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Mr. GEORGE KAISER, Number 4, 1659 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He has resided at the above address for three years. He does not recall the SIRHAN family living in the house in front of him; however, he stated there was a SIRHAN brother who resided at the end of the court in a garage apartment.

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Mr. HENRIE VARTANIAN, 1312 North Lake Avenue,
furnished the following information:

He is the owner of Henrie's Toys, a toy store at the above location. He has known SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN since about 1958 on a limited basis. He stated that he knows MUNIR SIRHAN better than SIRHAN SIRHAN, and that MUNIR had a nickname of "Sunshine." He knew SIRHAN SIRHAN very casually. He stated that the SIRHANs lived in the house on the lot immediately to the rear of his store on Mentor Avenue, when they first came from Jordan. He believes that SIRHAN lived there until the house was torn down in 1960 or 1961. He stated that SIRHAN was very polite and never caused any trouble to his knowledge. He never heard SIRHAN or MUNIR speak of politics. He could furnish no other information.

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Mrs. HAROLD COFFIN, 1320 North Mentor Avenue,
furnished the following information:

She has lived at above address since July 1958.
She believes the house at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena,
California, was torn down in 1958. She recalls none of the
tenants that resided at the 1321 North Mentor Avenue address.

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Miss ESTHER J. LOWE, 1303 North Mentor Avenue,
furnished the following information:

She has resided at 1303 North Mentor Avenue since June 10, 1963. The address 1321 North Mentor Avenue has been a vacant lot and a parking lot since she moved into the residence at the above address. To her knowledge, she has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Mrs. ALLEN LUSSIER, 1308 North Mentor, furnished the following information:

She has lived at above address for one year. She could furnish no information regarding the 1321 North Mentor Avenue address which had been converted into a parking lot by the City of Pasadena.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN (ADEL), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

- A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.
- B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.
- C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.
- D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

ADEL said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

ADEL has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. ADEL noted that this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. ADEL said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

ADEL said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and ADEL has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. ADEL noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

ADEL said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, advised he has lived at this address on a continuous basis with his family which included his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He said there is no such address as 696 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Howard Street and to his knowledge his brother, SIRHAN, was not interested in or active in any type of an anti-draft movement. He said he is sure that no anti-draft meetings have been held at this residence.

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MARY SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, advised she is the mother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. She said there is no such address as 696 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Howard Street and to her knowledge her son, SIRHAN, was not active in any anti-draft movement.

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MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN (MUNIR), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

- A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.
- B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.
- C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.
- D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

MUNIR said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

MUNIR has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. MUNIR noted this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. MUNIR said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

MUNIR said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and MUNIR has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. MUNIR noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

MUNIR said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN (SAIDALLAH), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

- A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.
- B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.
- C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.
- D.) Being married to LEILA USSSES MICHAEL.

SAIDALLAH said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1968, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

SAIDALLAH has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. SAIDALLAH noted that this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. SAIDALLAH said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

SAIDALLAH said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and SAIDALLAH has never heard of a LEILA USSSES MICHAEL. SAIDALLAH noted that the correct spelling of USSSES is actually USSEF.

SAIDALLAH said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN (SHARIF), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

- A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.
- B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.
- C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.
- D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

SHARIF said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

SHARIF has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. SHARIF noted this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. SHARIF said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

SHARIF said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and SHARIF has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. SHARIF noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

SHARIF said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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Date 6/12/68

Mr. LOUIS G. SHELBY, 2054 North Berendo, Los Angeles, California, owner operator, The Fez, mideast restaurant, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that he is familiar with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Mr. SHELBY was exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. and he immediately identified the photograph.

Mr. SHELBY stated that the clientele at his restaurant is composed of 70 per cent non-Arabian individuals and 30 per cent of individuals of Arabian background. Mr. SHELBY stated further that another floor of his establishment which is directed more towards drinking and entertainment is composed predominately of Arabian and other foreign nationality students.

Mr. SHELBY disclosed that his initial contact with the SIRHAN family came through his connection with a former employee, ADEL SIRHAN. He stated that his records reveal that ADEL SIRHAN was employed by him as a musician, periodically from January 1, 1962 through June, 1967. He stated that the employment was not constant in that musicians and patrons require a periodic change and therefore ADEL SIRHAN would occasionally leave his employment for an undetermined amount of time.

SHELBY disclosed that ADEL SIRHAN, as a musician, would necessarily work night hours at his club. He stated that to the best of his knowledge SIRHAN after travelling to The Fez by car would usually park his vehicle on North Vermont Avenue or in a nearby adjacent lot.

Mr. SHELBY stated that ADEL SIRHAN could best be described as an extremely practical pragmatist, who was positively not connected with any communistic causes. SHELBY stated that he felt certain that ADEL SIRHAN was in no way connected with the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) which he understood held meetings in a hall located several buildings away from The Fez restaurant. SHELBY continued that he knew of no other member of the SIRHAN family that was connected with the DCA.

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SHELBY disclosed that ADEL SIRHAN terminated his employment at The Fez in June of 1967 due to personal reasons involving his, SIRHAN's, feeling that he would be looked down upon for marrying a girl who was a dancer. SHELBY stated that ADEL SIRHAN was at that time going with a MYLENE KAY, an exotic dancer at The Fez.

Mr. SHELBY stated that although ADEL SIRHAN would talk with the other musicians and employees of The Fez, he could best be described as extremely close mouthed and SHELBY revealed further that he felt that he, SHELBY, was the only individual at The Fez who was anyway close to ADEL SIRHAN.

SHELBY stated that at one time ADEL SIRHAN was going with another girl who danced at The Fez, named BARBARA KHOURY, who terminated her employment some two or three weeks ago.

SHELBY stated that he understands that ADEL SIRHAN is not currently employed and was most recently employed at "Shakers" in Hollywood, California.

Mr. SHELBY disclosed that he met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on approximately two or three occasions. SHELBY was again exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN which he positively identified as being identical to the brother of ADEL SIRHAN.

SHELBY disclosed that SIRHAN SIRHAN came to The Fez on approximately one or two occasions and at no time created an incident there.

SHELBY stated that his only real in depth conversation with SIRHAN SIRHAN occurred during Easter 1968 when, as is the mideast custom, SHELBY and his family were travelling to the homes of family friends. He stated that he and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN engaged in a lengthy political discussion at the SIRHAN family home in Pasadena, California. SHELBY disclosed that SIRHAN SIRHAN was interested in his opinions since he, SHELBY, graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) with a Political Science degree and did a year and one-half of graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley, specializing in the International Relations field primarily in middle east politics.

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SHELBY stated that he and SIRHAN SIRHAN discussed the problems of youth in America, the hippie movement and civil disobedience. SHELBY stated that SIRHAN was definitely unhappy with "the establishment" and was extremely politically oriented with his primary concern being in connection with the Israeli Arab problem.

SHELBY continued that SIRHAN was concerned about America and the direction it was taking, as governed by its foreign policy. SHELBY stated that SIRHAN talked to him of how the American foreign policy affected Americans as individuals and advised SHELBY that he felt conclusively that the American foreign policy was responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel.

SHELBY advised that the word "frustrated" would best describe SIRHAN SIRHAN in that he, SIRHAN, expressed the feeling that Arabs as well as nations were powerless to do anything about the worldwide Zionist plot. SHELBY advised that he could describe SIRHAN SIRHAN as confused idealistic and somewhat "left wing" in his political philosophies.

SHELBY advised additionally that SIRHAN believed that the worldwide Zionist plot was not being stopped by United States foreign policy but almost aided.

SHELBY stated that he was also friendly with another member of the SIRHAN family, SHARIF SIRHAN, who, for the last several months, has visited The Fez once or twice a week. SHELBY stated that he initially met SHARIF as well as SIRHAN SIRHAN at the SIRHAN residence in Pasadena when he travelled there on one or two occasions to rehearse the acts to be shown at The Fez.

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A characterization concerning W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America is attached as an appendix page to this section of the report.

APPENDIXW. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that Mike Zagarell, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that Daniel Rubin, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that Gus Hall, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that Jarvis Tyner was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that Jarvis Tyner is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

APPENDIX

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Date 6/10/68

Miss ELSA MARIE BUTLER, 1673 North Golden Gate Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that she has been employed as a belly dancer for the last 11 months at The Fez, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

She stated that this is a restaurant which caters to many persons of Arabian descent. It is owned by LOUIS SHALEBY who is also known as LOUIS SHELBY. SHALEBY resides on North Berendo Street, Los Angeles, and has telephone number NO 3-2649. She said that many of the employees and customers have been vociferous in their animosity toward Israel. She noted that Mr. SHALEBY has never expressed any such animosity.

Miss BUTLER has learned that a number of employees and belly dancers have been questioned concerning their associates as a result of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. One of the girls so questioned was PHYLLIS YOUNG who is also known as PENNY and is of Jewish descent.

On the night of June 4, 1968, Miss BUTLER came to work at 8:00 p.m. At about 1:00 a.m., June 5, 1968, customers entering the restaurant mentioned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. There is no television or radio in this restaurant and all information obtained was furnished by customers. When Miss BUTLER verified the fact that a shooting had taken place, she became very despondent and terminated her act. At about the same time, she observed the manager of the restaurant who appeared to be very elated about the news.

The manager is MACHMOUD SIAM who is also known as MIKE. She said that he was clapping his hands and encouraging singing in Arabic. She could not understand the meaning, but noted that the song ended with the Arabic word, "Yehudi" which means, "Jewish". In addition, SIAM stated in English that he was glad that the shooting had occurred and made a statement that he believed the Jewish people had done this.

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Miss BUTLER described SIAM as about 30 years of age, good looking, medium complexion, five feet eight inches in height and has eyes which are almost blue. His hair is curly and medium length, and he speaks with a heavy accent. She believes he immigrated to the United States at least five years ago. He resides in an apartment in Hollywood with a younger brother. She believes he was previously married to a school teacher and is either divorced or separated.

She noted that there was quite a bit of discussion among the employees concerning the shooting and that they were all furnishing their beliefs as to the reasons. The bartender, SAM YASIR (phonetic) expressed the belief that the shooting had been perpetrated by the Catholics.

Miss BUTLER said that although a number of Jordanians have frequented this restaurant she has never known SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to be a customer. She said that SIRHAN's brother, ADEL had previously worked at The Fez as an oud player. She stated the oud is a musical instrument similar to a lute and is used to accompany the belly dancers. ADEL left this employment in July, 1967.

Another brother, SHARIF, is a regular customer at The Fez.

She noted that ADEL SIRHAN formerly dated a dancer named MYLENE KAY (phonetic). Miss KAY is an Australian who possibly knows the entire family and who is believed to be currently employed at the Barefoot Bar, Vacation Village, Mission Bay, San Diego.

Miss BUTLER stated that The Fez is usually closed on Mondays only. She stated that The Fez has not reopened since the night of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. SHALEBY told her that it was not necessary to report for work until Tuesday, June 11, 1968. He said that he was closing the restaurant temporarily because of the animosity expressed among the customers and employees and he said that it was unsafe to remain open. She stated that SHALEBY is of Eastern Orthodox religion and appeared to be ashamed and upset about the assassination.

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Miss BUTLER noted that because of the intense nationalism expressed by the customers and employees the atmosphere of The Fez has been most conducive to fights. She stated that under the current conditions she does not feel that she could return to The Fez. She expressed her sentiments to Mr. SHALEBY at which time he implied that MACHMOUD SIAM would not be returning to his employment.

Miss BUTLER stated that she felt the authorities should be aware of the atmosphere among the employees and the customers of The Fez. She could furnish no further information concerning SIRHAN or his family but expressed a willingness to assist in any way possible noting that she is acquainted with most individuals employed as musicians and dancers in the Arabic community.

ELSA MARIE BUTLER was born September 18, 1942, at Toronto, Canada. She is a derivative citizen and her parents, JOHN HAROLD BUTLER and PHYLLIS BUTLER, reside at 2036 Clark Avenue, Long Beach, California. Miss BUTLER's stage name is "FEIROUZ".

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Date 6/24/68

MIKE SAID SIAM was interviewed at his residence, 5555 Carlton Way, Number 202, Hollywood, California. SIAM advised that he was born in Palestine on December 6, 1938. He is described as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair.

SIAM advised that he was acquainted with the SIRHAN family because he had worked at the "Fez" restaurant with ADEL SIRHAN, the brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that he had met the entire family when the sister died sometime ago and that he has been in the SIRHAN home on several occasions.

SIAM advised that he had seen and talked to SIRHAN SIRHAN several times during the year 1967 when SIRHAN was employed at the Santa Anita Race Track. He stated that he saw him around Christmas time 1967, when he had dinner at the SIRHAN home. He stated that during this visit to the family home he had no discussion whatsoever with SIRHAN and he found him to be a very quiet, serious individual who spoke very little. He stated also that on the occasions when he saw SIRHAN at the race track in 1967, their only discussions were concerning either horses or their families and that they never, at anytime, discussed any politics or ideologies. The visits at the race track always occurred on Saturday. He said that SIRHAN never impressed him as being an individual of a violent nature and that he seemed to be only a quiet, reserved individual who had always been polite and well mannered.

SIAM advised that he had not seen SIRHAN since the Christmas season of 1967 when he had dinner with the SIRHAN family, but he stated that he occasionally saw ADEL and SHARIF, two of SIRHAN's brothers, as they visited the "Fez" restaurant from time to time. He stated that ADEL had been employed at the "Fez" at one time as a musician but that he

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quit because the girl he was going with at the time was let go because of their association. SIAM stated that it was a policy of the restaurant that the employees were not to fraternize with each other.

SIAM advised that he could furnish no further information concerning the personality or character of SIRHAN SIRHAN, but that if something came to his mind in the future that he thought might be pertinent he would notify the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

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1Date 6/21/68

CHARLES HARB, Harb Shoe Service, 806 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Alvarado, Los Angeles, California, was contacted at his place of business and voluntarily advised as follows:

He has known ADEL SIRHAN and SHARIF SIRHAN for approximately five years from his frequenting the Fez Restaurant, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. ADEL played a guitar at the Fez, and SHARIF would occasionally visit the Fez with ADEL.

He advised his relationship with ADEL and SHARIF was limited to meetings at the Fez and he never saw either of them away from the Fez. He considered ADEL and SHARIF as acquaintances but did not consider them as close friends. He has never engaged in any political or world affairs discussions with either of them.

HARB advised that when he heard Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot by a SIRHAN, he wondered if it could have been ADEL or SHARIF, because of the similarity of the last name. He discussed this matter at his place of business and it is possible someone believed he was a close friend of the SIRHANS. When he later saw a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN on television and in the newspaper, he immediately knew the alleged killer was not ADEL or SHARIF SIRHAN. He stated he did not know ADEL and SHARIF had another brother, as they had never discussed having another brother and he never heard them mentioned SIRHAN SIRHAN.

HARB stated he has not seen ADEL or SHARIF for about three months, as HARB has not visited the Fez for about three months.

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SHAFIK KRADSHEH, Instructor in the Arabic Department, Defense Language Institute (DLI), Monterey, California, furnished the following information:

KRADSHEH has been an instructor at the language school since November 1962. He was born at Nadaba, Jordan, on September 10, 1929. He came to the U.S. in October, 1953, and after living in Pasadena and Los Angeles, California, from 1953 to 1962, he came to teach at the Monterey Language School. KRADSHEH received his U.S. citizenship on January 4, 1963.

KRADSHEH advised that while he was attending Pasadena City College in 1957, he was introduced to SHARIF SIRHAN at Pasadena. He advised that SIRHAN was a recent immigrant from Jordan who had arrived in the U.S. with an older brother, SAADALLAH SIRHAN. KRADSHEH does not recall whether he ever met SAADALLAH SIRHAN. KRADSHEH stated that he had no knowledge of any member of the SIRHAN family from Jordan, but only came in contact with them for the first time in Pasadena in 1957. He said he was an occasional acquaintance of SHARIF SIRHAN and never developed any close friendship with him.

He stated that SHARIF SIRHAN, in his opinion, did not express any extremist views on the Arab-Israeli question, or the relationship of the U.S. foreign policy to this question, but always appeared to take a moderate position on the matter, insofar as KRADSHEH is able to recall. KRADSHEH has no knowledge of any organization to which SHARIF SIRHAN might have belonged during the period of their acquaintance. KRADSHEH stated that to his knowledge SIRHAN had no connection with any Palestinian nationalist organization back in Jordan. KRADSHEH does not recall ever having met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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In 1963 KRADSHEH, who at that time was living in Monterey, California, traveled to Pasadena with his uncle, MAJED QUOSSOUS, who was visiting from Jordan. MAJED QUOSSOUS knew the SIRHAN family from Jordan. KRADSHEH stated that his uncle knew the family much better than he, himself, did. They traveled to the residence of the SIRHANS in Pasadena and visited with Mrs. SIRHAN briefly. At that time none of the other members of the family were home. KRADSHEH's uncle, MAJED QUOSSOUS, returned to Jordan shortly thereafter and is presently residing there. The last time KRADSHEH saw SHARIF SIRHAN was around 1958. Other than the brief visit in 1963, KRADSHEH has had no other contact with the family.

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1Date 6/14/68

Mrs. BESS JACOBS, 2149 North El Molino, wife of JOSEPH E. JACOBS, advised that approximately 11 years ago while residing on Walworth Avenue, Pasadena, she and her husband met a Jordanian woman whom they have just now discovered was the mother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Mrs. JACOBS related that this one and only meeting with Mrs. SIRHAN occurred at a Market Basket Food Store on Lake Avenue, in Pasadena. She explained that it was on this occasion she and her husband overheard Mrs. SIRHAN speaking Arabic to her young son as they proceeded down the super market lanes.

Mrs. JACOBS stated that although both she and her husband are native born Americans they are both of Syrian heritage and are fluent to a limited degree in Arabic. She related that as she and her husband reached the end of the lane paralleling that of Mrs. SIRHAN they introduced themselves to her and inquired if she might possibly be Syrian. She stated that after the introductions the woman, subsequently identified as Mrs. SIRHAN, then informed them that she was Jordanian and had been in the United States for a very short time.

Mrs. JACOBS explained that her own son, JOSEPH, age 20, formerly attended Longfellow Elementary School with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, but never knew them to be friendly even at the age of 8, 9 and 10.

She explained that when SIRHAN was identified on television and in newspapers as the alleged murderer of Senator KENNEDY her husband casually announced to both her and her daughter, DEBBIE, that he thought that he had driven SIRHAN SIRHAN to elementary school years ago on one or two occasions when it was raining.

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Mrs. JACOBS stated that there has never been any further contact between members of her family and members of the SIRHAN family.

She recalled that one or two days subsequent to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY both she and her husband viewed a photograph of SIRHAN's mother in the Los Angeles Times after which they concluded that this was the woman whom they had introduced themselves to at the Market Basket Food Store in Pasadena 11 years ago.

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ROBERT E. RITCHEY, 1128 North Hill, Pasadena, California, was interviewed at his place of employment "RX Express Company", 298 Henrietta, Pasadena. RITCHEY was advised that he was being interviewed concerning his association with SIRHAN SIRHAN, and he advised that he has known the SIRHAN family for approximately ten years.

RICHEY stated that his first contact with the SIRHANS came in 1958 when a brother, ADEL SIRHAN, began working with him at a company then known as B and L Molding Supply Company in Pasadena, California. He advised that this company has since disbanded. He advised that the SIRHAN family, including SIRHAN SIRHAN, then lived at the corner of Mentor and Washington in Pasadena. He further advised that although ADEL quit the B and L Molding Company in 1961, he still maintained contact with ADEL and the SIRHAN family. He advised that he believes at some time in 1962, the SIRHAN family moved to 696 East Howard, Pasadena.

RITCHEY stated that in July of 1967, he and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, another brother, moved into an apartment together. The address was 1659 North Lake, Apartment 7, Pasadena. He advised that he and SAIDALLAH lived together through November, 1967 at this apartment. He stated that he moved out following an argument which he and SAIDALLAH had. He stated that SAIDALLAH kept a revolver in their apartment and accused him of stealing this revolver along with \$65.00 in cash. RITCHEY stated this revolver was a .38 caliber, and the barrel was approximately three or four inches long. He advised that he does not know where SAIDALLAH obtained this revolver, but he feels certain it was a .38 caliber because of the size of the bullets. He advised that SAIDALLAH also kept a rifle in a closet of their apartment, but he could not furnish the make or model of this rifle.

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RITCHEY stated that SAIDALLAH did not get along with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He advised that as far as he knows, SIRHAN SIRHAN never came to their apartment. He also advised that he does not know of SIRHAN's ever using or having possession of SAIDALLAH's revolver. He advised that he does not know of SIRHAN's having his own revolver.

RITCHEY stated that he was not a close friend or acquaintance of SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that he knew SIRHAN through his close friendship with ADEL and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN. RITCHEY described SIRHAN SIRHAN as a "loner" type of individual. He advised that he does not know of any friends of SIRHAN. He stated that every time he saw SIRHAN outside of his residence, SIRHAN was by himself. RITCHEY stated that SIRHAN had a great fondness for race horses. He advised that SIRHAN often went to the Hollywood Park Race Track, but he does not know whether SIRHAN had a job there. RITCHEY advised that SIRHAN once mentioned that he was a close friend of a well-known race horse jockey named MILO VALENZUELA.

RITCHEY advised that SIRHAN asked questions of him concerning politics, but never did discuss politics, or express any political viewpoint to him. RITCHEY stated that he could not remember any of the political questions asked by SIRHAN, or even of what nature these questions were. He stated that SIRHAN was the type of person who asked questions about politics, but never discussed politics. RITCHEY also stated that he remembers SIRHAN telling him "your country is against my country". He advised that SIRHAN never mentioned anything to him concerning Jordan-Israel-United States relations.

RITCHEY advised that he last saw SIRHAN SIRHAN approximately two weeks before the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated that SIRHAN was by himself on a street near his home in Pasadena, and they did not have any conversation with each other.

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Mr DON PAUL STAFFORD, 960 East Washington Boulevard, furnished the following information:

He operates the Johnson Motors Service at above address. He has known the SIRHAN family since they first came here from Jordan, and moved into their first home at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, which has since been torn down and is now operated as a parking lot by the City of Pasadena. He believes the SIRHANS arrived in Pasadena in 1957 or 1958. The father, whose name he does not recall, only stayed here for about three months and then returned to Jordan. He believes the father was not in favor of coming to this country to begin with and did not like it here.

He stated the children of the SIRHAN family spoke very good English, which he considered surprising. SIRHAN SIRHAN was about 12 or 13 years old. He stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN had a brother named MUNIR, who had a nickname of "Manure;" another brother who was an assistant to a carpenter; and a sister who was about fifteen at the time. He advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN would come across the street to the service station he operated and visit with him. He stated that SIRHAN had no bitterness at all towards anyone or anything. SIRHAN SIRHAN was interested in becoming a mineralogist or a geologist. SIRHAN SIRHAN was always by himself; was not interested in politics; expressed no discontent with this country; and was "just happy to be here" in this country.

He stated the SIRHANS moved to Lexington Street in Pasadena after the city purchased the house and lot for a parking lot. SIRHAN attended the John Muir High School in Pasadena. He stated that after the SIRHANS moved to Lexington Street, a fourth brother appeared. He did not know his name. The SIRHANS were not an ideal family. The mother had no control over the children.

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SIRHAN's sister, name unknown, married a wealthy candy man in Palm Springs, California. Although she lived with him, the man did not recognize her as his wife. The sister became sick with leukemia, and came home to die. The girl told her mother that the husband promised to send the family \$250.00 per month for life. The man actually paid the girl's funeral expenses and sent the family a couple of payments of \$250.00. He believes it highly possible that the family held a grudge against the girl's husband because of the way he treated her. SIRHAN may have been influenced by this. He could furnish no other information.

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1Date 6/14/68

Mrs. SHIRLEY MC CONNELL, 508 Concha Street advised that her daughter, SUSIE, age 18, and [REDACTED], age 17, are classmates and close friends at John Muir High School, Pasadena. Mrs. MC CONNELL related that on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, she picked up her daughter and [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] residence, 2149 North El Molino Street, Altadena and drove them to school. She advised that shortly after they departed the [REDACTED] residence, [REDACTED] mentioned that her father had driven SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to either John Muir High School or junior high school years ago.

Mrs. MC CONNELL related that [REDACTED] had further indicated that on one or two occasions her mother and father had met the SIRHAN family during the period that they resided in Pasadena. Mrs. MC CONNELL stated that she thought that these disclosures by [REDACTED] were significant in that she understood that the [REDACTED] were from some place in the middle east.

Mrs. MC CONNELL stated that she wanted to make it quite clear that she had no reason to believe that the [REDACTED] family was in any way involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY but could perhaps shed some light on the reasoning behind SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's alleged assault upon Senator KENNEDY. She concluded by stating that through [REDACTED] she ascertained that all members of the [REDACTED] family were deeply shocked on learning that Senator KENNEDY had died.

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GEORGE NEME, 1085 Bresee Avenue, Pasadena, California, was contacted at his residence, where he voluntarily advised as follows:

He has known SAIDALLAH (SAID) SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN, for approximately one and one-half to two years, as he and SAID were both employed as machine operators at Michael Ganguin, Incorporated, 53 West Union Street, Pasadena.

NEME stated that because of his limited knowledge of the English language, he (NEME) never engaged in any political discussions with anyone at work. He stated he had very few discussions with SAID SIRHAN and never talked politics or world affairs with him.

NEME advised he has not worked or seen SAID SIRHAN for over six months, as he (NEME) had a cancer operation about six months ago and has been bedfast ever since the operation.

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The Las Vegas Division of the FBI furnished the following information:

Mrs. MARTHA HAUKE, Deputy, Ormsby County, Clerk's Office, Carson City, Nevada, on June 6, 1968, advised that MUNIR SIRHAN, who she knew as JOE and a brother of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, was hired by her as a stock man at Nash Department Store, Pasadena, California in about July 1967. She stated he was in this employment when she left that store in October 1967. She advised that she had been employed as Assistant Personnel Manager with Nash Department Store and described MUNIR SIRHAN as a wonderful person who was very pleasant, a good worker, very polite, and had no violent reactions and appeared very sane to her.

Mrs. HAUKE stated MUNIR SIRHAN was single and resided at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena. She stated that she had never seen or met any of MUNIR SIRHAN's relatives and knew none of his brothers, but recalled that he had a sister who had been very ill.

Mrs. HAUKE stated that MUNIR SIRHAN had previously been employed by the Nash Department Store and had left for two or three years and returned in 1967. She stated she had the impression when he first left this employment, he was involved in some kind of trouble, but that she had had no trouble with him in the store. She stated he appeared to be very popular with other Nash store employees.

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1Date 6/17/68

Reverend WARNIE T. TIPPETT, 1130 Daverie Drive, was contacted at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2495 East Mountain Pass, where he is pastor. Reverend TIPPETT advised that he had heard rumors from unrecalled individuals that he had been in touch with SIRHAN SIRHAN and his family possibly nine years ago. He stated that he did not know how this story had gotten started, but that it was totally untrue. He said that he has only been pastor of this church for the past two years and prior to that time he had resided in the State of Idaho. However, he stated that he had checked into this matter of SIRHAN's being connected with the First Church of the Nazarene and found out the following:

Possibly nine or ten years ago, Mr. HALDON LILLENAS (who has been deceased five or six years) had traveled to Jordan and had helped SIRHAN SIRHAN's father transport his family to the United States. He stated that after they arrived in Pasadena, California, about nine years ago, they attended this church for about four Sundays, and then they transferred to another church. The only other information he could furnish was that he had heard SIRHAN SIRHAN's father had a quick temper.

Reverend TIPPETT advised that the above information is all he could furnish concerning this matter.

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DON CAPURRO, 392 East Altadena Drive, Altadena, California, was contacted at his residence and voluntarily advised as follows:

He has known SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, also known as SAID, for approximately two years as both were employed as machine operators at Michael Ganguin, Incorporated, 53 West Union Street, Pasadena, California; however, SAID quit his job about three weeks ago.

CAPURRO advised he and SAID often engaged in discussions relating to world affairs; however, SAID never made any statements which would indicate any anti-American views. He recalled that during the Arab-Israeli war in 1967, SAID voiced pro-Arab feelings but he was never critical of U. S. actions.

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1Date 6/20/68

HARRY SHAKER, owner of Shaker's Oasis Restaurant and Bar, 6756 Hollywood Boulevard, advised that ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, had been employed at that restaurant for about four weeks. He stated that ADEL worked as a musician on Friday and Saturday nights.

SHAKER advised he had never had any discussion with ADEL concerning things not connected with his work, and that he had never heard him express any political views or ideologies. He stated that he had never met ADEL's brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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CARLOS G. NOWAKOWSKI, 4020 Midland Street, Apartment 4, Los Angeles, advised that he was employed at ITT Cannon Electric, 3208 Humboldt Street, Los Angeles, and had been so employed for the last two years. He stated that SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN was also employed by Cannon Electric.

NOWAKOWSKI stated that SHARIF was a very quiet individual, seldom talked to anyone while on the job and many times acted like he had a problem. It was known that SHARIF was interested in horse racing and most of his co-workers felt that this was his problem.

NOWAKOWSKI stated that for the first few days after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, SHARIF was not at work. He also advised that on June 10, 1968, he, NOWAKOWSKI, was in an automobile accident and he has not worked since that date. In view of this, he has not seen nor talked with SHARIF since the shooting. NOWAKOWSKI stated that he was not acquainted with any of the rest of the SIRHAN family and did not even know how many there were in the family. NOWAKOWSKI advised that he had no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and knew nothing whatsoever about it.

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BACKGROUND CONCERNING
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/681

On June 11, 1968, Mr. RALPH W. HORNBECK, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Pasadena Unified School District, stated he was the principal at Longfellow Elementary School, 1065 East Washington Street, Pasadena, in 1958 and 1959.

He recalled at this time, SIRHAN SIRHAN was in the seventh or eighth grade at Marshall Jr. High School in Pasadena, and his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN, was a student at Longfellow School. Mr. HORNBECK recalled SIRHAN transferred from Marshall to Eliot Jr. High School later on because his family had moved. MUNIR would get into trouble from time to time, mainly for fighting with other students who teased him about his name, and the fact that he was foreign. At this time, Mrs. MARY SIRHAN spoke very little English, according to SIRHAN, who took it upon himself to visit Mr. HORNBECK on several occasions to discuss his brother. He stated SIRHAN continually emphasized the honor of his family and stated it was important to preserve this, which he felt MUNIR was threatening by his actions. Mr. HORNBECK recalled SIRHAN as very intense and said SIRHAN would visit him from time to time without any particular incident having occurred in which MUNIR was involved. Mr. HORNBECK could not recall whether SIRHAN visited him during more than one school year, but stated he had never seen SIRHAN after MUNIR left the school in which he was the principal.

Mr. HORNBECK did not recall ever talking to Mrs. SIRHAN and said if he did, it was very briefly.

Mr. HORNBECK stated it was possible, concerning SIRHAN's alleged shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, that in SIRHAN's mind, his action was a matter of honor regarding his people or his beliefs, and would be the type who would totally ignore the opinion of the millions who would condemn his act, if he felt he was acting honorably.

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1Date 6/10/68

On June 10, 1968, Mrs. EUNICE ELLIS, Vice Principal, Charles W. Eliot Junior High School, 2184 North Lake Street, Altadena, California, advised any records pertaining to SIRHAN SIRHAN or his attendance at the school would be at the Pasadena Education Center, 351 South Hudson Street, Pasadena, and she had received instructions from Mr. JOHN HARRIS of that office to refer all inquiries concerning SIRHAN to that office. Mrs. ELLIS had no information concerning the current whereabouts of an instructor by the name of Mrs. (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) FITZGERALD, who had taught at that school. She advised that SAMUEL SOGHOMONIAN, who used to teach there, was presently teaching at Pasadena City College.

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On June 11, 1968, Dr. JOHN T. HARRIS, Coordinator for Personnel Records, Pasadena Unified School District, 351 South Hudson Avenue, Pasadena, advised he had a record of a teacher named Mrs. LOUISE S. FITZGERALD, 1307 Eastlyn Place, Pasadena, who was presently teaching at Pasadena High School. He stated she might be identical with one of SIRHAN SIRHAN's teachers when he was attending Eliot Jr. High School, 2184 West Lake Street, Altadena, California.

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On June 11, 1968, Mr. SAMUEL SOGHOMONIAN, Social Science teacher at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised he had taught SIRHAN SIRHAN in English and Social Studies for ten hours a week during the 1959-1960 school year when SIRHAN was attending Eliot Jr. High School, 2184 North Lake Street, Altadena, California. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stated that at that time, Eliot was a 100% Caucasian school and as a result, SIRHAN, being of swarthy complexion and foreign, stood out. He was more or less a loner but very obedient and tractable. He was motivated, and did well academically. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN considered SIRHAN to be intense and with good self-discipline. The other students teased SIRHAN somewhat, and did not mingle too much with him. This did not seem to bother SIRHAN and in fact reinforced his feeling of superiority over the average student. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stated that he was of Armenian extraction and was quite friendly with SIRHAN, understanding his problem as a foreigner. He stated a possible reason for SIRHAN's action in shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY might be based in his background of Arab culture, as the Arabs are a very intense and loyal people, with a strong drive to accomplish that in which they believe. He believed their old fashioned philosophy of an "eye for an eye" might have made it logical in SIRHAN's mind to act as he did. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stressed that this was only surmise on his part.

Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stated he had not seen or heard from SIRHAN after 1960, and was not aware he had attended Pasadena City College. He knew of no Arab club or group of any kind on the campus, but stated he was aware there were such clubs on the campuses of California State College, Los Angeles; University of Southern California; and University of California at Los Angeles.

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On June 14, 1968, Mrs. LOUISE FITZGERALD, teacher at Pasadena High School, Pasadena, California, advised she recalled having taught English to SIRHAN SIRHAN at Eliot Junior High School, Altadena, California, in the school year 1959-1960. She stated she did not really recall him as an individual, but knew a boy by that name had been in her class. She stated she had never seen SIRHAN since that time, and had no information concerning him.

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JOHN T. HARRIS, Coordinator, Student Personnel Records, Pasadena Unified School District, 351 South Hudson, furnished the following list of instructors at John Muir High School who had taught SIRHAN SIRHAN:

Tenth grade
instructors

Mr. MARCUS YOUNG
(California Cadet Corp)

Mr. KEITH MC KAY
(English and Social Studies)

Mr. JOHN DICKERHOFF
(Crafts)

Dr. NATALIE GUNKEL
(German)

Mrs. VELMA MARLOW
(Algebra)

Eleventh grade
instructors

Mr. MARCUS YOUNG
(California Cadet Corp)

Mr. CARL HEDEEN
(Russian)

Mr. JODY STARBUCK
(German)

Teachers of English, History and Physiology are not available in our office. These must be identified from class roll books at Muir High School, Office of Dr. VENABLE, Principal.

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Twelfth grade
instructors

Mr. MARCUS YOUNG
(California Cadet Corp)

Mr. JODY STARBUCK
(German)

Mr. CARL HEDEEN
(Russian)

Mr. JOSEPH ZERONIAN
(English essentials)

Mr. WILBUR NIXON
(Plain Geometry)

Mr. CHARLES HALL
(Senior Social Studies)

HARRIS advised that JOHN MC FARLAND had been SIRHAN's counselor during SIRHAN's sophomore year at John Muir.

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Mr. MARCUS LE GRAND YOUNG, who resides at 11062 East Andrews Street, South El Monte, California, was interviewed at the John Muir High School in Pasadena, California. Mr. YOUNG advised that he is a teacher in history at that high school and that he is also the Commander of the Cadet Corps. He explained that the Cadet Corps at John Muir High School is similar to a high school ROTC program, except that it is run and financed by the state instead of the Federal Government. He also stated that the Cadet Corps is under the direction of the California State Adjutant General and receives the money for equipment and uniforms and supplies through the State National Guard and Adjutant General's Office. He further stated that in this Cadet Corps, the boys receive basic military training in such fields as drill; including the Manual of Arms, military courtesy, first aid, camouflage, map reading and a brief explanation of firearm safety.

YOUNG advised that he could remember that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had been a member of this Cadet Corps for the three years that he had attended John Muir High School, and he remembered him as a better than average cadet with a good attitude who accepted discipline well and showed potential and ability in administrative positions. He said that SIRHAN was probably a sergeant in the Cadet Corps at the time of his graduation. He stated that he remembered SIRHAN to be a serious individual but did not consider him to be sullen or moody and he certainly would not have thought him to be an individual of a violent nature. He said that he could not remember any display of temper on the part of SIRHAN towards any other student and, to his knowledge, SIRHAN got along well with his fellow corps members and other students and appeared to be a very nice person.

YOUNG advised that in connection with the Cadet Corps, some of the boys who were chosen to be on the Rifle Team were afforded the opportunity for training and practice with the .22 caliber rifle, however, he advised that SIRHAN

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had not been a member of this Rifle Team and, therefore, did not receive any training whatsoever in the use of firearms, with the exception of possibly a trip once or twice a year to the National Guard Armory where all of the cadets were permitted to fire a few rounds with the .22 caliber rifle. He added that none of the cadets were given any training whatsoever in the use of pistols of any type.

YOUNG advised that he could not recall ever having had a conversation with SIRHAN in which politics or ideologies were discussed and he stated that he had never heard SIRHAN make any violent or inflammatory comments directed towards any group or any individual.

YOUNG advised that should any pertinent information come to his recollection, he would immediately contact the Los Angeles FBI Office and furnish this information to them.

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Mr. JODY A. STARBUCK, Instructor, Blair High School, Pasadena, and who resides at 3663 Del Mar Boulevard, Pasadena, advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN had been a student in STARBUCK's German class when STARBUCK taught at John Muir High School from 1961 to 1963. STARBUCK advised that he could only comment on SIRHAN's behavior when SIRHAN was in the classroom. STARBUCK advised that SIRHAN was an extremely quiet person, not sullen and very proper. STARBUCK stated that he had thought that SIRHAN had gone to a British school because all his answers were either "Yes Sir" or "No Sir". STARBUCK stated that SIRHAN always had his homework completed and seem conscientious in this regard.

STARBUCK advised that he had never engaged SIRHAN in a personal conversation and could make no further comments about SIRHAN.

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Mr. WILBUR W. NIXON, who resides at 435 South Hudson Street, Apartment 6, Pasadena, telephone number 792-1382, was interviewed at the Pasadena High School, 2925 East Sierra Madre Boulevard, Pasadena, California, and he advised that he had previously taught at the John Muir High School in Pasadena, at the time that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had attended that school.

NIXON advised that he remembered having SIRHAN in a tenth grade geometry class but that he could remember very little else about SIRHAN. He stated that when he heard the name on television in connection with the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he remembered vaguely having had this individual as one of his students.

He further stated that he anticipated being interviewed by someone concerning SIRHAN, so he had looked up his records for that period of time and determined that SIRHAN had been an average student with whom he had apparently had no disciplinary problem.

NIXON advised that he could not remember ever having a conversation with SIRHAN concerning anything but the course and that he could furnish no information concerning SIRHAN's personality or beliefs.

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Mrs. JEAN O. MORE, Records Clerk, John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln, advised that the Senior High Program Card for SIRHAN SIRHAN shows that Mrs. CLAIR SCHWARTZ was the eleventh grade English teacher, DARWIN RUSSELL was the eleventh grade Physiology teacher, and ALBERT RAZUM had taught eleventh grade history. MORE further stated that the Program Card contained the handwriting of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mrs. MORE stated that the Program Card is given to the student the first day of every semester. She advised that this card lists each student's individual courses and that the student must take the card to each course instructor and have the card signed by that instructor. She advised that the student fills in the date at the left hand corner, marks whether they have a parent or guardian and writes their parent's or guardian's name. She advised that the student has the card during the day while in each class. She advised that at the end of the day the student returns to his first period class and returns the card to the instructor. She advised that the instructor then inspects the card to make sure that all instructors have signed the card and that the student has filled in the appropriate blank.

Mrs. MORE stated that she did not see SIRHAN sign the Program Card.

Mrs. MORE furnished the original copies of two Pasadena City Schools, Pasadena, California, Senior High Program Card dated September 11, 1961 and January 29, 1962, for SIRHAN SIRHAN. A receipt was given for the two documents.

The original documents are maintained in Los Angeles files.

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