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requested that he be given the right to speak in order to present his views on the Cuban situation. MARTINEZ said that most of the people in attendance appeared to be reluctant about letting DUARTE speak, but it was suggested by someone that a vote be taken to determine whether or not he could speak. MARTINEZ said the vote was close, but that DUARTE won the right to speak. DUARTE agreed, however, to wait until PAUL had completed his presentation before he would speak.

MARTINEZ advised that PAUL told his audience he had personally met with FIDEL CASTRO while in Cuba and that CASTRO was considered a great man by the Cuban people. PAUL also indicated that he had gone to Cuba by taking a flight from Mexico and then returning to Mexico.

MARTINEZ related that in addition to his lecture, PAUL showed several colored slides taken in Cuba and gave a short description concerning each slide. MARTINEZ said that one slide in particular, which showed a monument erected at the site of the Bay of Pigs invasion, had caused many of his fellow Cubans to become quite excited. He said that PAUL referred to the invasion as having been undertaken by "mercenaries". MARTINEZ said that one of his group, a friend of DUARTE named PEREIRA, who was a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasion, had immediately gotten up and stated that the invasion was not undertaken by mercenaries but rather by "Cuban patriots".

After PAUL had finished showing his slides, DUARTE got up from his front row seat, and stated that he now wanted to tell everyone the truth about communism, FIDEL CASTRO and the present Cuban Government. At this time, many people got up from their seats and began leaving the room or gathering in small groups about the room talking with one another. Most of the people appeared to be ignoring DUARTE, but one group had begun to gather around him to listen to what he had to say. MARTINEZ advised that he had gone to the front of the room to stand by DUARTE, fearing that some of the people in attendance at the meeting might

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become violent in their objection to what he had to say. MARTINEZ said that while standing directly beside DUARTE, he observed an individual, who had also been seated in the front row to DUARTE's right, approach DUARTE with two or three other individuals. He described this first individual as a white male in his mid 20's, very short, about 5'5", dark complected, with curly black hair. MARTINEZ said he first appeared to be of Mexican descent and was wearing trousers and a tee shirt.

MARTINEZ continued that upon approaching DUARTE, this individual began making remarks towards DUARTE that what he was saying was lies and that he, DUARTE, should stop speaking. DUARTE replied to this individual that if he continued his interruptions, he, DUARTE, would consider this as a personal insult and it would be necessary for them to meet outside and settle their differences. DUARTE then continued talking but this individual again interrupted DUARTE and asked DUARTE, "Let me see your hands". This individual then accused DUARTE of being paid by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to attend the meeting and asked DUARTE, "How much the CIA paying you?" At this time, DUARTE asked this individual where he came from and the individual replied, "I am an Arab". DUARTE then asked this individual if he was one of NASSER's men and the individual replied, "No, I'm a revolutionary".

MARTINEZ said he was unable to recall any other exchange of words between DUARTE and this individual and said that during the confrontation, this individual had become quite excited and violent and that his friends had subsequently physically restrained him and removed him from the room. MARTINEZ said he did not see this individual again that evening. MARTINEZ was unable to describe this individual's friends but said he might possibly recognize them if he were to see them again.

MARTINEZ advised that shortly after this incident, the meeting broke up and he and his group left the residence.

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He added that during the meeting, a collection had been taken up in order to obtain funds to assist in the legal defense of HUEY NEWTON, who is presently confined in Oakland, California, and charged with the murder of a police officer there.

MARTINEZ positively identified a Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, dated June 5, 1968, Booking Number 495139, as being identical with the individual described above, who had been involved in a heated argument with DUARTE. MARTINEZ advised he had recognized the photograph of SIRHAN when his picture appeared on television and in local newspapers and that he, MARTINEZ, had accompanied DUARTE to the Los Angeles Police Department on June 6, 1968, where DUARTE furnished a statement to the authorities.

MARTINEZ continued that on the evening of June 7, 1968, he and DUARTE had gone to the office of the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper in Downtown Los Angeles after DUARTE had received a request by that newspaper for an interview. MARTINEZ said that he and DUARTE had gotten off the elevator on the third floor of the "Los Angeles Times" Building and were waiting to meet the Night City Editor, whose name he cannot recall, when he, MARTINEZ, recognized an individual standing alone in the same room with them as having been in attendance at the above described meeting. MARTINEZ said this individual also appeared to be waiting for someone and that at approximately the same time he recognized him, the Night City Editor had approached them and asked them into his office. MARTINEZ said he immediately told DUARTE about this individual he had observed in the outer office and DUARTE had instructed him to locate this individual in order to corroborate his story. MARTINEZ said he had immediately gone back to where he had observed this individual but was unable to locate him. He described this individual as about 40 years old, 5'4" tall, heavy or fat build, about 170 pounds, brown hair, wearing a blue suit and tie and carrying a briefcase. He said this individual was also dark complected, and was possibly of Arabic descent.

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He said he is positive this individual attended the above described meeting since he recalls that he arrived late and was accompanied by a beautiful girl, who he described as appearing to be of Latin descent, about 30 years old, 5'6" tall, with long brown hair.

The following background and descriptive data concerning MARTINEZ was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Cuban (entered United States on April 30, 1962, at Miami, Florida)
Birth Data	[REDACTED]
Height	Cienfuegos, Cuba
Weight	5'10"
Eyes	180 pounds
Hair	Brown
Social Security No.	Black
Employment	[REDACTED]
	RCA Victor
	1016 North Sycamore Street
	Los Angeles, California

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FRANKLIN DIEGO DENIS, 839 North Sycamore Street, Los Angeles, California, residence telephone 464-5473, advised he had attended a "Pro-Communist" meeting held on May 21, 1968, at a private residence at 3800 Amesbury Road, Los Angeles, California. DENIS stated he had received a telephone call on the afternoon of May 21, 1968, from JOSE DUARTE, the spokesman for UNARE (Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria), a Cuban exile organization. DUARTE advised him at that time that a meeting was to take place at which a lecture would be given and color slides shown by a student who had just returned from a trip to Cuba.

DENIS advised he went to the meeting alone in his own car, arriving about 9:00 PM, at which time he met with other Cubans from DUARTE's group in front of the residence at 3800 Amesbury Road. DUARTE went to the door of the residence and spoke with a man and a woman, requesting permission for he and his friends to attend the meeting. They were given permission to attend the meeting; and DENIS stated that all entered the house together. Upon entering the front door, they were directed to a room off to the right, in which many chairs had been set up. On the wall of this room was a large picture of the former Cuban revolutionary, CHE GUEVARA.

DENIS stated the guest at this meeting, whose name he could not recall, but who was allegedly a student from San Francisco State College, had not yet arrived and people were gathered about the room in small groups talking. Shortly after 9:00 PM, the guest speaker arrived and DENIS stated he took a seat near the back of the room. He estimated there were approximately 50 or 60 people in attendance at the meeting, about ten of whom were part of his group, who had seated themselves in different locations throughout the room.

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DENIS advised the guest speaker gave a short lecture concerning his tour of Cuba and followed this talk by showing colored slides of Cuba and gave a short monologue with each picture. DENIS recalls that one slide in particular, which depicted a monument in memory of the Bay of Pigs invasion, had raised strong criticism from a friend of DUARTE, named PEREIRA, who was a veteran of this invasion. The guest speaker stated this invasion was made by "mercenaries" and PEREIRA rose from his seat and shouted that the invasion was made by "Cuban patriots fighting for their country".

Following the showing of the slides, DUARTE, who had been sitting in the front row, got up and demanded that he be given equal time to present his views regarding Cuba. DENIS stated that earlier in the meeting, when DUARTE suggested that he be allowed to speak, a vote had been taken and it had been decided that DUARTE would be allowed to speak after the guest speaker. DENIS stated, however, that as soon as DUARTE got up, people began talking and moving about the room, and the meeting began to break up. Upon seeing this, DENIS advised that he left the room and went outside the house to wait in front for the rest of his friends. DENIS said that a short while later, he had left the house alone and returned home.

DENIS also stated that during the meeting, a collection had been taken up by the organizers, who appeared to be the owners of the house, to raise funds for the legal defense of an individual in Oakland, California. DENIS said he does not recall this individual's name nor the charges against him.

DENIS continued that following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he had heard from several of his friends that the accused assassin, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, had been recognized by DUARTE and others as having been in attendance at the above described meeting.

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DENIS was shown a Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Booking Number 495139, dated June 5, 1968, but was unable to identify this photograph as anyone known to him. He stated he did not recall seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN in attendance at the above described meeting.

DENIS was also unable to furnish the names of any persons, other than those already known, who had attended the above meeting.

The following background and descriptive data concerning DENIS was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Cuban (entered United States November 23, 1962, at Miami, Florida)
Birth Data	[REDACTED] Guantanamo, Cuba
Height	6'
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Employment	General Motors Chevrolet Division 8000 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, California
California Driver's License No.	P14514

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AMBROSIO REYES was interviewed at 10731 Palms Avenue, his residence. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. He was interviewed in the Spanish language. His brother, WILLIAM REYES, was present at time of interview.

REYES said that he is a Cuban and prior to the advent of the Castro regime in Cuba he was a union official in the tobacco workers union in Havana, Cuba. After CASTRO came into power, REYES left Cuba. REYES said he is strongly anti-communist and has great regard for the United States as the last bastion in the world of democracy.

REYES said in Havana, Cuba, he was superficially acquainted with JOSE A. DUARTE and had no further contact with DUARTE since then until several months ago, when he had contact with DUARTE in Los Angeles.

A few evenings prior to May 21, 1968, REYES was contacted by anti-Castro Cubans in Los Angeles and it was requested of him that he attend, with a group of Cubans, a meeting that was to be held on May 21, 1968, at Los Angeles, California. It was explained to him that at this meeting a young student was to speak and show slides. The young student has recently toured Cuba and according to the anti-Castro Cubans, was going to present the situation in Cuba as very favorable to CASTRO. The anti-Castro Cubans explained to REYES that it was necessary for a group opposed to CASTRO to go to this meeting and attempt to refute any pro-communist statements.

On the evening of May 21, 1968, REYES proceeded with other Cubans to a large home situated in Griffith Park. REYES and the DUARTE group arrived about 9:00 p.m. Upon entering the home, REYES observed numerous posters decrying United States involvement in Vietnam. REYES also observed a very large portrait of "CHE" GUEVARA. As this appeared to REYES to be the site of a pro-communist gathering, he decided to take up a position at the back of the meeting place to observe the character of the attendance. REYES took up a position on the

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stairs leading to the upstairs of the home where he could see persons entering the vestibule and also could see into the living room where the meeting was to be held.

About 35 persons in all were present, of which about 12 persons represented the DUARTE group. At the inception of the meeting, the young student who had toured Cuba was introduced. REYES said that he does not recall this individual's name. DUARTE then got up and requested that he, DUARTE, be granted time to present his views on Cuba. The persons present voted to allow DUARTE to speak at the conclusion of the meeting.

The lights in the living room of the home were turned down and the student began to show colored slides of Cuba. DUARTE, who felt that after the slides were shown he would not be allowed to speak, then stood up and demanded the right to speak at this time. A young man in a T-shirt and light colored trousers approached DUARTE and began berating him. DUARTE and this young man argued in English and REYES did not know what they said. Various people then gathered about DUARTE and a heated discussion was held. REYES said to DUARTE, "Let's get out of here, these people do not want to hear what you have to say." It took additional urging upon the part of REYES to get DUARTE and DUARTE's group to leave. DUARTE, REYES, and DUARTE's adherents subsequently left the home.

REYES said that he would describe the young man who berated DUARTE as race undetermined but he was possibly Cuban or Latin American as he had a very swarthy complexion. REYES further described this individual as age 24 to 30, five foot nine inches in height, weighing about 140 pounds with black curly hair. REYES said that he never got a good look at this individual's face. REYES was displayed two photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN; one photograph being the photograph of SIRHAN surrounded by various persons who were holding him and one photograph of SIRHAN with booking number J 495 139. REYES said that these photographs do not appear to be the young man who argued with DUARTE on May 21, 1968. REYES said that he has seen newspaper pictures and television pictures of SIRHAN and

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SIRHAN in that media does not appear to be identical with the young man who argued with DUARTE on May 21, 1968.

REYES said he is inclined to believe that the young man who had the altercation with DUARTE is not SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. REYES said that he feels that his Cuban companions who have identified SIRHAN as being at the May 21, 1968, meeting may have been victims of their own enthusiastic imaginations or if testifying before a grand jury may have been influenced by an atmosphere of suggestibility. REYES said he is employed at Golf Club, Incorporated, 2707 Fairfax, Culver City, California, telephone Upton 0-7228, and may be contacted at that location if necessary.

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ESTEBAN FERNANDEZ was interviewed at 914 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Kenmore, where he resides. He was interviewed in the presence of his wife, RINA FERNANDEZ. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent. He was interviewed in the Spanish language.

He said he was born in Cuba and lived there his entire life. He completed high school in Cuba and was going to attend the University in Havana but he left Cuba and came to the United States in 1962. His wife had lived in the United States for the past thirteen years. His father is still in Cuba.

FERNANDEZ said that he is strongly anti-Communist and he and other anti-Communist Cubans in the Los Angeles area have felt it is their duty to attend Cuban meetings in Los Angeles and insure that if pro-Communist views are voiced at these meetings, there will be a representation of Cubans present to refute pro-Communist claims. On the evening of May 21, 1968, he, JOSE DUARTE, and others attended a meeting in a private home in Griffith Park. An American student who had recently toured Cuba, was to talk about Cuba and was to show colored slides of Cuba.

Upon arrival at the private home, where the meeting was to take place, FERNANDEZ became suspicious because he observed posters of "CHE" GUEVARA and CASTRO on the walls and there were also posters condemning United States participation in the Vietnam war. There were a total of about fifty persons present at the meeting, of which about fifteen comprised DUARTE's group. At the beginning of the meeting, DUARTE asked of the assemblage that he be allowed to speak and present his views also and after some discussion the assemblage voted to give DUARTE time to present his views.

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The student showed his slides and after the slides were over, DUARTE commenced to speak about the short-comings of Communism. A number of persons gathered about DUARTE to discuss matters and one youth in particular became very vehement and berated DUARTE in English. This youth talked very roughly to DUARTE but FERNANDEZ did not see any scuffle between DUARTE and this youth. FERNANDEZ and the DUARTE group subsequently left the premises.

FERNANDEZ said he would describe the youth who approached DUARTE as age 24 to 25; height, 5'4", weight 140-145 pounds, with a slight build. His hair was very curly and kinky. His complexion was very swarthy and dark as is the complexion of a dark skinned Mexican. He was dressed in shirt and trousers and not a suit. FERNANDEZ said that although he does not understand English, at the beginning of the meeting the youth said he was an Arab.

FERNANDEZ was displayed two photos of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, one bearing Los Angeles County Jail Booking Number 295139 and one photo of SIRHAN surrounded and being held by various persons. FERNANDEZ identified the photos of SIRHAN as being identical to the person who accosted DUARTE at the Cuban meeting. FERNANDEZ also stated that when he saw the photos of SIRHAN in the Los Angeles Times or the Herald-Examiner, he immediately recognized him as the individual who had accosted DUARTE at the meeting.

FERNANDEZ said that he feels very strongly that the Communists are attempting to take over the United States and he regards the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY as a part of this plot. He said he feels that although he did not agree with all of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's political views, Senator KENNEDY was a great leader of the masses and the Communists killed KENNEDY to deprive the masses of a natural leader and thus weaken this country.

He said his feelings are further bolstered by the fact that when the individual, whom he is sure is SIRHAN, was berating DUARTE at the Cuban meeting, some of the bystanders

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around this person told him to "keep cool" in English which indicated to FERNANDEZ they wanted this individual to avoid difficulty so he could perform his greater role, that of assassinating Senator KENNEDY.

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HIRAM GOMEZ, 1716 West Highland Avenue, Hollywood, California, was contacted at this location and furnished the following information:

Approximately one year ago, he became acquainted with JOSE DUARTE. Although he has no reliable knowledge regarding a May 21, 1968, Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPP) meeting at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, he has heard rumors that JOSE DUARTE and his followers, who have identified SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as attending this meeting, are not positive in their identification and may have only observed someone resembling SIRHAN.

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Date 6/21/68

EVIDIO PEREIRA ACOSTA was interviewed at his place of employment, the Mutual Type Company, 3838 North Kedzie Avenue. He advised that he has been living in an apartment of EVIDIO HERNANDEZ, 5707 Ridge Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1968, a meeting was held at 3800 Amesbury, Hollywood, California. At this meeting a talk and slides were shown concerning life in Cuba which was slanted in favor of the current FIDEL CASTRO government. He attended this meeting along with a number of other anti-FIDEL CASTRO Cubans. During the meeting he spoke against the present Cuban government and a number of those present took exception to his remarks. An individual seated to his left and near the platform challenged him on several points he made including the fact that life in Cuba today is not as pleasant as the slides at this program would tend to portray. This individual, who challenged him, said that the Cubans who attempted to return to Cuba during the "Bay of Pigs" invasion were mere mercenaries and that the displaced Cubans in the United States were mostly a bunch of "bums".

He stated after viewing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN that he was 70 per cent sure that the individual referred to above, who challenged his statements at this meeting, was SIRHAN. He concluded by stating that he could not be certain of this but thought that others present at this meeting might have had a better view of this individual. He suggested that one FRANK GUITIERREZ, a Cuban known to other members of his group at this meeting, might be able to identify this individual. He added that he could not be sure but he thought that SIRHAN may have been with one or two other individuals at this meeting.

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FRANK GUTIERREZ, 4810 Oakwood Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] in Cuba. On the evening of May 21, 1968, he and approximately ten other Cuban individuals, including JOSE DUARTE, ALBERT VELAZCO, FRANK MARTINEZ, FRANKLIN DENIS and EVIDIO PEREIRA, attended a meeting at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles. He believes that VELAZCO had a pamphlet announcing this meeting and a talk on Cuba by (FNU) SHINOFF, an American student who recently returned from a trip to Cuba. GUTIERREZ drove to the residence at 3800 Amesbury with VELAZCO, who resides at 1409 North Edgemont, Los Angeles, arriving shortly before 9:00 p.m. GUTIERREZ believes that shortly after arriving at this meeting, JOSE DUARTE approached the chairman of the meeting, name unrecalled, and privately requested time to present a talk regarding his former experiences in Cuba. Following the talk on Cuba by the unknown American student, DUARTE stood up and requested time to refute statements favorable to FIDEL CASTRO made by the American student. A number of persons became quite critical of DUARTE, stating that he was not a scheduled speaker and should not be allowed to present his views on Cuba. GUTIERREZ believes that a vote was taken as to whether to allow DUARTE to speak, and it was ultimately decided that DUARTE could talk after the slide presentation by the American student.

Following this slide presentation, DUARTE stood up and spoke for approximately ten minutes. GUTIERREZ recalled that ten or fifteen individuals left the meeting immediately before and during DUARTE's talk. Many of those who remained repeatedly criticized statements by DUARTE, and although the meeting remained orderly, the audience was quite noisy. GUTIERREZ recalls one individual in particular who got up from his chair and confronted DUARTE at the front of the room. GUTIERREZ described this individual as being dark complected, approximately 5'6", 145 pounds, having dark curly

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hair and a foreign accent and being casually attired. GUTIERREZ does not recall specific comments made by this individual but believes he accused DUARTE of working for the United States Government. Although the arguments between DUARTE and this individual became quite loud, at no time did GUTIERREZ observe any kind of a scuffle.

GUTIERREZ was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, photograph taken by the Los Angeles Police Department. After viewing these photographs, GUTIERREZ advised that he did not observe anyone at the above meeting resembling the individual depicted in same and that he is certain that the above described individual who argued with DUARTE was not identical to the photographs of SIRHAN.

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MIGUEL HADDAD, 301 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, was contacted at this location and advised that although he is not personally acquainted with JOSE DUARTE, he is aware of the activities and reputation of this individual. HADDAD described DUARTE as a "publicity seeker," and personally suspects, although without any factual knowledge, that DUARTE fabricated his identification of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as attending a May 21, 1968, meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3800 Amesbury, for the purpose of obtaining favorable publicity for his (DUARTE's) anti CASTRO activities. HADDAD noted that DUARTE and his followers have attended other meetings on Cuba to obtain a reputation for their activities.

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ROBERT LAEMMLE, 3300 Amesbury, Owner, Regent Theater, West Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1963, a public meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) was held at his residence, 3300 Amesbury, which location he frequently makes available for such meetings. This meeting began at approximately 3:15 a.m. and lasted until shortly before midnight.

Pamphlets announcing this meeting and a talk on Cuba by PAUL HUGH SHINOFF were distributed in the Los Angeles area, and the meeting was advertised in the Los Angeles "Free Press" newspaper. According to LAEMMLE, the meeting was definitely not pro Cuban.

Most of the approximately 65 persons attending the meeting were unknown to LAEMMLE, and LAEMMLE indicated that the LFPFP members would be known by RON SCHNEIDERS, Chairman of the LFPFP. LAEMMLE believes SCHNEIDERS arranged SHINOFF's Cuban presentation.

A group of ten to fifteen persons headed by JOSE DUARTE, previously unknown to LAEMMLE, attended this meeting. DUARTE and four or five of his followers set in the front portion of the room, while DUARTE's other companions stood toward the rear.

As PAUL SHINOFF, who arrived at approximately 9:00 p.m., began to talk on Cuba, one of DUARTE's companions in the rear of the room raised his voice to criticize a comment by SHINOFF. DUARTE, speaking in Spanish, quieted this individual by telling him to respect the rights of the speaker.

As SHINOFF was preparing his slide presentation at approximately 10:00 p.m., DUARTE stood up and demanded time to give a "formal" presentation of his views on Cuba and negate statements made by SHINOFF. A noisy debate followed

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and the question of whether DUARTE should be allowed to speak was put to a vote. In a close vote, DUARTE was given permission to speak, but only after SHINOFF presented his slides. SHINOFF then presented his slides on Cuba, and the audience remained orderly, with members of DUARTE's group frequently offering assistance in identifying various buildings and monuments depicted in the slides on Cuba.

Following the slide presentation, DUARTE stood up and started his talk. The audience was not receptive to DUARTE, more because of his demanding attitude than his views on Cuba, and approximately 20 persons left the meeting. LAEMMLE acknowledged that those who did remain for DUARTE's talk were noisy but orderly. At no time did any scuffle take place. LAEMMLE does not recall observing anyone resembling news media photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the meeting and cannot recall anyone in particular arguing with DUARTE or calling DUARTE a CIA agent.

LAEMMLE recalls that his wife, RAQUEL LAEMMLE, who also attended this meeting, told him after the meeting that as the meeting began to break up, three dark complected male individuals walked past her and appeared startled as they noticed a Star of David on a chain around her neck. According to LAEMMLE, his wife has speculated that these three individuals could have been Arabs, because of their reaction upon observing the Star of David. LAEMMLE did not see or hear anything else which might indicate that anyone present at the meeting was of Arab extraction. LAEMMLE vaguely recalls two or three individuals seated toward the front of the room who might be identical to the three individuals referred to by his wife but was unable to further describe these individuals. Although he believes these three individuals were critical of DUARTE, he cannot recall any statements they made.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were shown to LAEMMLE, and after viewing these photographs, LAEMMLE advised that he cannot recall anyone resembling these photographs who attended the above meeting.

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RAQUEL LAEMMLE, 3300 Amesbury, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1963, she and her husband, ROBERT LAEMMLE, hosted an open meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPP) at their residence, 3300 Amesbury. The LAEMMLEs have, on numerous past occasions, made their residence available for such meetings.

Approximately 65 persons attended this meeting, most of whom were unknown to LAEMMLE and probably members of other Peace and Freedom Party Chapters in the Los Angeles area. LAEMMLE noted that pamphlets announcing this meeting and a talk on Cuba by PAUL SHINOFF were mailed to many Peace and Freedom Party members in the Los Angeles area and that the meeting was announced in the Los Angeles "Free Press" newspaper.

The meeting started at approximately 3:15 p.m. and lasted until shortly before midnight. Between ten and fifteen Cuban individuals, headed by JOSE DUARTE, arrived at the meeting. LAEMMLE believes these individuals arrived at approximately 9:00 p.m. but could not recall whether they arrived before or after SHINOFF, who also arrived at approximately 9:00 p.m. Following a talk by SHINOFF, and as SHINOFF was preparing a slide presentation, DUARTE stood up and demanded that he be given time to present his views on Cuba. According to LAEMMLE, a noisy but orderly discussion followed, and a vote was taken as to whether DUARTE should be allowed to speak since he was not previously announced as a speaker. Those present voted to allow DUARTE to speak following SHINOFF's slide presentation. Following SHINOFF's slide presentation, DUARTE stood up again and started his talk. Between fifteen and twenty individuals left the meeting at this point. The audience, not receptive to DUARTE, became quite noisy, but at no time did a scuffle take place. LAEMMLE does not recall anyone in particular

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arguing with DUARTE or call DUARTE a CIA agent. She feels that the audience as a whole was more critical of DUARTE because of his attitude . . . than his views on Cuba.

LAEMMLE cannot recall observing anyone at the meeting who resembled news media photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. She recalled that as the meeting adjourned one tall and two short dark complected individuals, who she believes arrived shortly after the meeting started, walked past her and hesitated when they observed a large Star of David which she was wearing on a chain around her neck. Recalling this incident, LAEMMLE suggested that these three individuals could have been Arabs in view of their reaction upon observing the Star of David.

LAEMMLE did not see or hear anything else which would indicate that anyone at the meeting was of Arab extraction. She does not recall the dress of any of these three individuals or any remarks made by same.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were shown to LAEMMLE, and, after viewing these photographs, LAEMMLE advised she is certain that none of the above three individuals or anyone else she observed at the meeting resembles these photographs of SIRHAN.

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ELLEN SCHNEIDERS, 969½ Manzanita, Los Angeles, was contacted in front of her residence and furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1963, she attended an open meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP), at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, the residence of ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE. This meeting was chaired by her husband, RON SCHNEIDERS, who is chairman of the LFPFP.

SCHNEIDERS estimates that between 55 and 60 persons attended this meeting and noted that only about ten of these would have been members of the LFPFP. SCHNEIDERS indicated that invitations announcing this meeting, and a talk on Cuba by PAUL SHINOFF, were mailed to over one thousand members of the various chapters of the Peace and Freedom Party in the Los Angeles area. Leaflets announcing this meeting were also distributed at Los Angeles City College. SCHNEIDERS recalled that SHINOFF arrived at approximately 9:00 p.m. and that shortly thereafter a group of approximately ten Cuban individuals, headed by JOSE DUARTE, previously unknown to SCHNEIDERS, arrived at this meeting. Although SCHNEIDERS spent much of her time preparing and serving refreshments at this meeting, she recalls that following a talk and slide presentation by SHINOFF, DUARTE stood up and spoke for between five and ten minutes. The audience became quite agitated with DUARTE, and although there was considerable shouting, SCHNEIDERS does not believe that any kind of a scuffle took place. SCHNEIDERS recalls observing two or three dark complected individuals, all having dark wavy hair, who were seated toward the front of the room and who, along with the others seated toward the front, shouted criticism at DUARTE as this individual attempted to speak. SCHNEIDERS does not recall any particular remarks made by these individuals but feels they were critical of DUARTE's attitude rather than the subject matter. SCHNEIDERS vaguely recalls a remark regarding DUARTE being a CIA agent, and although she cannot recall who made this remark, she believes that it was a female

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individual. SCHNEIDERS does not believe that these two or three individuals were part of the Cuban group or members of the Peace and Freedom Party.

SCHNEIDERS was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and after viewing these photographs, advised that she does not recognize them as being identical with anyone attending the meeting, including the above two or three individuals.

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Date 6/27/68

RON SCHNEIDERS, 969 $\frac{1}{2}$ Manzanita, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location. It was noted by SA RAYSA that SCHNEIDERS' apartment contained a large poster of ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA bearing the inscription "Viva Che," several small anti-Vietnam war posters, and several posters reading "Free Huey." On numerous occasions during the interview, SCHNEIDERS made comments critical of the Los Angeles Police Department and its handling of the Los Angeles area anti-Vietnam war demonstrations, and its harassment of members of the Mexican-American community.

SCHNEIDERS acknowledged he is Chairman of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) and that on May 21, 1968, he chaired an open meeting sponsored by the LFPFP at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, and lasting from approximately 8:15 p.m. to shortly before midnight. SCHNEIDERS estimates 60 to 70 persons attended this meeting, including approximately 15 LFPFP members and approximately 10 Cuban individuals, who arrived at approximately 9:15 p.m. in a group headed by JOSE DUARTE, previously unknown to SCHNEIDERS.

Approximately 1,200 invitations to this meeting were mailed to the Los Angeles area Peace and Freedom Party members, and the meeting was advertised in the Los Angeles "Free Press" newspaper. Leaflets were also distributed at Los Angeles City College. Both announcements referred to a talk on Cuba by PAUL HUGH SHINOFF who had recently returned from a trip to Cuba. SHINOFF's presence was arranged by SCHNEIDERS.

SCHNEIDERS introduced SHINOFF at approximately 9:00 p.m. and shortly thereafter DUARTE and his followers arrived. DUARTE approached SCHNEIDERS and requested time to discuss his views on Cuba and to refute any statements favorable to CASTRO made by SHINOFF. During SHINOFF's talk one of DUARTE's companion's shouted something at SHINOFF and DUARTE, speaking in Spanish, quieted this individual.

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Following the SHINOFF talk, DUARTE stood up before the audience and demanded that he be given time to speak before the presentation of slides on Cuba by SHINOFF. A noisy debate followed, and SCHNEIDERS called for a vote as to whether DUARTE should be allowed to speak. A vote resulted in a tie, and SCHNEIDERS told DUARTE he could speak but only after the slide presentation. SCHNEIDERS then requested the audience to remain seated following the slides for a talk by DUARTE. Following the slide presentation, DUARTE stood up and spoke for approximately 10 minutes. The audience became quite agitated and critical of DUARTE, but SCHNEIDERS does not recall any statements made. SCHNEIDERS did recall that someone asked DUARTE why he left Cuba; that DUARTE replied that he was forced to leave because of his opposition to the CASTRO government; and that an elderly woman, who SCHNEIDERS refused to identify, then accused DUARTE of being a CIA Agent.

SCHNEIDERS was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph and a photograph depicting a profile view of SIRHAN. After viewing these photographs, he advised that he did not observe anyone at the meeting resembling the individual depicted in these photographs. SCHNEIDERS vaguely recalls observing an unknown dark complected white male individual, wearing a T-shirt, who stood toward the front of the room during the slide presentation, but was unable to further describe this individual or recall whether he resembled the SIRHAN photographs. SCHNEIDERS did not see this individual arrive or leave the meeting and did not see or hear anything which might indicate that he was of Arab extraction.

SCHNEIDERS noted that approximately one week ago he received a call from a female acquaintance who told him that a second female acquaintance, who attended the above meeting, had stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN had attended this meeting. SCHNEIDERS, who refused to identify either of these female individuals, gave this information to JIM OSBORN, a friend and reporter for the Los Angeles "Free Press" newspaper. According to SCHNEIDERS, OSBORN contacted this second female individual, and the latter became very angry and denied ever making such a statement.

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SCHNEIDERS stated he felt an obligation as Chairman of the LFPFP not to disclose the identity of the other LFPFP members attending this meeting without first contacting these individuals and determining whether they desired to be identified.

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Date 6/26/63

PAUL GROSSBERG, 4316 Finley, Hollywood, telephone 665-4924, was contacted at his residence and furnished the following information:

GROSSBERG described himself as a liberal and anti-communist in his political beliefs. On the evening of May 21, 1963, GROSSBERG attended a meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP), which meeting included a talk and slide presentation on Cuba by PAUL SHINOFF. This meeting was held at 3300 Amesbury, Los Angeles, the residence of ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE, and was chaired by RON SCHNEIDERS, who is Chairman of the LFPFP. According to GROSSBERG, approximately 60 persons attended this meeting, and only a small number of those present were members of the LFPFP. A group of approximately ten Cuban individuals, including JOSE DUARTE, unknown to GROSSBERG prior to this meeting, also attended the meeting.

GROSSBERG recalled that he arrived at this meeting between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m., at which time SHINOFF was concluding his talk on Cuba and preparing to present his slides. Shortly after GROSSBERG arrived, a Cuban individual, subsequently identified to GROSSBERG as JOSE DUARTE, stood up and requested time to present his views on Cuba. A loud debate followed DUARTE's request to speak, with many of those present apparently feeling that DUARTE should not be allowed to speak since he was not a scheduled speaker. GROSSBERG noted that he favored allowing DUARTE to speak and that he was probably as noisy as anyone else at this point in criticizing those who opposed a talk by DUARTE. Those present finally voted to allow DUARTE to speak but only after SHINOFF finished his slide presentation.

GROSSBERG described SHINOFF's presentation as extremely one-sided and definitely pro-CASTRO. During the slide presentation, several of DUARTE's companions criticized SHINOFF's interpretation of economic and reform programs promulgated under FIDEL CASTRO. This criticism, which

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remained orderly, included statements to the effect that virtually all of the reforms spoken of by SHINOFF were instituted before CASTRO assumed leadership in Cuba. GROSSBERG further recalls that one of the slides depicted a prison in Cuba and that SHINOFF claimed that CASTRO frequently visited this prison as a gesture of good will, even though it contained his (CASTRO's) political enemies. Following this claim by SHINOFF, one of DUARTE's Cuban companions stated that he had spent considerable time in this particular prison and had never known CASTRO to visit it.

Following SHINOFF's slide presentation, DUARTE spoke for between ten and fifteen minutes, repeatedly referring to how CASTRO had betrayed the revolution. A number of persons left the meeting as DUARTE got up to speak. GROSSBERG indicated that although most of those who remained for DUARTE's talk were quiet, six or seven individuals continually criticized DUARTE's statements. GROSSBERG stated that although he is not acquainted with these individuals, he would describe them as "leftists," based upon their actions at this meeting, and at several other meetings of the LFPFP meetings which they attended. GROSSBERG does not recall any specific comments made by these individuals. He vaguely recalls a statement accusing DUARTE of being a CIA agent, and believes this statement was made by an individual seated in the center of the room who inquired why DUARTE left Cuba. GROSSBERG feels that DUARTE probably aggravated this criticism by shouting back whenever one of these individuals made a comment. GROSSBERG stated that although DUARTE and the above individuals argued vigorously, each returning the shouts of the others, at no time did any kind of a scuffle take place.

GROSSBERG indicated that as DUARTE finished his talk, he (GROSSBERG) went to the front of the room and talked briefly with this individual, thanking him for coming to the meeting. DUARTE gave GROSSBERG his telephone number and told GROSSBERG that if he (GROSSBERG) ever wanted him to speak again, he could be contacted at this number.

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GROSSBERG was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, GROSSBERG advised that he is certain that none of the individuals he observed at the above meeting, including those arguing with DUARTE, resembled these photographs.

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Date 7/1/68

MARIA CHRISTINA NALDI, 2044 Dracena, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1968, she and her husband, JOHN NALDI, attended a Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) sponsored meeting at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, the residence of ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE. NALDI estimates approximately 60 persons attended this meeting, including approximately 10 LFPFP members and a group of approximately 10 Cuban individuals, headed by JOSE DUARTE, previously unknown to NALDI. Attending from the LFPFP were ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE, RON and ELLEN SCHNEIDERS, PAUL GROSSBERG, SIDNEY PLOTNICK and ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI.

NALDI recalled that following a talk on Cuba by PAUL SHINOFF, JOSE DUARTE stood up before the audience and requested time to present his views and refute statements made by SHINOFF. The audience became quite noisy, and the question of whether DUARTE should be allowed to speak was put to a vote. She believes that those present voted to allow DUARTE to speak following the SHINOFF slide presentation.

NALDI further recalled that during the slide presentation, she became aware of a slightly built white male individual seated in a row of chairs in front of double doors leading to an outdoor patio approximately ten feet from the front of the room. NALDI further described this individual as youthful in appearance, between 18 and 19 years of age, 5'5" tall, dark curly unkempt hair, medium to dark complexion and wearing a white T-shirt and jeans. She had never seen this individual before and assumed that he was of Latin American extraction because of his dark complexion.

NALDI recalled that as a slide depicting traffic congestion in Cuba was presented, one of the Cuban individuals remarked in jest, "There's my car," and that the above T-shirted individual commented to the effect that only the rich people in Cuba owned automobiles.

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Following the slide presentation by SHINOFF, DUARTE spoke for approximately ten minutes. Considerable shouting prevailed as DUARTE spoke, and although NALDI recalls that the above T-shirted individual occasionally shouted critical remarks at DUARTE, she does not recall any words spoken. She did not hear or see anything which might indicate that this individual was of Arab extraction. Toward the end of DUARTE's talk, this T-shirted individual became very excited and angry, got up from his seat and proceeded to within several feet of DUARTE. DUARTE and this individual argued back and forth in loud voices, but NALDI does not recall what was said. She did not observe any kind of a scuffle between DUARTE and this individual. The meeting adjourned for coffee several minutes after this individual approached DUARTE, and NALDI left the meeting at this point and did not further observe the above T-shirted individual.

NALDI was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, NALDI advised that they closely resembled the above described T-shirted individual who argued with DUARTE, although noting that the latter individual appeared lighter complected than the photographs.

NALDI, who sat next to ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI, 2040 Rodney, Los Angeles, during this meeting, recalled that toward the end of the meeting, BUDZISLAWSKI nodded toward an elderly, well-dressed man standing on one side of the room and commented that this individual looked like a CIA Agent. This comment was directed to NALDI, and NALDI does not believe that anyone else heard the comment. She did not hear anyone, including the above described T-shirted individual accuse DUARTE of being a CIA Agent.

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Date 7/1/68

ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI, 2040 Rodney, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

She is 72 years of age, having been born [REDACTED] hard of hearing, and very nearsighted.

She attended a May 21, 1968, meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, the residence of ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE. BUDZISLAWSKI estimated that approximately 55 to 60 individuals attended this meeting, but believes that only about 10 of this number were members of the LFPFP.

BUDZISLAWSKI recalls that following a talk on Cuba by an unknown American youth, who supposedly recently returned from Cuba, an unknown Cuban individual attempted to speak, and after a noisy discussion was told that he would have to wait until after a slide presentation. BUDZISLAWSKI left the meeting immediately after the slide presentation, not waiting for the Cuban individual to speak. She did not see or hear anyone in particular argue with the Cuban individual and does not recall observing anyone wearing a white T-shirt.

BUDZISLAWSKI was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, BUDZISLAWSKI advised that she did not observe anyone at the above meeting who resembled the photographs of SIRHAN.

BUDZISLAWSKI noted that approximately ten days ago, she was telephoned by LFPFP member MARIA NALDI who stated she observed an individual resembling SIRHAN at this meeting. BUDZISLAWSKI furnished this information to RON SCHNEIDERS, Chairman of the LFPFP.

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BUDZISLAWSKI further recalls making a statement in jest to NALDI during the above meeting to the effect that a well dressed, elderly gentleman present looked like a CIA Agent but does not believe anyone else present overheard this statement.

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1Date 7/1/68

SIDNEY PLOTNICK, 4542 Avocado Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location regarding a May 21, 1968, meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPPF) held at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles.

It was noted that PLOTNICK's residence contained numerous posters desecrating religions. PLOTNICK was himself dressed as a clown for no apparent reason.

PLOTNICK's account of the above meeting was replete with inconsistencies and incoherent rambling statements. He acknowledged attending this May 21, 1968, LFPPF meeting and stated that he "may have" observed a slender, dark complected, white male individual sitting by a set of doors leading to an outside patio. PLOTNICK further stated he believes this individual approached and argued with JOSE DUARTE, previously unknown to PLOTNICK, as DUARTE attempted to speak at this meeting. PLOTNICK was unable to further describe this dark complected individual or recall any statements made by same.

PLOTNICK was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, PLOTNICK claimed he now recalls that the above individual may have resembled the photographs of SIRHAN.

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1Date 7/1/68

JOHN NALDI, 2044 Dracena, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his place of employment, Mario's Italian Restaurant, 1001 Broxton, Westwood Village, and furnished the following information:

On the evening of May 21, 1968, he accompanied his wife, MARIA NALDI, to a meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles. NALDI is only slightly acquainted with ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE, the owners of the residence located at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles. NALDI indicated that he is not interested in the meetings of the Los Angeles Peace and Freedom Party; has only attended two prior meetings of this organization, and attended the May 21, 1968, LFPFP meeting as a favor to his wife, MARIA NALDI, who he described as young and impressionable. NALDI is not acquainted with others attending this meeting, with the exception of ROBERT and RAQUEL LAEMMLE.

NALDI, who sat by himself toward the rear of the room during the entire meeting, indicated that he did not pay attention to the speakers. He remembers that the meeting became quite noisy when an unknown Cuban individual spoke following a slide presentation on Cuba by an unknown youth but does not recall any comments made or anyone in particular arguing with the Cuban individual. NALDI did not observe anyone wearing a white T-shirt but noted that his wife, whom he believes sat toward the center of the room, has since told him that she observed an individual so attired and believes that this individual resembles news media photographs she has seen of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

NALDI was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department photograph. After viewing these photographs, NALDI stated that he did not observe anyone at this meeting who resembled these photographs.

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PAUL HUGH SHINOFF, who declined to furnish a local address but stated he could be located through Attorney CHARLES R. GARRY, 341 Market Street, was interviewed, in the presence of GARRY, in a Federal Bureau of Investigation automobile at the intersection of Market and Beale Streets, San Francisco, California. SHINOFF related that he will be in San Francisco for several weeks, after which he may possibly return to Southern California.

SHINOFF related that he attended a meeting of the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party at an unrecalled address in Hollywood, California, on May 21, 1968. He stated that handbills were passed out advertising this meeting and consequently there were possibly fifty to sixty individuals present in the private home of a couple whose names he was unable to recall. During this meeting SHINOFF spoke concerning his recent trip to Cuba and also showed slides on Cuba.

SHINOFF recalled that during his talk an individual, whose name he later learned to be DUARTE, rose and demanded to speak. This interruption led to a heated discussion by various individuals pro and con regarding DUARTE's speaking to the group. It was finally decided that DUARTE should be allowed to speak after SHINOFF had finished showing the slides. SHINOFF related that he did not recall any individual scuffling with DUARTE or any particular individual making derogatory remarks concerning DUARTE. He further claimed that he could not recall a small dark individual who was dressed in T-shirt and trousers being present at this meeting.

SHINOFF was shown two photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN but stated that he did not recognize the individual depicted in these photographs as anyone observed by him at the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party meeting on May 21, 1968.

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1Date 7/3/68

HUGO BYRNE, 4035 Monroe Street, Apartment 1, Los Angeles, California, telephone 662-0972, was contacted at this location and furnished the following information:

He stated he is a reporter for "La Prensa de Los Angeles", a semimonthly Spanish language newspaper published at Los Angeles, California.

He stated that three or four weeks ago one JOSE ANTONIO DUARTE, 6643 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, California, told him that he (DUARTE) and a number of other Los Angeles area anti-Castro Cuban individuals recently attended a "pro-Castro" meeting at a private residence near Griffith Park in Los Angeles, California. DUARTE told BYRNE that he (DUARTE) observed a young dark complected male individual at this meeting and that he (DUARTE) is certain that this individual is identical to news-media photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. BYRNE believes that one ALBERT VELAZCO was one of the Cuban individuals who accompanied DUARTE to this meeting.

BYRNE stated he does not have any first hand knowledge of this meeting and was unable to furnish any additional information regarding same.

Although BYRNE is acquainted with a Cuban individual by the name of FRANK GUITIERREZ, he has not seen this individual in approximately two years. At that time GUITIERREZ was residing in an apartment building on Normandie Avenue, between Wilshire Boulevard and Olympic Avenue in Los Angeles, California

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GERALD LIGHT GOLDSTEIN, 649A Hawthorne, Glendale, California, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

Although currently unemployed, he is a free-lance photographer and occasionally sells photographs to the Los Angeles area newspapers.

Between midnight and 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968, he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, for the purpose of taking photographs of a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. GOLDSTEIN proceeded to the Embassy Room at the hotel, and, shortly after arriving at this location was told that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot in another area of the hotel. GOLDSTEIN then proceeded to the area of the shooting and took several photographs of the persons who had been shot. Several days later he gave this film to the "Free Press" newspaper. GOLDSTEIN did not see the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY or the person responsible for the shooting.

GOLDSTEIN also advised that on May 21, 1968, he attended a meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPPF) at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, which meeting included a talk and slide presentation on Cuba by PAUL SHINOFF. GOLDSTEIN, who is a member of the LFPPF, arrived at the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m. As SHINOFF was preparing to present his slides of Cuba, a Cuban individual, subsequently identified to GOLDSTEIN as Major JOSE DUARTE, stood up and requested that he be given time to present his views on Cuba. The meeting became quite loud, and GOLDSTEIN believes that those present voted to allow DUARTE to speak following SHINOFF's slides presentation. After the presentation of these slide, which slides GOLDSTEIN described as being of very poor quality, DUARTE again stood up at the front of the room and proceeded to present his views on Cuba. The audience again became quite noisy and critical of DUARTE. GOLDSTEIN was unable to

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identify any particular individuals arguing with DUARTE, nor could he recall any of the comments made by these individuals. He did not hear anyone accuse DUARTE of being a CIA Agent and did not observe anyone scuffle with this individual.

GOLDSTEIN was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a photograph taken June 5, 1968, by the Los Angeles Police Department. After viewing these photographs, GOLDSTEIN advised he could not recall observing anyone at the above meeting, or at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968, who resembled these photographs.

GOLDSTEIN noted that several weeks ago, RON SCHNEIDERS, Chairman of the LFPFP, mentioned that one of the other LFPFP members who attended the above May 21, 1968, meeting told him (SCHNEIDERS) that an individual resembling SIRHAN attended this meeting. GOLDSTEIN, however, does not know the identity of this LFPFP member.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, as reviewed June 26, 1968, by IC MERTON R. ANDERSON, JR., reflect the following information:

On December 30, 1967, ROBERT LAEMMLE, 3244 Lowry Road, Los Angeles, whose occupation was shown as theater owner, registered his intention to affiliate with the Peace and Freedom Party in an ensuing election.

The Peace and Freedom Party is a recognized political party in the State of California.

On December 16, 1967, RAQUEL LAEMMLE, 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, registered her intention to affiliate with the Peace and Freedom Party in an ensuing election.

On April 9, 1968, RONALD F. SCHNEIDERS, 969½ Manzanita Street, Los Angeles, registered his intention to affiliate with the Peace and Freedom Party in an ensuing election.

On April 9, 1968, ELLEN SCHNEIDERS, 969½ Manzanita, Los Angeles, registered her intention to affiliate with the Peace and Freedom Party in an ensuing election.

On December 30, 1967, PAUL GROSSBERG, 4316 Finnley Avenue, Los Angeles, registered his intention to affiliate with the Peace and Freedom Party in an ensuing election.

On December 20, 1967, MARIA C. NALDI, Apartment 3, 1336 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, registered her intention to affiliate with the Peace and Freedom Party in an ensuing election.

On October 15, 1967, ERNA BUDZISLAWSKI, 2040 Rodney Drive, Los Angeles, registered her intention to affiliate with the Peace and Freedom Party in an ensuing election.

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On July 19, 1968, RON SCHNEIDERS, 969 $\frac{1}{2}$ Manzanita, Los Angeles, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles office of the FBI and advised that he had just located a register reflecting the signed names and addresses of three individuals of possible Arab extraction who attended the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) sponsored meeting on May 21, 1968, at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles. According to SCHNEIDERS, the names of these three individuals are as follows:

ALI KHAN BOUCNAND,
2119 North Beechwood,
Los Angeles

MOHAMMAD VAFAT,
4033 Sunset Drive,
Los Angeles

VANIK SALMASIZADHE,
631 East Windsor,
Glendale, California

SCHNEIDERS noted that he previously furnished information to the FBI regarding this meeting and that he now feels there may have been four individuals of Arab extraction at this meeting.

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ALI KHAN BOUCNAND, residence, 2199 North Beachwood; employment, Assistant Manager, Akron Department Store, 4400 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his residence in the presence of Sergeant MICHAEL MC GANN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and furnished the following information:

On the evening of May 21, 1968, he accompanied his roommate, REZA JALALIPOUR, and one MOHAMMAD VAFAT to a meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3300 Amesbury, Los Angeles. Their purpose in attending this particular meeting was to obtain speakers for the "Iranian Students" Club, which organization BOUCNAND described as a social club. Three other "Iranian Students" Club members attended this meeting, arriving by separate transportation, namely Dr. PARVIZ TAHERPOUR, SIROUS KARAMI, and VANIK SALMASIZADHE.

BOUCNAND recalled that one (FNU) DUARTE, a Cuban exile, spoke following a talk and slide presentation on Cuba by an unknown American who had recently visited Cuba. BOUCNAND stated his roommate, JALALIPOUR, engaged in a loud argument with (FNU) DUARTE. BOUCNAND does not recall statements made by DUARTE or JALALIPOUR but noted that this argument involved a face-to-face confrontation between these two individuals.

BOUCNAND volunteered that JALALIPOUR speaks with a heavy foreign accent and that JALALIPOUR closely resembles news media photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN published shortly after the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. BOUCNAND recalled that following the publication of these photographs, he told JALALIPOUR, in jest, that he better stay inside or someone might mistake him for SIRHAN.

BOUCNAND was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, photograph taken by the LAPD. After viewing these photographs, BOUCNAND advised he did not observe anyone else at the above meeting resembling the individual depicted in these photographs.

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Dr. PARVIZ TAHERPOUR, residence, 3201 Longridge, Sherman Oaks, California, employment, Medical-Surgical Clinic 331 East First Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his place of employment regarding a May 21, 1968, Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) sponsored meeting at 3300 Amesbury, Los Angeles.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to Dr. TAHERPOUR, including a photograph taken June 5, 1968, by the Los Angeles Police Department. Dr. TAHERPOUR stated that several weeks after the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Los Angeles contacted him and displayed similar photographs of SIRHAN. TAHERPOUR then stated that he was not acquainted with SIRHAN, had no information regarding this individual, and since he had already told the same thing to INS, did not wish to further discuss the matter with the FBI.

Dr. TAHERPOUR was then asked whether he had ever been associated with the "Iranian Students" Club, and whether he attended the May 21, 1968, meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3300 Amesbury. Dr. TAHERPOUR replied that since he had no information regarding SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and had never seen this individual before, he felt these questions were irrelevant and stated that he did not wish to further discuss his personal life. Dr. TAHERPOUR then stated that the interviewing Agents could contact the INS should they desire any information regarding his personal affairs.

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VANIK SALMASIZADHE, Apartment 11, 631 East Windsor, Glendale, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, Dunlop Tires, 1023 East Colorado (241-4756), in the presence of Sergeant MICHAEL MC GANN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and furnished the following information:

On May 21, 1968, he and five other individuals of Iranian extraction attended a meeting sponsored by the Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPFP) at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, arriving at this location at approximately 8:15 p.m. The other Iranians attending with him were as follows:

Dr. PARVIZ TAHERPOUR, who runs a medical clinic on East First Street in Los Angeles.

ALI KHAN BOUCNAND, 2119 North Beechwood, Los Angeles, California.

REZA JALALIPOUR, a student at Valley Junior College, Van Nuys, California, who rooms with BOUCNAND.

SIROUS KARAMI, who lives in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles; and one unknown Iranian individual who is an acquaintance of JALALIPOUR.

According to SALMASIZADHE, KARAMI, who is a member of the LFPFP, invited the other Iranians to this meeting.

SALMASIZADHE recalled that the meeting included a talk and slide presentation on Cuba by an unknown American individual who recently returned from a trip to Cuba. Following this talk and slide presentation, an unknown Cuban individual spoke for approximately ten minutes, claiming to have been with FIDEL CASTRO during the Cuban revolution and to have later been arrested and imprisoned by CASTRO

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for opposing communism in Cuba. SALMASIZADHE further recalled that during the Cuban's talk, REZA JALALIPOUR confronted this individual and engaged in a loud argument. SALMASIZADHE stated he does not recall any statements made during this argument, although he believes that JALALIPOUR told the Cuban that he was a Persian, in response to an inquiry by the Cuban. SALMASIZADHE described JALALIPOUR as being approximately 24 years of age, 5'6", 145 pounds, dark complected, curly black hair, and having a heavy foreign accent. He believes that JALALIPOUR was wearing a light colored turtleneck pullover type shirt on the evening of this meeting. SALMASIZADHE volunteered that JALALIPOUR can be particularly loud and outspoken in pressing an argument.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to SALMASIZADHE, and, after viewing same, he noted that REZA JALALIPOUR closely resembles the individual depicted in these photographs. SALMASIZADHE stated he did not observe anyone else resembling the SIRHAN photographs at the above meeting and could not recall anyone else who actually confronted and argued with the Cuban individual.

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REZA JALALIPOUR, 2119 North Beachwood, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] in Tehran, Iran, and has been in the United States on a student visa for approximately three years. He is currently a second year student at Valley Junior College, Van Nuys, California. It was noted that JALALIPOUR speaks with a foreign accent and bears a physical description to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He attended a May 21, 1968, Los Feliz Peace and Freedom Party (LFPPF) sponsored meeting at 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, with five other individuals of Iranian extraction, namely his roommate, ALI KHAN BOUCNAND, Dr. PARVIZ TAHERPOUR, MOHAMMAD VAFATIE, SIROUS KARAMI, and VANIK SALMASTIZADHE. JALALIPOUR and the others were invited to this meeting by SIROUS KARAMI.

JALALIPOUR recalled that following a talk and slide presentation on Cuba by an unknown American youth, an-unknown Cuban individual spoke for between five and ten minutes. JALALIPOUR acknowledged arguing with this unknown Cuban and admitted that he was probably quite critical of this individual. Although the argument became quite loud, and JALALIPOUR was only several feet from the Cuban, at no time did any kind of a scuffle take place. JALALIPOUR recalls that the Cuban at one point asked him where he was from, and he replied either that he was a Persian or an Arab. JALALIPOUR further recalled asking this unknown Cuban individual why he left Cuba. JALALIPOUR said that he did not recall any further statements made to this individual. He definitely did not accuse this Cuban individual of working for the CIA.

JALALIPOUR was shown several photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a June 5, 1968, photograph taken by the Los Angeles Police Department. After viewing

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these photographs, JALALIPOUR advised that he did not observe anyone at the above meeting who resembled the individual depicted in these photographs.

JALALIPOUR stated that he is not in any way acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and had never heard of this individual prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

The following description of JALALIPOUR was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	REZA JALALIPOUR
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Tehran, Iran
Height	5'6"
Weight	140
Hair	Curly and black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Voice	Speaks with a foreign accent
Scars and Marks	3/4" scar lower right side of mouth

JALALIPOUR stated that he believes he may have been wearing a pullover type shirt, color not recalled, on the night of May 21, 1968, but does not further recall his dress on that evening.