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On June 11, 1968, ERNEST STEVE YANDRICH 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 of June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, June 5, 1968. He said that he was tending bar in the Palm Room which is located off the main lobby of the hotel and that he was not aware of the shooting of Mr. KENNEDY until approximately 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968, when Mr. SALCEDO, Ambassador Hotel Bar Manager entered and said that Mr. KENNEDY had been shot and for YANDRICH to close the bar down. He said he never left the bar but just concerned himself with cleaning up after the bar had been closed.

He said that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel, was not acquainted with him and had never heard the name before.

YANDRICH furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Clock No.	2804
Home Address	1254 El Centro, Hollywood, California
Home Telephone	HO 6-2616
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	August 20, 1925, Lorain, Ohio

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SIROUS (NMN) YEGANNHE, Eighth Street Parking Lot attendant, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, was interviewed at his place of employment and advised that he worked from 4 PM, June 4, 1968, until 3:30 AM, June 5, 1968. At no time did he leave the parking lot and he was never in the hotel. YEGANNHE was displayed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated that he had never seen this individual about the hotel parking lot on June 4, 1968.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	February 1, 1940, Teheran, Iran
Height	5'6"
Weight	152 pounds
Citizenship	Iranian
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Immigration and Naturalization No.	[REDACTED]
Residence	6565 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, California
Telephone	HO 5-9407

YEGANNHE concluded that at no time following 12:15 AM, did he remember two men running through the Eighth Street parking lot.

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RAMIRO YEPEZ-ARCEO, Dishwasher, Cash-Extra, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 818 South Mariposa Street, Apartment 405, Los Angeles, and has no home telephone.

ARCEO advised he worked from 4:00 P.M. until 12:00 midnight on June 4, 1968. He stated he remained in the dishwasher's room the entire night and did not go into the area of the Embassy Room or the Embassy Room service pantry, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. ARCEO learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot when another employee advised him of the fact, but he was unable to furnish any information of value in this investigation, even after viewing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. ARCEO stated he remained in the dishwasher's room until 1:00 A.M., at which time he was released to go home.

ARCEO furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	June 4, 1938
Place of Birth	San Antonio, Michoacan, Mexico
Height	5'7"
Weight	135
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Residence in U. S.	2½ years

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On June 10, 1968, THEODORE H. YOO 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 of June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, on June 5, 1968.

YOO stated that he was tending bar in a temporary bar set up in the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel and was not aware of the shooting of Mr. KENNEDY until Mr. SALCEDO, Ambassador Hotel Bar Manager, arrived at his temporary bar at approximately 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968, and told him to close down his bar as Mr. KENNEDY had been shot.

YOO stated that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel, didnot know him, and had never heard this name before.

YOO furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Oriental
Home Address	2756 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles, California
Clock No.	2809
Home Telephone No.	383-3814
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Birth Data	February 12, 1937, Seoul, Korea

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On June 10, 1968, NIWA YOSHIO, a cook at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the hotel at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"June 10, 1968
Ambassador Hotel,
Los Angeles, California

"I, Niwa Yoshio, hereby furnish the following voluntary statement to Frank E. Chovanec who has identified himself to me as a special agent of the F.B.I.

"I have been advised that I could be required to appear before a court of law.

"I was born on May 18, 1946 in Japan and arrived in the United States approximately five years ago. I reside at 2877 Edgehill Drive, Los Angeles, California and have been employed as a cook at the Ambassador Hotel since January, 1968. On June 4, 1968, I was working from 5 PM to 1 AM on June 5, 1968 in the 'coldmeat' department in the kitchen. I don't remember exactly at what time but it was shortly after 12 midnight when I heard a noise which sounded like a 'snap' of a party streamer. There were about five 'pops' or 'snaps' which did not sound like a gun.

"I ran from the kitchen, my station, to the Embassy service pantry. I saw a lot of people screaming and crying. I saw people holding a man who had a gun in his hand. I ran over to them and tried to reach over the steamer counter to grap his arm but someone

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"else held on to him and pulled him away further down along the service pantry and onto another steamer counter. Just before this they took the gun away from him. After this I held his arm for a short time but don't remember how long. Someone said to get a rope. So someone else took his arm while I went for a rope. I ran to the room service but didn't get a rope and came back to hold the man's arm again. I held his arm until the police arrived.

"While I did not see the shooting occur when I ran into the service pantry I heard someone say 'they shot him' and all I could think of was Senator Kennedy. I did not know the size of the gun but it was small and dark.

"The man I was holding was about 5 feet 3 or 4 inches and 'skinny'. He had wavy hair but I can't remember the color only that it was long. He had small eyes, thin lips and dark complexion. He wore a white shirt, no tie, and light blue jacket.

"I will never forget his face even though I have never seen him before. I do not know if he was with anyone else at the hotel.

"During the time I held him I did not hear him say anything.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and two other pages and I have initialed each page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/S/ Yoshio Niwa
June 10. 68

"Witnesses:

/s/ Frank E. Chovanec, Special Agent F.B.I.
/s/ Charles J. Nagle, Jr. Special Agent, F.B.I."

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JOHN EDWIN ZAJIC, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 4132 Hood Avenue, Burbank, residence phone 845-4433 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

ZAJIC 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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FRANK ZARATE, Waiter, Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 11222 Maid Stone Street, Norwalk, residence phone 868-5706, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

ZARATE 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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ANGEL ZAVADA, Porter, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at 1744 New England Street, Los Angeles. On the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, he was employed in the coffee shop and at no time was in the area of the shooting. He learned of the shooting when people started running about looking for medical assistance. He did not go to the area of the shooting due to the large crowds. He stated that he has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel and is sure this man was never an employee.

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On June 11, 1968, ALOIAS E. ZEHNDER, advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a pastry cook.

He stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he worked from 3:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. and thereafter left the hotel. He stated that he did not know anything of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He was born May 25, 1902, in Switzerland and resides at 624 Bixel Street, Los Angeles, California.

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On June 10, 1968, MIGUEL (NMN) ZENDEJAS 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 of June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, on June 5, 1968.

ZENDEJAS said that he was tending bar in the "Cave" which is a bar on the first floor of the hotel and not located in the area where Mr. KENNEDY was shot.

ZENDEJAS stated that he was not aware of the shooting until Mr. SALCEDO, Ambassador Hotel Bar Manager, came into the "Cave" at approximately 12:40 AM, June 5, 1968, and advised him to close down the bar as Mr. KENNEDY had been shot.

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

ZENDEJAS furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Clock No.	2805
Home Address	5034 Hubbard St., Los Angeles, California
Home Telephone No.	AN 4-1715
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	May 27, 1937, Mexico City, Mexico

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RUBIN ZUAZUA, Bus Boy, Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 1860 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles, no residence phone, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

ZUAZUA 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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ALOYSIUS H. ZUGGER, Vice-President and General Manager of the Ambassador Hotel, advised as follows:

He was present in the Ambassador Hotel the whole day of June 4, 1968. On the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in all of the banquet rooms. He was in the Embassy Room during Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory speech and he left just before the speech ended and went home. He arrived at his home, which is on the grounds, at about 12:15 AM on June 5, 1968. After he had been home several minutes, he heard a siren near the hotel and he went back to the hotel. He went into the kitchen behind the Embassy Room at about 12:30 AM, and he saw neither SIRHAN SIRHAN nor Senator KENNEDY. ZUGGER was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and he advised that he has never seen the man.

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