

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

ALBERT C. BEESON, Director, Industrial Relations, State of California, San Francisco, telephonically advised that his department handled an accident involving one SIRHAN B. SIRHAN of 696 Howard Street, West Pasadena, California, in which SIRHAN, while employed by the Altfillisch Construction Company, working as an exercise boy on the Grand Vista Alta Rio Ranch, Corona, California, on September 25, 1966 was thrown from a horse and suffered head injuries. As a result of this accident SIRHAN, on March 27, 1968, was paid about \$2,000 by the Argonaut Insurance Company of Menlo Park, California. The Referee who handled this matter was ERNEST A. LACKMANN, Referee in Industrial Relations, State of California, Los Angeles, telephone 620-4471.

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by ASAC JAMES T. MORELAND:dp Date dictated 6/11/68

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ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, Assistant Secretary, Argonaut Insurance Company, Menlo Park, advised that the claim filed for the claim of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN is at the Argonaut Insurance Company, 443 Shattow Place, Los Angeles, under Policy # 20-210-056370 and Claim #02-203445. She stated that the claim filed has been made available to the FBI in Los Angeles. The claim was settled for \$1,705 in April 1968 and the cancelled check is at the Menlo Park Office of Argonaut. She made available a copy of the cancelled check and settlement of the above claim and the following information was obtained therefrom:

Check number 262013 dated April 5, 1968 for \$1,705 is payable to SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. The policy number and claim number are listed on the check as stated above and the injury date is shown as September 1966. The claimant is shown as Alt - Illisch Construction Company. The check is endorsed with the name SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, under which is written his California Drivers License #M238847. The check was cashed April 8, 1968 at the Pasadena Main Office of the Crocker Citizens National Bank, Pasadena, California, and bears tellers stamp #101P on the front of the check. The check was drawn on the Crocker Citizens National Bank, #1 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

On June 10, 1968 the original of this check was made available by PHILLIPS and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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MELVIN R. OLSON, Employment Representative, Burroughs Corporation, 460 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

MELVIN R. OLSON reviewed the original employment application form and stated that this form was filled out by SIRHAN SIRHAN on November 7, 1967, at the Burroughs Corporation referred to above. He stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN filled out this form with a black ball-point pen and he (OLSON) made several entries during the course of the interview in red ball-point pen. He advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not hired due to a stated back injury and a poor past work record.

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1Date 6/24/68

Mrs. J. NAGER, Personnel Director, I. Magnin and Company, 3240 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

Mrs. NAGER caused a search of the Employment Application Files at the above mentioned company and advised she could find no record for SIRHAN SIRHAN. She advised it is the policy of the company to retain employment applications for a period of 30 days and then the forms are destroyed. Mrs. NAGER advised that the Employment Application Files at the Pasadena store, I. Magnin Company, 475 South Lake, Pasadena, California, and the I. Magnin and Company stores in San Francisco, California, were also caused to be searched with negative results.

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1Date 6/17/63

Mrs. MARY RAFIDI, Apartment 14, 2005 North Talmadge Street, Los Angeles, California, who is a housewife, stated that she is not personally acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN but that her husband, MUFIO RAFIDI, has met him.

She stated that her husband is also acquainted with ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, who is a brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and recalled that she has had this latter individual pointed out to her by her husband. She stated that this occurred at The Fez, 1503 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where he entertains as a musician.

She stated that she has no knowledge of any activity of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN that would be of assistance in the investigation of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, which includes political background or associates of this individual or any member of his family.

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MUFIO RAFIDI, Apartment 14, 2005 North Talmadge Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born November 24, 1934, at Ramalah, Jordan. He stated that he is currently employed at the R. D. Sovetts Company, 2744 East Eleventh Street, Los Angeles, California.

RAFIDI advised that he has met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN twice. He stated that he met SIRHAN initially in the year 1958 at an annual Arabic community picnic that was held at an unknown location in Los Angeles, California. He stated that it is the policy of the participants at this annual picnic to introduce themselves, and he recalls that the mother of SIRHAN introduced herself and her sons at this affair. He stated that SIRHAN was approximately fourteen years of age at this time. He stated that he particularly recalls this family inasmuch as one of the members of the family, ADEL SIRHAN, entertained at the picnic by playing a guitar.

He recalled that later he had noted that ADEL SIRHAN was an entertainer at The Fez, 1503 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, which is an Arabic restaurant. He stated that prior to getting married, he spent frequent evenings at The Fez and developed a limited acquaintance with ADEL SIRHAN.

He stated that he next saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the annual Arabic picnic that was held in 1966 at a park located in the vicinity of Budlong Avenue and 153rd Street in Gardena, California.

He stated that on neither of these occasions did he carry on a conversation with SIRHAN.

He stated that he has not been to The Fez for approximately two years and does not know if ADEL SIRHAN is currently employed at that restaurant.

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RAFIDI stated that he has never heard any member of SIRHAN's family express any political opinion, either concerning the United States or their home land of Jordan.

RAFIDI stated that he came to the United States from Ramallah, Jordan, in 1952, and while residing in Jordan did not know the SIRHAN family nor has he any knowledge of the background of that family in Jordan. He stated that he has heard from a source, which he cannot presently identify, that one of the members of the SIRHAN family had acted as an intelligence agent or spy for Israel but that he is unable to identify which member of the family it was. He stated that he does not know any of the associates of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN or his brother, ADEL SIRHAN, and repeated that he has no knowledge relative to the political activity of any member of the SIRHAN family either in the United States or in Jordan.

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FAZ'L (NMN) INAYAT'KHAN, residence address 1450 Cossacks Place, Glendora, California, telephone number 963-3668, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Burroughs Corporation, 460 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, California, where he is employed as a Systems Analyst. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

INAYAT'KHAN stated he first met an individual known to him as SIRHAN SIRHAN in the Fall of 1966 at a private residence rented by OMAR RAMZI, which is located at 2345 Lilydale Street, Los Angeles, California. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN dated June 5, 1968, and he stated this individual resembled the individual he knew as SIRHAN. He further advised that the only other individual he can recall being at the residence of RAMZI was an individual known to him as FAIZULLAH KHAN. He advised that a small group of students met several times at the above residence and discussed general topics and also various political situations in the United States and Jordan, Israel, etc. In this regard, he indicated that SIRHAN and others in this group were supporters of the Bath Party, a mid-East political party that is composed of members that support any government that is pro-Jordan, Syrian, etc., in philosophy and ideology.

He advised that FAIZULLAH KHAN, residence address unknown, was a native of Afghanistan; a graduate student majoring in political science when he met him in the Fall of 1966. He further advised that it was his understanding that KHAN was the President of the Student Association at California State College at Los Angeles and it was his further understanding that KHAN's brother is the Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

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INAYAT'KHAN advised that his impression of SIRHAN was that he was a very impressionable individual. In this regard, he related how during one group discussion at the previously mentioned residence, the topic of conversation centered around various committees of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and the key positions certain members had in influencing policies, appropriations in such areas as foreign aid, etc. He stated that SIRHAN became quite agitated during this discussion and indicated how unfair and undemocratic the committee system of our form of government is and can be if the wrong people control the power.

He advised that SIRHAN and others were pro-Jordanian, Syrian, in philosophy but they also do not believe the rulers in their native lands were fighting with enough determination to regain their rightful land from the Israeli people.

He advised that on numerous occasions, SIRHAN and the others in this group went to a beer tavern known as Garfanos, 5468 East Valley Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

INAYAT'KHAN further advised in late 1966 or early 1967, the Arab Students Association held a bazaar at an Armenian Church in the City of Los Angeles, the exact location not recalled, and approximately 200 students, girl friends, etc., attended.

INAYAT'KHAN concluded by stating he did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN very well but he would describe him as a young immature individual that was very impressionable.

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FAIZULLAH KHAN, residence address 944 East Stocker, Glendale, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

KHAN advised he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles, in February, 1966. He advised he is not an officer nor has he ever been a member of the Arab Students Association. He advised he knew very little about this organization but knows that a number of Arab, Syrian students are affiliated with this organization but it has a very loose membership. In this regard, he stated he was unable to furnish an address or location for this association. KHAN further advised that he is a native of Afghanistan and was born at Kabul. He advised that his brother's father-in-law was formerly the Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

KHAN was shown a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN taken by the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1968, and he stated this picture vaguely resembled the individual he knew as SIRHAN. KHAN advised he met and talked with an individual known to him as SIRHAN SIRHAN in the late Fall of 1966 and early Spring of 1967 at a residence rented by OMAR RAMZI, 2345 Lilydale Street, Los Angeles, California. He further advised he met SIRHAN at several political functions held at California State College, Los Angeles, when professors from California State College and others would lecture to small groups of students about various political issues.

KHAN advised he believed that OMAR RAMZI was an officer in the Arab Students Association but he could not state this for a fact. He advised the only other individuals he knew was an individual by the name of SAMON (LNU) and FAZ'L INAYAT'KHAN.

KHAN stated he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN only as a fellow student although it was his understanding SIRHAN was a student at Pasadena City College and he concluded by stating he did not get to know him well.

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ROBERT GARNETT, 12421 Rush Street, El Monte, California, advised that he is a student at Solar Electronics, Monrovia, California, and a television repairman employed by P. J. MILLER, 10 North First Avenue, Arcadia, California. He stated his home telephone Number was 444-5607 and his business telephone Number was 447-1781.

GARNETT said that he has met SIRHAN SIRHAN on approximately five or six occasions. He said that he knew ADEL SIRHAN and SAIDELLAH SIRHAN and had built an amplifier for ADEL so that this amplifier could be used by ADEL for one of his musical instruments. GARNETT stated that he did not know the exact address where he delivered the amplifier but that it was in Pasadena and it was the home of ADEL SIRHAN, and that SIRHAN SIRHAN resided with ADEL.

GARNETT stated that on one occasion he took his wife, CONNIE GARNETT, and their two children, SHERILL and ROBERT, to this residence and that SIRHAN SIRHAN was there. His wife and children and SIRHAN watched the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team on television and SIRHAN had taken the children to the kitchen to get them some ice cream. GARNETT stated that he looked upon SIRHAN SIRHAN as a very sincere and quiet individual, that he never saw him with anyone other than his brother, ADEL, and knew him to be an employee of a health store, address unknown, in Pasadena, California. GARNETT said that the only time he heard ADEL speak of his brother, ADEL made the comment that "SIRHAN is tight with his money." SIRHAN was also considered to be very close to his mother.

GARNETT, who stated he knew ADEL SIRHAN for about one year, and "SAID" about two years, related that he knew them because he had met them through an individual named BOB RITCHEY, a driver for his mother's company, RX Express Company, 298 Henrietta Street, Pasadena, California.

GARNETT described SIRHAN SIRHAN as follows:

Sex	Male
Height	5' 7"

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Weight	125 - 130 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark, curly
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Prominent nose, neat

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CONNIE GARNETT, 12421 Rush Street, El Monte, California, telephone Number 447-1781, advised that she is the wife of ROBERT GARNETT and resides with her husband and two children, SHERILL, age 4, and ROBERT, age 3, in El Monte, California.

CONNIE GARNETT stated that she met SIRHAN SIRHAN on only one occasion approximately two or three months ago at the residence of ADEL SIRHAN and SIRHAN SIRHAN, Howard Street, Pasadena, California. She also said that she knew SAIDELLAH SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN, and she believed that "SAID", as he is nicknamed, was once a driver for her mother-in-law's company, RX Express, 298 Henrietta Street, Pasadena, California.

CONNIE GARNETT related that the one time she met SIRHAN SIRHAN, she considered him to be a perfect gentleman. She, her husband, ROBERT, and her two children had gone to the Howard Street address to deliver an amplifier which her husband had built for ADEL SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN. She, SIRHAN SIRHAN, and the children watched the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team on television and then SIRHAN took the children to the kitchen to get them both some ice cream. CONNIE GARNETT considered him a very quiet and polite person. She stated that they stayed approximately one hour to two hours and then left. She did not have any extensive conversation with SIRHAN SIRHAN as they were viewing the basketball game. She knew of no associates of SIRHAN.

CONNIE GARNETT described SIRHAN SIRHAN as follows:

Sex	Male
Height	5' 5" - 5' 6"
Weight	125 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Curly, dark
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Very neat dresser

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DONALD LLOYD RICE, 1929 12th Street, Apartment A, Santa Monica, California, telephone 395-5380, was interviewed at his place of employment, Technology Service Corporation, Suite 201, 1255 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica, where he has been employed on a part-time basis since March 1, 1968.

RICE, who furnished his date of birth as November 22, 1939, stated that he became acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during the summer session of 1966 at Pasadena City College. RICE said he, himself, at that time resided at 1880 East Villa, Pasadena, California, and that he believes SIRHAN lived in the vicinity of Washington Street; however, he did not know the specific residence address, having visited the residence on only one occasion.

RICE stated that SIRHAN was of assistance to him in his study of the Arabic language and that they had only a slight social association other than contacts at school. RICE said he considered SIRHAN to be a serious, intelligent, "student type" person, that he did not have any knowledge concerning his political interests, background or associates. RICE said that he met SIRHAN originally through one JOHN STRATHMANN and that he could suggest no other associates or acquaintances of SIRHAN. RICE commented that his last contact with SIRHAN was in August or September 1966, that he has no current knowledge concerning him, his activities or associates. He further stated that from limited knowledge of SIRHAN, he would have no basis to pass judgement or firm opinion, which might bear in his being a suspect in the KENNEDY assault. RICE said that he could suggest no motivation or reason and that he would have no knowledge of any type of conspiracy which SIRHAN might have been a part of.

RICE advised that prior to entering Pasadena City College in 1966, he had been discharged from the U.S. Army, where he served from 1964 to 1966, Army Serial Number 55766560.

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Mrs. HELEN GARBEN, Assistant Librarian, Santa Catalina Branch, Pasadena Public Library, 999 East Washington Boulevard, advised that she has known SIRHAN SIRHAN as a patron of this library since about 1963. She noted that in 1963, he was attending Pasadena City College and would stop by after classes to study. She also noted that after a period of time, he became interested in reading the various newspapers and periodicals kept at the library. SIRHAN impressed her as a very quiet, courteous young man who was trying to learn something through reading. Occasionally, he would check out a book but on most occasions, he would read about current events in the periodicals. She did not know what newspapers or periodicals or books he did read. She knew absolutely nothing objectionable about SIRHAN. She pointed out that she never saw SIRHAN outside of the library. She also stated that SIRHAN also had one or two brothers who would come into the library, but she did not become acquainted with them and did not know their names. She could not recall anything specific that he might have said to her except he once told her that he came from Jordan. Mrs. GARBEN stated that she was horrified when she heard SIRHAN SIRHAN was accused of assassinating Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She said that this was hard to believe because he impressed her as being such a nice young man. She also recalled that possibly two years ago she introduced SIRHAN SIRHAN to a Jordanian librarian who was in this country studying our methods of operating a library. She stated that she did not recall the name of this individual. SIRHAN SIRHAN and this person talked only briefly, and she never saw them together again. She stated that she could not recall ever seeing SIRHAN talking to any other patrons.

Mrs. GARBEN furnished the following items:

Pasadena Public Library Card
No. C13359 in the name of
SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East
Howard Street, Pasadena,
California; reference -
FRANCISCO TAPIA, 691 East
Howard Street

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SA's JOHN C. ARLT and
by WILLIAM P. CRAWFORD (JCA:jmk) Date dictated 6/14/68

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A slip of paper reflecting a
\$2.56 fine in the name of
SIRHAN SIRHAN, due date
April 28, return date May 16,
1964, for the following books:
C30375 - "Short History of the Near East"
by HARRY ELLIS;
C30376 - "Heritage of the Desert"
by SYDNEY N. FISHER;
C30377 - "The Middle East"
C30378 - "History of Balkan Peninsula"

Remarks on backside "Accident
not working -
insurance
a few months ago."

In addition, Mrs. GARBEN advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN's
sister, AIDA SIRHAN, has a Pasadena Public Library card
with the following information thereon:

Address 696 East Howard
Pasadena, California

Reference FRANCISCO TAPIA
691 East Howard Street
Pasadena, California

She also pointed out that his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN,
has a library card with the Pasadena Public Library with the
following information thereon:

Address 1647 North Lake
Pasadena, California

Reference FRANCIS LE CLAIR
1645 North Lake Avenue
Pasadena, California

Mrs. GARBEN stated that at this time she could not
recall any other information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN. However,
she pointed out that JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM, who is also an
assistant librarian at this location, also knew SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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1Date 6/17/68

JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM, Assistant Librarian, Santa Catalina Branch, Pasadena Public Library, 999 East Washington Boulevard, advised that she became acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN while he was attending Pasadena City College. She stated that she believed this was in 1963. SIRHAN impressed her as a very nice, courteous young man and she knew absolutely nothing derogatory concerning his character. She noted that she knew none of his associates.

She advised that at first SIRHAN SIRHAN came in to study his homework, but later he became interested in the newspapers and periodicals and spent a great deal of time reading them. Also, on occasion, he would check out a book from the library. She could not recall what kind of books, newspapers or periodicals SIRHAN SIRHAN read. She recalled that several months ago he came to the library and informed her that he had been injured while training a horse. SIRHAN SIRHAN never discussed with her any of his political ideas, nor did he ever mention to her anything concerning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the Israeli - Arab June 1967 War, or any other current events. She stated that she was at a loss to explain why he reportedly assassinated Senator KENNEDY. She could furnish no other pertinent information concerning this matter.

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Father PAUL ROMLEY, pastor at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, 2300 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

He is familiar with SIRHAN SIRHAN and the other members of his family, but he knows very little about them. The only contact he had with the SIRHAN family was when he gave services for the SIRHAN girl that died. She died on March 20, 1965, and her funeral was on March 23, 1965. She was 29 when she died. After the funeral services, she was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California. Her name on the death certificate was listed as AIDA SIRHAN MENNELL. The girl had been secretly married to a man named MENNELL, possibly from Palm Springs, California, and her family did not know this until he showed up at the funeral.

He has not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN since the day of that funeral. In the short time that he knew the boy, he never heard him express strong feelings against Israel. Ever since the Arab - Israeli war of 1967, St. Nicholas and other churches in Los Angeles have been active in obtaining food and clothing and sending them to the refugees. At no time did SIRHAN get involved in this activity.

Father ROMLEY had no other information about the SIRHAN family.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WOMAN
IN WHITE DRESS WITH BLACK POLKA DOTS

It was previously reported that during an interview of SANDRA SERRANO by News Commentator SANDOR VANOCUR at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at approximately 1:30 a.m., June 5, 1968, following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, she claimed that immediately after the shooting a woman in a white dress with black polka dots ran from the Ambassador Hotel. SERRANO claimed that this woman said, "We've shot him -- We've shot him."

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1Date 6/25/68

Captain HUGH BROWN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), on June 25, 1968, furnished a transcript of a recorded interview of SANDRA SERRANO, 2212 North Marengo, Altadena, California, which took place on June 20, 1968, and was conducted by Sergeants ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ and THOMAS STRONG, JR., LAPD.

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INTERVIEW WITH SANDRA SERRANO

1 TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OF SANDRA SERRANO
2 2212 NORTH MARENGO, ALTADENA
3 TAKEN IN ROOM POLY B, PARKER CENTER
4 THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1968, 10:15 P.M.
5 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ #7101, S.U.S. UNIT
6 TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROEH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
7 ASSISTED BY: SGT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ
8 SGT. THOMAS SERONG, JR. #5972, S.U.S. UNIT

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SGT. HERNANDEZ: I want to get into some of the preliminary stuff. Now, my name, as you know, is Sgt. Hank Hernandez. We're in Room B on the fourth floor of the Police Administration Building, and I'm talking to Miss Sandra Serrano. The time is 10:15 p.m. The date is June 20th, 1968. And now, Sandra, I'm going to ask you some questions just so we can get the true facts on the previous statements that you made before. You know that you shouldn't be afraid, and I hope you're not. The whole thing that we are trying to resolve here is what actually happened at the Ambassador Hotel on June the 4th, the evening that Senator Kennedy was assassinated; and I well understand, as you have explained to me, that this thing was magnified out of proportion with people that you said messed you around up there. So if you will tell me the truth about what happened, and I could ask you questions--

A Uh huh.

Q --and you can answer me. But I would rather start with you telling me the truth, just the truth, just what happened that night. Now, you went to the Ambassador

1 Hotel with some other people; is that right?

2 A Right.

3 Q Who did you go with?

4 A Greg Abbott.

5 Q Will you speak up?

6 A Greg Abbott, Irene Chavez, George Fredericks, and
7 Michael Churchak (phonetic).

8 Q Okay.

9 A Patchett.

10 Q Patchett?

11 A Patchett.

12 Q Okay, now when you arrived at the hotel, did you
13 all split and go to separate locations?

14 A Yes.

15 Q You did. Did you eventually wind up in the main
16 ballroom--

17 A Uh huh.

18 Q --of the hotel. And I understand you had some-
19 thing to drink there?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What did you drink, Sandra?

22 A Screwdriver.

23 Q A screwdriver. Just one screwdriver?

24 A Yeah.

25 Q And sometime during the course of the evening,
26 you said about 11:30, you went out to the stairway?

1 A Uh huh, outside.

2 Q Outside. And you sat down on that stairway?

3 A Yeah, I think I did.

4 Q Okay, now, we have statements here that obviously
5 are incorrect that people took possibly because you thought
6 you were being misquoted, for whatever reasons, but I think
7 we have to rectify these statements. Number 1--

8 A Well--

9 Q Pardon me?

10 A Both statements were given but they were given
11 after people messed me up.

12 Q How was that?

13 A Well, stupid people. Well, I don't know how to
14 say it. They--just in all the commotion and everything
15 like--I was supposed to know more than I knew. That is what
16 it amounted to, I was supposed to know more than I know.

17 Q I understand. Well, to make it simple, now, first
18 of all, Mr. Ambrose, I think, is a person that you had
19 described previously as having talked with you?

20 A Uh huh.

21 Q And do you remember what you told Mr. Ambrose?

22 A Yes. I told him that I heard the people say,
23 "He shot him," or "they shot him," or something. And I
24 remember telling him that I had seen these people on the--
25 on the stairway.

26 Q Uh huh.

1 A And if that was important or not---

2 Q Uh huh.

3 A --you know, do you suppose that it had anything--
4 something about that there was some people out there that
5 nobody knew about it, and it seemed obvious, weird to me
6 that nobody knew about it when I went in.

7 Q Did you describe this person as being--one of the
8 people as being a female in a white dress?

9 A Right.

10 Q You told him this and then sometime later, I
11 think, you heard the kid--some kid mention something about
12 a white dress and polka dots--

13 A Right.

14 Q --is that right?

15 A Right.

16 Q Was this where you got the idea or where some--

17 A I don't know.

18 Q --somebody misquoted you?

19 A I don't know. I guess. Um, I don't know.

20 Q Okay, now earlier, also, you said--or previous to
21 tonight, somebody had quoted you as saying that you had seen
22 this same woman, who you saw with the white dress, that then
23 was described as a white dress with black polka dots and
24 which, in fact, was only a white dress that you saw?

25 A Uh huh.

26 Q Right. Is that right?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And then somebody misquoted you or stated that you
3 had said that this girl had told you to the effect, "We have
4 shot him?"

5 A Uh huh. Right.

6 Q And you said, "Who is--who did you shoot?" And
7 that they told you, "Kennedy." Now this is also--

8 A --I didn't say--

9 Q --out of proportion here?

10 A Right.

11 Q Is that right?

12 A Right.

13 Q And in effect what you have told me previously
14 is that this person told you "he shot Kennedy" or "they
15 shot Kennedy"; is that right?

16 A Um, something or something about shooting
17 Kennedy, yeah.

18 Q Well, also before you had stated that you had
19 heard some shots?

20 A No, I never said I heard shots.

21 Q You never said that. Well, now, somebody quoted
22 you as saying that you had heard shots.

23 A No, I never said I heard shots.

24 Q Okay.

25 A I heard backfires of a car, and I know they were
26 backfires from a car, I know they weren't gunshots.

1 Q You know for a fact they were not gunshots?

2 A I know it.

3 Q Okay, also, where was it that you saw the waiter,
4 the waiter--the kid that was a waiter in the kitchen? Where
5 did you see him and hear his statement?

6 A Upstairs.

7 Q In the Embassy Room?

8 A Uh huh.

9 Q Okay, now, why had you before said that you hadn't
10 been up to the Embassy Room?

11 A I hadn't until they took me up.

12 Q Oh, until the police took you up?

13 A Until the police took me up.

14 Q And is that when you heard the kid say something?

15 A Right.

16 Q About a woman?

17 A Right.

18 Q In a white polka dot dress?

19 A Right.

20 Q So that's where that thing about--

21 A I guess. I don't know.

22 Q --the polka dot dress, that's where it was
23 started?

24 A I guess. Well, I think so because that was the
25 day they took me down to the Ambassador, and Ambrose said,
26 "When did you tell me it was a polka dot dress?" And I said,

1 "I don't know; when did I tell you?" "Wasn't that outside
2 in the parking lot?" "Yeah, I think so; okay."

3 Q Well, regardless of what was said before, now we
4 know that it was a girl in a white dress that you saw?

5 A Right.

6 Q And then you heard the kid up in the Embassy Room
7 after the police took you up there, you heard him say
8 something about a girl with a black polka dot or white dress
9 with black polka dots?

10 A Right.

11 Q That's the first time you saw or heard anything?

12 A Right.

13 Q About polka dots. Now, just to clarify your
14 statement which is now a truthful statement; right?

15 A Right.

16 Q Is that when you said earlier that you had seen
17 a woman coming down the stairs with another man, as a matter
18 of fact you saw a lot of people coming down the stairs.
19 About how many people did you see would you say, just
20 roughly?

21 A I don't know. Three or four.

22 Q Could it have been more than four?

23 A Couldn't have been more than five, I know.
24 Couldn't have possibly have been more than five.

25 Q All right. Okay. Also, I think you said
26 something about you called home after you had heard?

1 A Right.

2 Q About Kennedy being shot?

3 A Right.

4 Q Do you remember after you got con--made contact
5 with your parents, do you remember telling them anything
6 about, or not telling them anything about knowing who had
7 shot or anything?

8 A No, I didn't.

9 Q Did you mention anything about that to them?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay, Sandra, just for the purpose of possible--

12 A I just told them that he was shot.

13 Q Yeah, that he was shot?

14 A That nobody knew about it. I think I mentioned
15 that to them that nobody knew that he was shot, or something.

16 Q I wonder if you can tell me, Sandy, if you will,
17 in your own words, why it is that this thing was magnified in
18 your mind to the proportion when you first knew either
19 through television or through the newspaper media?

20 A To everything?

21 Q To everything that you saw.

22 A Right.

23 Q When was the first time that you knew that this
24 was a pack of mistruths, and somebody else had misquoted or
25 printed?

26 A When I went down to the police station.

1 Q Which one, this police station?

2 A Rampart.

3 Q At Rampart, okay. What did you hear at Rampart
4 that you knew was not true on that date?

5 A What did I hear?

6 Q Yeah, what did you hear? You knew this is
7 starting to magnify, right?

8 A It was already magnified.

9 Q It was already magnified at that time?

10 A Yeah, it was already magnified.

11 Q What were they saying?

12 A Well, while I was back there they were asking
13 questions, yes. Yeah, it was a man in a waiting seat. Yeah,
14 yeah, yeah, you know--I don't--fifty people--I don't know,
15 around fifty--actually there were about five--four, you know,
16 people were asking me questions at the same time; and all I
17 knew that was when I was sitting there, I know from that I
18 said--well, you put this and this together, and you've got
19 it. "Leave me alone now, and then we can all go now."
20 That's it.

21 Q Why didn't you correct them at that time, Sandy?

22 A I don't know. After--well, two reason, so I
23 didn't want to look like a fool, which I look like now.
24 Another reason, because everybody figures--everybody thinks--
25 they say, "Yeah, let's go; that's right." You know, know--
26 I was sitting there hearing descriptions and descriptions

1 of these people, of these people, of these people. Oh, God,
2 no, maybe that's what I'm supposed to have seen. Did I see
3 this woman? You know, I thought I was supposed to see more
4 than--more than I did. I was really going to believe that.
5 It messed me up, that's all; and I figured, well, they must
6 know what they're doing--I mean, they are police--after all
7 they have to know what they're doing, and I just figured
8 they knew what they were doing. That's all.

9 Q Sandy, just for my own personal edification, now
10 why, when I talked to you earlier this evening, in front of
11 your Aunt Maggie, why didn't you then tell me the truth?

12 A Because I know I was going to tell you later.

13 Q Did you know you were going to tell me later?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Do you feel better now, Maggie?

16 A My name is not Maggie.

17 Q I mean Sandy?

18 A Yes and no. Well, yes, I feel better. In fact,
19 you know, finally I got--you know somebody and that's why I
20 didn't want it to bother me anymore because I knew that it
21 would keep growing and growing and growing. That's why that
22 day I got so filled with everything over there and they
23 wouldn't even let me talk to anybody, that's what killed me.
24 They wouldn't even let me talk to anybody, and I told them
25 that I wanted to talk to somebody. They wouldn't even let
26 me--uh, uh, then put two and two together I figured, well,

1 they must know what they're doing. There must be something
2 out of this, you know. I feel bad for the fact that I
3 didn't--that I didn't stand up in the beginning and say
4 something, and I should have.

5 Q But you are standing up now and saying the truth
6 which is--

7 A Yeah, but it's not that I--the whole thing was a
8 lie; that's it, and I don't know which fellow that I--I
9 really, to tell you the truth, I don't really feel it was my
10 fault. That's what--that's that man in that interview tape.

11 Q All right.

12 A --I didn't even know--I didn't even know I was on
13 television. To tell you the truth, I didn't even know it.

14 Q Remember when you--I understand that you were
15 before some people, some TV cameras or something, and you
16 were looking at some polka dot dresses; remember that?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Why didn't you correct it then? When you were
19 being shown the polka dot--

20 A Because everybody was making me nervous.

21 Q Everybody was making you nervous?

22 A Yeah, you know they didn't have stuff and we were
23 down there, down there a long time and doing nothing. Just
24 doing nothing and that stuff. And, you know, because they
25 came and picked me up at work around 11:15, and I never got
26 home until six o'clock. And we didn't do anything during

1 that time, anything, and then when I finally wanted to talk
2 about it, they wouldn't even let me talk to anybody--"take
3 her home--take her home." And now you're supposed to do this,
4 now you're supposed to do that. They didn't even know what
5 they were doing between themselves. That's what killed me.
6 That's why--that's what it did to me is that I'm not never
7 going to say anything anymore. And that's when if I'm going
8 to have a hassle between myself whether to say anything or
9 not, because you--you say something, and it turns out to be
10 something else, and you know it but it's so involved or it's
11 so messed up that you can't say anything. You really feel
12 you can't say anything, and you know you're supposed to say
13 something. But I'll tell you what, and I don't know--I
14 guess everybody feels that way, and I get kind of nervous,
15 that's all. And I think it was the first cop's fault. I
16 want to put the blame on somebody. I want to shift it from
17 me or something.

18 Q Tell me--tell me about that, about the first cop.

19 A Nothing--nothing--nothing like the one I have.

20 Q That first policeman that you talked to?

21 A The first policeman that I talked to was Ambrose,
22 and he talked to me about the kid following me, I remember
23 that much. "What do you see, a bunch of people following
24 you?" I said, "Oh, what in--yeah, I guess so." Yeah, you
25 know now everything was a hassle. Everything was in a daze.
26 I told him that I was in a daze, and I knew I was in a daze.

1 Q Uh huh.

2 A Because you can't--because I've been in front of
3 TV cameras before; and you know when the cameras are on you
4 because you can feel that heat, and I didn't feel anything.

5 Q Well, at least you're being a decent, honest
6 woman right now; aren't you, you know?

7 A Yes, yes, yes. I don't think I'm very decent.

8 Q Well, you are being decent. You're telling the
9 truth now.

10 A Yeah, in a way. You know what I think? Some
11 changes should be made.

12 Q For example?

13 A Well, for example, first, when somebody sees
14 something, let them go--I mean, you don't--don't feed
15 something to them which I really thought was being done to
16 me.

17 Q Fed information about the people?

18 A Yeah, and you know when somebody sees something,
19 keep them away from other people who have seen it. Because
20 you don't know--you don't know what happens, anything that
21 while that you really thought seeing something. I under-
22 stand that, that you know that everything was quite messed
23 up, and you know you can't be as careful, you know, and all
24 that stuff; but I really think--I mean--I'm really sorry that
25 it happened.

26 Q Sure, I think most people are sorry, and that I

1 think that we know that we're trying to do the best job we
2 can in this final investigation on this thing.

3 A Yeah.

4 Q And you see all the man-hours that we're going--

5 A --well, you see another thing, too, you know that
6 is that that other newspaper came out with that somebody else
7 had seen it, and then I--and then I seen it on television
8 somebody else had seen the girl in the white dress, and I
9 thought maybe that girl did have something to do with it,
10 you know. I kept thinking to myself, maybe--you know, gee--

11 Q But when you saw the big difference was that the
12 one you saw was a white dress and the one that somebody says
13 that they saw was a white dress with black polka dots, and--

14 A --Someone saw--

15 Q --and regardless of what they saw, you know we
16 just want to get the facts, and the facts that you saw were
17 partly, apparently, were misquoted, or misprinted, or
18 mistelevised to the actual true facts?

19 A Well, they can't have been mistelevised because
20 I said that. I actually said that. None of them--

21 Q What you--

22 A --I don't know. Somewhere I heard it. I don't
23 know why I said it, but it just fitted. Then it happened
24 that it all fitted in, and I couldn't understand it, you
25 know. Then, yeah, I really thought there was something
26 behind it. I was scared. I tell you I've been scared all

1 this time.

2 Q Okay, well, don't be scared anymore; okay? I'm
3 going to stop this, and I'm going to be right back. I'm
4 going to catch my call, and I'm going to see if your aunt--
5 your auntie's back.

6 A Where did she go?

7 Q Well, I think they took her up for a coke or
8 something, or coffee or something. Just bear with me for
9 a couple of minutes.

10 A Well, please tell me what's going to happen or
11 something.

12 Q Oh, yes. Excuse me a second. Okay?

13 A You could have left that. I wouldn't look at it.

14 Q I know you wouldn't but I just want to look at
15 it myself.

16 (Short time lapse here of about three or four
17 minutes)

18 Q Okay, Sandy, they tell me you have got a talent?

19 A Oh, really?

20 Q For the purposes of the interview now, we're
21 completing this interview at 10:35 p.m.

22 A It's not on.

23 Q 10:35 p.m., and everything you have told me now
24 is the truth that you remember?

25 A Right.

26 Q Ah--

1 A How can I tell all these people that?

2 Q What we're going to do, Sandy, is I'm not going
3 to tell your aunt anything. I think we should decide how
4 we're going to handle it. Will--will you--do you want to
5 tell her yourself? I don't want to tell her unless you want
6 me to.

7 A No, I don't want to.

8 Q Okay, then, in the event that there is any--

9 A I don't want anybody saying anything.

10 Q Well, to her you mean?

11 A Just to her.

12 Q Well, I'm not going to tell anyone here. Of
13 course, we're going to have to cancel--

14 A --I know that.

15 Q --all these reports, you know that.

16 A I know that.

17 Q But in the event that I have to talk to--to you
18 again, can I have your phone number for the purposes of this
19 tape? Now, where you can be reached. Your address is what?
20 Where you're staying now?

21 A 2212 North Marengo, Altadena.

22 Q 2212 North Marengo in Altadena, California.

23 A I don't know my phone number.

24 Q You don't know your phone number there at the
25 place?

26 A No, we just had it changed.

1 Q Okay, where--oh, you mean the new phone number?

2 A The new phone number.

3 Q Okay, we'll get that from Maggie then. What about:
4 the phone number at work?

5 A I don't know it either. I just started working
6 there.

7 Q What's the name of the place where you work?

8 A Martin Luther King Westside Study Center, 19--
9 1948 North Fair Oaks.

10 Q 1948 North Fair Oaks, and it's the Martin Luther
11 King Study Center.

12 A --Westside Study Center.

13 Q Westside Study Center. Okay, now, I will not--

14 A --what if I lost my job over this damn stupid
15 thing, and I lost pay and everything?

16 Q But the thing is this, that if we have to contact
17 you, I will call you myself; okay?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q And I hope that we won't have to talk to you
20 again. I don't think that we will. Okay?

21 A Yeah, yeah.

22 Q Okay.

23 A Oh, well, you said you were going to tell me
24 what's going to happen--about what's going to happen.

25 SFP. HERNANDEZ: Let's go back into the other
26 side.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGED
PURCHASES OF AMMUNITION
BY SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
AT LOCK, STOCK 'N BARREL GUN SHOP,
SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/21/68

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Mrs. DONA (No Middle Name) HERRICK, residing at 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California, telephone number AT 6-7877, furnished the following information:

Her husband is BENJAMIN JAMES HERRICK. Together they own and operate the Lock, Stock 'N Barrel located at 8972 East Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, telephone number 287-0051. This is a gun and ammunition sales store.

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following written statement:

"June 16, 1968
San Gabriel, California

"I, Dona Herrick, hereby furnish the following voluntary information to B. Bruce Bradford and Norbert R. Linker who have identified themselves to me as Special agents of the FBI.

"I live at 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California. My husband, Ben J. Herrick and I operate the Lock Stock 'N Barrel located at 8972 Huntington Dr. San Gabriel, California. I am 42 years old.

"On or about April 3, 1968 I was working at the store. Sometime between one and six p.m. three males of foreign extraction entered the store. I had never seen them before or since. Only one of the three spoke and with such an accent I could not understand him. I asked Ben to help me to understand him. I then understood this same person to say, 'Do you have any 357 Mag. tank piercing ammo', or words to that effect. Ben replied 'We don't have any'. The three then left without speaking further. They were here only three or four minutes. I did not see them leave in any car. As they were leaving they picked up one of our business cards from the counter. They made no purchase.

On 6/16/68 at San Gabriel, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

SA's NORBERT R. LINKER and - 582 -
by B. BRUCE BRADFORD/BBB/rem Date dictated 6/17/68

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"On June 16, 1968 I was shown a group of six photo's by agents Bradford and Linker. I selected a photograph of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and I am positive this is a photo of the man who inquired about 357 Mag. tank piercing ammo on or about April 3, 1968.

"A photo of Adel Sirhan and Munir Sirhan have been shown to me by the FBI on this date and both of these men bear strong resemblance's to the men who were with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on or about April 3, 1968 in our store.

"I was not at the store on June 1, 1968 when cash sale No. 2372 was made.

"I have given original bill of sale No. 2372 dated June 1, 1968 to agents Bradford and Linker this date June 16, 1968.

"S/ Dona Herrick

"Witnesses:

S/ B. Bruce Bradford, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles,
6/16/68.
S/ Norbert R. Linker, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles,
6/16/68."

In addition to this written statement, Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following information:

She did not see any of these three men carrying or exhibiting any type of weapons on or about April 3, 1968. None of these three men mentioned or inquired about any .22 caliber ammunition.

Mrs. HERRICK advised that cash bill of sale Number 2372, dated June 1, 1968, was apparently filled out by an employee, LARRY ARNOT. It indicated the following sales were made:

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	Bx CCI 22	100	200
2	Bx S.X 22	90	180
			<u>380</u>
		Tax	<u>19</u>
			<u>399</u>

She explained each box contained 50 cartridges. The "CCI" refers to the manufacturer, Cascade Cartridge, Incorporated, Lewiston, Idaho. The "22" refers to .22 caliber cartridges. According to the price of \$1.00 per box the sale was for .22 caliber, long rifle, hollow point, mini-mag ammunition. She explained the second two boxes would have been for .22 caliber, long rifle, standard Super X, manufactured by the Winchester-Western Division of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation. The original, white copy, of the sales slip is kept by her firm with the second tissue copy. The third copy, colored yellow, is given to the customer as his receipt. Mrs. HERRICK advised she would keep the book from which sales slip Number 2372 was taken and make it available if needed.

The following photographs were shown to Mrs. HERRICK on June 16, 1968:

1. ADEL SIRHAN
2. SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN
4. SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN
MUNIR SIRHAN, 68 521 466, dated June 5, 1968
(With glasses)
MUNIR SIRHAN, 68 521 466, dated June 5, 1968
(Without glasses)
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police
Department BK 495 139, dated June 5, 1968

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	21-25 years

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Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	130-135 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent
Complexion	Medium to dark tan, possible acne on face, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, wavy, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses
Voice	Medium to soft
Accent	Foreign
Teeth	Unrecalled
Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted except for acne possibility on face
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Normal oval shape
Eyebrows	Dark and thick
Nose	Normal
Ears	Normal
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; very clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for the man she believes bears a strong resemblance to the man shown in a photograph as ADEL SIRHAN, stating she believes she might recognize him again if she were to see him:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	29-30 years
Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	135-140 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent

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Complexion	Dark brown, smooth, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, wavy, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown "piercing, penetrating", most prominent feature, no glasses
Teeth	Unrecalled
Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Long oval, elongated, narrow face
Eyebrows	Brown or black, medium
Nose	Prominent
Ears	Normal
Voice and Accent	Not noted as did not speak
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; very clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for the man she believes bears a strong resemblance to the man shown in a photograph as MUNIR SIRHAN, stating she is not sure if she would recognize him again if she were to see him:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	25-30 years
Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	135-140 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent
Complexion	Dark tan, smooth, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, possibly curly, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses recalled
Teeth	Unrecalled

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Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Oval
Eyebrows	Brown or black, medium
Nose	Normal
Ears	Normal
Voice and Accent	Not noted as did not speak
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK advised she would described the clothing worn by all three men as being very similar as though they might have been "in uniform clothing". She stated, however, that she did not observe any lettering on the clothing. She was impressed with the fact that all three appeared to be "neat and clean".

In addition she advised that when she saw these three men in their store on or about April 3, 1968, she and her husband were the only ones working at the time. Her husband was waiting on one other customer at the time. This was the only other person in the store at the time but she advised she can not recall the identity of this other customer.

Mrs. HERRICK advised she is unable to furnish any other additional information at this time.

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Mr. BENJAMIN J. HERRICK, 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California, telephone Number AT 6-7877, advised he is the owner of the Lock, Stock, 'n Barrel Gun Shop, 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, telephone Number 287-0051. Mr. HERRICK furnished the following signed statement:

"San Gabriel, Calif.
June 17, 1968

"I, Benjamin J. Herrick, make the following statement to James H. Stanton and C. Kenneth Arnold who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I have discussed with my wife, Dona, the events surrounding the visit of three men, all foreign appearing, to my gun shop, the Lock, Stock 'n Barrel, 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, about April 15, 1968. I now recall that three men entered the store and looked around. My attention was drawn to them because they were very interested in the handgun display. I drew the impression that they were foreign because of their interest in the display. I have observed that other persons of foreign nationality show unusual interest in gun displays, perhaps because such displays are unknown in their own countries.

"I did not observe these three men until they were in the store. I did not see them arrive in a vehicle. I did see them when they approached my wife and asked her a question and she then turned to me for assistance. At this time one of them asked me if we had any armor piercing ammunition in the store. I do carry such ammunition which I sell to law enforcement officers. After observing that these men were not law enforcement officers I said that we did not have such ammunition in stock. The three men then

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left the store. I did not observe the men closely on this visit and I now only recall that they were short, dark and foreign looking.

"On June 1, 1968, I was again working at my store. I don't recall the time of the incident, but it was sometime after opening hour of 12:00 noon. I was talking to a customer about a shotgun. I do not recall the name of this customer, but he was interested in trap shooting and I think we were discussing a Browning over/under shotgun. During the conversation I was standing near my desk in the northwest corner of the store. Larry Arnot, one of my employees, was standing at the ammunition counter which is at the southwest corner of the store. I happened to glance over my shoulder and observed there were three short, dark, foreign looking persons talking with him. From their appearance I thought they were the same three persons who had been in the store on the April 15th date inquiring about the armor piercing ammunition. I observed these three persons from the rear only. I continued my discussion with my customer and when I finished the three men were gone.

"I cannot give specific descriptions of the three men because of the short period of time I had to look at them. I believe they were all males, in their early 20's, all about 5'5" or 5'6" (all shorter than I at 5'8"), slender build, about 130 lbs. I recall that they all were very dark complected. One had kinky hair. The other two had curly hair. They were all wearing casual clothing, probably pants and sport shirts. None of them had glasses, tattoos or jewelry which I can recall. None of them was carrying anything when they were in the store to the best of my recollection. I have the impression they were all clean, neat and well groomed.

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"I recall discussing the nationality of the three men. I remember someone saying they were possibly Philipino. I commented that I did not think they were Philipino because they had curly hair and all Philipinos have straight hair. I could not identify any of the three men as being from a middle east country.

"I have observed photographs of Adel Sirhan, Sharif Bishara Sirhan, Saidallah Bishara Sirhan and Munir Sirhan and cannot identify any of them as being in the store.

"I cannot identify Sirhan Bishara Sirhan as one of the three men in the store. I have seen his photograph in the papers and on TV and cannot now state that I am identifying him from being in my store or from seeing his picture in the news media.

"I have read the above 2 page statement and to the best of my knowledge it is true.

"/s/ Benjamin J. Herrick

"Witness:

"C. Kenneth Arnold, Spl Agt, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif.,
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James H. Stanton, Sp. Agent, FBI, Los Angeles,
Calif. 6/17/68"

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LARRY KENNETH ARNOT, Salesman, Lock Stock 'N Barrel Gun Shop, 8972 East Huntington Drive, residence 517 Melcanyon Road, Duarte, California, residence telephone 358-7887, was interviewed at his employment.

ARNOT advised that sometime during the mid-afternoon of June 1, 1968, three men entered the gun shop and walked directly to the last counter on the south side of the building where they momentarily paused and appeared to be looking over the various boxes of ammunition which were located behind that particular counter.

ARNOT stated that as he approached the three men to inquire whether he could be of any assistance, the shorter of the three men stated, "I want two boxes of Mini Mags", or words to that effect. ARNOT stated that simultaneously, one of the three separated himself from his other two associates by a distance of approximately six to eight feet and appeared to be intent on the items which were located behind the counter on the west side of the building.

He related that as he turned towards the ammunition stock, he asked the man who had ordered the "Mini Mags" whether he desired the standard type or the hollow point type.

After learning that the purchaser desired the hollow point, he obtained two boxes of high velocity .22 caliber long rifle bullets, each box of which contained 50 shells.

On returning to the counter and placing the ammunition directly in front of the purchaser, his associate, who was standing along side him, then informed him that he wanted two boxes of .22 caliber long rifle shells of the standard type. ARNOT returned to the ammunition stock, removed two boxes of .22 caliber Super X ammunition and, on returning to the two men, placed all four boxes in a paper bag and then proceeded to complete a sales invoice.

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He related that on completing the sales which totaled \$3.99 including tax, he removed the yellow copy of the three copy sales invoice from the sales book and placed it in the bag with the four boxes of ammunition.

He advised that although not certain which one of the two individuals paid him for the sales transaction, he received the money, thanked them, at which point all three men departed the store leaving via the front door.

ARNOT also recalled that midway through the course of the transaction, he asked the shorter of the two men who had purchased the ammunition whether they planned to go rabbit hunting, as the .22 caliber bullets they were buying appeared ideal to him for that type of game. He advised that the shorter man acknowledged that that was their plan, to which he asked, "Are you going toward Red Mountain", which ARNOT explained was located off Highway 395 in San Bernardino County, as ARNOT knew this area to be an excellent rabbit hunting ground. ARNOT stated that he specifically recalled that the shorter man answered in the negative and cited another spot where they planned to go hunting but, at this time, ARNOT cannot recall that location.

ARNOT stated that one or two days subsequent to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he observed a photograph of KENNEDY's alleged assailant SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on either television or in a newspaper, at which time he instantaneously realized that SIRHAN was the shorter of the two men to whom he had sold the two boxes of "Mini Mags" on June 1, 1968, while SIRHAN was in the company of two associates.

At that point in the interview, ARNOT was displayed the below listed photographs:

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

MUNIR SIRHAN

(Two photographs, one of which depicts
MUNIR with glasses, the other without glasses)