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On June 10, 1968, VICTOR (NMN) ORTIZ advised that he is employed as a Bartender at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was on duty the evening of June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, on June 5, 1968. ORTIZ said that he was tending bar in the Venetion Room which is located just off the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel and was not aware of the shooting until ROBERT SALCEDO, Ambassador Hotel Bar Manager, entered the Venetion Room at approximately 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968, and told them to close the bar as Mr. KENNEDY had been shot.

ORTIZ said that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel, did not know him, and the name was not familiar to him.

ORTIZ furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex Male

Race Caucasian

Home Address 222 West Angelino, San Gabriel,

California

Home Telephone No. 281-0540

Birth Data out, 10, 198, Mexico City,

Mexico

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RUBIN OVERMOE, Waiter, Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 3401 Ferncroft Road, Los Angeles, residence phone 666-3471 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.	•
OVERMOE was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.	
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Mr. GILBERT PAOLI, manager and maitre'd of the Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, advised that he visited the Embassy Room on approximately two occasions between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., in the hope of seeing Senator KENNEDY.

He advised that on his last visit to the Embassy Room, which he estimated to be at 10:00 p.m., large crowds of KENNEDY supporters were in the room; however, he did not see the Senator. He stated that at approximately 10:00 p.m. that evening, he left the hotel and went directly home.

Mr. PAOLI thereafter viewed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, after which he advised that he has never seen this individual in his life.

In conclusion, Mr. PAOLI related that he has one waiter, one GEORGE MAJARIAN, who is understood to be from Jordan. He stated that approximately four years ago he met MAJARIAN when they both were working at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, and when PAOLI left to take the post of manager at the Cocoanut Grove, MAJARIAN accompanied him to the Ambassador. Mr. PAOLI advised that MAJARIAN enjoys an excellent reputation and had no reason to believe that he was in anyway whatsoever connected with the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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GERALD PARMENTER was contacted at his place of employment as the owner of the Deluxe Cleaners, 36 North Garfield Avenue, Alhambra, California. PARMENTER stated that he had observed the photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN on television and that his wife had, at that time, mentioned to him that a couple residing next door to them at 415 North 3rd Avenue, Alhambra, were of Jordanian extraction. He stated that he then associated the photographs of SIRHAN with an individual whom he observed in an older model automobile, year, make and color of which he could not recall, which he stated he observed approximately four weeks before parked outside of the next door apartment house. He stated the car contained four or five male and female persons of apparently foreign extraction and that those individuals visited the Jordanian couple next door.

He stated he heard none of their conversation nor did he believe he could identify any of the other individuals in the automobile. He stated he furnished the above information to the FBI for whatever value it might be.

PARMENTER described the individual he observed as follows:

> Race White Sex Male

Nationality Foreign extraction

Age 513" Height Slender Build Dark Complexion

"Dirty looking"; acted in a Characteristics

loud and boisterous manner

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ERNEST PASTORA, Pantry Room Helper, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he reported for work at 4:00 pm, on June 4, 1968, and worked in the Lautrec Restaurant the entire day and night until 12:00 midnight. Immediately after getting off work PASTORA walked to the kitchen located near the Embassy Room Service Pantry, and saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY walk into the Embassy Ballroom. He then went to his locker downstairs to change out of his work clothes when he heard what sounded like a firecracker, then a burst of four more explosions. He immediately ran upstairs where he saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor of the Embassy Room Service Pantry. As he stood there, a security guard approached him and told him to stay clear of the area, therefore, he went into the kitchen and did not observe any further events.

PASTORA observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and advised he had never seen him before, further that nothing ever came to his attention to indicate Senator KENNEDY would be shot.

PASTORA furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth January 1, 1951 Place of Birth Managua, Nicaragua Height 5'10"

Weight 135 pounds

Residence 920 South New Hampshire Street,

Los Angeles, California

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VERNER A. PEDERSEN, 10921 McVine Avenue, Sunland, California, advised that he is employed as an Electrician in the Maintenance Department at the Ambassador Hotel, and was born on December 24, 1919, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

He stated that on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, he worked a partial shift from approximately 7:40 AM to 9:40 PM and was not at the hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and saw nothing concerning this incident.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that, to his knowledge, he has never seen this individual in person.

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THOMAS PENZA, waiter, Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 13927 Chadron Street, Hawthorne, California, telephone 675-5266, advised that he worked in the Coconut Grove from 5:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, until approximately 1:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. He advised that on one occasion, midway through his tour of duty, he visited the Embassy Room in the hopes of seeing Senator KENNEDY. He stated that upon determining that Senator KENNEDY had not arrived, he returned to the Coconut Grove and continued his duties until all patrons had left.

He related that while sitting at a table with several fellow employees counting the tips received that evening, an unrecalled employee rushed into the room and announced that a shooting had occurred in the kitchen. PENZA stated that he left the table and rushed to the kitchen area to a spot which adjoined the Embassy Room, where he noticed a dark complected man being held around the neck by a 6'5", 250 pounds Negro. PENZA stated that the entrance way to the kitchen on the Embassy Room side was a mass of people and confusion and after a brief moment he was pushed out of the way. He stated that he then returned to the Coconut Grove to pick up his tips and subsequently left en route home.

PENZA was thereafter displayed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and he advised that it appeared to be identical with the individual who was being held by the aforementioned Negro.

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JESUS PEREZ, who resides at 1415 South Burlington, Log Angeles, California, and who is employed as a bus boy in the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed in the Spanish language by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR., and he advised that he could not make any statement concerning the things that he had witnessed on the night that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot.

He stated that he had appeared before the County Grand Jury of Los Angeles on the morning of June 7, 1968, and had furnished a sworn statement of the things that he witnessed at the Ambassador Hotel. PEREZ advised that the foreman of the Grand Jury had instructed him that under no condition was he to repeat anything that he had told the Grand Jury to anyone else.

PEREZ advised that he realized the identity of the interviewing Agents but that he felt that he must obey the instructions given him in Los Angeles County Grand Jury, and that he could not make any comment or furnish any signed statement.

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JESUS PEREZ, who resides at 1415 South Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, and who works as a kitchen helper at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, was interviewed in the Spanish language by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR. Due to the fact that PEREZ is unable to read well in either English or Spanish, and what little reading he can do must be done with the aid of a magnifying glass because of poor vision, no signed statement was taken from him. He furnished the following information:

PEREZ stated that he was born on April 7, 1923, at Los Angeles, California, and that his parents were Mexican citizens living in the United States. He stated that at an early age his family returned to Mexico and he was raised in Mexico City. PEREZ advised that he has worked at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles since the year 1955, and that he is presently working the 4:00 p.m. to midnight shift working in the kitchen.

PEREZ advised that he was working this shift on the date of June 4, 1968, and that shortly before midnight, or approximately 11:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, he and several other kitchen employees were standing in the pantry watching the happenings connected with the victory speech of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. PEREZ stated that approximately one half hour before midnight, the man who was later identified to him as SIRHAN SIRHAN, was also in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel and appeared to be just another curious onlooker waiting to get a glimpse of the celebrities.

He stated that SIRHAN asked him and the other kitchen employees three or four times if they were sure that Senator KENNEDY would pass that way as he left the Embassy Ballroom. PEREZ advised that he simply told SIRHAN that he did not know.

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PEREZ stated that SIRHAN was just standing around waiting as-was-everyone else, but that he did notice that he, SIRHAN, had some type of papers in his hands and that he was folding them or twisting them in some way, which gave the impression that he was nervous.

PEREZ advised that about 15 or 20 minutes after midnight, or approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, Senator KENNEDY and his party left the Embassy Ballroom and entered the pantry where he and the others were standing. He stated that all of the people in the pantry, including himself and his fellow workers, pressed forward to greet the Senator and attempted to shake his hands and meet him. PEREZ stated that he was shaking the Senator's hand, or rather the Senator was just letting go of his hand after having greeted him, when he heard a noise which sounded to him like a gun shot or a fire cracker. He stated that he turned his head and saw the man later identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN, waving his arm with an object in his hand, which PEREZ recognized as a revolver. He stated he saw the individual with the gun fire several more shots just as several men grabbed him in an attempt to subdue him and take away the pistol. PEREZ stated that his first thought was that the man was simply making noise and waving his arm to get people out of the Senator's way, but that he quickly realized that he was actually firing the gun. He stated that after seeing the man partially subdued by others, he turned to look back at Senator KENNEDY and saw that both the Senator and one other individual had fallen to the floor.

PEREZ advised that at this point many people crowded around KENNEDY and that he, PEREZ, backed up slightly into the crowd to make room for those who would have to care for the wounded. He stated that everyone was yelling and milling about and calling for the police and an ambulance, and that in a few minutes the ambulance came and the (Senator was taken out.

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PEREZ recalled at this point that when he had seen SIRHAN prior to the shooting in the pantry, he appeared to be alone and that at no time did he, PEREZ, see anyone else who appeared to know or be accompanying SIRHAN. PEREZ stated that while SIRHAN was shooting the last several shots he appeared to be saying something, but that he, PEREZ, could not make out what SIRHAN said because of the noise of the crowd. He further stated that after having seen SIRHAN subdued by other men, he did not see him again.

PEREZ stated that he had no idea how many people had actually been in the pantry and hall during the shooting inasmuch as everyone, including the press and the onlookers, had been coming and going during the entire evening.

PEREZ advised that shortly after the ambulance had taken Senator KENNEDY away, a detective from the Los Angeles Police Department took him to the Rampart Division Office in Los Angeles where he was interviewed and then taken to the hotel from where he proceeded to his home.

PEREZ advised that he had appeared before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury and that he had identified a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN as being the same individual that he saw shooting the gun in the pantry at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that should he recall any further information that he feels would be of interest to the FBI, he would immediately contact the Los Angeles Office.





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LORENZO VINSON PERKINS, Housekeeper, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 1016 Dewey Avenue, Los Angeles, and his home telephone number is 383-7663. PERKINS advised he has been employed in the above capacity for the Ambassador Hotel for the past 15 years and, on June 4, 1968, he worked from 11:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. PERKINS advised he went directly to his home immediately after he got off work and had no knowledge of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN or the fact that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would be shot until he observed it on television on the morning of June 5, 1968.

PERKINS furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Date of Birth Place of Birth Height Weight December 10, 1904 Phoenix, Arizona 6'½" 175

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EMILIO GERARDO POLIGNAN, 3960 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, no telephone, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a waiter. He furnished the following information:

He was born February 27, 1925 at Buenos Aires, Argentina. His Social Security Number is . He entered the United States during February, 1901. He became a citizen of the United States in 1967. His wife's name is ELSA. He has been a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel since March, 1968.

POLIGNAN advised that he did not hear of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until some time after the shooting. He was told of it by other employees whose names he does not recall.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He advised that he has seen this individual on television and also in the newspapers. He stated that prior to seeing this individual on television and in the newspapers, he had not ever seen this individual. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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IRMA ELIZABETH PUALANI, Desk Clerk at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, advised as follows:

She worked on June 4, 1968, from 6:50 PM until 9:30 PM. She went right home after work and did not stay around for the KENNEDY victory party. PUALANI was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and she advised that she had never seen the man.

The following description of PUALANI was obtained through observation and interview:

Name IRMA ELIZABETH PUALANI

Race White Sex Female

Birth Data September 17, 1925

Cincinnati, Ohio 671 South Coronado

Residence 671 South Coronado Los Angeles, California

Height 5'7"

Weight 130 pounds

Length of Employment at the Ambassador

Hotel Four months

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VICTOR QUINTANILLA, busboy, Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1823 South Orchard Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone R.I. 7-8351, advised that he worked from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., in the Cocoanut Grove on the evening of June 4, 1968, and early morning of June 5, 1968, during which time he left the room on one occasion and proceeded into the Embassy Room in an attempt to view Senator KENNEDY. He stated that upon arriving in the Embassy Room and failing to see Senator KENNEDY on the podium, he immediately returned to resume his duties in the Cocoanut Grove. He advised that at approximately 12:30 a.m., several employees of the hotel staff came into the Cocoanut Grove and informed other employees that a shooting had occurred in the Embassy Room; however, he advised he remained at his post until 1:00 a.m., after which he went home.

QUINTANILLA viewed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and stated that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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ELIAS MIKE RAMIREZ, $1524\frac{1}{2}$ South Menlo, Los Angeles, California, (telephone number 382-5505), advised he has been employed as a waiter at the Cave Bar at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, for the past three years.

He advised that on June 4, 1968, he was working the 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift at the Cave Bar and first became aware of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY when people started coming into the bar and talking about the incident which had just happened.

RAMIREZ advised that he was unable to furnish any information concerning the shooting and that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was unknown to him.

RAMIREZ further advised that he had never observed anyone resembling SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

RAMIREZ was described as follows:

Race Sex Birth Data White Male

Born July 20, 1943, in

Chimbolte, Peru 5' 5"

Height Weight Hair Eyes

134 pounds

Black Brown

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On June 10, 1968, JUAN MANUEL RAMIREZ advised that he is employed as a Bartender at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was on duty the evening of June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, on June 5, 1968. He stated that he was tending bar in the Venetian Room which is located in the Main Lobby of the Ambassador Hotel.

RAMIREZ said that he first became aware of the shooting at approximately 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968, when ROBERT SALCEDO, Ambassador Hotel Bar Manager, came into the bar and advised him to close the bar as Mr. KENNEDY had been shot.

RAMIREZ stated that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel, was not acquainted with him and had never heard this name.

RAMIREZ furnished the following background information concerning himself:

> Sex Male

Race Caucasian

Clock No. 2810

Home Address 1140 East Chestnut, Glendale,

California

244-9144 Telephone No.

Date of Birth January 16, 1927

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RAMIRO RAMIREZ, Banquet Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, residence 3184 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, no telephone, advised that on Tuesday evening, June 4, 1968, he left his employment at 11:00 p.m., and went directly home. RAMIREZ viewed the photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that he has never seen this individual in his life.

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ARZIE DANIEL REDERFORD, houseman at the Ambassador Hotel, advised as follows:

He worked on June 4, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and he left the hotel at about ten minutes after 11:00 that night. He stated that he did not remain at the hotel for the Kennedy victory celebration. REDERFORD was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and he advised that he had never seen the man.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name ARZIE DANIEL REDERFORD

Race Negro

Date of Birth January 22, 1938

Place of Birth Farmerville, Louisiana Residence 436 East 40th Place

Los Angeles

Height 5'11"

Weight 172 pounds

Length of Employment at Ambassador Hotel 1 month

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CHARLES D. REDMIER, 6611 Benson Avenue, Huntington Park, California, born on December 5, 1909, at Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he is employed as the Chief Electrician in the Maintenance Department of the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. REDMIER advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was on duty in the public address booth of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel and could observe the activities of the room through a two-way mirror in the booth. He stated that after Senator KENNEDY had finished talking, he believes the Senator left the stage through the doors at the rear of the podium but that there were so many people blocking his view that he could not see the Senator clearly after he left the podium. Shortly after the Senator apparently left the podium, he heard a woman scream, "He's been shot!" Two large men ran onto the podium and, through the microphone on the podium, shouted, "Clear the room!" Shortly after, one of these men, through the same microphone, shouted, "Turn out the lights!" Almost immediately most of the lights went out, however, some of them remained on and REDMIER went to the switchbox on the standard located on the opposite side of the podium from the two swinging doors leading into the corridor to the rear of the Embassy Room pulling the switch and darkening the entire Embassy Room. REDMIER then went to the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) truck parked in the main driveway off of Wilshire Boulevard to the rear of the Embassy Room location and, at this point, saw someone being carried on a stretcher from the rear of the Embassy Room.

Mr. REDMIER advised that he saw nothing further concerning the incidents surrounding the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and, after observing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, stated that, to his knowledge, he has never seen this individual in person.

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WILLIAM FRANKLIN REID, Night Payroll Clerk, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 727 South Mariposa Street, Apartment 207, Los Angeles, California, and his home telephone number is 388-0016.

REID advised he has been employed at the Ambassador Hotel for the past 42 years. REID advised he arrived for work at 6:00 PM on June 4, 1968, and did not leave the hotel until about 1:30 AM, June 5, 1968. He recalled that at about 12:25 or 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968, as he was in the Payroll Office, two teenaged girls passed the Payroll Window and advised him that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. REID explained that he spent the entire evening in the Payroll Office, therefore, could furnish no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated it was not familiar to him.

REID furnished the following descriptive information regarding himself:

Birth Data

August 15, 1894

New Orleans, Louisiana

Height

Veight

110 pounds

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Miss EDITH REIFSCHNEIDER, Banquet Auditor, Catering and Sales Department, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment, and she advised that she had attended the KENNEDY for President campaign celebration, with Mrs. FLORENCE HERZBERGER on June 4, 1968. She advised that they were both primarily within the Embassy Room from approximately 9:00 p.m., June 4, 1968 to until 2:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. Miss REIFSCHNEIDER advised that she did not hear the gunfire and did not learn of the shooting until she was on her way from the hotel.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to Miss REIFSCHNEIDER and she advised she had never seen this individual in or about the hotel.

Miss REIFSCHNEIDER is described as follows:

Race White Sex Female October

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Residence 676 Shatto Place

Los Angeles, California 90005

Telephone 389-6784

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EUFEMIO MARTINEZ REYES, Dishwasher, Steward Department, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 931 South Kenmore Street, Los Angeles, and has no home telephone.

REYES advised he has been employed by the Ambassador Hotel for the past three years. On June 4, 1968, REYES worked from 3:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. and went directly to his home immediately after he got off work. He observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised he had never seen him before. In addition, nothing came to his attention at any time to indicate that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would be shot.

REYES furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth Place of Birth Height Weight March 20, 1923 Teocaltiche, Jalisco, Mexico 5'10" 170

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On June 10, 1968, NICHOLAS MARTHAL that he is employed as a bar boy at the 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Caduty during the evening of June 4, 1968, 1968. He stated that he was working as Room on the first floor of the hotel and where ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He satiocated one floor below the Embassy Room took place and consequently did not with	RTINEZ REYES advised Ambassador Hotel, Alifornia, and was on until 2 AM, June 5, a bar boy in the Ball was not in the area aid this Ball Room is where the shooting
He said he first became aware approximately 12:30 AM when some unident room and stated that Mr. KENNEDY had been	ified person came to the
He said that he has never seen around the hotel, did not know him, and hame.	
REYES furnished the following concerning himself:	background information
Sex Male Race Caucasian Clock No. 2874 Home Address 931 South	Kenmore Los Angeles.

California 383-2690 Home Telephone Date of Birth October 31, 1931, Teoclthe, Jalisco, Mexico

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HARRY GLEN REYNOLDS, 1436 South Holt Avenue, Los Angeles, California (telephone number 652-8661), advised he has been employed as a bell boy at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, for the past 14 months.

He stated that on June 4, 1968, he worked from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and was not present at the hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot.

He further advised he was unable to furnish any information concerning the shooting.

REYNOLDS viewed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated that SIRHAN was unknown to him, and that he had never observed SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

REYNOLDS furnished the following descriptive information concerning himself:

Race Sex

Birth Data

Height Weight Hair Eyes

Social Security

Number

White

Male Born October 11, 1910,

Omaha, Nebraska

5! 9"

145 pounds

Grey Blue

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ANTONIO ROSAS, Dishwasher, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, resides at 843 Mariposa Street, Apartment 3, Los Angeles, California, advised that on the evening Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed he was working in the kitchen and only became aware of the incident due to the commotion. He was not in the area of the shooting prior to, or after, the death of Senator KENNEDY and he was unable to furnish any details of value concerning individuals in the area where the incident occurred. ROSAS advised that he has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel and is sure he was never an employee.

ROSAS advised he was born July 29, 1941 and his Social Security Number is

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RICHARD RODRIGEZ, Waiter, Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 9711 Greening Whittier, phone 696-8305, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

RODRIGEZ was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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On June 11, 1968, MANUEL RODRIGUEZ advised that he has been employed as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, for the past eight months and was on duty the evening of June 4, 1968, and the early morning of June 5, 1968. He stated that he was not in the area where ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot and, consequently, did not witness the shooting and had no information concerning SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He advised that he resides at 4949 Coldwater Canyon, Sherman Oaks, California, and was born November 30, 1930, in Oriente Province, Cuba. He entered the United States as a permanent resident on May 29, 1960, and has Alien Registration Number He is not a United States citizen. He has

A photograph of SIRHAN was exhibited and this individual advised he had not seen him before.

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RAMON RODRIGUEZ, JR., part-time waiter, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised he resides at 2248 Parkside Avenue, Los Angeles, and has home telephone number 223-0303.

RODRIGUEZ advised he has worked on a parttime basis at the Ambassador Hotel for the past six weeks and is currently employed by the "Los Angeles Times" in the capacity of a press room clerk. He stated he has worked for the "Los Angeles Times" for the past ten years.

RODRIGUEZ advised at about 12:20 a.m., June 5, 1968, he was in the kitchen located approximately 40 feet from the entrance into the Service Pantry, ordering a sandwich when he heard what sounded like a gun shot. About one second later he heard a second shot, then after two or three seconds he heard a burst of approximately four shots. He hastily ran out of the kitchen and into the kitchen employees! dining room and observed through the entrance way into the Embassy Room Service Pantry, a white male in a dark colored suit lying on his back. At this point an unidentified female Caucasian ran up to him and asked if he knew who the person was lying on the pantry floor. RODRIGUEZ stated that he did not; however, at this time JESUS PEREZ approached him and advised that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot and that PEREZ shook hands with the Senator just prior to the time he was shot.

RODRIGUEZ did not enter the Embassy Room Service Pantry where he was directed to stay clear of the area. About ten minutes later, policemen were attempting to clear a path to the service elevator; however, due to the large number of people crowded into the area, he was unable to observe any further events.

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RODRIGUEZ furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Birth Data

Height Weight August 31, 1919 Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico 5'9" 165 pounds

RODRIGUEZ observed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated it was not familiar to him; further, that nothing came to his attention prior to the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot to indicate this event would occur.

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On June 12, 1968, TOM RONCINSKE, 636 North Robinson Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born on May 5, 1922, and he has been employed by the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, since 1957. He stated that he now holds the position of Night Auditor.

RONCINSKE stated that he was on duty during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot in the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that he did not hear any shots but was informed of the shooting by people running through the lobby of the hotel. He stated that he did not leave the main desk area of the hotel and he did not see Senator KENNEDY. He stated that he observed police officers going by his desk and he saw the police return with a person in the middle of their group but he was unable tc-see the person the police were removing from the hotel.

RONCINSKE was shown three photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and he advised that the only time he has seen SIRHAN's likeness was when he saw SIRHAN's photographs in the newspapers after the shooting.

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HENRY HOUSHMEND ROSHDIEH Parking Lot Attendant, Wilshire Entrance, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his place of employment and advised that he worked from approximately 4:30 PM, June 4, 1968, until 3 AM, June 5, 1968. He was never in the hotel, never near the Embassy Ball Room and advised that he never saw an individual resembling SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in or about the hotel, after viewing his photograph.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

White Race Male Sex January 1, 1941, Teheran, Iran Birth Data 516" Height 142 pounds Weight Citizenship Iranian 1720 North Bronson Avenue, Residence Apartment 6, Hollywood, California HO 4-2622 Telephone

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JAMES ROTHBURG, 5640 Santa Monica Boulevard, Room 218, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born on June 15, 1903 and he is currently employed as a security guard for the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

ROTHBURG advised that he was on duty during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968 when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot in the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that he was at the back gate of the hotel when the shooting took place and he learned of the shooting through the yells of the crowd in the hotel. ROTHBURG stated that he stayed at his post and never went to see Senator KENNEDY. He advised that he never saw KENNEDY or the man who was reportedly removed from the hotel by the Los Angeles Police and subsequently charged with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

ROTHBURG was shown photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and he advised that to the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN in his life.

ROTHBURG furnished his

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ALFRED VIGIL ROYBAL, Parking Lot Attendant, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was reinterviewed at his place of employment and advised that he had never noticed two males running through the Eighth Street parking lot from the direction of the hotel from approximately 12:15 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., June 5, 1968, following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

ROYBAL advised that he was in charge of the Eighth Street parking lot on the evening of June 4, and morning of June 5, 1968, and had questioned the other attendants concerning the above matter, and all had not seen two men running through the lot. Those working with ROYBAL at the Eighth Street parking lot during the time period in question were:

JAMES HENRY ARRIETA

AUGUSTO RICARDO CARRILLO

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VERA M. RUNNING, housekeeping employee at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, advised as follows:

She worked from 3:15 PM on June 4, 1968, until 12:04 AM on June 5, 1968. She went straight home after finishing her work, and she was not present at the hotel during the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. RUNNING was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and she advised that she had never seen the man.

The following description of RUNNING was obtained by observation and interview:

Name VERA M. RUNNING
Race White
Sex Female

Birth Data September 19, 1899 Phoenix, Arizona

Residence 759 South Catalina Avenue

Los Angeles, California

Height 5'4"
Weight 135 pounds

Length of Employment at the Ambassador

Hotel Ten years

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On June 10, 1968, ROBERT G. SALCEDO advised that he is employed as the Bar Manager at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was on duty the evening of June 4, 1968, until the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

SALCEDO said that he was not in the area where ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot but was close enough to immediately hear the screams and confusion and recognized that a "problem had occurred" and he immediately went from bar to bar closing them down. He said in any kind of trouble and confusion, his main responsibility is with the bars and when he heard the noise, he felt that it was time to close them down.

He said that he has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel and the name was not familiar to him.

SALCEDO furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex Male

Race Caucasian

Home Address 811 South Kenmore, apartment 303,

Los Angeles, California

Telephone No. 385-9586

Date of Birth March 29, 1933

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On June 10, 1968, ANGEL SANTIAGO advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a cook.

He stated that at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968, he was working in the main kitchen and could not see what was going on. He stated that as he recalls he heard several successive "pops" at the time but had no idea that it was a gun. He stated that he did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN nor had he ever seen him.

He was born on October 1, 1919, in Puerto Rico and resides at 11842 South Berendo Avenue, Los Angeles, California. His Social Security Number is

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On June 11, 1968, JORGE R. SANTOS advised that he is employed as a bartender at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was on duty during the evening June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, June 5, 1968. He said that he was tending bar in the Palm Court Room during the evening and was not aware of the shooting until approximately 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968, when Mr. SALCEDO, Ambassador Hotel Bar Manager, entered the Palm Court Bar and said for SANTOS to close the bar as Mr. KENNEDY had been shot.

SANTOS stated that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel, was not acquainted with him and had neverheard this name before.

SANTOS furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex Male
Race Caucasian
Clock No. 2814
Home Address 619 South Pecan, Los Angeles,
California
Home Phone AN 8-9576
Date of Birth May 22, 1945, Zacatecas, Mexico

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JOSE EDWARD SANTOYO, 2820 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, telephone number 388-3928, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel where he is employed as a barboy. He furnished the following information:

He was born October 13, 1931 at Sonora, Mexico. His Social Security Number is He has been in the United States since approximately 1962 and has been employed by the hotel for approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ years.

On June 4, 1968, he began work at the hotel at approximately 4 PM and continued to work at the hotel until approximately 3:30 AM on June 5, 1968. He worked at various places in the hotel during his tour of duty.

Between midnight and 12:30 AM on June 5, 1968, he was in the vicinity of the Palm Court Room. He did not hear the shooting that took place at the hotel.

At approximately 12:30 AM, on June 5, 1968, he heard that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot and this was his first knowledge of the shooting.

SANTOYO advised that he has seen photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the newspapers and that prior to having seen these photographs, he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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On June 11, 1968, CAROL SCHIADA advised that she is employed as a part-time Cocktail Waitress at The Cave, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, and was on duty the evening of June 4, 1968, and the early morning of June 5, 1968. She stated that she was not in the area where ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot and, consequently, did not witness the shooting and had no information concerning SIRHAN BISHARA STRHAN.

She advised that she resides at 511 Museum Drive, Highland Park, California, and was born July 6, 1946, at Los Angeles, California. She has

A photograph of SIRHAN was exhibited and this individual advised she had not seen him before.

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On June 11, 1968, RUDY SEGURA advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a cook in the coffee shop.

He stated that on June 4, 1968, he worked until 11:00 p.m. and thereafter, went home. He stated that he did not know anything of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY nor had he ever seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He was born on July 2, 1935, in Los Angeles, California, and resides at 223½ Rosemont Avenue, Los Angeles. His Social Security Number is

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PAUL SHAHAN, Waiter, Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1204 North Marilyn Street, Glendale, California, phone CI 34704 advised that he was not working on the evening of June 4, 1968.

SHAHAN was exhibited a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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SETH SHAHAN, 338 South Reeves Drive, Beverly Hills, California, (telephone number CR 6-2589), advised he has been employed as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, since 1928.

SHAHAN advised on June 4, 1968, he was assigned to work the Presidential Suite, which were rooms 583 and 584, and served drinks to approximately 200 people who were present at a reception honoring Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SHAHAN advised that he was watching a television set in the room which was carrying Senator KENNEDY's speech from the Embassy Room of the hotel and witnessed the shooting incident on television.

At that point, the man in charge of the reception party told SHAHAN to close the bar, which he did. SHAHAN stated he then turned in his receipts at about 1:50 a.m. on June 5, 1968, and went home.

He stated he was unable to furnish any information concerning the shooting other than what he had witnessed on television.

He further advised that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was unknown to him, and he had never observed SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

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JOHN SANFORD SHAMEL, Convention Manager, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his place of employment and advised that he was present at the hotel from 7:15 a.m. on June 4, 1968 until approximately 4:45 a.m. on June 5, 1968. During this time, he was in the Embassy Room approximately 75 percent of his time. He was in the Embassy Room at 11:15 p.m. and again at 11:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968. SHAMEL entered the main kitchen area at approximately 11:45 p.m., accompanied by his roommate, AL ELLIS. He passed through the kitchen and entered the Embassy Room through the doors immediately to the east of the stage which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY later spoke on. He passed through the Embassy Room and was just outside the main doors when UNO TIMINSON, General Manager of the Catering and Sales Department, hurriedly approached him and urgently directed him to get a doctor. SHAMEL then proceeded to the switchboard where he carried out this task. At the same time as he was approached by TIMINSON, SHAMEL noticed commotion beginning in the lobby. He heard the vague comment, "There he goes.", but did not see to whom it was directed, nor by whom it was spoken. He saw no one running and there was no indication as to what it was intended. SHAMEL stated that he never saw Senator KENNEDY or the individual who the police had taken into custody, as he was in the switchboard room, and he did not hear any gunfire.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to SHAMEL and he advised that he had never seen this individual in or about the hotel.

SHAMEL advised that JOHN G. LONG, President, B. R. T. Lodge 912, Chairman of 1968 Tri-State Convention, residing 2732 Fletcher Drive, Los Angeles, California, residence telephone 863-2683, business telephone 666-8300, advised him on June 6, 1968 that he had had a conversation with an unidentified man who indicated that he had chased a man with a gun through the Ambassador Hotel Lobby area and out of the hotel, at a time

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close to that in which Senator KENNEDY had been shot. This individual had advised LONG that he had lost this man in the crowd. SHAMEL could recall nothing further concerning LONG's comments regarding this incident.

SHAMEL is described as follows:

White Race Male Sex

Born

January 24, 1940 at Jonesboro, Arkansas 842 South Berendo

Residence

Los Angeles, California

386-8322 Telephone





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Miss KAY FANNIE SHUSETT, Waitress, Coffee Shop, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment, at which time she advised that she was on duty from 4:00 p.m. to until 12:00 midnight on June 4, 1968, at which time she departed the hotel for home and never returned to the hotel.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to SHUSETT and she advised that she had never seen this individual before in or about the hotel.

SHUSETT is described as follows:

Race White
Sex Female
Born March 21, 1914 at

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Residence 1119 North Hayworth Street Los Angeles, California Telephone OL 6-1345

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CHARLES E. SIEBERT, 3471 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California, apartment 503, telephone 384-2171, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as a cashier and food checker.

SIEBERT advised that on June 4, 1968, he came to work at 5:00 p.m. and was working in the room service area, located just off of the main kitchen, taking telephone orders for room service. SIEBERT advised that at approximately midnight, he observed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and KENNEDY's wife, along with a party of approximately eight to ten people, as they passed through the kitchen area enroute to the Embassy Room, where KENNEDY was to make a speech. SIEBERT stated that at that time, Senator KENNEDY stopped and shook hands with several of the kitchen employees, including himself.

SIEBERT continued that at approximately 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968, he heard a popping sound, which sounded like firecrackers and heard EDDIE MANASSUS (phonetic), captain of the waiters, shout that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot. SIEBERT stated that at that time, he immediately picked up the telephone, contacted the hotel switchboard and told them to get the police and an ambulance. He advised that he stayed where he was and did not witness the shooting or observe Senator KENNEDY after the shooting.

SIEBERT viewed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, stating that SIRHAN was unknown to him and further did not recall ever having seen SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

SIEBERT is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	May 19, 1903, Indianapolis, Indiana
Height	5'10½"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Grey

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