, a set of six keys, an empty box of mini ammunition and other miscellaneous papers.

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Attached are photographs depicting the interior and exterior of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN's 1956 De Soto, bearing California license JWS 093. This vehicle is registered to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. These photographs were taken by SA RICHARD H. BLOESER.



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