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Date 6/19/68

DAVE MURRAY, Reporter, "Chicago Sun Times" Daily Newspaper, was interviewed at the offices of the newspaper, 400 North Wabash Avenue.

He related that he was present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated that immediately after making his short victory speech, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was scheduled to go to the Colonial Room within the hotel for an interview by newspaper and periodical correspondents. He related that the Colonial Room had been set up as a press room. He said the Embassy Room was extremely crowded and although this was hearsay he heard that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY took the route he did; that is, through the kitchen, in order to avoid the crush of the crowd in the Embassy Room. He stated that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY appeared extremely tired, the corridor he normally would have taken from the Embassy Room to the Colonial Room was extremely crowded with people, and he believes Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's aides probably decided to go through the kitchen to get to the Colonial Room so he would not be mobbed by the crowd. He stated in this regard that DICK DRAYNE, Press Secretary to Senator EDWARD F. KENNEDY, who was working for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles as a press aide, might know why Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY took the route he did which culminated in his assassination in the kitchen. MURRAY believed that DRAYNE may be able to at least shed some light on who made the decision to take this route or possibly why it was taken. He said DRAYNE can be located through the Office of Senator EDWARD F. KENNEDY in Washington, D. C.

Regarding other Chicago newspaper correspondents present at the Ambassador Hotel at the time of the assassination, he related that he believes there were no Chicago based correspondents at the hotel. He said that BOB ROSE of Los Angeles is the west coast representative of the "Chicago Daily News" and while he did not see ROSE at the Ambassador Hotel, he did see him at the hospital to which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was taken. He said ROSE can be located in Los Angeles through the

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wire services or any of the Los Angeles newspapers. He further related that SY KORMAN is the west coast representative of the "Chicago Daily Tribune" and while he did not see KORMAN at the Ambassador Hotel, he feels quite certain that KORMAN was, in fact, present at the hotel. He related that KORMAN can be located through the wire services or any of the Los Angeles newspapers.

In addition to the foregoing, he stated that TOM LITTLEWOOD, Washington Correspondent of the "Chicago Sun Times", was also present at the hotel at the time of the assassination and he resides in Washington, D. C.

MURRAY said that he did not observe SIRHAN prior to the time of the assassination. The first time he saw SIRHAN was after the shooting in the kitchen when RAFAEL JOHNSON and ROSIE GRIER had SIRHAN flattened out on a table and were attempting to wrest the gun away from him. He said that at this time the gun was waving wildly and the confusion was extreme. He said by way of reiteration that he believed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had not changed his plans to go to the Ambassador room, but merely his method of going to the Colonial Room in order to avoid the crowd in the Embassy Room. He did state, however, that this is hearsay and he has no actual knowledge this was the case.

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VICTORIA TOULICE NELSON, 403 South Acacia Street, Compton, California, home telephone number 631-5664 was interviewed regarding information received by the FBI that during meetings held at the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, Los Angeles, during May 12 - 18, 1968, a person resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was observed.

NELSON recalled that she attended meetings with JOHN AHRNDT, a student at Compton Junior College, at the KENNEDY Headquarters Office on Wilshire Boulevard, in Los Angeles during May 12-18, 1968. She recalled one of the meetings was held to organize the distribution of KENNEDY Campaign literature in Los Angeles. NELSON observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised she observed no one at any of the above meetings that resembled SIRHAN.

NELSON stated in late May 1968, the KENNEDY Headquarters set up a new campaign center for the Compton, California; area on Long Beach Boulevard in Compton. She stated several meetings were held at the new center, however, she did not see any one at these meetings that was familiar to or identical with SIRHAN.

NELSON advised at no time did she attend any function at the Ambassador Hotel nor was she present at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 or 5, 1968, the date Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. In addition, NELSON stated no information came to her attention prior to the shooting to indicate this event would occur.

NELSON furnished the following information concerning herself:

Date of Birth	November 71, 1948
Place of Birth	Los Angeles, California
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

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DON OBERDORFER, Knight Newspapers, Room 1195, Press Building, 14th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., (WDC) furnished the following information to SA JOSEPH C. KELLY on June 20, 1968:

Mr. OBERDORFER was a member of the press party assigned to the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Mr. OBERDORFER was with the campaign in California and Oregon.

He was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles when Senator KENNEDY was shot. He worked his way through the crowd, into the kitchen area where the shooting took place, and saw Senator KENNEDY being placed on a stretcher.

Mr. OBERDORFER did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN either before or after the shooting.

It was his understanding that a Mr. SCOTT, who is employed by Station WJCA in New York, had seen SIRHAN SIRHAN on one or two occasions during the evening before the shooting.

He also recalled a young female free-lance correspondent who later stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN had been "ejected" or asked to leave the press headquarters in the Colonial Room or the kitchen area. He believed SIRHAN had been told to leave by a female member of the KENNEDY staff.

Mr. OBERDORFER stated it was his impression that Senator KENNEDY's plan was to appear at press headquarters located in the Colonial Room before going to the victory party.

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LAWRENCE PATRICK OSBORN was interviewed at Fox Drugs, 6005 Rosemead Boulevard, Pico Rivera, and advised he resides at 6060 Noroco, Pico Rivera, California.

OSBORN advised that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he went, with an acquaintance, MICHAEL ROUNSEVILLE, to the victory celebration of Senator KENNEDY, being held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. He stated they arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m. and unsuccessfully attempted to enter the room where Senator KENNEDY was to make an appearance and give a victory speech. He stated they were turned away from this room and directed to another room in the same hotel, where the precinct workers and other supporters of the Senator KENNEDY nomination were also holding a victory party. OSBORN stated he remained with ROUNSEVILLE in this second room for the remainder of the evening except for a period of about twenty minutes from 11:00 p.m. to 11:20 p.m. when he escorted two girls to a parking lot on the hotel grounds. He stated that during the evening and during the victory speech made by Senator KENNEDY, he and ROUNSEVILLE remained in the room watching the speech on television monitors, which had been set up in the room.

OSBORN stated that the first indication he received that something had occurred was during the early hours of June 5, 1968 when someone began to tell the crowd in the room, in which he was located, to "shut up". He stated that eventually the crowd in that room became quiet and then a rumor passed through the room that someone had been shot. Shortly thereafter a rumor went through the crowd that a woman had been shot; and shortly thereafter a rumor that Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the hip. OSBORN stated he never ascertained the extent of injuries of Senator KENNEDY until after he left the hotel at 2:30 a.m. It was then while enroute home he heard on the radio that Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the head.

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OSBORN said, however, that he had never been in the presence of Senator KENNEDY that evening or the following morning and only became aware of the assassination of the Senator when the word spread through the hotel that the Senator had been shot. OSBORN said he did not see the Senator and did not see the assassination. He has no knowledge whatsoever of the alleged assassin or circumstances surrounding the assassination except those he has learned from the press and television.

OSBORN stated that after the shooting a Mexican-American girl, age about 24, heavy set, was observed by him in the room making a statement to the effect that when she had been outside some men and a women had run by her and shouted "We just shot KENNEDY.", or words to that effect. OSBORN stated the girl was in an extremely emotional state and he put little faith in what she said. He stated that as an example a rumor was heard that a bodyguard had been assigned to Senator MC CARTHY and when some of the people there expressed frustration that this protection had not been assigned to Senator KENNEDY, this girl began to scream to them, making accusatory statements that they were in effect the cause of the assassination. OSBORN stated that for this reason he would put very little faith in what this girl said. He added that he understands that she subsequently was interviewed on television and gave information regarding a girl or a woman in a polkadot dress. OSBORN expressed the opinion that anything this girl said should be closely scrutinized.

OSBORN advised that the photograph of him and ROUNSEVILLE, which appeared in the latest edition of Life magazine, along with others depicting the apparent state of shock, was not taken anyplace in the immediate vicinity of the assassination, but in another room entirely removed from the assassination site.

OSBORN advised that he could furnished no further information concerning this matter.

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MAXINE OTCHIS, 5414 Simpson Avenue, advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel during the night of June 4-5, 1968, and was in the company of her boy friend, NATHAN HELFMAN, and JOEL WEINGARTEN. Miss OTCHIS said that she was not in the area where Senator KENNEDY was shot and has no personal knowledge concerning the activity that took place, either before or after he was shot.

Miss OTCHIS said that she has seen newspaper photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, and she does not recall seeing this individual at the Ambassador Hotel during the night that she was there. She said that she has never met SIRHAN SIRHAN and knows of nothing concerning his background.

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Mr. BRUCE PAGE, Assistant Editor, "London Sunday Times", 201 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, stated that he covered the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Presidential Campaign sporadically.

During the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

Prior to and during Senator KENNEDY's speech, he was in the main ballroom where Senator KENNEDY made his speech and during the speech he was in the audience, in front of and to Senator KENNEDY's right. He was with GODFREY HODGSON, a reporter for the "London Sunday Times".

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, he (KENNEDY) left to depart by the rear of the stage. The crowd was very thick and HODGSON and PAGE went out some kind of a service door in the back of the ballroom, which led to some sort of a back service area of the hotel. It was their intention to go outside and around the hotel to get to the press room thus avoiding the crowd.

When they re-entered the hotel, there was much confusion and some people said Senator KENNEDY had been shot, others said it was not so.

Although people were confused they did not appear to be surprised at whatever happened.

PAGE went into the ballroom and onto the stage. There was much confusion. He met ANTHONY CLIFTON, a reporter for the "London Sunday Times". They were both trying to find out what happened. PAGE then met PIERRE SALINGER. He asked SALINGER what had happened. SALINGER shrugged his shoulders.

There was a wounded woman near the stage.

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PAGE went to the press room. He is of the opinion that by this time, Senator KENNEDY, PAUL SCHRADE and SIRHAN SIRHAN had been removed. PAGE saw the television producer of ABC who had been shot being removed.

PAGE did not see or hear the shooting. He has never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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PROVIDENCIA F. PAREDES, 2415 20th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., a clerk in the Office of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, advised that she accompanied the official traveling party of Senator KENNEDY on his West Coast campaign. She said on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot, she was in the seventh floor suite of the Ambassador Hotel and therefore could not furnish any pertinent information.

She said she could not recall ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN, the suspected KENNEDY assassin, during her travels with the KENNEDY campaign official party.

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LEON DOUGLAS RALPH, 14013 Eadall Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Assemblyman, 55th District, with office at 1922 East 103rd Street, Los Angeles, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and that he was being contacted for an appointment to discuss his knowledge of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

RALPH advised that he was en route to the Ambassador Hotel when he learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and he arrived at the hotel approximately ten minutes after the Senator had departed in the ambulance.

He stated that he had no knowledge of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, but he stated that he had heard that a MARIAN DAVIS, 825 West Elm Street, Compton, California, had mentioned that she had seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel on Sunday night, June 2, 1968.

RALPH stated that the women associated with the Senator's campaign had held a reception at the hotel on June 2 for Senator KENNEDY.

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JENNIE RANELLE (Mrs. ROCCO RANELLE) was interviewed at her residence 11104 Tiara in North Hollywood, California, at which time she advised as follows:

On Election Day, June 4, 1968, Mrs. RANELLE was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. She was there at the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign activities as a guest of BOB FUNK, a CBS television soundman. At approximately 9:45 to 10:00 p.m., Mrs. RANELLE was in the press room of the Ambassador Hotel, which room is located off the kitchen and behind the Embassy Room. She was waiting the return of Mr. FUNK, who was then apparently with Senator KENNEDY in Senator KENNEDY's suite of the hotel. This was shortly before Senator KENNEDY made his victory speech in the Embassy Room.

While Mrs. RANELLE was in this press room she was standing near the door from the room leading into the kitchen. She noticed a young white male enter the press room from the door that leads to the corridor. This door is across the room from the kitchen door. This young man spoke to several individuals all of whom are unknown to Mrs. RANELLE in the press room. He then came directly to Mrs. RANELLE. He noticed that she had two press badges on her apparel. At this time this young man said, "I'm working with the KENNEDY campaign but I didn't get a badge, can you let me have one of yours". Mrs. RANELLE denied this request and told the man in her opinion if he was working with the KENNEDY campaign he would have a badge of his own. The man then replied, "Please let me have one, you have two and you don't need both of them, let me have one of yours". Mrs. RANELLE again denied the request and the man left her. She further stated she saw him approaching a few other persons in the press room and then she did not see him again at any time.

Mrs. RANELLE observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the press and on television following the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. She recognized this photograph as strongly resembling the young man who had approached her for a press badge.

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Mrs. RANELLE described this individual as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	23 to 24 years
Clothing	Wearing a white shirt; no tie.
Hair	Dark curly hair, not parted
Characteristics	Carried some object in his hand, possibly a book
Height	5'3" to 5'4"
Build	Slender
Speech	Spoke with no accent
Eyes	Dark
General appearance	"College kid"

She stated that this individual looked exactly like the photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN except that he definitely was not wearing a zippered jacket as appears in the Los Angeles Police Department photographs of the individual after his arrest. He was wearing a suit or sports coat, winter knit, predominately black with red and gray flecks throughout.

At the time of Senator KENNEDY's speech, Mrs. RANELLE was standing on a platform in back of the speaker's podium. Following the speech she was in the crowd leaving the speaker's platform as it surged towards, and through, the kitchen area. She was at the door leading from the Embassy Room to the kitchen when she heard three explosions in quick succession followed by two more quick explosions. She saw flashes in the vicinity of where Senator KENNEDY was at the time. She did not see a gun nor did she see any person resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN or the person she had seen earlier as described above. At this point the crowd in the kitchen reversed itself and began to leave the kitchen very quickly. This movement forced Mrs. RANELLE against the wall just outside the kitchen and at the door leading to

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the kitchen. From this vantage point, Mrs. RANELLE observed a woman leaving the kitchen with blood streaming from a forehead wound. She aided this woman until a uniformed security guard appeared. She turned this woman over to the guard and that is the last she saw of either of them. This woman was a white female with blond hair and she was wearing only one shoe. She was wearing a flowered yellow dress with black flowers.

Mrs. RANELLE is described as follows:

Name	JENNIE RANELLE (Mrs. ROCCO RANELLE)
Date of birth	February 2, 1928
Place of birth	Scranton, Pennsylvania
Height	5'
Weight	103 pounds
Hair	Auburn, worn shoulder length with outward flip
Eyes	Brown
Clothing	Velvet sheath dress with a nylon black brocaded sleeves and carrying a black purse and wore black shoes on the night of June 4, 1968.

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Congressman THOMAS J. REES of California said he was present on the podium in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California during the evening of June 4, 1968. Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was making a victory speech there after having won the primary election in California for Democratic Party nomination as President. REES left the podium and walked toward his right as he faced the audience. REES joined his wife near the exit and waited for KENNEDY. Instead of coming that way which was one way to the other ballroom where additional supporters were gathered, KENNEDY and others in his immediate party walked to the rear of the stage and into the kitchen corridor of the hotel. REES said he does not know anything about any change of plans involving KENNEDY's exit from the ballroom. REES said he had traveled with the KENNEDY party extensively during the California primary campaign. Crowd control practices often used a flank holdback of the crowd to allow a person to move easier. This had allowed REES to join his wife in the area near where reporters were covering the speech.

REES said he heard shots which he thought at first might have been firecrackers. A panic seemed to have been started by this. Within about thirty seconds, someone asked over the microphone if there was a Doctor in the house? Then someone said, KENNEDY had been shot. REES said he attempted to get people to leave rather than to reenter the Ballroom as many were trying to do.

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MICHAEL RHODES, 4342 Nogales Drive, Tarzana, telephone number 987-2736, advised that he was a volunteer worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He was interviewed at his residence in the presence of Officer MORGAN, Los Angeles Police Department. 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:

He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, with his wife NINA RHODES. They went to the press area of the Embassy Room and spent the evening there following the primary election returns. When the Senator made his victory speech, he heard this speech from the press room area.

Following the speech, he recalls that the Senator exited the platform to his rear through some curtains leading into the kitchen passageway. His wife NINA followed the Senator in the hopes of personally congratulating him on his victory. He was approximately ten feet behind his wife and had a view of the kitchen passageway, when he suddenly heard a popping sound which he thought sounded like a string of lighted firecrackers going off. His wife then turned and started to run toward him at full speed, so he thought that the Senator had changed directions, as this was the type of crowd reaction that often times occurred with the Senator. He was at the doorway leading to the rear of the podium when he grabbed his wife and yanked her into the doorway. She was screaming, "He's killed" and he immediately told her to "stop that kind of talking" since she had no idea whether it was true or not.

When the firecracker sounds had gone off and he observed his wife running toward him and various screams and shouts he suddenly realized that shots had been fired. His reaction was that the shots must have come from an automatic weapon since they were so rapid.

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He took his wife back to the press room area where she eventually calmed down following the shooting and during the period when the Los Angeles Police Department arrived on the scene to secure the area of the shooting.

He recalls earlier in the evening he had been through the kitchen passageway three or four times but everyone seemed to belong there. He stated that on one occasion when he went to the lobby to get some drinks he informed the guard to remember him when he returned. At that time, several young KENNEDY supporters pushed by the guard. He stated that in his opinion, the security there was rather lax.

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NINA R. RHODES, 4342 Nogales Drive, Tarzana, telephone number 987-2736, advised that she was a volunteer fund raiser for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and she furnished the following information with respect to the events at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 and June 5, 1968. She was interviewed at her residence in the presence of Officer MORGAN, Los Angeles Police Department:

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, she went to the Ambassador Hotel with her husband MICHAEL RHODES and reported to the press staff area located west of the stage in the Embassy Room. She wore an off-white, short, Russian cossack type dress and during the course of the evening, she followed the election results with PIERRE SALINGER, FRANK MANKIEWICZ and various other KENNEDY staff members.

When the Senator made his speech at approximately midnight, she heard it from the press room area. She estimates that everyone knew that the Senator was going through the kitchen area approximately 15 minutes before his speech ended, since a tall blond man, name unknown, came over to the press area and asked PIERRE SALINGER which way he wanted the Senator to leave the stage. SALINGER indicated that he wanted the Senator to turn to his right, proceed through the staff press area, then through the kitchen area to the Colonial Room, the site of the main KENNEDY press room in the Ambassador Hotel. She thinks that SALINGER chose this route because he wanted to congratulate the Senator personally on his victory and have other key members of his staff also congratulate him. She recalls that previously when she had heard of the Senator's victory, she had asked Mr. SALINGER if she could personally congratulate the Senator when he finished his speech and Mr. SALINGER stated that she could. The Senator did not take the indicated route, however, but exited the podium back through the curtains to the rear of the stage which led to the kitchen passageway. When this happened, Mr. SALINGER said "Go, baby" indicating that she should follow the Senator

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quickly through the kitchen passageway.

She grabbed LUCY SALINGER's hand, who she stated was a KENNEDY volunteer and a Los Angeles resident, and together they ran into the kitchen passageway. She stated this area slanted downward in the direction they were running and that it was cluttered with all sorts of cables. She tried to focus her attention on the Senator's head, thereby making it easier for her to determine his whereabouts. She had just left the entrance to the kitchen and noticed the Senator shaking hands with various kitchen employees and continue proceeding down the hallway when she suddenly heard a sound like a firecracker and she saw a red-like flash three to four feet from the left of the Senator's head. She estimates that she was approximately ten feet from the Senator when she observed this. She instantaneously realized that she was there and that shots were being fired. She later recalled hearing eight distinct shots. Everything appeared to her like still frames in a stop-action movie. She recalls seeing the Senator's head and suddenly everyone dropping to the floor. After the first shot the remaining ones sounded like a lighted string of firecrackers. They appeared to be very high in the air for, when she saw the flashes, she had to look up and the flashes appeared higher than the heads of the group of people in front of her. From her position, which was behind and slightly to the left rear of the Senator, the flashes were slightly to the left front of the Senator. When the shots were fired, she also noticed a cameraman violently throw himself against the wall. She also heard people screaming, and she recalls the words, "Get out of the way. Let's get out of here".

The individual who fired the shots at the Senator appeared to her to be wearing a powder blue jacket and he seemed to be framed against the walls which were also powder blue. When she saw him, he seemed to be turned from her so that she saw part of his back and left side as he was in what she described, as a semi-crouch position. She originally recalls that she told the Los Angeles Police Department that she saw the blue jacket in a sea of white. Two days later she

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found out that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was wearing a powder blue jacket. She stated she could not identify the individual who fired the shots because she did not see his face, but she thinks that she could identify the jacket he was wearing. What she does know, however, was that this individual was not a Negro.

Following the shooting, she does not exactly recall what happened in the kitchen area. She vaguely remembers that she was on the floor and that people were stepping on her. Her husband told her that she left the area on a dead run and shouted, "He's killed" as she proceeded back toward the Embassy press area. It was as she was leaving the kitchen passageway when her husband grabbed her and told her not to make those kind of statements. She recalls that she lost her purse in the kitchen area and before leaving, she heard someone say, "Get towels and ice".

She later heard people shouting from the kitchen area, "They got 'em", several times from several individuals.

She described the general area being filled with hostility, women shouting and screaming, and general confusion.

She advised that she considers that security in the area was very lax in that the guard in the kitchen portion of the Embassy Room seemed to allow any unauthorized individuals through that area. In this regard, many individuals who were authorized to enter the area were denied access.

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Date 7/8/68

NELSON RISING was interviewed at his place of employment, 433 South Spring Street, at which time he furnished the following information:

He was a volunteer for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and on June 4, 1968, he and his wife, SHARON, went to the Ambassador Hotel to await the results of the California primary. He arrived at the hotel at approximately 7:30 pm, and went immediately to the Embassy Room of the hotel. On several occasions he left the Embassy Room to get drinks and cigarettes, but was in the room when Senator KENNEDY gave his victory speech.

At the time of the victory speech he was approximately 30 feet away from Senator KENNEDY and as KENNEDY left the podium after the speech, RISING and his wife, SHARON, began to move towards the door of the Embassy Room in an effort to leave the hotel. As they were moving, at the rear of the crowd he heard shouting and screaming from the area of the door leading to the kitchen. At first he thought Senator KENNEDY had decided to leave the Embassy Room through the crowd, but later people began saying that there had been a shooting and someone began asking for a doctor. About this time, STEVE SMITH asked the people to leave the Embassy Room. RISING and his wife then went into the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel. While in the lobby rumors again spread that KENNEDY had not been shot, but one of the aides had been shot. Still later a man wearing a sweater came out of the Embassy Room and said that KENNEDY had been shot. The sweater the man was wearing had blood on it and RISING stated that he was the man in the newspaper photograph shown fanning KENNEDY. When this man came into the lobby and stated that KENNEDY had been shot, another individual, unknown to RISING, became excited and started to fight with him. After breaking up this fight, RISING next recalls seeing the police taking SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from the Ambassador Hotel. This was the first time RISING can recall ever seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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While awaiting in the lobby to see what was happening, RISING recalls talking to someone who stated that they had seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN earlier in the evening trying to get into the Embassy Room by claiming that he was with the press. This person was also supposed to have seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN trying to get into a better position near the stage when Senator KENNEDY was giving his victory speech. RISING is not certain who this person was, but he believes it was either JERRY DODDERMAN, or a friend of DODDERMAN's. RISING was not sure of the spelling of DODDERMAN and thought that perhaps it could have been DODDERSON. In any case, DODDERMAN handled the sound equipment for KENNEDY, was formerly employed by a newspaper in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and should be able to be contacted through TED KENNEDY's Office in Washington D. C. RISING further described this man as being a white male, approximately 23 years old, blond curly hair, six feet tall.

At about 2:00 am, RISING and his wife, SHARON, left the Ambassador Hotel and went to the home of BOB THOMPSON, later returning, at about 4:00 am, to the Ambassador Hotel, where he picked up his car and returned to his own home.

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Mr. A. W. RISSER, 4020 Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas, advised he is employed as a soundman with National Broadcasting Company (NBC). RISSER said he was a member of the official party traveling with Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY prior to Senator KENNEDY's assassination. He traveled with the KENNEDY party from May 19, 1968, until the time of KENNEDY's assassination in Los Angeles. He traveled with him and worked with him throughout the primary elections in the States of Oregon and California. Included in the party for NBC were Mr. HENRY KOKOJAN, a cameraman and Mr. TOM McLENDON, an electrician, who were also associated with the group.

On the early morning of June 5, 1968, and during the evening of June 4, 1968, RISSER and his NBC group were stationed in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles to make films of Senator KENNEDY's victory speech in the California Primary election. RISSER said immediately after Senator KENNEDY finished the victory speech shortly after midnight, he left the stand through a rear exit. RISSER said he and the other members of the NBC crew remained in the Embassy Room finishing up their assigned jobs when they were suddenly aware that something had happened in the outside hallway at the rear of the stage. RISSER advised because he and the crew were in the process of finishing up the filming and because they were unaware of what had happened to Senator KENNEDY, no further filming was done during the course of the shooting incident. RISSER said he was not an eye witness to the shooting because he remained in the Embassy Room and he does not possess any photographs which were taken at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot. RISSER said at the actual time of the shooting he was stationed behind a camera platform which had been constructed in the Embassy Room. The platform was located across the room from the speakers stand. He advised all television and motion picture cameras were situated in this location.

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RISSER said the members of the NBC crew had expected Senator KENNEDY to leave the room by the main entrance to the room which would have been to Senator KENNEDY's left from the position in which he had just spoken. The reason for his last minute change of plans was not known. It was presumed by the NBC crew that KENNEDY had changed his route in order to save time in leaving the room. RISSER said the room was very crowded and it would have taken Senator KENNEDY considerably longer to leave the room by the main entrance. RISSER said he saw a group of people looking into a kitchen hallway and suddenly people began screaming and crying. RISSER's first impression was Senator KENNEDY had collapsed from physical exhaustion due to the intensive schedule he maintained throughout the Oregon and California primaries. RISSER said he did not know who made the decision which changed KENNEDY's route on leaving the Embassy Room. He said he presumed this was a last minute decision on the part of someone since it had been expected Senator KENNEDY would exit through the main entrance, although nothing definite had ever been said on the actual route he was to leave the room.

RISSER said he did not observe SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the time Senator KENNEDY was shot and he did not observe SIRHAN any time after the shooting.

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Date 7/2/68

RICHARD HARVEY RITTNER, age 18, 5132 White Oak Avenue, Encino, California, Apartment No. 108, telephone number 788-2286, furnished the following information with respect to his knowledge of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968:

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he went to Dodger Stadium and saw the Los Angeles Dodgers-Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game with friends JIM and ANDREA BUSCH. He returned to his home where he changed his clothes then went to JIM's house in Sherman Oaks, from where the three of them departed en route to the Ambassador Hotel to see Senator KENNEDY. On the inbound Hollywood Freeway at approximately Barham Boulevard they heard the beginning of the speech. After arriving at the Ambassador Hotel they parked their car in the rear parking lot directly south of the Ambassador Hotel facing south. They decided not to enter the hotel since the speech was still going on and there was a very large crowd in the vicinity and they thought that the ballroom would be very crowded. Immediately following the speech they heard alot of confusion on the radio, and then they heard someone try to clear the room. Then, STEPHEN SMITH came on the air and started telling everyone to please clear the room. They thought at that time that he was Senator KENNEDY because of his accent. Then another individual, who they later learned was a priest, came on the air and stated, "we need medical attention for the Senator. Please clear the room".

At that time two individuals came walking quickly by their car heading south. One, a male caucasian of Mexican extraction was asked by JIM what had happened, and this individual stated that he worked at the hotel as a waiter; that he had just shaken hands with Senator KENNEDY; and, that someone had just shot Senator KENNEDY and that he was dead. As this individual was stating that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot, he demonstrated this by simulating a gun with his right hand and pointed it to his head. He also stated that he had ducked to the floor to get out of the way of the bullets.

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He, RITTNER, was seated on the passenger side of the BUSCH car next to the window and he saw this individual through the front window. A female caucasian, who was with the unknown male, was standing on the passenger side of the BUSCH car next to RITTNER but she did not say anything.

He described these individuals as follows:

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| (1) | Race | Mexican |
| | Sex | Male |
| | Age | 25 to 35 years |
| | Height | 5'9" to 5'10" |
| | Weight | 170 to 190 pounds |
| | Dress | Dark stingy brim hat;
Blue shirt, khaki trousers,
dark cardigan sweater;
untidy appearance |
| (2) | Sex | Female |
| | Race | Caucasian |
| | Hair | Shoulder length brown in color |
| | Dress | Long dark coat |

After JIM talked to the unknown male individual they went toward the Ambassador Hotel where JIM's sister, ANDREA, saw a plainclothes policeman to whom they told the story concerning the eyewitness. They then went into the hotel where they saw some of the television coverage of the event on channel two from the RAFFERTY headquarters. He recalls that approximately 1:40 a.m., he telephoned his father to tell him that KENNEDY had been shot and that he, RITTNER, was all right. He recalls hearing a story being passed around that a boy from Encino was shot and he didn't want his father to think that he was the boy. He recalls that they stayed at the hotel until approximately 4:00 a.m., when he and JIM BUSCH went home together after stopping off for coffee. JIM's sister, ANDREA, met some friends at the hotel and went home with them.

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1Date 6/20/68

WARREN ROGERS, 1622 30th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., (WDC) furnished the following information:

He advised that he is employed by "Look" Magazine as their WDC Bureau Chief. He said that on June 5, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that he had been in the Embassy Room during most of Senator KENNEDY's speech, but had gone to the temporary press headquarters in the Colonial Room just prior to the conclusion of the speech.

ROGERS said that he was in the Colonial Room when he heard what he thought to be firecrackers being fired. He said he immediately went out of the Colonial Room through the door into the kitchen area. He said that he ran into a number of people struggling with a man who was later identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN. ROGERS said that he did not see KENNEDY shot.

ROGERS said that at the time he left the Embassy Room, which was during KENNEDY's speech, it was his understanding that KENNEDY planned to come to the Colonial Room through the kitchen area. He said that to the best of his knowledge it was KENNEDY's own idea to go via the kitchen in order to avoid the large crowd in the Embassy Room. He recalled the original plan had been for KENNEDY to exit through the crowd in the Embassy Room, but this was changed as stated above. He said there was no indication that anyone other than KENNEDY influenced the change.

ROGERS said that he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the shooting and could not recall seeing any girl in a polka-dot dress.

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MICHAEL ROUNSEVILLE, age 19, residing 9660 Bascom, Pico Rivera, California advised on the evening of June 4, 1968, he and an acquaintance, PAT OSBORN, went from Pico Rivera to the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, to attend the victory celebration of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, who apparently had won the delegates from the State of California to the Democratic National Convention to be held in the Summer of 1968. He stated they arrived at the Ambassador Hotel about 8:00 p.m. and attempted to enter the room where Senator KENNEDY was to give his victory speech. They were prohibited from entering the room and advised the room was only for members of the press or people who had held executive positions in the KENNEDY campaign. ROUNSEVILLE stated thereafter he and OSBORN were directed to another room in the hotel where precinct workers of the campaign were holding a victory celebration. He stated he remained in this room for the remainder of the evening and he stated he watched on television monitors the victory statement given by Senator KENNEDY in another room of the hotel.

He stated, however, that he had never been in the presence of Senator KENNEDY that evening or the following morning and only became aware of the assassination of the Senator when the word spread through the hotel that the Senator had been shot. ROUNSEVILLE said he did not see the senator and did not see the assassination. He has no knowledge whatsoever of the alleged assassin or circumstances surrounding the assassination except those he has learned from the press and television.

ROUNSEVILLE stated the only information he could give which would have any bearing whatsoever on the investigation regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY is that he did see a young girl in the room where he was at the Ambassador Hotel, who in an apparent emotional outburst made some muddled comments regarding the assassination. He stated

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this girl, name unknown, later was interviewed by one or more of the television networks and the girl furnished information concerning the presence at the assassination scene of another girl in a polkadot dress. ROUNSEVILLE stated he would question and examine closely any statements made by this girl who furnished information concerning the girl in the polkadot dress, because it is his considered opinion that this girl in such a highly emotional state, could have said anything, none of which might have had any basis in reality.

ROUNSEVILLE advised that the photograph of him and OSBORN, which appeared in the latest edition of Life magazine along with others depicting the apparent state of shock was not taken anyplace in the immediate vicinity of the assassination, but in another room entirely removed from the assassination site.

ROUNSEVILLE advised that he could furnish no other information concerning this matter.

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LON BRUCE RUBIN, 5925 Glade Avenue, Woodland Hills, California, home telephone 883-2133, advised that he is an attorney, although not practicing in his profession at the present time. RUBIN stated he is presently engaged in the building business and is associated with the Kaufman and Broad Building Company, whose offices are located at 10889 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, business telephone numbers 879-2780 or 478-2021. RUBIN advised that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he and his wife, BARBARA, attended the theatre. They were joined by another couple named Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIP BELL, address unknown, Arcadia, California. RUBIN stated that BELL was employed with him in the building business. After attending the theatre, and on the spur of the moment, they decided to go to the Ambassador Hotel and attempt to see Senator KENNEDY. RUBIN advised they drove to the hotel in separate cars.

Upon arrival at the Ambassador Hotel, RUBIN advised he let his wife, BARBARA, off at the Wilshire lobby entrance. He continued up to the parking area where he received a parking ticket from the attendant, which clocked in at 11:55 p.m. RUBIN advised he still has this parking ticket in his possession. He then continued to the lower parking lot, where he parked his car and returned to the hotel on foot. RUBIN advised he proceeded to the hotel where he met the BELL couple, talked for approximately a minute, and then looked for his wife. RUBIN estimated that approximately fifteen minutes had elapsed from the time he parked his car and the time he finally located his wife, BARBARA. RUBIN stated they were unable to enter the Embassy Room where Senator KENNEDY was speaking inasmuch as the room was filled to capacity, and there were Security Guards at the doors. He stated the BELL couple decided to leave, but he and his wife were intent upon getting into the room where Senator KENNEDY was speaking. RUBIN stated he and his wife then walked down a hallway, where they observed a door which they entered and found themselves in a kitchen. They proceeded

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through the kitchen and found themselves in the Embassy Room at the podium where Senator KENNEDY was just ending his speech. RUBIN recalled Senator KENNEDY, at the conclusion of his speech, made some comment concerning Mayor YORTY. RUBIN recalled when he walked through the kitchen, he observed some waiters by a check-out desk. He also observed three waiters who were wearing white jackets. He vaguely recalled an individual who looked out of place standing to his left as he proceeded through the kitchen toward the ballroom. RUBIN recalled this person appeared to be wearing work-type clothes, possibly jeans, and his facial characteristics conformed with those of the waiters. RUBIN advised he did not pay any attention to this person and therefore would not be able to identify him.

RUBIN stated after Senator KENNEDY concluded his speech, he turned to his right and walked from the podium toward the kitchen. RUBIN stated his wife, BARBARA, who was on the other side of the podium, also proceeded toward the kitchen door in an effort to get a look at Senator KENNEDY. RUBIN advised he was approximately ten feet behind his wife, being pushed forward by the crowd. He stated his wife disappeared through the doors which entered into the kitchen. Shortly thereafter, he heard approximately six shots, and at the time he recalled that it sounded like an electrical outlet had shorted out. RUBIN stated from his position, at this time, he was unable to look into the kitchen. RUBIN stated the next thing he remembers was a woman running through the kitchen doors into his arms. She had blood on her. RUBIN stated there was a Security Guard to his right, and he pushed the woman over to the guard and instructed him to get a doctor. At this point, RUBIN stated he was intent on getting to his wife, and he managed to step just inside the kitchen door where he found the area in complete pandemonium. He also observed people lying on the floor. He said at this point his wife, BARBARA, met him, and she appeared to be in a state of shock and requested him to get her out of there. RUBIN stated he guided her through the crowd, and they finally managed to get across the ballroom and proceeded to the ALAN CRANSTON Headquarters. RUBIN said he sat his wife down and obtained a drink for her. They remained here for a short period and watched the activities on television. RUBIN stated his wife

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was still in a state of shock, and they left the hotel and returned to their car. RUBIN stated that due to the confusion and traffic, they were unable to move from the parking lot. After some period of time, RUBIN recalled that a woman came up to the car and asked if there were any witnesses to the shooting, as the police wanted to interview them. RUBIN advised he and wife then left the vehicle and returned to the hotel.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, together with other photographs, were displayed to RUBIN, and he advised, as an attorney and in good conscience, he could not identify this person as being identical to the individual he observed in the kitchen.

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Date 6/26/68

BARBARA RUBIN, also known as Mrs. Lon Bruce Rubin, housewife, 5925 Glade Avenue, Woodland Hills, California, telephone 883-2133, related the following:

She and her husband had gone to the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968. The purpose was to join the campaign party of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. They were unable to get into the Embassy Room through the main entrance, as it was full. They found that by going through a kitchen area, off this room, they could enter the Embassy Room without being challenged. There were only three people in the kitchen when she and her husband entered. They were all dark complected men, two of whom appeared to be kitchen workers as they were moving about. One was tall and the other short. The third man, slight of build, was just standing against the wall in about the middle of the kitchen. She did not note details of his dress but did note this third man did not appear to be a kitchen worker.

Mrs. RUBIN and her husband went on into the Embassy Room just as Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was finishing his speech. They had arrived at a point a few feet from the podium where Senator KENNEDY was standing when he made some remark about Mayor SAM YORTY of Los Angeles, which ended his speech. Senator KENNEDY then started for the kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. RUBIN followed him. They were separated by the pressure of the crowd near the kitchen door and Mrs. RUBIN followed the KENNEDY party into the kitchen. Mr. RUBIN got trapped and did not get into the kitchen.

Mr. PAUL SCHRADE was right behind Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. RUBIN was behind Mr. SCHRADE when she suddenly heard three shots followed by five quick shots. She realized someone was shooting in her direction but she could not see who it was, as Mr. SCHRADE was taller than she. She, at this point, "hit the floor" along with a young blonde woman, and kept her head down until she felt the shooting had stopped. She saw people go down on the floor and briefly saw Mr. KENNEDY on the floor. When she

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got up she ran out of the kitchen to join her husband. She hid behind things until she found her way out as she did not know whether or not there might be more shooting.

The Los Angeles Police Department had questioned Mrs. RUBIN briefly after the shooting, asking her if she had seen the shooting. She replied "no" and was not questioned further.

Mrs. RUBIN had appeared on television but was not interviewed. She was standing near the door of the Embassy Room when the television news cameras picked up an interview being conducted of a Negro doctor who had been at the scene. There had been some comment in news programs and in the press of a couple being sought for interview, exact source not recalled. She was of the opinion the descriptions furnished of the couple being sought and apparently seen in the kitchen area before the shooting generally fit that of her and her husband.

Mrs. RUBIN described herself as a white female, 33 years of age, 5' 5", wearing two-inch heels, olive complexion, 135 - 140 pounds, dark shoulder length hair worn bouffant style, dark eyes. She was wearing a white dress with red belt sash and a bright red and white checkered jacket. She, at times, carried the jacket.

She described Mr. RUBIN as a white male, 6', 185 pounds, 35 years of age, broad shoulders. He was wearing a navy blue blazer and gray slacks.

Mrs. RUBIN furnished a photograph of herself taken in March 1968, which she said could be used for further identification if desired. The photograph need not be returned.

Following examination of photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and his brothers, Mrs. RUBIN was of the opinion that the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN resembled the person she had seen in the kitchen

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standing against the wall about five to seven minutes before Senator KENNEDY finished his speech. She had not noted the man in question in the kitchen closely enough to make a positive identification. She had no recollection of seeing any of the brothers of SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

Date 6/24/68

WILLIAM SCOTT, Vice President and Director of News, WMCA Radio, New York, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN BRADSHAW, JR. and JAMES E. SNIEGOCKI at his office, 415 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

SCOTT advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 and 5, 1968 at the time Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot. He related a statement that he had made to associates, that approximately one and one half hours preceding the KENNEDY shooting, that he witnessed an unidentified white male walking past the Radio Press Table in a strange manner. This incident was recalled by him after the shooting in that this individual had his right hand in his coat pocket with his left hand clasped over the coat pocket. At the time, he thought maybe this individual had stolen some of the press equipment and was trying to hide it in his pocket. He checked and did not note any equipment missing. Later, however, after seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN's photograph he recalled a similarity of SIRHAN with this unidentified male and thought maybe this was SIRHAN and possibly that he was holding a gun in his pocket. The unidentified male, of the general description of SIRHAN, was wearing a light blue zipper, windbreaker type, jacket and tan khaki trousers.

SCOTT stated that he was not in the immediate area of the Hotel of the shooting and had no photographs of the ensuing events. Other than possibly the above unidentified person being SIRHAN, he does not recall seeing SIRHAN either before or after the shooting.

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Date July 3, 1968

Mr. KENNETH A. GIEG, Route 2, Box 427, stated that on Friday, May 31, 1968, while attending the afternoon races at the Hollywood Park Racetrack with his brother, KEITH M. GIEG, he took up a conversation with a man he now believes to be identical to SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated he did not know it was SIRHAN until he viewed recent photographs of SIRHAN in newspapers and on television. SIRHAN appeared well educated, spoke intelligently with good English and had only a slight trace of an accent. He stated during the early part of the races SIRHAN's only conversation was about the various horses and matters generally pertaining to racing. He said that later, during possibly the fifth or sixth race, a man's name which appeared to be Jewish appeared on the card and SIRHAN stated he was "an Arab" and began degrading the Jews. He advised SIRHAN was standing with him and his brother from about the third race until they left at the end of the eighth race for a total time span of about one and a half to two hours.

He stated that during that time he did not observe anyone in the area who appeared to know SIRHAN and SIRHAN talked to no one but them.

He said SIRHAN did not "flash around" a lot of money nor act like he had a lot of money. He added he did not observe a billfold but rather noted he took his bills from a small roll. He was of the opinion that this man he believes to be SIRHAN was the type of person who spent a lot of time around racetracks and based his opinion on the fact he observed this man to be knowledgeable about horses and races and interested in the same.

He stated he would describe this man as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 25
Height	5'2"
Weight	120-130
Build	Small
Complexion	Olive
Hair	Dark, bushy
Features	Small hands with very small fingernails
Clothing	Dark slacks, light colored windbreaker

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/23/68

Mr. JERRY ALLEN SIMS, 13048 Cornish Crest Road, Whittier, California, a free-lance cameraman, telephone No. 944-6822, phoned the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and stated that the FBI in New York City had been attempting to locate him for interview as a potential witness in the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

Mr. SIMS said that he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot and that he did not see the shooting nor did he see SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

Mr. SIMS had traveled with the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY Campaign Party in Indiana, Oregon, Northern California and the Los Angeles area and he had no recollection of having ever seen any person who he thought might be SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mr. SIMS said that he was a co-operator of two corporations in New York City, "Simthing" Company and Fortune Cookie Films, 630 9th Avenue, Suite 411, New York City, New York. If it was ever desired to contact him, he could be reached either at a call service telephone No. in New York City, JU 6-6490 who would know his whereabouts at all times, or at his above residence phone. SIMS claimed to do contract work for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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1Date 7/17/68

FREDDIE STEWART, 17156 Ventura Boulevard, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel during the night of June 4-5, 1968. Mr. STEWART said that he has no personal knowledge concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He said he was not in the area where Mr. KENNEDY was shot.

Mr. STEWART said that he has seen newspaper photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, and he does not ever recall having met this individual before. He said that he cannot recall ever having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel during the night of June 4-5, 1968.

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Date 7/18/68

Mr. WILLIAM A. SWEARINGEN, 10829 Barman Avenue, Culver City, telephone 838-3469, was contacted at Paramount Studios, Melrose and Marathon, Hollywood, California. He furnished the following information:

His Social Security Number is [REDACTED] He was born July 24, 1937, at Hollywood, Florida. He is a free-lance cameraman.

On June 4, 1968, he was working as assistant cameraman on a CBS camera crew assigned to the Ambassador Hotel. The cameraman was JOHN VIAZANKO.

Shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, he was in the hallway just outside the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel.

He heard someone say, "Something happened inside". He could not recall the identity of this individual.

He did not hear any sounds that sounded like gun shots.

A short time later, he observed an individual, who he could not describe, being carried out of the pantry area of the hotel by several individuals.

About the same time he heard people in the hotel saying that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot in the kitchen area of the hotel.

He attempted to enter the kitchen area but was denied entrance by a security guard.

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, and also observed SIRHAN on television.

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He noted that prior to observing SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper that he did not ever see this individual before.

He advised that he did not see SIRHAN on the night that Senator KENNEDY was shot.

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Date 6/20/681

BILL THEIS, Hearst Newspapers, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., furnished the following information:

In his capacity as a correspondent for Hearst Newspapers, THEIS accompanied the KENNEDY campaign party part of the time in the Oregon primary and in the California primary. He spent his time between the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns in both Oregon and California. In California he accompanied KENNEDY around San Francisco and on the Senator's train trip from Fresno to Sacramento. THEIS was not with the KENNEDY party during the campaigning around Los Angeles.

At the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, THEIS was in a temporary press room adjoining the room where the Senator gave his victory speech. He and the other reporters were in this room waiting for the Senator to appear for a press conference after the victory speech.

As the reporters were expecting KENNEDY's appearance in the room they heard noises sounding like firecrackers. Ten to fifteen seconds after these noises THEIS went through the doors into the kitchen where he observed ROOSEVELT GRIER, RAFTER JOHNSON and BILL BARRY wrestling with an individual whom he later learned was SIRHAN SIRHAN. He also saw the Senator on the floor.

He immediately went to a phone and called his office. While he was on the phone he saw the police take SIRHAN out of the hotel.

After KENNEDY's victory speech THEIS did not know how KENNEDY intended to enter the temporary press room, but only that he was to make an appearance in that room. THEIS did not remember having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time prior

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to seeing him on the floor wrestling with BARRY, JOHNSON and GRIER. THEIS did not remember seeing a girl in a polka-dot dress at the election night party at the Ambassador Hotel.

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1Date 7/10/68

KAY THOMSON, 3010 West Fourth Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone Number 382-3397, who was the coordinator of Citizens Groups for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and who is now employed in like capacity for ALAN CRANSTON, Democratic Senatorial candidate for the State of California, furnished the following information concerning her knowledge of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

On June 4, 1968, she arrived at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel with her husband, ROBERT THOMSON, and prior to the speech by the Senator, she concerned herself with making arrangements for many volunteers to enter the ball room who had not been issued passes. During the speech, she and her husband were located in the southwest corner of the ball room, and shortly after the speech ended, the crowd seemed to surge toward the area just to the right of the platform and then it surged back. She did not hear any unusual noises at the time but she did hear a woman scream "He's dead," after which this woman became generally disturbed. She then heard THAD HEATH call from the platform area for a doctor. She also heard DAVID STEINER do the same thing. STEPHEN SMITH, Senator KENNEDY's brother-in-law, then took the microphone and asked the crowd in the ball room to please leave the area. With her husband, ROBERT, and several other individuals whose names she does not know, they attempted to clear the assembled individuals from the Embassy Room. When this was done, she and her husband returned immediately to their apartment where they followed the proceedings on television.

She was shown a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and she advised that she did not see this individual at any time while at the Ambassador Hotel and that she can furnish no further information regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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1Date 7/10/68

ROBERT E. THOMSON, 3010 West Fourth Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone Number 382-3397, furnished the following information with respect to his knowledge of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968:

He arrived at the ball room of the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, and waited there until Senator KENNEDY started his speech. He recalled standing between the television platforms located on the west and south walls of the Embassy Room. Shortly after the Senator's speech, at approximately midnight, he thought he heard balloons popping, and he assumed that the balloons he heard were those that were used as decorations over the platform area from which the Senator spoke. Just after this, however, he heard someone say that the Senator was shot and he noticed that this reaction spread across the room. At that time he realized that the sounds he had thought were balloons popping must have been shots.

Shortly thereafter he observed a middle aged lady being escorted from the kitchen area with blood streaming down her face. Following this, he and his wife attempted to clear the ball room in support of instructions from the Los Angeles Police Department. After the ball room was cleared, he and his wife, KAY, left the Ambassador Hotel and returned to their home where they watched the remaining events on television.

THOMSON was shown a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that he did not observe this individual at any time while at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated he could furnish no further information of value concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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JOY THORNTON residing at 1280 South Barrington Avenue, Apartment 22, Los Angeles, California, advised that she and her husband JOHN were at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968.

She stated that she and her husband were present at the time that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY gave his victory speech in the Embassy Room. She stated that about one hour before Senator KENNEDY gave the speech she and her husband entered the room through the kitchen where Senator KENNEDY was later shot.

Mrs. THORNTON stated that she has no personal knowledge concerning the activities that took place in the area where Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated she and her husband were not in the immediate area at the time he was shot. She stated she has seen newspaper photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and she cannot recall ever having seen this individual before. She stated she did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time while she was at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968 - June 5, 1968.

Mrs. THORNTON stated that she was a volunteer worker at the KENNEDY for President Campaign Headquarters located at 5616 Wilshire Boulevard. She stated she worked for about three months prior to the primary election at the front desk in the headquarters. She stated she worked about 12 hours a day during this time and she does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at the headquarters.

Mrs. THORNTON stated that her husband JOHN could furnish no further information other than what she has already given.

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On June 20, 1968, STAN TRETICK, 2953 Arizona Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WEC) was contacted by SA R. STEVEN POLACHEK. TRETICK said that he is a reporter for "Look" Magazine and was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1963. He said that at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot he (TRETICK) was in the KENNEDY suite on the 5th floor of the hotel. TRETICK advised that he did not know which way the KENNEDY party intended to leave the Embassy Room and he said that he had not seen SIMAN prior to the shooting. He could offer no information concerning the girl in the polka-dot dress.

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Mrs. KATHERINE A. TURRELL, residence, 20912 Spindrifft Lane, Huntington Beach, was contacted at her father's residence, 2127 Aralia Street. She advised that she and her family attended the Senator KENNEDY victory celebration at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4-5, 1968. She stated that she was standing about ten feet to the right of Senator KENNEDY as he spoke recognizing his victory on June 4, 1968, in the California primary and that many KENNEDY supporters had lined up, arm in arm, on Senator KENNEDY's right, providing a corridor through which he was expected to travel.

She stated it was her understanding Senator KENNEDY would exit to his right, through this human corridor to leave through a door behind and to the right of her, which she could not see. She stated there were many good sized men in this human corridor, and approximately at midnight on June 4, 1968, she looked over this group into the Embassy Room. On the other side of the human corridor she observed an individual standing above the corridor. She surmised he must have been standing on a box of some kind. She stated this individual joined his hands together and gestured to someone behind her and to her right who she did not see, as if he was going to dive over the human corridor. She stated that with his lips he said, "I am going to get him." She stated she barely heard him utter these words, could not recall what his voice sounded like but there is no doubt in her mind that he uttered these words. She stated she cannot be sure what he meant, but since there were several hundred people in the Embassy Room, the noise made his voice just barely audible. She estimated she stood about 30 feet from this individual and described him as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	In mid 20s
Hair	Dark, with sideburns and

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Clothing Apparel	small mustache; hair receding and bald in front White, button down shirt, open at the neck, wearing white golf alpaca sweater
Build	Slender
Complexion	Olive

She advised that sometime later after the shooting of the Senator occurred, she met with her father, FREDERICK BAEDEKER, at the Ambassador and told him of this incident. She advised that when they returned home on June 5, 1968, and while watching Tempo I, the STAN BORHAM and MARIA COLE show, at noon, she observed this individual being interviewed by them and identified him to her father as the same individual who had made the above statement.

She stated the above individual who she described is definitely not SIRHAN, the suspect in this case, and she saw no girl in a polka dot dress.