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her as about 30 years old, 5'4" in height, and fair complexion. He said she was a very attractive person. She seemed unusually removed from the general excitement displayed by others anticipating seeing Senator KENNEDY. GRIECO did not speak directly with her but recalls that she spoke in general terms to others concerning whether KENNEDY would actually come out this way after his speech. She had no noticeable accent. He does not recall whether she was with anyone else at this time but had the distinct impression that she was alone. GRIECO is positive that he could recognize this woman if he saw her again. He is not certain whether he could recognize a photograph of her.

GRIECO stated he was never acquainted with SIRHAN and never saw him until after the shooting of KENNEDY, just after midnight, June 4, 1968.

GRIECO said he is willing to testify to the above if necessary and is willing to cooperate in any other way necessary regarding his knowledge of this incident.

GRIECO could be reached at his boarding house at telephone number 386 9358, at his place of employment at telephone 655-6152, or at his parents' home, 39 North Buena Vista in Redlands, California.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/13/63

BOOKER GRIFFIN, Director, Los Angeles Chapter, Negro Industrial and Economic Union, 3421 South Vermont Avenue, was re-interviewed and advised as follows:

GRIFFIN, after being shown a photograph of a group of people in the corridor between the Embassy and the Colonial Rooms of the Ambassador Hotel, which were taken at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, stated that he was unable to pick out any of the individuals in the photograph as identical with himself. He thought he should have appeared somewhere in the center of the photograph.

GRIFFIN identified the doors appearing in the center background of the photograph as being the doors to the Colonial Room which was being used as the Press Room on the evening of June 4, 1963, and the early morning of June 5, 1963.

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BOOKER GRIFFIN, Director, Los Angeles Chapter of Negro Industrial and Economic Union, 3421 South Vermont Street, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

GRIFFIN stated that he had been working for the KENNEDY campaign committee in Southern California, and on June 4, 1967, at approximately 10:15 p.m., he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel and went to the Ambassador Room where he talked to several individuals whom he does not now recall. About twenty minutes later, GRIFFIN stated that he saw an individual in the Ambassador Room whom he later saw shoot Senator KENNEDY. He described him as being shabbily dressed with baggy pants and looked as though he did not belong there, that is to say, he did not look like a campaign worker or KENNEDY supporter. GRIFFIN looked this individual in the eye at which time the individual stared back. GRIFFIN stated he noticed a girl whose description he does not recall standing in close proximity to SIRHAN. He never noticed them converse with each other, but he had the feeling that they were there together. GRIFFIN then secured a press pass from PIERRE SALINGER for the Embassy Room and at approximately 10:45 p.m. he entered this room. Due to the number of people in the Embassy Room and the heat emanating from the television cameras, it was extremely warm so he went from the Embassy Room to the press room from time to time to rest and cool down.

At about 11:30 p.m., he saw SIRHAN in the kitchen corridor between the press room and the Embassy Room. This is the same corridor in which Senator KENNEDY was shot. He saw SIRHAN there prior to the time that KENNEDY went to the Embassy Room to speak. During the time KENNEDY was speaking, GRIFFIN saw SIRHAN in the corridor and also saw a white male, about 6'2", further description of which he does not recall, and a white female, 5'5", with blond bouffant hair, dressed in a white flowing-type dress with colorations, standing in close proximity with SIRHAN. Neither of these individuals had press passes or KENNEDY buttons. He saw these three individuals at least two or three times in the corridor among numerous other individuals who were in the area.

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GRIFFIN left the Embassy Room prior to the completion of KENNEDY's speech and went to the press room. He passed the above three individuals in the corridor on his way to the press room at this time. He stayed in the press room approximately two or three minutes and as he opened the door of the press room to the corridor, he saw SIRHAN fire the shots at KENNEDY and the other individuals. He could not recall how many shots he heard. He saw somebody holding SIRHAN and struggling with him. Immediately after the shot, GRIFFIN went over to where KENNEDY was lying and spoke with him for a few moments. He then stood up and noticed the male and female whom he had seen in the corridor leave the area through the kitchen. He tried to follow these two individuals but due to the rush of the people in the corridor, he was unable to do so. GRIFFIN never noticed these three individuals conversing with one another in the corridor.

GRIFFIN added that he would be unable to identify any of these individuals except SIRHAN.

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Mr. GIL HAIMSON, 8826 Lookout Mountain, Hollywood, California, was contacted at his address. He furnished the following information:

His Social Security Number is [REDACTED] He was born June 5, 1933, at Los Angeles, California. He is a free lance cameraman. He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at approximately 6:15 PM on June 4, 1968. He remained at the hotel until shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968.

He was in the Embassy Room of the hotel shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY completed his victory speech. He saw Senator KENNEDY leave the platform and exit the room through a door located at the rear of the platform. He, HAIMSON, left the room through a door located at the right of the platform and followed behind a group of people who were following behind Senator KENNEDY.

Senator KENNEDY's party had passed through doors and entered into the kitchen area while he was still in the hallway. While he was still in the hallway he heard what sounded like firecrackers being exploded. Shortly after hearing the sounds a lot of people began screaming and he heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He went into the room, that Senator KENNEDY had entered, and saw the Senator lying on the floor wounded.

HAIMSON stated that there was mass confusion in the room at the time and he noticed a girl who was very upset and who was crying and who seemed to be going to faint.

He realized that he could not do anything in the room so he decided to help this girl and he escorted her out of the room and down an enclosed stairway to the outside of the hotel.

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He determined that this girl's name was JEANNINE MOODY (phonetic) and that she was accompanied by another woman whose name was Mrs. DUANE CLARK.

He escorted both of the women out of the hotel and obtained a cab for them. The girl was so upset that he decided to accompany them in the cab and they drove to a nearby residence, address not known, which he believes was the residence of Mrs. CLARK. When they arrived at the residence Mrs. CLARK introduced him to her husband, DUANE CLARK, and CLARK gave him a card which shows that CLARK is an attorney associated with MARSHALL, BUSBY and CLARK, at 205 South Broadway, Los Angeles, telephone No. 620-1710.

HAIMSON said he stayed with these individuals for a short while.

He advised that he left the hotel with the two women within approximately five minutes after he saw that Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor wounded.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that he saw this individual's photograph in the newspaper on June 5, 1968, but that prior to observing the photograph in the newspaper he does not recall ever having seen this individual.

HAIMSON said that he was leaving for Europe on July 18, 1968, and expects to stay approximately six months. He advised that he can be contacted through his parents address, 1202 South Orange Drive, Los Angeles, California, telephone No. 934-1488.

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JAMES HOWARD "CAP" HARDY, City Hall, Los Angeles, furnished the following information:

He is generally known as HOWARD or "CAP" HARDY and resides at 13847 Gilmore Street, Van Nuys, California. He is Chief Deputy to EDMOND D. EDELMAN, Councilman for the Fifth Council District, Los Angeles, California.

In early April, 1968, shortly after Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY declared himself as a presidential candidate, he took a leave of absence from his position and helped the KENNEDY Committee set up their Campaign Headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, California.

He had to return to his duties as Chief Deputy to Councilman EDELMAN and was not generally active in the work at the Campaign Headquarters.

He is acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. ISAACSON and Mrs. JUNE ISAACSON managed the Campaign Office for Senator KENNEDY which was on Wilshire Boulevard. He is also acquainted with a Mr. MARGOLIS from the Ventura, California, area, who was an active supporter of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He was at the Ambassador Hotel and in attendance in the Embassy Room on June 4, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY and the other individuals were shot. He was not accompanied by anyone and had no recollection of seeing Mr. ISAACSON at the Ambassador Hotel or in the Embassy Room during the event. Mr. ISAACSON may have been in attendance; however, he did not recall seeing him.

He recalled seeing Mr. MARGOLIS in the Embassy Room shortly before the shots were fired and Mr. MARGOLIS asked him if he could help when he was giving comfort to Mr. PAUL SCHRADE who had been injured by the shots.

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He did not see the actual shooting since he was following behind Senator KENNEDY's party through the kitchen area near the Embassy Room. He had been standing in the area to the side of the speaker's stand on which the exits were located. He was standing on a chair between the exit and the ABC television camera and when Senator KENNEDY made his exit, he shook hands with him. He followed behind the group that was with Senator KENNEDY and heard what he, at first, thought to be firecrackers. He saw the commotion and realized it was shooting at which time he ducked behind a refrigerator. He noticed Mr. PAUL SCHRADE with whom he had been acquainted, lying on the floor bleeding from a wound in his head. He cushioned his head and attempted to keep Mr. SCHRADE from further injury from the crush of the crowd. He did not observe anyone resembling the newspaper photographs of the individual described as SIRHAN SIRHAN in the Ambassador Hotel or Embassy Room prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and the others. He did not observe anyone wearing a turban in the Ambassador Hotel or the Embassy Room prior to or after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and the others. He did observe, and advised the Los Angeles Police Department, of a young female Caucasian, approximately 18 or 19 years of age, standing some two feet from him who was wearing a sleeveless dress, off-white in color, with navy blue circles on it. The blue circles were of different sizes and the smaller circles had a white peace symbol in them and the larger circles had the word MC CARTHY in lower case white letters. The material in the dress appeared to be a manufactured material and did not appear to be hand-stamped.

From five or six feet away, the dress would look like a polka dot dress. This individual had shoulder length hair and it was natural blond in color. She was not with anyone and he saw this person approximately ten minutes before Senator KENNEDY spoke to the assembled crowd. He was struck by the fact that the young lady had come to the Embassy Room with all of the KENNEDY supporters in attendance while wearing a dress supporting his opponent. He did not see this individual engage in any unusual or suspicious activity. He did not observe this person in the kitchen area near the Embassy Room at any time and did not see her after Senator KENNEDY spoke and made his exit.

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JOHN HART, reporter, Columbia Broadcasting System, 2020 M Street, N.W., furnished the following information:

HART traveled with the KENNEDY Campaign party in Nebraska, Indiana, Oregon, and California. During KENNEDY's victory speech HART was standing in the crowd in the Embassy Room listening to the speech. Facing the stage HART was standing on the right hand side of the room. A path had been formed leading away from the stage to the right side of the room and HART assumed KENNEDY would exit through this path-way.

Instead when KENNEDY left the stage he went to the left side of the room and exited into the kitchen. HART tried to follow KENNEDY and in doing so he had to break through the path which had been formed leading to the right. When the shots were fired HART could not see KENNEDY. HART was about 15 to 20 feet behind FRED DUTTON who was following KENNEDY. HART proceeded into the area where KENNEDY was lying, stayed a few minutes, and then left the area with some film given him by a cameraman.

HART never remembers seeing a person resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN during the campaigning in Oregon or California. In addition he does not remember seeing a girl in a polka-dot dress at the hotel the night of the assassination. HART stated he did not think he could furnish any additional information.

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RICHARD L. HARWOOD, 4521 Drummond Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland said he is a reporter for the "Washington Post", 1522 L Street, North West, Washington, D. C. He had been assigned to cover Senator ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY's campaign for the Democratic Party nomination of President.

HARWOOD said he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California during the evening of June 4, and early morning of June 5, 1968. RICHARD DRAYNE, Press Secretary to Senator EDWARD KENNEDY and during the campaign, Press Secretary to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY told HARWOOD about midnight, June 4, 1968 ROBERT KENNEDY would talk with the press in the Colonial Room after he made a victory speech in the Embassy Room. About four to five minutes before KENNEDY completed the speech, HARWOOD walked to the Colonial Room and stood inside waiting for KENNEDY. About 12:15AM to 12:20AM, HARWOOD heard four or five shots which sounded like firecrackers but instinct told him were gun shots. HARWOOD ran back into the kitchen area and saw KENNEDY lying on the floor and he appeared to be dead. Blood was on the right side of KENNEDY's forehead.

On HARWOOD's right were several men struggling with the suspect, HARWOOD later learned was SIRHAN SIRHAN. These men were ROOSEVELT CRIER, RAFAEL JOHNSON and a man whose first or last name is UNO. HARWOOD said UNO is either the hotel manager or Assistant Manager. Several others were helping hold the suspect. One of the others was BILL BARRY, KENNEDY's bodyguard. HARWOOD ran back to the Colonial Room and called the "Washington Post" to

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hold the issue up for the news about the assassination of Senator ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY. HARWOOD said it took him only three or four minutes to do this and then he returned to where KENNEDY was shot. HARWOOD said the suspect was being held on a hotel serving table while a crowd of angry persons were screaming to kill him. The suspect was taken out of the hotel through the press room which was the Colonial Room.

HARWOOD went back to the kitchen area and was told by BILL WEISL, KENNEDY had been taken to the hospital. HARWOOD ran to the KENNEDY Suite on the fifth floor of the hotel and was told KENNEDY had been taken to the Central Receiving Hospital. HARWOOD then ran downstairs to the parking lot entrance to the hotel and asked a driver of a car to drive him to the Central Receiving Hospital. Then HARWOOD followed KENNEDY, when KENNEDY was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital. Plasma was not available at Central Receiving Hospital and KENNEDY had to be taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital about one half mile away. HARWOOD said he later learned, KENNEDY had no pulse, heartbeat or respiration but was revived by heart massage and adrenalin shots.

HARWOOD said he passed through the kitchen area a number of times during the evening of June 4, 1968 and could not recall having seen the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN in the area. HARWOOD said kitchen employees at the hotel were wearing white jackets. Also he could not recall having seen any young woman wearing a polka dot dress in the area of the kitchen. HARWOOD said SIRHAN was wearing blue jacket and blue dungaree.

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HARWOOD said the original plan for the victory speech of KENNEDY was for KENNEDY to go to the second ballroom below the Embassy Room for a speech to the people gathered there but FRED DUTTON said the people in the lower ballroom were in a mean mood and expressing impatience that KENNEDY was not there. DUTTON said KENNEDY should not go down there and go to the Colonial Room to talk to the reporters instead.

Earlier in the evening, KENNEDY invited HARWOOD to invite some other reporters to go to the "Factory", a nightclub owned by PIERRE SALLINGER for a victory party. HARWOOD said, "What time?" KENNEDY said, "As soon as the speech is over."

HARWOOD was in the Embassy Ballroom when KENNEDY entered at 11:45 - 12:00PM. After introductions in the Embassy Room, KENNEDY spoke for about twenty minutes.

HARWOOD furnished the names of the following who were at the scene of the shooting:

PETE HAMMILL, Free lance writer who resides in New York.

HAYS GOREY, "Time" magazine

ROBERT HEALEY, "Boston Globe"

JIM WILSON, CBS cameraman, who took pictures of the scene

WARREN WEAVER, "New York Times"

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JOHN HERBERS, "New York Times"

HARWOOD added JACK GALLIVAN, Advance man for KENNEDY who arranged appearances for the Senator was there. GALLIVAN told HARWOOD, he was the first to grab SIRHAN as he was the nearest person to him. GEORGE PLIMPTON also was holding SIRHAN. HARWOOD said, when he first saw SIRHAN, he was being held by ROOSEVLET GRIER, RAER JOHNSON, UNO and BILL BARRY.

A Negro newspaperman in California whose photograph was in "Time" or "Newsweek" was close to KENNEDY when he was shot. This newspaperman said he had seen SIRHAN twice in the Colonial Room and SIRHAN had been run out of the Colonial Room twice.

FRED G. DUTTON, Attorney in Washington, D. C. rode in the ambulance with KENNEDY to the hospital. DUTTON described as KENNEDY Campaign Manager.

HARWOOD said he thought about the security conditions on Tuesday evening as a door to the outside of the hotel which was to the right of the Embassy Room stage looking at the room from behind the stage was open and anyone could enter. Also on Tuesday night, the Colonial Room was filled with people who were not with the Press and they were having whiskey, coffee, doughnuts and other refreshments. HARWOOD complained to HUGH MAC DONALD, a KENNEDY Press Secretary. MAC DONALD tried to arrange for persons to be admitted to the room only if they had press credentials.

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The headquarters for candidates, ALLEN CRANSTON and MAX RAFFERTY were located in the Ambassador Hotel near the area used by the KENNEDY supporters. HARWOOD said large crowds were in the Ambassador Hotel during the evening of June 4 and morning of June 5, 1968.

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PAUL HEALEY, 4000 Tunlaw Road, North West, Apartment 518 said he is the White House Correspondent for the "New York Daily News" and has an office in the National Press Building. HEALEY said he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California during the evening of June 4 and early morning of June 5, 1968. About 12:15AM on June 5, HEALEY left the press room and went to Room 359 where he telephoned his paper. On the way, he met an old friend CARMINE BELLINO who also had a room on the third floor of the hotel. BELLINO was described as an advance man for KENNEDY. About five minutes later, BELLINO pounded on HEALEY's door and called "Somebody has been shot." HEALEY said someone in the hall told them he heard KENNEDY had been shot. HEALEY rushed to the Embassy Room and saw a large group of hysterical people. One of the persons HEALEY saw was Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS who told HEALEY, KENNEDY had been taken to the Central Receiving Hospital. HEALEY called his office in New York again and then went to the Central Receiving Hospital and later to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

HEALEY furnished the names of the following persons who were at or near the scene of the shooting:

WILLIAM MC CARTHY, "Boston Globe", Boston, Massachusetts

WILLIAM THEIS, Hearst Papers, Washington, D. C.

ROBERT HEALEY, "Boston Globe", Boston, Massachusetts

RICHARD HARWOOD, reporter for the "Washington Post"

WARREN ROGERS

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HEALEY said he heard SIRHAN SIRHAN had been hanging around the press room earlier in the evening but he could not recall having seen SIRHAN there. HEALEY also said he could not recall ever having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN anywhere. HEALEY said he covered the campaign of Senator ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY for the "New York Daily News" in Indiana, Oregon, South Dakota and California.

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Date 6-25-68

ROBERT HEALY, Boston Globe, Boston, Massachusetts, advised he represented his paper in the coverage of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign in the California primary election.

HEALY stated he did not know the reason why Senator KENNEDY changed his plans concerning his going to the Ambassador Room after his speech following the June 4th primary.

HEALY stated he observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN when he was seized immediately after the shooting. He stated he had never seen SIRHAN on any previous occasion.

HEALY stated that earlier on that evening, he observed an individual who resembled SIRHAN but who definitely was not SIRHAN. HEALY stated he met this individual just after Senator KENNEDY began his talk in which he thanked his workers and the voters for the victory.

HEALY stated that he could not hear the speech very well and entered the Colonial Room so he could watch it on TV. He stated the room contained about 12 working press and TV men. HEALY stated that there were two security men at the door of the Colonial Room checking press credentials.

He stated that just inside the door of the Colonial Room he was approached by a young man who asked HEALY if he would give the young man the press credentials HEALY had hanging around his neck on a chain. HEALY said that he could not do that and the young man wanted to know what HEALY intended to do with the credentials after the affair was over. HEALY gave him some answer and got rid of him, but noted that the fellow was very persistent and even wanted to know where he could get similar credentials.

HEALY did not observe this man again. He recalled the young man's description as follows:

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Race:	White
Age:	19
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	135 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown, curly
Complexion:	Dark, appeared to be possibly of Mexican extraction.
Clothing:	Not recalled. Wore "PT 109" tie clip and several badges including a KENNEDY badge, a MC CARTHY badge and a Peace badge.
Voice:	Normal, no accent noted.

HEALY stated he was amazed that this man had evidently gained entry to the Colonial Room despite the fact that security men were positioned at the room's entrance.

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Date 6/24/68

Mr. PAUL HOPE, correspondent for the "Washington Star" newspaper furnished the following information:

He was assigned to the campaign party of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and was with the party in Oregon and California.

At the time of the shooting in the Ambassador Hotel, Mr. HOPE was in the press headquarters located in the Colonial Room of the hotel.

Sometime during the evening of June 4, the press corps was advised by an unrecalled person that Senator KENNEDY would come to the Colonial Room for a press conference. The election returns were coming in slowly, and the Senator was delayed.

While in the Colonial Room, Mr. HOPE heard shots in the nearby kitchen area, and immediately rushed out to see what had happened.

After determining that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, he saw a man later identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN struggling with several persons.

Mr. HOPE advised he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN before, either on the campaign or earlier in the evening.

He did not see or notice any woman in a polka dot dress.

When he learned that Senator KENNEDY would attend a press conference in the Colonial Room, he either assumed or heard the Senator would come through the kitchen area from the Embassy Room which he described as being "jammed".

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Mr. HOPE noticed the following persons in the kitchen area after the shooting within seconds after hearing the shots:

WARREN ROGERS, Washington, D.C. "Look" magazine writer.

JULES WITCOVER, Newhouse Newspapers, Washington, D.C.

ROBERT HEALY or HEALEY, "Boston Globe", Boston Massachusetts.

Mr. HOPE also advised he had interviewed a uniformed security guard who claimed to have been leading Senator KENNEDY by the arm when he was shot. The guard's name is EUGENE CESAR.

Mr. HOPE was not aware of the security firm who employed CESAR.

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Date 7/15/68

THADIS HEATH, 3668 Olympiad Street, Los Angeles, telephone number 295-2868, advised that he was a volunteer worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and he furnished the following information with respect to his knowledge of the events of June 4 and June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel where Senator KENNEDY was shot:

At approximately 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, he went to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. He stayed there until the speech, and he was on the platform, during the Senator's speech, directly behind the Senator and next to ROOSEVELT GRIER. Due to the mobility on the stand he does not recall who was close to him during the speech.

The original exit plan was for the Senator to go to his right into the press room area and then back through the kitchen area to the Colonial Room. Just prior to the ending of the speech, DICK DUTTON, one of the Senator's assistants, asked him how they would make their exit from the stage. They decided to make a corridor so the Senator could exit in that direction; however, the Senator went through the curtains directly behind him. He said he followed the Senator and was just about to proceed from the semi-room area, behind the curtains, into the kitchen passageway through a doorway when an individual with a portable television camera came into the area. He held the door for this individual and then proceeded behind the Senator who was approximately 25 feet in front of him. He noticed that the Senator shook hands with several employees in the kitchen area.

The next thing he knew was that he heard a sound which sounded like a firecracker. There was a loud sound followed by several rapid firecracker type sounds which he later learned were shots. He noticed slight wisps of smoke rise from the general area where the Senator was and that the Senator turned slightly to his left. After the first shot had been fired, he did not realize that it was a shot; however, by the third shot he then realized that shooting, in fact, was taking place.

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He then observed someone grab an individual who he later learned was SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and then ROOSEVELT GRIER and RAFAEL JOHNSON grabbed SIRHAN. GRIER placed a "bear hug" around SIRHAN lifting him off the floor and placing him along side the ice machine in the kitchen passageway. SIRHAN was fighting very hard and put up a tremendous struggle for such a small man. He noticed that SIRHAN had a gun in his hand but that he was quickly subdued.

He observed PAUL SHRADE and noticed that he was bleeding profusely, which gave him the impression that SHRADE was injured more seriously than the Senator. Several people immediately gave attention to SHRADE following the shooting. He noticed that the area was one of general confusion, that there were individuals on the steam tables, and that calls for doctors were going out. He and several other volunteers in the crowd made a semi-circle isolating the Senator and SHRADE from the rest of the crowd. Many cameramen and television reporters were pushing and shoving, trying to get on the scene. They permitted one fat Jewish doctor to the area followed by another Jewish doctor with a medium frame then a third doctor named MILLER arrived on the scene. He could see the Senator from his position in the semi-circle around him and noticed that the Senator's eyes were open and that there was lateral mobility in them. The Senator's eyes became glazed and finally closed. He noticed several individuals kneeling by the Senator and SHRADE but he does not recall who they were.

He next recalls ETHEL KENNEDY coming into the area followed by STEPHEN SMITH, the Senator's brother in-law, and several other doctors. The doors to the area were then closed, and calls were made for ice, sheets, and tablecloths. It was then that most of the employees were cleared from the area. During this period he also observed several of the other victims who had been shot. One individual, who had been shot in the leg, was sitting in the corner while the ABC television man, who was shot, was lying on the floor. He also saw the middle aged woman, who had been shot, being led from the area with blood on her forehead. Someone went for a stretcher, or went for material to make one, but at that time an ambulance

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arrived and the Senator was removed. Another ambulance also came and PAUL SHRADE and the other victims were removed. It was then that the Los Angeles Police Department arrived in force, isolating the area. He stated that previously there were several officers in the area.

He recalls that when the shooting occurred, someone made the comment that either he, she, or they were getting away. He does not recall seeing a female Caucasian dressed in a polka dot dress in the area. He noticed also that all the kitchen help appeared to be Spanish-Americans. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that several weeks prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, the Senator spoke at Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles and that the stage area from which Senator KENNEDY spoke had seven permanent chairs on it. Several of the chairs, to the Senator's left as he addressed the audience, were vacant. As the Senator addressed the audience, a white male in his early 20s, 5 feet 3 inches - 5 feet 6 inches tall, 130 - 145 pounds, swarthy complexion, and dressed in blue jeans and a white "T" shirt came onto the stage and occupied one of the permanent chairs to the Senator's left. He stated that this individual bears an extremely close resemblance to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and in his opinion could be identical to him. He stated that at this speech many newsmen were present and that he is certain that films were made of the speech, and that perhaps a review of those films would identify the individual as described above.

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Mr. JACK HEEGER, formerly of the United Press International and now associated with, CARL BYOIR and associates, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, telephone MA7-6421, phoned on July 9, 1968, following attempts to contact him, and advised the following:

Mr. HEEGER stated that he had arrived at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel on the early morning of June 5, 1968, about twenty minutes after Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. Consequently he was not a witness to the shooting. He made certain notes of potential witnesses among persons he encountered during the immediate aftermath of the shooting.

Among the names of potential witnesses HEEGER had gathered the following included:

"CAP" (LNU)

Assistant to Councilman EDEIMAN. "CAP" spoke of having seen the shooting.

GABOR KADAR who was being interviewed by television newsman and he appeared hysterical while describing the incident of the shooting.

RICHARD ROSEN, Studio City, reportedly on KENNEDY Campaign Staff, white male, early 20s, 5'3", dark hair. Claims he had seen SIRHAN SIRHAN.

CARL UECKER, Captain of waiters, Ambassador Hotel.

MARTIN PATRUSKY, waiter

MAX MINNS, waiter

MICHELE LA GUERRE, waiter

NORMAN WEXLER, not known if he actually saw the shooting although he was talking in area of Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel about half hour after the shooting. No further description recalled.

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ROSIE GRIER who struggled with SIRHAN SIRHAN.

JOE HYDE (phonetic spelling) who also reported he aided in the capture of SIRHAN SIRHAN. No further description recalled.

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Date _____

WILLIAM B. HERFORD, a messenger for the Rocket Messenger Service, was contacted at the dispatch office of this firm at 225 Winston Street, Los Angeles. He furnished the following information:

He has worked as a messenger for Rocket for approximately six months. He lives at 6630 Valcona Avenue, Reseda, California, and has telephone number 343-0120.

The night of the Senator KENNEDY assassination he was assigned as a messenger to SYLVIA WRIGHT, a Life magazine photographer. He was on duty at the Ambassador Hotel in this capacity from approximately 8:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., at which time he was sent to the airport with some photographs by WRIGHT. He returned to the hotel at approximately 10:30 p.m. He did not find WRIGHT in the Press Room so went up to the third or fourth floor where she had told him her room was. He did not remember the number but finally found her room and reported his return from the airport. Then, he went back to the Press Room to stand by at her request. He was waiting in and about the Press Room from then until about midnight. Several persons who appeared to be members of the KENNEDY party came through the Press Room, and he heard them saying in effect that KENNEDY would be coming out through the kitchen area which was immediately adjacent to the Press Room. HERFORD then walked into the adjacent area to try to find a better position from which he could watch Senator KENNEDY depart. It was so crowded in there, however, that he had to return to the Press Room. The Press Room was separated from the adjacent area by two sets of swinging doors.

He was waiting in the Press Room when suddenly he heard a series of shots fired. He commented that they were definitely shots and that they certainly did not sound like firecrackers to him. He jumped up and rushed into the adjacent

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area through the swinging doors into a surge of persons trying to get through the doors and into the adjacent area. When he finally squeezed into the area, he saw the assassin being held down by a number of persons who were, at the same time, trying to protect him from others swinging at him and tearing at his clothing. HERFORD remembered that the assassin's hand, still gripping a pistol, was being tightly held down on a flat surface, which HERFORD thought was a table or counter. Several minutes later, two policemen entered, took the assassin from the persons who were holding him, and walked out with him, immediately in front of HERFORD. HERFORD said the assassin was quite disheveled and messed up. HERFORD said he had never seen the man before.

HERFORD stood by for WRIGHT until approximately 1:30 a.m. that morning, although he did not perform any other messenger service. He said WRIGHT had taken a number of other photographs, but as a result of a phone call one of her fellow workers made to the magazine headquarters back East, it was decided that her associate would personally take the photographs from the Ambassador out to the airport and on to the magazine headquarters, which he thought was in Chicago.

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Date 6/19/68

Mr. PAUL GREEN HOUSTON, Reporter for "The Los Angeles Times", who resides at 455 South Berendo, Apartment 112, Los Angeles, telephone number 388-4887, voluntarily furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, he was assigned by his paper to cover the MAX RAFFERTY function at the Ambassador Hotel. He recalled arriving at the hotel at approximately 5:00 PM. He obtained the necessary RAFFERTY and KENNEDY press cards and, for a period of several hours, he moved about the various rooms designated for the different political parties, such as the Regency Room, the Embassy Room and the Colonial Room. At approximately 11:00 PM, he was in the Colonial Room, which was reserved for members of the press and heard Senator KENNEDY's speech on television. He did not go into the Embassy Room during Senator KENNEDY's speech. The people in the Colonial Room received word at the end of Senator KENNEDY's speech that the Senator was coming to the Colonial Room. He does not recall who brought this message but assumes that it was one of the KENNEDY aides. This was shortly after midnight.

In the early morning of June 5, 1968, shortly after they received word that Senator KENNEDY was coming to the Colonial Room, he heard a rapid series of muffled pops, perhaps six of these sounds. He immediately felt that the sounds were gunshots. The door between the Colonial Room and the kitchen was closed. He immediately rushed from the Colonial Room into the kitchen in time to see Senator KENNEDY slumping to the floor. He recalled seeing blood on the right side of the Senator's face and noticed a strong light, possibly a television light, shining in the area of the Senator.

He did not see suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN initially upon entering the kitchen or observe the struggle in which the suspect was originally involved in after the shooting.

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A short while later, he did see the individual later identified as suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN pinned down on the service counter in the kitchen. SIRHAN was surrounded by approximately eight people who were holding him securely. The suspect still had a pistol in his hand. Later, he saw that ROOSEVELT GRIER was holding the short snub nose pistol. Mr. HOUSTON stated that he did not see the actual shooting nor the original scuffle with the suspect in which the suspect was apprehended. Mr. HOUSTON was unable to say from his own personal knowledge that suspect SIRHAN actually fired the gun. The individual who was being restrained was the same individual arrested by the police later and subsequently identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mr. HOUSTON recalled that there were perhaps a total of 40 people in the Colonial Room. Most of the people were news people and included several women operating teletype machines. He did recall seeing a few people in the room whom he thought at that time were not associated with the news media.

He recalled recognizing the following news people in the Colonial Room:

Mr. JOHN HART of CBS

Mr. ALISTAIR COOKE associated with English television, who is based in the United States

Mr. WALLACE TURNER of the "New York Times"

Shortly after the KENNEDY shooting, Mr. HOUSTON talked with several individuals who may have been eyewitnesses to the KENNEDY shooting. These individuals were as follows:

EARL WILLIAMS
Electrical Technician for Universal
Culver City, California
Age 52; Address 3412 Helms Avenue

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MARTIN PETRUSKY
Age 29; Ambassador Hotel Busboy

DANNY CORTIN
Age 19; KENNEDY worker

RICHARD AUBREY
Negro Press Bureau at Los Angeles

KARL UECKER
Ambassador Hotel employee

Mr. HOUSTON stated that he was unable to recall, from his own personal knowledge, the time of the KENNEDY shooting, however, he remembered that he telephoned his newspaper to provide them with the story at approximately 12:50 AM, June 5, 1968.

Mr. HOUSTON advised that in the course of his entire stay at the hotel, during which he moved about the various meeting rooms, he did not recall seeing any suspicious activity or anyone who resembled suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN. He does not recall seeing at any time any woman wearing a polka dot dress.

Mr. HOUSTON stated that "Los Angeles Times" Photographer STEPHEN FONTANNINI was entering the Colonial Room from the corridor shortly after the KENNEDY shooting. FONTANNINI later reported that he saw a man burst out of the Colonial Room and proceed to the lobby. This man was followed by a gray uniformed security officer who overtook and arrested the individual. The individual had political literature in one hand and Mexican Olympic medals pinned to his sweater. This individual had identification in his wallet reflecting the name of MICHAEL WAYNE. This individual was handcuffed by the security officer. FONTANNINI took several photographs of this individual, including the officer who detained him. Mr. HOUSTON stated that he does not know the man's true identity or the outcome of the matter.

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Mr. HOUSTON made available one 11 by 14 inch photograph of the above mentioned individual, possibly known as MICHAEL WAYNE, and including the security officer who detained the individual.

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1Date 7/1/68

On June 25, 1968, SAMUEL A. STRAIN, 4076 South Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was present at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. STRAIN advised that he and Dr. FRED D. PARROTT, 1704 Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, were pushing their way into the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel when a small young man with a dark complexion pushed his way out of the Embassy Room and through the crowd. STRAIN stated that there seemed to be several persons chasing the young man and it was shortly after this happened that he heard people saying Senator KENNEDY had been shot and doctors were needed. STRAIN stated that the young man appeared to be carrying a package about two feet long and six inches wide which was wrapped in black paper of some type. STRAIN advised that he does not know what this event may have to do with the shooting.

STRAIN described the unknown male as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasion
Age	20 to 25
Height	5'2" to 5'3"
Weight	120 to 130 pounds
Complexion	Dark

STRAIN stated the unknown male had a beard, wore glasses, and was dressed in blue pants and a blue turtle neck shirt.

STRAIN was shown photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and his brothers. He was unable to identify any of the SIRHAN brothers and could only identify SIRHAN B. SIRHAN due to the publicity of the shooting.

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Date June 19, 1968

HAROLD EDWARD HUGHES, Political Editor, "The Oregonian", Oregonian Building, who resides at 8050 SW Wareham Drive, furnished the following information:

HUGHES was with the Kennedy Party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot. He did not see SIRHAN prior to the shooting and does not know why Senator KENNEDY changed his original plan to go directly to the Colonial Room (which was the press room) immediately after his speech that night. He furnished the following account of his knowledge of the shooting.

HUGHES was in the Colonial Room (which was the press room) at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting at 12:00 midnight. He and other correspondents watched Senator KENNEDY's speech on closed circuit TV in the Colonial Room. They had been informed by members of the Kennedy Staff that Senator KENNEDY would come directly to the Colonial Room after his speech for a short press conference. Therefore immediately upon the conclusion of the speech, ROBERT HEALY of the "Boston Globe", opened the door from the Colonial Room into the kitchen (where the shooting subsequently took place) to facilitate Senator KENNEDY's entrance in the Colonial Room. A few moments after HEALY opened the door, HUGHES heard what he thought were two series of shots, possibly 3 or 4 in each series, but thought at the time it was balloons popping or perhaps small firecrackers. He and other members of the press corps rushed out the door and into the kitchen. There HUGHES saw RAYFORD JOHNSON and ROOSEVELT GRIER wrestling with the individual later identified as SIRHAN. SIRHAN still had the gun in his hand, which appeared to HUGHES to be a snub nosed revolver, similar to that carried by detectives. Someone shouted "Break his arm!".

JESS UHRUN jumped up on a table and shouted "Don't kill him, he has to stand trial".

HUGHES stated that since it was obvious that

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SIRHAN was under control and was not going to get away, HUGHES went to where Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor. He saw no blood and Senator KENNEDY appeared conscious and HUGHES was optimistic at this point.

HUGH McDONALD of the Kennedy Staff was on a table shouting "no pictures" and other members of the staff urged everybody to stand back and give Senator KENNEDY air.

HUGHES therefore left the scene, since he could do nothing to aid, and went back to the Colonial Room to telephone his paper. On the way he noticed that ROOSEVELT GRIER by that time had the gun in his possession. HUGHES estimates that this was about 3 minutes after the shots were first heard.

After HUGHES had telephoned his paper, which took about 5 minutes, he returned to the kitchen at which time SIRHAN was on his feet and uniformed officers were arriving to take SIRHAN into custody. At that time HUGHES got his first and only good look at SIRHAN's face, but is positive he can identify him if he sees him again.

HUGHES saw the police take SIRHAN out and saw Senator KENNEDY removed from the kitchen on a stretcher. HUGHES then ran out of the hotel through the lobby, saw Senator KENNEDY loaded into an ambulance and the ambulance leave. He looked at his watch at that time and noticed that it was exactly 12:30 AM.

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Date July 23, 1968

MAX JOHNSON, 4311 Elderon Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that he is employed as a news reporter by the Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper, located at 628 North Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. JOHNSON states that he was assigned to the coverage of the political campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. JOHNSON was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4-5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was killed, but he did not actually witness the killing. Mr. JOHNSON states that, as best as he can recall, he was on his way to that part of the Ambassador Hotel where Senator KENNEDY was expected to talk to various representatives of the press, when the assassination of Senator KENNEDY occurred.

Mr. JOHNSON advised that after Senator KENNEDY had finished his main address he, JOHNSON, left the hall with the intention of getting to the room in advance of the crowd, so that he would have a good seat and be in a position to best hear the remarks that Senator KENNEDY was expected to make to various representatives of the press. JOHNSON stated that he never saw the person who killed Senator KENNEDY at anytime and knows nothing of the assassination except what he heard from individuals and from what he read in the press.

Mr. JOHNSON does not recall when he last spoke to RICHARD AUBREY of the Pacific Coast News Bureau, but he knows that he was not in the kitchen passageway at anytime with AUBREY or anyone else.

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