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REFERENCE: Report of SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR. dated 6/9/68, at Los Angeles.

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On June 12, 1968, established source P. J. THOMPSON, Supervising Special Agent, State of California, Department of Employment, Area Investigation Office, 1525 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, telephonically furnished the following information to SA THEODORE E. CHILDRESS:

During the past week his office made available to the FBI the employment record pertaining to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. In addition to information contained in that file, THOMPSON has developed the following information regarding SIRHAN:

SIRHAN was employed by JOHN H. WEIDNER, Foods For Life, 1380 North Lake, Pasadena, California, during the fourth fiscal quarter of 1967. SIRHAN was employed during the fourth fiscal quarter of 1966, by Altfillisch Construction, Granja Vista Del Rio, Route 1, Box 159 B, Corona, California, during which time he was paid \$600.00 in wages.

THOMPSON advised that the above information, and all information contained in the files of the California Department of Employment, is protected by state law which prohibits the disclosure of employment records. He stated this information is therefore being made available to the FBI on a confidential basis.

Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 6/10/68, enclosed a copy of the following teletype from Legat, Mexico City:

"Mr. WINSTON SCOTT, Head of CIA Station, Mexico, advised June seven instant that comparison of photographs of subject SIRHAN SIRHAN with photos of persons known to have contacted Soviet or Cuban Embassies, Mexico, during past year disclosed no indication subject has visited those embassies. This information being furnished CIA Headquarters by local station and this office advised under classification 'Secret - No Dissemination Outside of Bureau'."

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The New York Office of the FBI obtained eight photographs taken by free lance photographer PETER SPENCER BERKSON. BERKSON's photographs bear number COA-75092 on the reverse side. Also furnished were eight photographs which were taken by "Life" magazine photographer BILL EPPRIDGE assigned to the KENNEDY campaign. These photographs were obtained on 6/8/68 from RICHARD POLLARD, "Life" Photo Editor, Time and Life Building, New York, New York, by SA JOHN MILTON JONES of the New York Office of the FBI. Mr. POLLARD explained that "Life" magazine purchased the roll of film taken by Mr. BERKSON which contains some of the over-all photographs of the scene immediately following the shooting which he pointed out appears to be the only photographs available to "Life" magazine at this time because all other photographs taken by Mr. EPPRIDGE of the ensuing action of the shooting scenes are of the other victims.

The colored film purchased from BERKSON is being developed by "Life" magazine in black and white and is in the process of development but will be made available to the FBI as soon as they are prepared. POLLARD explained that when the BERKSON film was first received he edited the frames and selected eight shots of the corridor scene of the shooting which were immediately developed and were made available to the FBI. The other photographs that are in the process of being developed appear to be of BERKSON's relatives in addition to photographs BERKSON took at the Embassy Room and corridor to the kitchen off the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

The eight photographs taken by "Life" photographer EPPRIDGE are of the scene at the Embassy Room prior to and after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. These photographs bear the stamp of "Life" magazine on the reverse side.

POLLARD said that he understood that EPPRIDGE was very close to Senator KENNEDY at the time of the shooting and shortly after the shooting after Mrs. KENNEDY rushed to her husband's side she immediately asked the press and everyone to move back but allowed EPPRIDGE to remain because she is personally acquainted with EPPRIDGE.

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The copyright for "Life" magazine which appears in each issue shows "1967 TIME INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. REPRODUCTION IN WHOLE OR PART WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED."

The eight photographs taken by Mr. BERKSON depict the following:

1. Scene with the many individuals, press, etc surrounding Senator KENNEDY with two or three male individuals holding Senator KENNEDY's head from the floor
2. Various individuals over Senator KENNEDY with Mrs. KENNEDY at her husband's side
3. Photograph of one of the other shooting victims lying on the floor believed to be PAUL SCHRADE with an unknown individual resting the head of Mr. SCHRADE on some KENNEDY campaign hats
4. Individual lying on the floor, head resting on KENNEDY campaign hat believed to be PAUL SCHRADE being comforted by several unidentified individuals
5. Senator KENNEDY lying on floor with head showing in foreground of picture with three male individuals comforting the Senator together with Mrs. KENNEDY. Also standing nearby is "Life" photographer BILL EPPRIDGE
6. Photograph of individual lying on floor believed to be PAUL SCHRADE
7. Shot of bystanders with various expressions of grief and anguish at the Ambassador Hotel
8. A scene of many male individuals peering over what appears to be someone on the floor

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The following photographs were taken by BILL EPPRIDGE, "Life" photographer, set number 81301:

9. Senator KENNEDY lying on floor being comforted by several male individuals with Mrs. KENNEDY rushing toward his side
10. Senator KENNEDY lying on floor with right side of his face bloodstained being comforted by Ambassador employee and other unidentified individual with another shooting victim in the background lying on the floor
11. Individual lying on floor which appears to be Senator KENNEDY being comforted by several individuals
12. Senator KENNEDY lying on floor with right arm outstretched being aided by Ambassador employee holding the Senator's head from the floor
13. Scene of hallway at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles; various KENNEDY aides among whom is BILL BARRY
14. Scene of hallway at Hospital of Good Samaritan; several police officers of the Los Angeles Police Department with several other unidentified individuals in the background as well as KENNEDY aide, BILL BARRY and former Astronaut JOHN GLENN
15. Scene overlooking the crowd at the Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, from the back of Senator KENNEDY at the podium
16. Silhouette rear shot of Senator KENNEDY with Mrs. KENNEDY at his right side with over-all shot of the crowd at the Embassy Ballroom, Ambassador Hotel

The above described photographs will be maintained by the Los Angeles Division of the FBI.

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On June 7, 1968, SA HOMER E. YOUNG, Los Angeles Office of the FBI, made arrangements through HERBERT MC ROY, Administrative Deputy Coroner, Department of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, County of Los Angeles, 104 Hall of Justice, 211 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, to obtain copies of the coroner's autopsy report and postmortem examination. Arrangements were also made to obtain six sets of color photographs taken by the Coroner's Office during the autopsy and postmortem examination conducted by the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, Dr. THOMAS NAGUCHI.

As of June 12, 1968, Mr. MC ROY advised SA STEPHEN C. MONKA, JR. that the coroner's autopsy report as well as the photographs have not yet been completed and will probably not be available until at least June 19 or 20, 1968. As soon as they are completed, they will immediately be made available to the FBI.

RE: INTERVIEW OF ALVIN CLARK,  
TRASHMAN EMPLOYED BY CITY OF  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ON 6/10/68  
(PAGES 300-303 OF DETAILS)

CLARK admitted to interviewing Agents that he was emotionally upset because of the death of Senator KENNEDY. He stated that he wanted to kill SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated that SIRHAN is an "S.O.B."

Information concerning this threat against SIRHAN's life was immediately furnished to appropriate authorities on 6/10/68.

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LEADS

No leads are being set out in view of the fact that all leads in this matter are being handled by telephone and teletype, and all offices handling such leads are requested to sutel results.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. (1) Will continue efforts to obtain all pertinent records and charts not presently available prepared by the Governmental agencies.

(2) Will continue intensive investigation of all aspects of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.  
Date: 6/15/68

Office: Los Angeles, California

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Bureau File #: 62-587

Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

Ambulance driver and attendant who transported Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY from Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, to Central Receiving Hospital, Los Angeles, related circumstances surrounding trip. Director of Security, Ambassador Hotel, advised that at conclusion of Senator KENNEDY's speech, female member of KENNEDY campaign staff informed him Senator KENNEDY intended to leave by rear steps of the hotel and requested pathway through crowd be made. Vice President, Ambassador Hotel, advised that Senator KENNEDY's detour through Embassy Room kitchen area was a change from original plan. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN observed by several individuals in area of Embassy Room prior to shooting and all advised SIRHAN was alone to best of their knowledge. ROOSEVELT GRIER, who assisted in subduing SIRHAN after shooting, advised did not observe SIRHAN prior to shooting, and did not recall anyone running from Embassy Room kitchen area after shooting. THANE EUGENE CESAR, on duty as guard at Ambassador Hotel on evening of 6/4/68, witnessed shooting, and did not recall any other individual with SIRHAN at time. HENRY ADRIAN CARREON and DAVID RALPH MONTELLANO advised that on afternoon of 6/4/68, while at San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, for target shooting, noticed individual shooting rapidly on adjacent pistol range. Both went to pistol range to observe weapon this individual using. They engaged this individual, subsequently identified by both from

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photographs as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, in conversation. Both claim SIRHAN not knowledgeable concerning .22 caliber pistol he was using, and SIRHAN asked CARREON and MONTELLANO how to obtain better accuracy. CARREON and MONTELLANO noticed SIRHAN using .22 caliber mini-magnum shells. Roster of San Gabriel Valley Gun Club for 6/4/68, shows name "SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 E. Howard St., Pasa..." as being on range that date. JOHN HENRY STRATHMANN, San Marino, California, claimed attended Pasadena City College (PCC) in 1964 with SIRHAN. STRATHMANN reported SIRHAN expressed admiration for ADOLPH HITLER. Stated SIRHAN seemed to be obsessed with desire to achieve instant wealth, and criticized U. S. because of existing poverty. STRATHMANN stated SIRHAN very emotional in discussing recent Arab-Israeli conflict, and critical of the U. S. policy supporting Israel. STRATHMANN stated after SIRHAN fell from horse in 1966, he seemed to have difficulty seeing out of one eye. After accident, SIRHAN seemed very impatient, nervous, more emotional, and became interested in mystical bodies. Additional individuals who had attended PCC during same time SIRHAN did, describe SIRHAN as very pro-Arab and critical of American Foreign Policy as related to U. S. support of Israel. Former employees and co-workers with SIRHAN described him as quiet person who talked little about his past or family. Most stated SIRHAN a loner and did not have friends. Neighborhood investigation conducted in area of SIRHAN family residence in Pasadena. Family reported as quiet residents who kept to themselves and had few visitors. Identification records set out for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and other members of family. ALVIN CLARK, trashman employed by City of Pasadena, advised he picks up trash at SIRHAN family home. Claims he first became acquainted with SIRHAN under name SAUL SIRHAN about two years ago. CLARK stated had never observed SIRHAN with gun and recalled once invited SIRHAN to go hunting, but SIRHAN did not accept invitation. CLARK stated that Wednesday after Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's death on 4/10/68, SIRHAN asked him whom he was going to vote for. CLARK stated he told SIRHAN he was voting for KENNEDY. CLARK claimed SIRHAN then stated, "Why do you want to vote for him because I am going to kill that S.O.B." CLARK thought

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SIRHAN was joking and dismissed remark at the time. CLARK stated that on Wednesday before shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, he saw SIRHAN briefly during a lunch break, and SIRHAN seemed happy. CLARK admitted being emotionally upset because of Senator KENNEDY's death and stated during interview he wanted to kill SIRHAN SIRHAN. A woman in white dress with black polka dots reported by SANDRA SERRANO to have run from Ambassador Hotel immediately after shooting claiming, "We've shot him -- we've shot him." Investigation does not identify this individual. Details furnished by SERRANO of incident not verified. Colored photographs of clothing worn by SIRHAN at time of shooting included. 71 latent fingerprints developed by FBI Identification Division on papers obtained from SIRHAN's room.

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TRANSPORTATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
BY AMBULANCE TO CENTRAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
FOLLOWING SHOOTING, JUNE 5, 1968

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Date 6/9/68

NORMA CASE, 3320 $\frac{1}{2}$  Perlita Avenue, was interviewed at her residence and provided the following information:

She stated that she has been employed as the hospital dispatcher and switchboard operator for the Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, California, for 22 years.

She stated that she received a call apparently from the switchboard operator of the Ambassador Hotel, on June 5, 1968, at approximately 12:18 am, requesting an ambulance. She asked the person to whom she was talking the nature of the trouble. The person told her she did not know, but that she was told to call an ambulance. CASE asked her if it was someone sick, or if there had been an accident. The person told her she thought someone was injured, and "please hurry". CASE advised at this point, she could hear much excitement in the background and she asked the person where the ambulance was needed, and the person told her the Embassy Room. CASE advised that she would estimate this conversation lasted 20 to 30 seconds. She advised that she immediately dispatched ambulance unit G18, to the Ambassador, and then immediately notified the Los Angeles Police Department switchboard. She advised that the police switchboard operator wanted to know what had happened.

She advised that the ambulance which she dispatched to the Ambassador Hotel, arrived there at 12:20 am, or 12:25 am. She could not remember which. She advised that this ambulance arrived back at the Central Receiving Hospital at approximately 12:30 am.

She advised that seconds before the ambulance arrived back at Central Receiving Hospital, the Los Angeles Police Department switchboard notified her that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She stated at this time her switchboard was completely full with incoming calls. She said many of these were from other phones at the Ambassador Hotel.

She advised that she thinks she dispatched seven ambulance units to the Ambassador Hotel. She did not recall

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any of the times which these units were sent to the hotel, but stated the times were logged in the records of the Central Receiving Hospital.

She advised that from the time the ambulance arrived with Senator KENNEDY at the hospital, she was extremely busy handling incoming calls and a few other routine requests for ambulances. She advised that she received many, many, calls from persons wanting to know the condition of Senator KENNEDY. She advised them that his condition was critical, which ended the conversation. She stated that no one told her the condition of Senator KENNEDY, but she assumed that it was critical, and this was the easiest way to handle the inquiries coming in from the general public. She stated that she did not think that any of the calls she received were out of the ordinary. She thought that all of them were from persons who were just generally concerned about Senator KENNEDY. She did not recall any calls out of the ordinary.

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ROBERT HULSMAN, ambulance driver, Central Receiving Hospital, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his residence 18621 Mescalero, and furnished the following information:

On the morning of June 5, 1968, he was on duty at Central Receiving Hospital and received orders to proceed to the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. The order was received at 12:17 a.m. and simply stated, "injury, Ambassador Hotel - proceed".

He, accompanied by attendant MAX BEHRMAN, left Central Receiving Hospital at 12:18 a.m. and proceeded to the Ambassador Hotel, arriving there at 12:23 a.m.

Upon arrival at the Ambassador Hotel, he drove up to the main entrance and was met by several KENNEDY campaign members, who directed him and BEHRMAN to the scene of the shooting. They initially started up a staircase, but found an elevator, which was available. As they were going up in the elevator, he turned to a man standing near them and asked who was hurt. The man replied, "Senator KENNEDY has been shot".

When the elevator opened he immediately recognized Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY lying on his back directly in front of the elevator. Next to him was a second man, who he later learned was PAUL SCHRADE, also on his back in a large pool of blood. He assumed this man was dead and went directly to Senator KENNEDY. There was a large terrycloth towel near KENNEDY's head, which was completely saturated with blood. Also, the hair on the right side of the head was badly messed up so that there was no question but that he had been injured in the head. Mrs. KENNEDY was kneeling next to her husband and applying an ice-pack to his head.

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At this point, KENNEDY was conscious and HULSMAN spoke to him telling him he would be all right and they were taking him to the hospital. The stretcher was placed next to KENNEDY's body and he went to the legs while BEHRMAN went to the head. He placed a hand under KENNEDY's buttocks and another under the calves of his legs so he could lift him onto the stretcher. At this point, KENNEDY said "Don't, please don't move me."

After placing KENNEDY on the stretcher, he was wheeled a few feet to the elevator so he could be taken to the ambulance. During this time, Mrs KENNEDY had been asking where they were taking Senator KENNEDY and attempting to prevent them from moving him.

Once in the elevator, they descended by accident to the basement. The elevator operator then took them to the first floor, where they began to wheel KENNEDY out to the ambulance. During this time, KENNEDY's legs had been moving and HULSMAN had been watching closely so he did not roll from the stretcher. As they were going to the ambulance, Mrs. KENNEDY was yelling and asking where they were taking her husband. HULSMAN again told her they were taking him to Central Receiving Hospital. At this point, Mrs. KENNEDY placed her arm around his neck and tried to stop him from pushing the stretcher. He took her arm from his neck and said, "Come on. We're going to the hospital."

Upon reaching the ambulance, they placed the stretcher with KENNEDY in the ambulance and locked it down. Everyone tried to get into the ambulance; however, only MAX BEHRMAN, Mrs. KENNEDY and one other unidentified white male were allowed in the rear. After shutting the rear door, he went to the driver's seat. At this point, someone apparently in an effort to get into the rear of the ambulance, opened the rear doors and he had to return to make sure they were securely locked. He again returned and got into the cab of the ambulance. In the cab was a man known to him as BILL BARRY and two other unknown white males.

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As they pulled away from the Ambassador Hotel, a Los Angeles Police Department patrol car moved in to escort the ambulance and they began the drive back to Central Receiving Hospital. En route, he could hear Mrs. KENNEDY arguing with MAX BEHRMAN. HULSMAN stated he does not know exactly what provoked these heated words, but he believes it had something to do with BEHRMAN asking Mrs. KENNEDY for identification. As they were proceeding to Central Receiving Hospital, BILL BARRY turned in the cab and attempted to crawl through the opening into the ambulance portion of the vehicle and it was necessary for HULSMAN to restrain him. At this point, BARRY said, "Don't let the son of a bitch touch him.", referring to BEHRMAN's efforts to aid KENNEDY.

Upon arrival at Central Receiving Hospital, he was met by the hospital staff and removed KENNEDY from the ambulance to the interior of the hospital.

As the stretcher was being wheeled into the hospital, an unknown photographer reached out and grasped the stretcher with one hand, holding his camera in the other, in an effort to get a close-up of Senator Kennedy. At this point, Mrs. KENNEDY screamed to the man to leave the stretcher alone and BILL BARRY reached across and struck the man with sufficient force to make him release the stretcher.

After unloading Senator KENNEDY, HULSMAN was ordered to return to the Ambassador Hotel, again accompanied by BEHRMAN, where they picked up PAUL SCHRADE and returned to Central Receiving Hospital. SCHRADE was accompanied by a Negro doctor by the name of MC BRUM (phonetic).

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

TOMMY S. RATLIFF, 6207 Crescent, Los Angeles, California furnished the following information:

He advised that he is employed as an ambulance attendant at the Central Receiving Hospital, Los Angeles. He stated that his normal shift is from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Between 12:15 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968, while in his ambulance he heard a Los Angeles Police Department broadcast calling for an ambulance - shooting at 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. RATLIFF stated that the call was answered by ambulance unit G-18, operators BEHRMAN and HULSMAN. RATLIFF advised that since unit G-18 answered the call he continued on to the Central Receiving Hospital.

RATLIFF advised that a few minutes after his arrival back at the Central Receiving Hospital a taxi cab arrived at the Hospital escorted by a Los Angeles Police Department funeral escort motorcycle. The Taxi cab contained DAVID ESQUITH and a male victim of the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel, who received a bullet wound in the leg. RATLIFF advised that ESQUITH came into the hospital, requested assistance for the shooting victim and RATLIFF went out to the taxi cab, put the shooting victim into the wheel chair and took him to the hospital emergency room.

RATLIFF advised that at this time, Central Receiving Hospital Dispatcher, NORMA CASE, told them to hurry over to the Ambassador Hotel since they were calling for two more ambulances. RATLIFF stated that they went to the Ambassador Hotel and pulled up to the loading dock. He stated that there was mass confusion in the vicinity of the hotel, however an unknown hotel employee came out and escorted them to an elevator which they took to the floor where the shooting occurred.

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RATLIFF stated that on that floor he briefly observed a young male victim of the shooting, who possibly had a wound in the side, however, appeared to be in generally good condition overall. Someone stated that there was a woman inside who had been shot in the head. He stated that they went into what appeared to be the main auditorium and found this victim who turned out to be ELIZABETH EVANS lying prone on a table attended by a Negro man who gave his name and stated he was a medical doctor.

RATLIFF advised that he dressed the woman's head wound and put her on a stretcher. As they were starting for the elevator, someone stated that they had another shooting victim. He advised they left Mrs. EVANS to check this other individual who turned out to be a male who had been hit on the head with a camera. RATLIFF stated that this individual's condition was not serious and since the individual was walking without difficulty, RATLIFF told the individual to accompany them back to the Central Receiving Hospital in the ambulance. RATLIFF advised that they then loaded Mrs. EVANS into the ambulance and accompanied by the above individual who had been hit with the camera returned to the Central Receiving Hospital.

RATLIFF stated that neither Mrs. EVANS nor this other individual who accompanied them back to the hospital made any statements regarding the shooting nor did he (RATLIFF) have any other information concerning this matter.

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INTERVIEWS OF EMPLOYEES OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Date 6/8/68

Mr. A. H. ZUGGER, Vice President and General Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, furnished several sheets of paper containing lists of employees of the hotel who worked during the afternoon and evening hours of June 4, 1968, and/or the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

Mr. ZUGGER advised that the lists were compiled by members of his staff from the time clock records and from the supervisors where time cards are not utilized.

The lists furnished by Mr. ZUGGER contained the following names and other information:

REGULAR EMPLOYEES

<u>Clock Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
802	VERA RUNNING	Housekeeping
926	DORA FLANAGAN	"
929	EVELYN SMITH	"
922	J. FRAZIER	"
939	JOAN GILLET	"
1021	VAN BROOKS	"
1106	ANGEL ZAVALA	"
1103	MARY VAUGHN	"
1110	ORANGE WORMLY	"
1117	LESLA LEIVIA	"
1122	WARTON BOWLES	"
1109	ELMER SUSSEX	"
1115	GEORGE LYONS	"
1116	EARTHA DAVIS	"
1118	TRUDIE JENNINGS	"
1203	MARION JOHNSON	Bellmen
1206	FRANK FOX	"
1216	JACK LUBARSKY	"
1222	LEONARD BLUM	"
1228	MITCHELL SMITH	"
1300	ROBERT HURON	Elevator Operator
1400	STANLEY KARVALEK	Security
1402	ARTHUR MADDOX	"

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<u>Clock Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
1403	HAROLD PEDERSON	Security
1401	CLARENCE GRUGAN	"
1408	THOMAS PEREZ	"
1500	ONADBOG LOHMGAN	Coffee Shop
1523	ROBERT JAMES	"
1528	WALTER KOPEC	"
1709	KAY SHUSETT	"
1714	ROSA CASTELLAMO	"
1716	J. KILPATRICK	"
1803	FITO MANCILLA	"
1900	HENRY CARRILLO	Room Service
1928	JOHN OHANESIAN	"
1923	JOSE CARDENAS	"
1925	SETH SHAHAN	"
1924	THOMAS HAAG	"
1937	SALVADOZ BESERRA	"
1981	JUAN GONZALEZ	"
1983	JUAN ROMERO	"
2022	PAUL SHAHAN	Grove
2025	ROMAS PENZA	"
2027	ROBERT MOONEY	"
2034	HERMANN SPLITTER	"
2032	V. QUINTANILLA	"
2035	D. MAVROMATIS	"
2080	ARNOLDO GAMEZ	"
2083	PEDRO DIAZ	"
2120	JOSEPH JONES	Banquet
2121	ALBERTO CARRILLO	"
2124	DON DEAN	"
2130	G. MARTINEZ	"
2129	FRANK MAXWELL	"
2135	MARIO MATUTE	"
2131	OCTAVIO CUEVA	"
2136	ELIO HERNANDEZ	"
2140	MARTIN PATRUSKY	"
2143	RALPH SMITH	"
2148	ANDRES DIMINUTTO	"
2182	EVARISTO IBANEZ	"
2152	MICHEL LAGUERRE	"

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<u>Clock Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
2157	FRANK QUINSONE	Banquet
2156	MANUEL RODRIQUEZ	"
2150	JOSE CERVANTES	"
2184	BENIGNO GARCIA	"
2161	BLAINE MINNS	"
2180	ROZELIO DIAZ	"
2201	JOSE CEJA	Steward
2202	LOUIS LEGAR	"
2204	PABLO GUERRERO	"
2223	L. G. VALDIVIA	"
2236	EUFEMIO REYES	"
2232	JOEL CARVAJAL	"
2229	JESUS PEREZ	"
2244	FEDERICK DALY	"
2245	D. H. SOTELO	"
2300	LEONA CASE	Cashier/Checker
2305	ROSE WALSH	"
2310	M. KENNEDY	"
2311	C. SIEBERT	"
2315	ONA LIBAN	"
2307	KEE KIM	"
2322	SHEKK HUSAIN	"
2403	BENNY MORELLO	Chef Department
2422	GEORGE SUCHANCK	"
2414	ANGEL SANTIAGO	"
2424	RUDY SEQURA	"
2241	ANTONIO ROSAS	Stewards
2563	WALTER JOACHIM	Chef Department
2514	ALOIS ZEHNDER	"
2604	PAZ VARA	"
2608	RUTH JIMENEZ	"
2612	VESTA MORELLO	"
2617	HENRY TAYLOR	"
2630	WILLIAM WAYNE	"
Extra	VICTOR ORTIZ	Beverage
2801	YGNACIO KLINE	"
2804	ERNEST YANDRICH	"
2803	WAYNE MILLS	"
2807	V. ARREGILLAGA	"
2805	MIGUEL ZENDEJAS	"
2809	THEODORE YOOS	"

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BETTY CONNELLY	Waitress
VELMA HEANEY	"
JOSE CARBAJEL	Bus Boy
JOSE ALBERTO	"
CARBAJEL	"
ELIAS E. DURAN	"
JOSE CASTELLO	Coffeeman

SWITCHBOARD

RUBY FORD	IRENE EHRIE
VERA PATTEN	

MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
CHARLES REDMIER	6611 Benson Avenue Huntington Park	585-1317
VERNER PEDERSON	10921 Mc Vine Avenue Sunland	353-1496
HANS BIDSTRUP	1886 N Avenue Los Angeles	257-3606
GRIGOR NAVASARTIAN	124 North Tenth Street Montebello	724-4732
EDWARD ANDERSON	2360 Glendon Avenue Los Angeles	475-2455
WILLIE FRANKLIN	Hotel Ohio 1104½ East Seventh Los Angeles	689-9123
ALVIN KYLE	8605 San Juan Avenue South Gate	567-6982
FLOYD FERREE	8833 East Mission Drive Rosemead	285-4342

CHEFS DEPARTMENT

SANTIAGO ANGELO	Night Chef
NIWA JOSHIO	Garden Manager
WAYNE WILLIAMS	Coffee Shop

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<u>Clock Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
2808	TERRY CONRAY	Beverage
2810	JUAN RAMIREZ	"
2811	MAXWELL TREBASH	"
2812	HAROLD ENDERS	"
2814	JORGE SANTOS	"
2871	RAMIRO SIFUENTES	"
2873	M. HERNANDEZ	"
2874	NICOLAS RAYES	"
2891	ELLIS SWANSON	"
2892	ALFREDO GORZALEZ	"
2900	FRANK DONATO	The Cave
2901	ERWIN MOENCH	"
2902	ELIAS RAMIREZ	"
3000	LILLIAN BUTLER	Telephone
3033	LOIS BOONE	"
3007	APRIL STEVENS	"
3015	CLARA WOODARD	"
3017	K. ROBERTSON	"
3105	B. KRISANATHU	Valet
3401	VERNER PEDERSON	Maintenance
3400	ALVIN KYLE	"
3407	FLOYD FERREE	"
3702	G. NAVACARTIAN	"
3751	EDWARD ANDERSON	"
4010	B. WICKNUCK	Laundry
4016	MICHAEL CHANG	"
4009	R. CELENZA	"
4200	F. ESPINOZA	Banquet Houseman
4207	JUAN ANGUIANO	"
4226	DAVID COBIAN	"
4228	A. OLLOGUIO	"
4222	RAMIRO RAMIREZ	"
4301	PAUL DOZOIS	Spot Operator

COFFEE SHOP

GLADYS SHARRETT	Waitress
RUBY TRUM	"
BETTY CUGALATI	"
DARLENE MINORS	"

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TAYLOR HENRI  
ROBERT GINDROZ

Potwasher  
Executive Chef

FRONT OFFICE

IRMA E. PUALANE  
FRANCES ANDERSON  
MIKE BEGAKIS  
STAN TKACZYK  
FRANS STALPERS

MARION CLARK  
TOM RONCINSKE  
JOHN GARRETT  
HANS KORTHOFF

PARKING

REM LUGSDON  
WALTER CURDELL  
F. COHAHIM  
H. ACHTCHI  
J. BERRERAS  
G. GENTLEMAN  
J. ARRIETA  
R. CARRILO

BILL WILLIAMS  
F. BEN JABR  
H. ROSHDIEH  
S. D. WETZEL  
G. DONER  
AL ROYBAL  
S. YEGANNE  
A. NYHAGEH

CASH EXTRAS

(Wages Paid at Time of Each Shift)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
ANTONIO ANGUIANO	Banquet
SALVADOR ACEVEDI	Steward
RAMIRO ARCEO	Steward
R. D. ALFELD	Superintendent Grove
HOWARD ASBERRY	Engineer
ALEXANDER ACOSTA	Room Service
HOVANESS ANANIAN	Maintenance
BARBARA BROWN	Cave Waitress
LARRY BOOKER	Maintenance
JOSE CASTILLO	Busboy
ARTHUR CHAPMAN	Night Cleaner
MANUEL CHAREZ	Dishwasher
LLOYD CURTIS	Security
JANE CYRELS	Grove Checker

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CASH EXTRAS

(Wages Paid at Time of Each Shift)

ALBERTO CARBAJAL	Busboy
DAVID CRILES	Security
L. A. COLLINS	Grove
BETTY CUSOLITO	Waitress
JOSEPH CALDERON	Cook
LUIS CERVANTES	C. S. Runner
BETTY CONNOLLY	C. S. Waitress
JOSE CARBAJAL	C. S. Busboy
DANIEL GAMBERONI	Cook
RAYMOND COTTER	Plasterer
EDWARD CASSTILLO	Painter
JUAN CIJA	Banquet
ELIAS DURON	Busboy
JAMES EVERHART	Electrician
SERGIO GOMEZ	Busboy Cave
RAFAEL GONZALEZ	Dishwasher
DOMINGO GERCIA	Cook
RAYMOND GOMEZ	Cook
ALBERT GUERRA	Banquet
MARCOS HERNANDEZ	Banquet
VELMA HEANEY	Waitress
EDWIN HAYDEN	Laundry
LUIS HIGARIDA	Banquet
FRANCISCO LEGASPI	Room Service
FRANCISCO MEJIA	Banquet
FRED MURPHY	Security
HECTOR MOLINA	Bartender
SAL MADRIGAL	Bartender
ANTONIO MARIAS	C. S. Runner
DARLENE MINOR	Waitress
LOUIS MOONEY	Grove
MARIO MUNOZ	Banquet
ALMA MC FARLEND	Maid
YOSHIO NIVA	Cook
JUAN OCHOA	Dishwasher
ALEXANDRA OROPEZA	Dishwasher



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CASH EXTRAS  
(Wages Paid at Time of Each Shift)

ERNESTO PASTORA	Busboy
JUAN PENA	Banquet
JAMES ROTHBERG	Security
RAMON RODRIGUEZ	Room Service
ARZIE D. REDERFORD	Housekeeping
JOSE SANTYO	Busboy
CAROL SCHIADA	Cave
RODOLFO SIERRA	Banquet
STEVE SZONYI	Banquet
ROSENDO SOTO	Banquet
JESSE SWAFFORD	Banquet
LUCIO TAPIA	Dishwasher
JOE TREPLAK	Dishwasher
RUBY TRUM	Waitress
ESTEBAN VALLE	Dishwasher
PABLO VALDEVIA	Dishwasher
ARMANDO VEGA	Barboy
NICOLAS VALENZUELA	Room Service

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/7/68

Mr. ROBERT JEAN GINDROZ, Executive Chef, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed in his office, which is adjacent to the main kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel, during the morning of June 5, 1968, by SAs THEODORE J. A'HEARN and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN in the presence of FBI Photo Lab employee RICHARD D. FERNANDES.

Mr. GINDROZ was advised of the identities of the above personnel and that the interview was in connection with the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He indicated that officers of the Los Angeles Police Department had already talked briefly with him about the case.

Mr. GINDROZ stated that he presently resides at 2921 Briarknoll, Los Angeles, California (zip code 90046). His home telephone is 654-7180. He is a native of Switzerland; having been born January 5, 1932, in Montana, Switzerland. He is not yet a naturalized United States citizen, but hopes to become an American citizen. He has been in the United States of America for the past eleven years.

In his present position as Executive Chef of the Ambassador Hotel, he has overall charge of the procurement, preparation and service of all food in the Ambassador Hotel dining rooms.

He is married. His wife, Mrs. MARY THERESA GINDROZ, is presently a patient in Kaiser Hospital, Hollywood, California, where she is to undergo surgery. She entered the hospital on June 4, 1968.

Mr. GINDROZ owns a 1959 Chrysler sedan, with current California license plates JPT 343. He also owns a sports car, a small Sunbeam Arrow (which his wife normally drives). He said his Chrysler has over 115,000 miles on it and he is just driving it until he can take delivery on a new car. He said the Chrysler has an ignition switch which can be started by just inserting any key, or in fact for that matter even by inserting some stiff metallic object, such as a screw driver, ~~and turning the switch.~~

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Mr. GINDROZ stated that he lost his original set of keys to the Chrysler about two and a half years ago, somewhere in the Los Angeles area. He lost his wallet and credit cards at the same time. The keys that he now has, he uses only to lock the trunk, noting again that any key will turn on the ignition switch and thus start the car. He said that he does not lock the doors.

He stated that he was having some trouble with the car on June 4, 1968, and so decided to drive it into the Standard Service Station on the southeast corner of Alexandria and Sixth Streets, Los Angeles, California, where he regularly trades. He said the telephone number at the station is DU 7-2005. He did drive it in on the morning of June 4th and left it at the above Standard Service Station to have them check it over and see what was wrong with it. He thought that it might be battery or generator trouble.

His wife drove the Sunbeam Arrow in and he took her to Kaiser Hospital and drove her car back to the hotel so that he would have it to go home in at the end of the day, if his Chrysler was not in working condition and had to stay in the shop. He said that about 1:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, he learned telephonically from the Standard Service Station that his generator was shot and that it would be quite expensive to replace it. He decided not to repair it.

A young Swiss friend of his, Mr. DANIEL GAMBERONI, who resides at 22397 Enada Way in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, (residence telephone 887-0954), attends Woodbury College on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, dropped into the hotel kitchen after his Tuesday classes on June 4, 1968, to see if Chef GINDROZ had any extra work as he needed to make some extra money as he was planning to go back to Switzerland for a vacation in August 1968. He said Mr. GAMBERONI is married to a woman from a wealthy Mexican family, whose parents continue to live in Mexico. He has two children. He belongs to a college fraternity at Woodbury College.

When GAMBERONI came into the Ambassador on June 4, 1968, he said he had nothing to do from then (which was about

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3:30 p.m.) until 6:00 p.m., so Mr. GINDROZ asked him if he would go over to the Standard Service Station on Sixth Street to pick up his Chrysler before the station closed for the evening. He said he told GAMBERONI not to bring the car back into the Ambassador parking lot, but to park it on the street as near to the hotel as possible. He said that he did not want it parked in the Ambassador lot because he recalled that once before when Senator KENNEDY was staying at the hotel, Mr. GINDROZ had his car blocked in the parking lot for more than thirty minutes when he was ready to go home after work.

He said he gave GAMBERONI his Standard credit card to present at the gas station for payment of the charges to have the battery recharged.

About thirty minutes after GAMBERONI left the Ambassador kitchen, he returned and brought Mr. GINDROZ back his key ring with the three keys that had been left with the car, when he dropped it off at the Standard Station earlier. Mr. GAMBERONI told him that he had parked the car on the west side of Alexandria, facing Wilshire and the hotel, between Wilshire and Sixth Street. GINDROZ said that he had not moved the car since that time, as he had not left the hotel between that time and the present interview with him.

Chef GINDROZ said he had known DANIEL GAMBERONI almost from the time of the latter's birth. He was born of Italian parents. His older brother was Mr. GINDROZ's best friend in Switzerland. GAMBERONI and his older brother both went to the same school in Montreux, Switzerland, that GINDROZ did. They grew up together in that town. He said that from about November 1967 to December 13, 1967, GAMBERONI worked steadily in the Ambassador kitchen staff, while he was going to Cambria Adult School. Then in mid-December he went to Mexico for about a month to five or six weeks to visit his wife's family and friends. He then returned to the Los Angeles area and entered Woodbury College. He said their friendship was such that it was never necessary for GAMBERONI to have had to submit a formal application for employment at the Ambassador Hotel. Mr. GINDROZ said, "I just put him to work." GAMBERONI came to the Southern California area from Switzerland in June 1968.

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Chef GINDROZ viewed two photographs of the individual identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated that he does not recognize him as anyone that he had seen before, and certainly not of any former or present kitchen employees of the Ambassador Hotel. He said that he thought the individual appeared to be of Mexican-American ancestry and somewhat resembled a friend of his employed as a chef at the Gate of Spain restaurant in Santa Monica.

Mr. GINDROZ said that he could not account for a key to his Chrysler sedan being in the possession of SIRHAN. He said that if it was merely a key that would start his car, then it could have been any key because as he pointed out previously any key or even a screw driver could be used to turn the ignition switch on, and thus start the car.

Chef GINDROZ said that he personally did not see any of the shooting but two of the kitchen employees reportedly were quite close to the scene. One was ANGELO DE PIERRO, son of the Ambassador Hotel Banquet Manager, and the other was NIVA JOSHIO, who was making sandwiches near the place where Senator KENNEDY fell. JOSHIO resides at 2877 Edgehill Drive, Los Angeles (zip code 90018). His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. His home telephone number is either RE 4-7036 or RE 4-2036 (Mr. GINDROZ said he was not sure of the entry in his personal telephone book concerning this latter number).

Mr. GINDROZ said that he personally works long hours in his job as Executive Chef, and that his having been at work from 9:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968, until past midnight was not unusual.

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Following the interview with ROBERT JEAN GINDROZ at the Ambassador Hotel, during the morning of June 5, 1968, SA's THEODORE J. A'HEARN and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN went to the location on the street (Alexandria between Sixth and Wilshire, on the west side, facing the Ambassador Hotel and Wilshire) where GINDROZ's Chrysler was parked.

Keys from FBI automobile, No. 24 (a 1966 Chevrolet sedan) were inserted into the ignition switch of the Chrysler sedan belonging to Chef GINDROZ, and when turned to the right the Chrysler started.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/12/68

WILLIAM F. GARDNER, Director of Security, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was questioned concerning the possibility of a change in Senator KENNEDY's plans immediately after completing his victory speech. He was asked if the possibility existed that Senator KENNEDY had originally planned to proceed immediately after his victory speech to the Ambassador Ballroom, however, altered this plan and proceeded in the direction of the Colonial Room. ✓

Mr. GARDNER stated that he had received no official notice of what Senator KENNEDY's plans or itinerary were on that evening; however, it was his understanding that following his victory speech in the Embassy Room, the Senator would proceed to the Colonial Room where he would greet members of the press. He stated that he recalled that near the conclusion of Senator KENNEDY's speech and while he was stationed in the rear hallway behind the Embassy Room podium, a female member of the KENNEDY campaign staff informed him that the Senator intended to leave by the rear steps of the hotel, and she asked him to insure that a pathway could be made for the Senator's exit. He stated he immediately contacted the front doorman and determined that KENNEDY's limousine and police escort had been moved to the rear of the Embassy Room. He stated that in view of these instructions, he merely assumed that Senator KENNEDY would no longer greet the press in the Colonial Room

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/12/68

ARTHUR MADDOX, 744 South Catalina, Los Angeles, California, advised that he has been employed as a security guard at the Ambassador Hotel for approximately six years. On the night of Senator KENNEDY's victory speech at the Embassy Room, MADDOX advised that he was assigned a position controlling the main entrance to the Colonial Room. MADDOX stated he assumed this position approximately 45 minutes prior to the Senator's arrival at the Embassy Room. The Colonial Room, according to MADDOX, was set up as a press room where election returns were being received, and it was his understanding that following the completion of his victory speech, Senator KENNEDY was to visit the Colonial Room for the purpose of greeting members of the press and thanking them for their cooperation. It was MADDOX's opinion that the Senator and his party were proceeding to the Colonial Room through the pantry area of the Embassy kitchen when he was shot. To his knowledge, there had been no change in plans from the original information he possessed that the Senator was to leave the Embassy Room to go to the Colonial Room.

Mr. MADDOX stated that he has seen photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and he does not recall having seen him at the hotel prior to the shooting.

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Date 6/13/68

FRED A. MURPHY, generally known as Pat Murphy, advised he resides at 111 South Oxford Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone number D.U. 3-3653. Mr. MURPHY stated that he was a retired Los Angeles Police Department Lieutenant and is employed as a security officer at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

Mr. MURPHY stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was stationed in the general area of the pantry, behind the Colonial and Embassy Rooms of the hotel, during Senator KENNEDY's victory speech. Mr. MURPHY stated that prior to the KENNEDY speech, he learned from an unknown female member of the KENNEDY staff, he believes in the presence of Security Officer WILLIAM GARDNER, that the Senator, following his speech, would exit to the rear of the Embassy Room, proceed through the kitchen and pantry area, directly to the Colonial Room, which was being utilized as a press room. It was Mr. MURPHY's understanding that Mr. KENNEDY would visit the press room to speak to various members of the press and thank them for their cooperation.

Sometime during the speech, MURPHY realized that there was no one stationed at the double doors between the Colonial and Embassy Rooms leading into the kitchen area, so he generally stationed himself in that location to prevent any of the crowd from coming into the kitchen which could impede the Senator's proceeding from the rear of the Embassy Room to the Colonial Room.

Mr. MURPHY stated that shortly after the Senator had finished speaking, while he was still in the position covering the double doors, he heard the sound of three quick shots and in his own mind he immediately realized they were gun shots. He left his station and proceeded into the pantry area where he saw for the first time SIRHAN SIRHAN on a steam

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table being held by two men and saw a gun in SIRHAN's left hand. He immediately approached the suspect, identified himself as a former lieutenant of the police department, and attempted to get the gun from SIRHAN, but was pushed away, by whom he does not know. Immediately thereafter, ROOSEVELT GRIER obtained the gun and passed it to RAFAEL JOHNSON. Mr. MURPHY advised JOHNSON to put the gun in his, that is JOHNSON's, pocket. Mr. MURPHY then immediately placed a call to the bell captain to phone the police and obtain an ambulance.

Mr. MURPHY stated that he had not seen SIRHAN prior to having observed him after the shooting and does not recall seeing a woman in a white dress, with or without polka dots in the general area.

Mr. MURPHY advised he was aware of no plans of the Senator to visit the Ambassador Room and believed that the Senator and his party were proceeding as originally planned to the Colonial Room. He was aware of no change in plans in the Senator's activities immediately after the speech.

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1Date 6/12/68

UNO TIMANSON, Vice President, Banquet and Sales, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed concerning any possible last minute changes by Senator KENNEDY and his party immediately following his victory speech and before he was shot. Mr. TIMANSON advised that it was his understanding that the Senator, following his victory speech, would proceed to the Ambassador Ballroom where he would address his supporters; however, just before the speech ended, FRED DUTTON asked him if television sets had been set up in the Ambassador Ballroom and it was immediately following this, according to TIMANSON, that DUTTON indicated the Senator would visit the Colonial Room, which was being used as press headquarters. TIMANSON had advised DUTTON that television sets had been set up in the Ambassador Ballroom and TIMANSON is of the opinion that the Senator possibly was going to skip going to the Ambassador Ballroom insofar as his supporters in that room were watching his victory speech on television. TIMANSON stated that he left the podium to go to the Colonial Room and observed there were no press representatives there and that only four or five people were in the room working at the teletype machine and apparently compiling election returns. TIMANSON advised that he told Mr. DUTTON of the absence of the press and that the press was located in the Embassy Room, but in spite of this the Senator and his party, on leaving the stage, proceeded through the Embassy kitchen area in the direction of the Colonial Room. Mr. TIMANSON reiterated that he had no idea why a change was made in their plans but that FRED DUTTON would be the one who would have such knowledge.

Mr. TIMANSON advised that he could not recall from whom he received instructions that the Senator intended to visit the Ambassador Ballroom after his speech and further it was his understanding and feeling on his part that this would be his itinerary.

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Mr. TIMANSON advised he was leading Senator KENNEDY and his party through the kitchen pantry area about six feet in front of the Senator, proceeding in the direction of the Colonial Room. It was his recollection that other than those in the KENNEDY party, there were only four or five people in the pantry area. He advised he never saw SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the shooting, nor did he observe anyone in a white dress, with or without polka dots. He advised it was only after the shooting took place did the pantry area become extremely crowded.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/12/68

JOSE MARTINEZ CARBAJEL, Busboy, Coffee Shop, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his place of employment and advised that he was on duty at the coffee shop from 4:00 p.m. until midnight, June 4, 1968. CARBAJEL stated that following his duty period he went to the Embassy Room on the second floor of the hotel. By the time he had completed his duty in the coffee shop it was approximately 12:10 or 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968. He went directly to the main kitchen on the second floor which is adjacent to the Embassy Room and was told by an unidentified individual that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

CARBAJEL advised that he arrived upon the scene after the shooting had occurred. He stated that he did not hear any sounds resembling gunfire as he approached the room. He saw no one leaving the kitchen area as he arrived.

CARBAJEL stated that he entered the main kitchen and saw a person who he described as a busboy holding Senator KENNEDY's head. CARBAJEL was unable to describe any other action occurring in the room when he arrived.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to CARBAJEL but he was unable to state whether he had seen an individual resembling SIRHAN in or about the hotel both during the time which he was on duty and following when he was upstairs. He left the hotel at approximately 1:25 a.m., June 5, 1968.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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HENRY ESTRADA CARRILLO, Room Service Manager of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, California  
June 10, 1968

"I, Henry Estrada Carrillo, Room Service Manager, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, make the following voluntary signed statement to Special Agent J. C. Fishbeck, Jr. of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who displayed his credentials to verify his identity.

"I was born in East Chicago, Indiana on December 14, 1927, and have been employed at the Ambassador Hotel for the past twenty years. I reside in Los Angeles, California at 2967 West San Marino Street, and my home telephone number is 383-7575. I am approximately five feet seven inches tall and weigh 180 pounds. My Social Security number is [REDACTED]

"On the morning of June 5, 1968, at about 12:20 AM, I was sitting at my Room Service office desk. I recall Jean Abston, head checker, was sitting in the Head Checker Department Office located adjacent to my desk, and an individual whose name I cannot recall was positioned at the cash register located about six feet from my desk. At this time, I heard what sounded like a shot from a pistol; then about one second later heard a second shot. What seemed like between one and one-half to two seconds elapsed before I heard about six more shots.

"I immediately ran from my desk through the kitchen employees' dining area, and as I approached the entrance way into the Embassy Room Service Pantry,

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I observed Juan Romero, an employee of the Ambassador Hotel kneeling beside Senator Robert Francis Kennedy who was laying on his back on the floor of the Embassy Room Service Pantry. I ran to the side of Kennedy, paused for about five seconds, then started to run back to my office to call an ambulance.

"After taking about four steps from Kennedy and Juan Romero, I observed a Negro male, who I later learned was Roosevelt Grier, leaning against the west end of a row of three steam tables. Grier had his elbows on the top of the steam table, and as he shook his head, sobbed several times, 'Oh no, oh no.'

"About six feet down this same steam table from where Grier was located, I observed three or four unidentified persons wrestling with an individual who was waving a pistol. I did not get a sufficient observation of this individual or the gun he was waving to enable me to recognize either in the future. All I could see were three or four persons wrestling with an unidentified individual whose arm was stretched across the steam table as he waved the aforementioned pistol.

"At this point many people began to converge on the Service Pantry area, and I then ran to my office to call an ambulance. When I arrived at my office, the telephone was being used by another hotel employee; therefore, I ran to the same entrance into the Embassy Room Service Pantry and observed two Ambassador Hotel employees, Eddie Minasian and Karl, last name unknown, Roosevelt Grier, and another unidentified male Caucasian attempting to protect another male Caucasian whose head they were holding on the east end of the row of steam tables. I attempted to see this individual's face, but there were many persons surrounding him which blocked me from observing him.



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"I stood back from the steam tables and shouted several times to protect him (the individual being held at the steam table). I then observed Jesse Unruh standing on top of the row of steam tables ordering that this individual should be protected. At this time, Niwa Yoshio, Cook at the Ambassador Hotel, said that I should get some rope to tie the captured individual. Thus, I returned to the Head Checker storage room, obtained a segment of rubber extension cord, and quickly returned to the Embassy Room Service Pantry. Someone took the cord from me, then I returned to my office for I was extremely nervous.

"About three to five minutes later, I returned to the Embassy Room Service Pantry. As I stood in the northeast entrance, I observed three policemen take the captured individual into their custody and walk toward the east exit of the pantry. I quickly went to the door and opened it for the police officers. As I held the door open, I observed the individual's face in their custody. The following is a physical description of this person:

"Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	23 - 25
Height	5' 4"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Clothing	Light blue sweater, buttoned up front; with white T shirt underneath. Did not notice color of trousers
Hair	Black, very curly

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"I can recall no further descriptive information concerning the above described individual. After the police officers and the above described individual walked past me, they entered the Colonial Room through door held open by Vincent Di Pierro, waiter of the Hotel, and I failed to observe their further departure.

"I have been shown a photograph of Sirhan B. Sirhan and I have seen Sirhan's photograph in the newspaper and Sirhan is the individual I saw in the custody of the Los Angeles Police officers following the shooting of Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968.

"I have read these statements of these page and 4 (four) other pages. it is true and correct.

"/s/ Henry Estrada Carrillo

Witnesses:

"SA J. C. Fishbeck, Jr., FBI, Los Angeles, California, 6/10/68.

"Robert F. Pickard, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, California, 6/10/68"

CARRILLO advised prior to June 5, 1968, shortly after the time Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot, he had never seen or come in contact with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. CARRILLO recalled the individual sitting at the cash register in the Room Service Office at the time CARRILLO heard the gunshots in the Embassy Room Service Pantry was CHARLIE (Last Name Unknown), an employee at the Ambassador Hotel.

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Mrs. ROSA E. CASTELLANOS, Coffee Shop Waitress, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised that she was on duty from approximately 4:00 p.m. until 12 midnight, June 4, 1968. Mrs. CASTELLANOS stated she was in the coffee shop the entire evening and went directly home following work.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to Mrs. CASTELLANOS but she was unable to advise whether she had seen this individual in or about the hotel on June 4, 1968.

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MICHAEL BANG CHANG, laundry room employee at the Ambassador Hotel, furnished the following information:

He worked at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, and he went off duty at 11:00 p.m. He left for home at 11:05 p.m., and he did not stay around for the KENNEDY victory celebration. CHANG was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and he advised that he had never seen him before.

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ELIZABETH CUSOLITO (Mrs. JOHN CUSOLITO), 1189½ Muirfield Road, Los Angeles, California, home telephone number WE 4-2460, was interviewed at her place of employment, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where she is a waitress in the hotel coffee shop. CUSOLITO furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, CUSOLITO arrived at work at approximately 6:00 PM, and worked until midnight. The doors of the coffee shop were locked at about midnight, after which CUSOLITO spent approximately 10 minutes straightening her assigned area. At approximately 12:10 AM on June 5, 1968, CUSOLITO went to the dressing room and changed from her waitress uniform to her street clothes and left the hotel at approximately 12:20 AM on June 5, 1968.

While at the hotel that night, CUSOLITO neither heard nor observed anything relating to the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, dated June 5, 1968, bearing Los Angeles, California, Police Department Booking Number 495 139, was displayed to CUSOLITO. After viewing the photograph, CUSOLITO advised that to her knowledge, she has never seen this person.

CUSOLITO advised that she was born on May 14, 1903, at Cleveland, Ohio.

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