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Mr. McLAUGHLIN said that he does not know anyone named DAVID ROCHE.

PATRICK TIFFANY McLAUGHLIN is a native of Los Angeles, having been born there June 26, 1943. He is 5 feet 7½ inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes. He attended the University of Southern California and the American Institute of Foreign Trade at Phoenix, Arizona.

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Date 11/19/63

RONALD ALLEN NORMAN, 17102 Adlon Road, Encino, California, telephone ST 3-3949, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He is a third year student at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on June 4, 1963, he and an acquaintance, HARVEY PEPPER, 612 North Kings Road, Los Angeles, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, to attend a celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. NORMAN and PEPPER wandered around the hotel looking for "famous persons" until approximately 11:30 p.m., at which time they met an acquaintance, SUE HARRIS, who had been acting as a press secretary for Senator KENNEDY's campaign in Southern California. HARRIS provided NORMAN and PEPPER with press passes and suggested that if they wanted to see Senator KENNEDY, they could wait in the press room located behind the speakers' platform in the Embassy Room, since the Senator was expected to pass through this location following his address.

NORMAN and PEPPER then proceeded to this press room where thirty to forty news media representatives had gathered to await the completion of Senator KENNEDY's address. NORMAN recalled that following his address, Senator KENNEDY proceeded directly through a passage behind the speakers' platform to a corridor leading to the kitchen area. As NORMAN proceeded from the press room to this corridor, he heard screams coming from the kitchen area. He definitely did not hear any shots fired, or any sounds which he would have interpreted as such. NORMAN and PEPPER then rushed into the kitchen area, where they were told that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. NORMAN recalled that approximately seventy five persons had already gathered in the kitchen area and that Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor. The area became quite noisy and congested as people continued to gather at this location. NORMAN did not observe anyone who appeared as though he may have been responsible for the shooting.

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by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/eb Date dictated 11/15/63

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NORMAN and PEPPER remained in the kitchen area for approximately five minutes, after which they proceeded to a room at the hotel occupied by SUE HARRIS. HARRIS, who had been packing for her travel to Chicago with the Kennedy campaign party, had already heard about the shooting on the television. NORMAN and PEPPER remained in HARRIS' hotel room for fifteen to twenty minutes, and then left the hotel at approximately 12:45 a.m., June 5, 1963.

NORMAN was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a photograph of this individual taken June 5, 1963, by the Los Angeles Police Department. After viewing these photographs, NORMAN advised that he did not observe anyone resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4-5, 1963, or anywhere else prior to these dates. NORMAN was also shown photographs of ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, and MUNIR SIRHAN, and after viewing same, advised that to the best of his knowledge, he has never observed any of the individuals depicted in these photographs.

NORMAN advised that PEPPER has never indicated to him that he (PEPPER) observed someone at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1963, or June 5, 1963, who resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. NORMAN noted that he was with PEPPER virtually the entire evening of June 4, 1963, and that he did not himself observe anyone resembling photographs he has seen of this individual. NORMAN then volunteered that PEPPER is a "notorious story teller" who frequently fabricates or exaggerates his observations or experiences. NORMAN further described PEPPER as an individual who seeks attention. As an illustration, NORMAN recalled a recent incident in which PEPPER, while visiting Las Vegas, was mistaken for a Hollywood celebrity and, for several days, assumed the identity of this celebrity to the extent of accepting free room, board, and publicity from a Las Vegas hotel.

NORMAN was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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HARVEY PEPPER, 612 North Kings Road, Los Angeles (653-5366), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He was born November 27, 1943, and is presently unemployed.

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on June 4, 1963, he and one RON NORMAN, current address unknown, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, for the purpose of attending a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. From 3:30 p.m. to approximately 11:45 p.m., PEPPER and NORMAN wandered around the hotel with no particular objective. At approximately 9:30 p.m., as PEPPER and NORMAN were mingling with the crowd in the main lobby of the hotel, PEPPER observed a young, sloppily dressed individual, who he later recognized from photographs as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. This individual was standing with four other individuals, all approximately 40 years of age and dressed in suits and ties, near a fountain in the lobby. PEPPER recalled that his first impression was that the four well dressed individuals were arresting this youth. Although PEPPER did not hear or observe any words exchanged between the four well dressed individuals and this youth, these individuals were standing in a small circle, and PEPPER definitely feels that all were part of the same group. PEPPER only observed these five individuals for an instant from a distance of approximately ten feet. He was unable to describe these individuals, other than to say that the four well dressed individuals all appeared to be approximately 40 years of age and light complected white males, and that the youth, he later recognized from Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) photographs as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, was youthful in appearance, slovenly attired, and dark complected. This latter individual did not appear to have anything in his hands and was not wearing a hat. PEPPER does not know whether NORMAN observed these individuals, and PEPPER has never discussed his observations with NORMAN.

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PEPPER noted that at approximately 12:30 a.m., June 5, 1963, he again observed the above described youth being led from the lobby to the entrance of the hotel, apparently in custody of authorities.

PEPPER was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN. After viewing these photographs, PEPPER stated that he is certain that the photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN are identical to the above described youth he observed in the hotel lobby. PEPPER indicated that, to the best of his knowledge, he has never observed the individuals depicted in the photographs of ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, or MUNIR SIRHAN, and that he is positive that none of these individuals resembled the above described four well dressed individuals he observed in the hotel lobby.

At approximately 11:45 p.m., PEPPER met an acquaintance, SUE HARRIS, who had been acting as a press secretary for the KENNEDY campaign in Southern California. HARRIS supplied PEPPER and HOWARD with press passes and told them if they wanted to shake hands with Senator KENNEDY, they should wait in the press room located behind the speaker's podium in the Embassy Room, since Senator KENNEDY was expected to pass through this location following his address.

PEPPER and HOWARD then proceeded to this Press room, where they remained until Senator KENNEDY finished a short address in the Embassy Room. PEPPER estimates that approximately fifty persons, most of them wearing press passes, had gathered in the press room. Senator KENNEDY, after completing his address, proceeded directly through the passage behind the speakers' platform to the corridor leading to the kitchen, thus bypassing the press room. PEPPER proceeded to this corridor, and, upon reaching this location, heard an unrecalled number of muffled noises, which sounded like dishes breaking ahead of him in the corridor. At this point, PEPPER thought that someone had probably upset one of the stainless steel carts situated along the sides of the corridor. PEPPER continued through

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the corridor to the kitchen area and was unaware that anyone had been shot until reaching this location and observing a newsman who had been shot in the hip. PEPPER recalled that as he passed into the kitchen area, someone closed and stood in front of the door leading to the corridor. PEPPER estimated that approximately 100 persons were in the kitchen at this point. PEPPER passed through a group of individuals standing near the center of the kitchen and observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor with his head in a pool of blood. PEPPER observed Senator KENNEDY's lips moving but did not actually hear any words spoken. More people began rushing into the kitchen, and the area became quite noisy and congested.

At no time did PEPPER observe anyone in the corridor or kitchen area who resembled photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. Nor did PEPPER observe anyone who appeared as though he might have been responsible for the shooting.

PEPPER remained in the kitchen area for three or four minutes and then proceeded to a room at the hotel occupied by SUE HARRIS. HARRIS had earlier gone to her hotel room to pack for her travel to Chicago with the Senator KENNEDY campaign party. By the time PEPPER reached HARRIS' hotel room, HARRIS had already heard about the shooting on television. PEPPER remained in HARRIS' hotel room for between ten to fifteen minutes and then proceeded to the lobby where he observed the above described individual, he later identified as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, being led from the lobby to the hotel entrance. PEPPER left the hotel at approximately 12:45 a.m., June 5, 1963.

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STEVEN MICHAEL PLEVIN, Apartment 1, 6510 Madrid Avenue, Isla Vista, California, home address 2762 Tucker Lane, Los Alamitos, California, student at University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), advised that on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, he journeyed from Isla Vista to Los Angeles with several other students at the University of California, Santa Barbara who were members of the UCSB Students for Kennedy. They obtained a room on the third floor of the Ambassador Hotel in order to attend the KENNEDY victory rally and stay overnight.

Shortly after midnight on Wednesday, June 5, PLEVIN went from the UCSB room to the hallway outside the KENNEDY suite on the fifth floor. He saw Senator ROBERT KENNEDY emerge from his suite with his wife, greet his well-wishers in the hallway and then proceed toward the main ballroom. PLEVIN eventually made his way back to the UCSB room, but on his way he heard someone shout that KENNEDY had been shot. He returned to the UCSB room and watched the television coverage of the aftermath of the shooting.

He stated that he had not been on the first floor of the hotel during the pertinent period, had no firsthand information on the shooting, and had observed no suspicious activity in the vicinity before the shooting. He stated that the following persons in the UCSB delegation had been reported in the main ballroom at the time of the shooting, but had undoubtedly been interviewed before this time:

LINDA BOND, currently enrolled at UCSB and living in San Rafael Hall, UCSB.

VALERIE SCHULTE, UCSB, student now living at 6637 Del Playa, Isla Vista.

RICHARD FRICK, now attending University of Chicago Law School.

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Date 10/4/681

Mr. BERT SPISZMAN, 5921 Simpson Avenue, North Hollywood, California, telephone number 877-8394, employed as a teacher of History and Science at the Thomas Starr King Junior High School, 4201 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 664-1176, advised the following:

Mr. SPISZMAN said he had attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968. Following the conclusion of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech in the Embassy Room of this hotel at approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, Mr. SPISZMAN observed Senator KENNEDY and a group of persons following him leave the stage and move into a corridor leading towards the kitchen. Mr. SPISZMAN at the time was standing in a small anteroom at the rear of the stage and adjacent to the corridor. He at this point heard some noises which sounded to him as if they were exposed electrical circuits popping. His impression was that perhaps some of the television cables had broken. He then heard the considerable noise and confusion coming from the kitchen area and people began screaming, and he saw one woman coming back towards the Embassy Room area who had blood on her forehead. He began to learn from people around him that there had been some shooting, however, he did not observe the shooting and he at this point went back into the entrance of the Embassy Room where he attempted to quiet some of the people who were beginning to become hysterical. He never did go into the kitchen area and consequently did not see anything that occurred there. He said that he did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN or any of the victims of the shooting with the possible exception that the woman with the blood on her head could have been one of the victims of the shooting but he was not aware of her identity or if this was a fact.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Mr. SPISZMAN who remarked that he had no recollection of seeing any of these persons in the photographs at any time.

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SAUNDRA TAYLOR, 1211 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Commonwealth, Los Angeles California, advised she is employed by the Pacific Telephone Company in Los Angeles as an operator and that during the California campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY for President in the spring of 1968 in Los Angeles, she served as a "KENNEDY Girl".

She said that on the evening that Senator KENNEDY had been shot she had been at the Ambassador Hotel serving as a "KENNEDY Girl." She said she was on the opposite side of the room from the podium when KENNEDY entered the room and that she had left this position upon his entry and entered the lobby. While in the lobby, the shooting occurred and she stated the entire hotel was then thrown into utter pandemonium.

She said she could see nothing of the events taking place and heard nothing of any pertinence.

She stated that she had no further information relative to this matter.

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1Date 9/3/68

JAKE WALKER, 3725 Third Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he had attended the Democratic Rally for Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, which was held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

He stated he had left the Hotel approximately thirty minutes prior to the arrival of Senator KENNEDY from his hotel room, and therefore, was not present when the Senator was shot. He stated he learned of the shooting sometime later in the evening, but said he had no information concerning the events at the hotel.

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INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS
REGISTERED AS GUESTS AT AMBASSADOR
HOTEL DURING PERIOD JUNE 4-5, 1968

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Date 10/18/68

BRUCE A. AGNEW, Reporter, McGraw-Hill, Incorporated, Suite 400, National Press Building, Fourteenth and F Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., telephone 737-6630, advised as follows:

AGNEW advised that he had been with Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on May 29 through June 1, 1968, covering his California campaign. On June 1, 1968, he joined the McCARTHY campaign in San Francisco and on June 2, 1968, he went back to Los Angeles, California with McCARTHY. On June 3, 1968, he flew back to Washington, D. C., and did not return to California.

AGNEW advised that he was not a guest at the Ambassador Hotel after June 3, 1968, and could not furnish any information concerning the shooting of the late Senator KENNEDY. AGNEW advised that he had no information concerning any conspiracy in this matter and only knew what he had read in the newspaper and magazine articles. AGNEW advised that he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and to the best of his knowledge, he had never seen SIRHAN prior to observing his photograph through the news media.

AGNEW further advised that he had not traveled with Senator KENNEDY prior to the California campaign.

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that on June 4, 1968, Mr. C. ANDREW, Gilbert Hotel Reservations, 30 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, was a registered guest.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On October 3, 1968 Mrs. EMILIE GILBERT, Gilbert Hotel Reservations, 30 North LaSalle advised after checking her records, she could find no reference to a C. ANDREW. She advised her company makes reservations for individuals throughout the United States. She stated once the reservation has been made and the commission paid by the Hotel her record of the reservation is destroyed. She advised she handles hundreds of reservations each week and does not know C. ANDREW.

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Date 10/10/68

Mr. ARCHIE ANDREWS, Deputy Director, Bureau of International Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce, advised that he and his wife checked out of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 1968, and were not at the hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed.

ANDREWS advised that both he and his wife observed SIRHAN SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper at the time of the killing and neither of them recall ever seeing him.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he and his wife could furnish no information that would be of assistance in this investigation.

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On 10/9/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135by SA JOHN J. CREAMER, JR. :rab Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 26, 1968

Mrs. RICHARD E. BACON, 2517 Boyd Street, Des Moines, Iowa, furnished the following information concerning Miss AASE G. JENSEN, a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968:

Miss JENSEN is a family friend whom the BACONS met during the summer of 1967 while Mr. BACON was working on a foreign assignment for the Ford Implement Company in Copenhagen, Denmark. While in Denmark, Mrs. BACON invited Miss JENSEN to visit them on a trip she was planning to the United States in 1968.

Miss AASE G. JENSEN arrived at the BACON residence in Des Moines, Iowa, during the early part of May, 1968. After remaining in Des Moines, Iowa, for a few weeks as a house guest of the BACONS, she desired to see the western part of the United States and made arrangements for this travel through a Greyhound Bus tour. Following this tour, she returned to Des Moines, Iowa, and during the latter part of July, 1968, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. BACON on a vacation trip to Maine.

Sometime around July 22, 1968, Miss AASE JENSEN departed the United States and returned to Denmark. Her current address is:

Miss AASE G. JENSEN
Valby Langgade 48² No. 8
Valby
Copenhagen, Denmark

Mrs. BACON said that Miss JENSEN is employed as a waitress at the Baltic Hotel in Copenhagen, Denmark, a job she has had for the past seven or eight years.

Mrs. BACON said that Miss JENSEN is a Danish citizen and speaks very little English. She said that when Miss JENSEN returned to Des Moines, Iowa, from Los Angeles, California, she said she was in her room at the Ambassador Hotel the night Senator KENNEDY was assassinated and had been upset by the noise, sirens and screaming that followed the shooting.

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Mrs. BACON said she was quite sure Miss JENSEN did not leave her room at the Ambassador Hotel following the shooting and from conversations she had with her following the shooting, is sure Miss JENSEN does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN or possess any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with this shooting.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/68

Mr. NORMAN N. BARNETT, 2687 Somerset Boulevard, Troy, Michigan, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Briggs Corporation, 6600 East 15 Mile Road, Warren, Michigan.

Mr. BARNETT advised that to the best of his recollection, from June 4 through June 7, 1968, he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and resided in Room 355, where he conducted several interviews with customers for his company.

He advised that, to the best of his recollection, on June 4, 1968, he went to work at approximately 10:00 PM. He said he is not a Democrat and was not interested in the rally being held by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel.

He advised at approximately 1:00 AM on June 5, 1968, to the best of his recollection, he was awakened from a very sound sleep by what appeared to him to be police car sirens.

Mr. BARNETT advised that he got out of bed and fully dressed himself and attempted to go downstairs where the commotion appeared to be taking place. He said he was prohibited from doing this by police officers, who had blocked off all elevators and stairwells. He said he lost interest in the matter when the police refused him to enter the downstairs area of the hotel and he returned to his room, number 355, and went back to sleep.

Mr. BARNETT said he did not learn about Senator KENNEDY being shot until approximately 7:00 AM, when he got out of bed and heard the broadcast over the radio.

Mr. BARNETT advised that he made arrangements with officers of the Los Angeles Police Department that were guarding the hotel to permit his customers, whom he does not recall, to enter the hotel and visit him in Room 355, where he conducted business with them. He said all of his guests were escorted from the lobby of the hotel up to his room by a Los Angeles Police Officer.

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On 10/18/68 at Warren, Michigan File # Detroit 62-4177

by SA HAROLD R. BRUNSON / MOS Date dictated 10/18/68

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Mr. BARNETT advised that he did not go into the area where the shooting took place until Friday, June 7, 1968, just before his departing Los Angeles. He said when he went into the ballroom where Senator KENNEDY was shot, he observed what appeared to him to be a high school senior class holding a prom.

Mr. BARNETT reiterated that he did not participate nor did he see any of the incidents surrounding the victory rally for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He said he was unable to furnish the name of anyone that might be of assistance in this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mr. JAMES BAUGHN, Itek Corporation, Page Mill Road,
advised as follows:

On or about June 4, 1968, he made reservations at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, however, these reservations were for June 24 - 26, 1968. He was not in Los Angeles on June 4 or 5, 1968.

He has no information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY. He is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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On 9/30/68 at Palo Alto, California File # SF 62-5481
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Date 10/15/681

JACK BELL, Reporter, Associated Press, Senate Press Gallery, United States Capitol Building, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He stated he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles County, California, but on June 4, 1968, flew back to Washington, D.C., because of a foot infection. Because he flew back to Washington he was not in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mrs. BELL was not in Los Angeles at the time of KENNEDY's assassination because she accompanied BELL when he flew back to Washington.

He never saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to KENNEDY's assassination and could furnish no information concerning the possible conspiracy.

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On 10/11/68 at WASHINGTON, FIELD OFFICE File # WFO 173-135

by SA LEN S. BURTON
SA MICHAEL N. CODNER/lcw

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Date September 24, 1968

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Mr. LOUIS BELL, residence address 17129 Northeast Fifth Street, Bellevue, Washington, residence phone SH6-2472, was interviewed on the premises of the Olympic Hotel in Seattle.

Mr. BELL advised that he is a representative of the Bulova Watch Company and he had been in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, attending a sales representative meeting which was being held at the Ambassador Hotel. He said he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel that date and had attended sales meetings at the hotel not only on June 4, 1968, but also on the next day, June 5, 1968.

Mr. BELL advised that he and other Bulova Watch representatives were among the crowd in the Ambassador Hotel who were present during the time that Senator KENNEDY was speaking. He said that he and the rest of his crowd remained in the same room where they were standing when KENNEDY left the room and thereafter he heard a commotion coming from the direction that KENNEDY had left and subsequently he saw a woman being carried out through this same room in which he was standing, and then one other person came through this room who had been shot.

Mr. BELL advised that all this information subsequent to the instant that KENNEDY left the room came from watching television monitors in the room where the crowd was assembled and to the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and has no information whatsoever concerning any possible conspiracy.

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On 9/24/68 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 89-62
by SA VERNON P. COYNE :asd Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 29, 1968

CARMINE BELLINO, Certified Public Accountant, 9200 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed and he furnished the following:

BELLINO was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. The reason he was there was because he was working on the presidential campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

BELLINO spent part of the evening of June 4, 1968, in the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel and he had anticipated that KENNEDY would make an appearance there. KENNEDY, however, never made an appearance there. After the shots were fired at KENNEDY due to the confusion BELLINO was not able to enter and he eventually went to his own room.

BELLINO recalled that two firemen appeared at the door of the above hotel at the main lobby and as there were too many people there the firemen thinned the crowd out by preventing people from entering and in some instances people that went out were not able to get back in. Later in the evening, however, before midnight, the firemen began letting everyone in and the place rapidly became very crowded. BELLINO thought this was very unusual but could not attach any particular significance to this or connect it with events at the hotel that night. He merely brought this out during the interview as it was the only unusual thing he could recall happening at the hotel, which he observed, prior to the assassination.

He had no information indicating a possible conspiracy in this matter, he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and had no recollection of seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/17/68 at Bethesda, Maryland File # Baltimore 44-684

SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE:bs

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Date October 17, 1968

Miss BETTY BESIG, Office Clerk, with residence in a second floor Apartment, 1607 Whitesboro Street, advised that she had been a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, but has no pertinent personal information concerning the June 5, 1968, shooting of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at that Hotel.

Miss BESIG stated she was at the above Hotel with a group of women who had traveled there from Chicago, Illinois, as part of a Greyhound tour. She stated that during the late evening of June 4, 1968, she and many other members of this group, including a woman believed to be Miss ALICE HOCH (PH) of Brayton Park, Utica, New York, were sitting in the main lobby of the Hotel. She continued that at that time there were a large number of individuals there, some well dressed and some poorly dressed, but all in varying stages of celebration.

Miss BESIG stated that at approximately 11:30 P. M. on that date she and Miss HOCH (PH) retired to their adjoining Hotel rooms which were believed to have been located on the first floor of the Ambassador Hotel. She stated that subsequently she had heard a good deal of noise in other parts of the Hotel but was completely unaware of the assassination and believed all of the noise was being created by the celebrants.

She continued that on the following morning she joined Miss HOCH (PH) at the latter's room and both went downstairs for breakfast. She continued that it was at that time that both she and Miss HOCH (PH) learned through Hotel employees that former Senator KENNEDY had been shot earlier at the Hotel. She stated that newspaper photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had failed to be familiar to her or to Miss HOCH (PH) and neither of them had believed that they had seen this individual before and neither appeared to have any additional pertinent information concerning this matter.

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On 10/8/68 at Utica, New York File # ALBANY 175-12
LOS ANGELES 56-12
by SA LEWIS J. KELLY/lal Date dictated 10/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

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Mr. HARRY E. BLALACK, 2894 Pierson Way, advised that he is a salesman for the Bulova Watch Company and was attending a convention of Bulova salesmen being held at the Ambassador Hotel as of the first week of June, 1968.

Mr. BLALACK stated that he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel at the time of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory speech following the California presidential primary election held on June 4, 1968. He stated he was in the Embassy Room when word reached him that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he estimated that this word reached him perhaps 20 seconds after the shooting occurred. He stated that he did not hear any shots fired however.

Mr. BLALACK stated that at no time did he see SIRHAN SIRHAN or anyone whom he suspected might be involved in the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated he held the personal theory that SIRHAN must have had co-conspirators if a plot to assassinate Senator KENNEDY was to succeed because it would otherwise appear that SIRHAN could not have positioned himself in such a way as to cover the possible ways by which Senator KENNEDY could have departed from the scene of the Embassy Room. Mr. BLALACK added that he had no specific or concrete information upon which to base this theory.

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On 9/26/68 at Denver, Colorado File # Denver 62-2416

by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR/11d Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 30, 1968

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G. G. (Jerry) BRABANT, Executive Vice President of the Nebar Supply Company, Incorporated, 430 Minor Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, was contacted at his place of business. Mr. BRABANT acknowledged that he had been a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

Mr. BRABANT said that he had arrived back at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, approximately twenty minutes before Senator KENNEDY finished giving his speech. BRABANT said that he went into the Palm Garden Cocktail Lounge and purchased a cocktail. He said that he sat there watching television and just before Senator Kennedy's speech ended a bartender came up and said he was closing the bar. BRABANT said thereafter he moved closer to a TV set and began finishing his drink. He said also immediately thereafter a man came to the bar and said KENNEDY had been shot. BRABANT thought this man had a distorted sense of humor until another man came in and spread the same word. BRABANT said he stayed around for approximately 15 more minutes before going to his room, and when he found he could not call his wife in Seattle from his room he went to the basement and used a public phone.

BRABANT said he has never seen SIRHAN and has no knowledge concerning any possible conspiracy.

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On 9/19/68 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 89-62

SA VERNON P. COYNE

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9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 3, 1968

Miss ARLENE BRADY, 100 Highland Avenue, Rensselaer, New York, was interviewed at the Albany Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

She advised that on May 25, 1968, she and girlfriends TERRY HAKER and MARY SICILIANO departed Albany, New York, on a TWA Airplane and arrived in San Francisco, California, on the same day. She said she and her friends planned a vacation in the State of California. She stated after spending a few days in the San Francisco area, she and her friends traveled to Los Angeles, arriving there during the evening of May 29, 1968. She said the three of them stayed in Room 215 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she and her girlfriends went to the lobby of this hotel between 9:30 and 10:00 PM, hoping to see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY who was to make a speech in the hotel that evening. She said that until 12:10 AM, June 5, 1968, she and TERRY waited in the lobby and observed the crowd which was gathered there. She said that MARY remained until about 11:30 to 11:45 PM, June 4, 1968, and then went up to their hotel room. She stated at 12:10 AM, June 5, 1968, she and TERRY went downstairs after hearing from a member of the crowd that Senator KENNEDY planned to come down to the basement and give another speech. She said he had already given his main speech on the first floor of the hotel. She advised that five minutes after she and TERRY arrived in the basement she heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She said that immediately after hearing this she and TERRY ran outside to the parking lot of the hotel in the vicinity of the Coconut Grove. She said she went back into the hotel alone to the first floor about 12:30 AM and headed to the stairs for the second floor. She said coming down these stairs as she started up was an individual later determined to be SIRHAN SIRHAN and several police officers guarded him.

Miss BRADY advised she was shocked when she heard the news Senator KENNEDY had been shot and said she had

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by SA EDWARD F. NASSIF /jmh Date dictated 10/2/68

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absolutely no information concerning a possible conspiracy to kill Senator KENNEDY and added that this was the first and only time she ever saw SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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October 2, 1968

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Mrs. DONALD C. BRAINARD, 220 Manchester Road, advised that her husband and herself were on vacation in June, 1968, and arrangements were made for travel and accommodations by the Syracuse Travel Agency. She advised that they checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, having arrived that date from Las Vegas, Nevada. They were assigned a room on the fourth floor of the hotel and were in their room and heard the shots fired that killed Senator KENNEDY. They did not know what had happened until they heard about it on the news.

Mrs. BRAINARD said that neither she nor her husband have any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with the shooting, they do not know SIRHAN and to their recollection they did not see him the night of June 4, 1968.

Mrs. BRAINARD said her husband is a sales representative for Aristo International of Detroit, Michigan, and travels on business during the week. She said that they were together during the above period and she is certain he would be unable to add any further information.

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On 9/26/68 at Westvale, New York File # AL 175-12
IA 56-156
by SA JOHN L. KELLY/pak Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/68

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Miss TAMSEN BREDVOLD, Administrative Assistant, Institute of Urban Studies, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that she was staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with her roommate, Miss ADRIENNE LEIB, during the time of Senator KENNEDY's assassination, and she related the following information regarding the incident which occurred the day before the assassination.

At approximately 1:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968, after she and her roommate had gone to bed, they received a telephone call. Miss BREDVOLD said she answered the phone and the man calling asked her if she were Miss LEIB. When she told the man that she was Miss LEIB's roommate, the caller indicated that either she or Miss LEIB would be all right. He then gave his name, which Miss BREDVOLD does not recall, but said it was a common name; he identified himself as being with the press or perhaps the KENNEDY press, she does not recall which. The man then asked if he could borrow a razor. When told that they did not have one, the man said someone in the news room told him that they would have one. The man then explained to Miss BREDVOLD that the KENNEDY party was coming in and he wanted to shave because he had been in trouble before for not being clean-shaven. Miss BREDVOLD then suggested to this man to call Room Service or a man. She said the conversation ended on a friendly note.

Miss BREDVOLD said the next morning Miss LEIB learned that this man had made a number of long distance calls, which he charged to the KENNEDY party, and had already left the hotel without paying his bill. Miss BREDVOLD said she did not feel then, nor does she feel now, that the above incident had any connection whatsoever with the KENNEDY assassination, and she regarded it as a practical joke or perhaps an attempt by this man to meet her and her roommate.

Miss BREDVOLD also related the details of another

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by SA WILLIAM C. BELLINGER/clo Date dictated 10/28/68

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incident which occurred after the assassination. She said she did not know the significance of the information, but furnished it for whatever value it may be to the authorities investigating Senator KENNEDY's assassination.

She said that on Wednesday afternoon, June 5, 1968, after Senator KENNEDY had been shot, but before he died, a man, who gave his name as either GREEN or WHITE, and identified himself as a "producer" came up to her and asked if she could arrange for him to meet CHARLES EVERS of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The man explained that he had seen Miss BREDVOLD and her girl friend sitting with EVERS the day before and he thought they must be "important people" who could arrange an interview with EVERS. This man then told Miss BREDVOLD that he felt that he had seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the hotel the previous morning, Tuesday, June 4, 1968, talking to a group of Arabs who work in the hotel restaurant. He asked members of this group if they had talked with SIRHAN on Tuesday, and they said that they had. This man said that this group of Arabs consisted of four or five persons, who are very clannish. He said he tried to give this information to the police, but they did not "pay any attention" to him. He then explained that he wanted to meet CHARLES EVERS and tell him the story because he felt that EVERS would be able to get someone to listen to it.

Miss BREDVOLD said that she told this man that she would not arrange for him to meet EVERS, whom she hardly knew, because he had too much on his mind already. She then suggested that this man give whatever information he had to the police or to the FBI.

She stated that she did not see this man again and she described him as follows:

Name	(First Name Unknown) GREEN or WHITE
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Age	55 years
Sex	Male
Race	White
Hair	Silver
Height	5'6"
Characteristics	Well dress, "producer-type" No accent.

Miss BREEDVOLD said she did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and never saw anyone resembling him in the hotel. She also stated that she was not present when Senator KENNEDY was killed and could furnish no information in this regard.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

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Mrs. MEREDITH C. BROMFIELD, 4161 Shangri-La Drive, advised that she had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the first part of June, 1968, while her son was undergoing an operation at Los Angeles. She stated she was dissatisfied with her room at the Ambassador and for that reason, checked into another hotel at Los Angeles.

She stated she was not staying at the Ambassador Hotel on the night that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot there, although she was still in Los Angeles at the time of that occurrence. She stated she did not observe anyone, during her stay at the Ambassador, whom she believed identical with SIRHAN SIRHAN, the accused assassin of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, nor did she have any information which might relate to this assassination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 11, 19681

LEWIS FRANK BROWN, 400 Lakeside Drive, telephone 707-642-4086, was contacted at his residence, and he advised that he was not a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4 or 5, 1968. BROWN advised that he was in Vallejo, California, on June 4 and 5, 1968.

BROWN advised that he was very active in the Kennedy Campaign, but did not go to Los Angeles in June, 1968. BROWN advised that he is a City Councilman and Vice-Mayor in Vallejo, and on the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the Negro area of Vallejo, drumming out the Negroes to the polls for the state election.

BROWN advised if there was any question of doubt as to his being in Vallejo during June 4 and 5, 1968, he could supply the names of others who were working with him in Vallejo during the pertinent period.

BROWN advised that no one was sent to Los Angeles to represent him or the City of Vallejo in the Kennedy rally that evening. BROWN also advised he never gave anyone permission or authority to use his name for any purpose.

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On 10/2/68 at Vallejo, California File # LA 56-156
SC 62-67
by SA PETER J. KELLEHER:ela Date dictated 10/7/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

DAVID A. BUCK, Sales Manager, International Business Machines Corporation, Dayton, New Jersey, on September 23, 1968, furnished the following information:

He was a member of a group of IBM employees sent to Los Angeles, California, to observe the operation of IBM voting equipment then being utilized in Los Angeles County. He and other IBM employees had a suite at the Ambassador Hotel. Most of their work was conducted in the IBM building near the hotel. A computer which counted ballots was located in the IBM building.

BUCK said he entered the IBM building before 6 p.m. June 4, 1968, and remained there until about 9:30 a.m. June 5, 1968. BUCK said television sets within the IBM building enabled him and other employees to learn of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

Because of his long tour of duty at the IBM building, BUCK said he saw nothing nor heard anything which was in any way connected with the assassination.

After viewing a photo of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, BUCK said he did not recall seeing this person while at Los Angeles.

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On 9/23/68 at Dayton, N.J.
by SA JOHN WALTER SADE/mbm

File # Newark 44-872
9/27/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 27, 1968

KATHLEEN BULLARD, 218 Shirley Drive, Florence, Alabama, advised that she and her sister, KATHRYNE GABLE, stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from Sunday, June 2, 1968, until about 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1968. They left Los Angeles and stayed at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, the night of June 4-5, 1968. They learned of the shooting of Senator Kennedy on the morning of June 5, 1968, at Las Vegas.

BULLARD stated she could not recall ever having seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in Los Angeles at any time and she could recall no incident or information which might relate to a possible conspiracy in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/24/68 at Florence, Alabama File # BH 44-1772
by SA IRVIN B. BRUNINGA:jam Date dictated 9/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

Mr. CHARLES BURKE, 269 Park Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts, advised that he and his wife were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for two weeks preceding the California primary election and departed Los Angeles on the afternoon of June 3, 1968.

The above person stated he was not present at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and did not recall ever having seen any individual who resembled the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On 10/17/68 at Newton, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

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by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/rem Date dictated 10/18/68

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On 10/17/68 at Newton, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/30/68

MARVIN BYRON, co-owner of Byron Bail Bond Agency, 954 North Vignes Avenue, advised he had been told that an Agent of the FBI had attempted to contact him through the main office of his agency, The California Association of Bail Agents, in Martinez, California. It was his understanding that he was being sought for an interview in connection with the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. BYRON explained that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, he was, in fact, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He stated that he was nowhere in the vicinity of the kitchen area in the hotel; did not see the late Senator KENNEDY that night, and could furnish no information which would be of assistance in this investigation.

On 9/23/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

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by SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, Jr./eb Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

ANDREW V. CAHILL, 22 Philip Drive, Princeton, New Jersey, Director of Marketing, International Business Machines Corporation, Dayton, New Jersey, advised that he was a member of an IBM employees delegation on duty at Los Angeles, California, to check on the IBM equipment being used in the primary election at Los Angeles County. The computer which counted the ballots was located in the IBM building in Los Angeles near the Ambassador Hotel.

CAHILL said he was in and out of the IBM building during the evening. He was aware that Senator KENNEDY was to speak at the Ambassador Hotel and about midnight June 5, 1968, thought he would go to the hotel and listen. As he approached the hotel entrance he heard a commotion and heard comments from agitated persons in the area that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

In view of the excitement, CAHILL did not enter the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel but proceeded directly to the suite occupied by IBM employees.

CAHILL said at no time as he approached the Ambassador Hotel did he take note of any persons or activity which would lead him to believe these persons or incidents were in any way connected with the shooting. After viewing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, CAHILL said he did not recall seeing him at any time during his stay in Los Angeles.

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On 9/23/68 at Dayton, N.J. File # Newark 44-872

by SA JOHN W. SADE/mbmDate dictated 9/27/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/68

FRANCES CALLAHAN, secretary, Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America, 1000 16th Street, N.W., furnished the following information:

Miss CALLAHAN had checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, about noon, June 4, 1968, and stayed at the Hotel two days. She and THELMA SCHAEFFER were taking an organized tour of the West Coast. She was in no way connected with the KENNEDY campaign and neither saw KENNEDY nor had any contact with KENNEDY workers at the Hotel.

Miss CALLAHAN thinks she stayed on the fourth floor of the Hotel. She spent little time at the Hotel the afternoon and evening of June 4, 1968. She returned to her room about 11 p.m., June 4, 1968, and went to sleep. She did not learn of the assassination until the following morning.

Miss CALLAHAN recalls seeing no one resembling the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN at the Hotel.

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On 10/1/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:mac Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

EVERETT T. CALVERT, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education, Sacramento, California, advised as follows:

He resides at 5406 Minx Way, Carmichael, California. He advised he was in the Venetian Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, where Dr. MAX RAFFERTY, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education, and a candidate for Senator from the State of California, was addressing his campaign workers while awaiting the results of the primary election. At approximately 12:15 a.m., someone whom he cannot recall, rushed up to the podium where Doctor RAFFERTY was speaking and whispered into Dr. RAFFERTY's ear that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just been shot. At this point, he, among others, formed a cordon around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him immediately to a room which he believes was on the fifth floor which a few deputy sheriffs were guarding. They remained there until approximately 2:30 a.m., at which time Dr. and Mrs. RAFFERTY and Mr. and Mrs. BERNARD JOSEPH FITZPATRICK were escorted by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department to an apartment approximately one and a half blocks from the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. CALVERT stated that he and his wife came down from the RAFFERTY suite to the Venetian Room at approximately 11:45 p.m. He did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time and has no knowledge of the existence of any conspiracy. Mr. CALVERT stated that he understood that there were two persons who were asked to leave the Venetian Room, one a male in "hippy" garb who had a tamborine and wanted to accompany the orchestra. However, he has no information that these two persons were in any way connected with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/30/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR /sy/nme Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mrs. MARLENE CALVERT, 5460 Minx Way, Carmichael, advised as follows:

She accompanied her husband, Dr. EVERETT T. CALVERT who is a Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education in Sacramento, to the campaign headquarters maintained by Dr. MAX RAFFERTY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. At 11:45 a.m., June 4, 1968, she and her husband accompanied Dr. MAX RAFFERTY who, at that time, was a candidate for U.S. Senator in the California primary, to the Venetian Room where Dr. RAFFERTY addressed his campaign workers. At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, she noted someone rush up to the podium and advise Dr. RAFFERTY that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She, her husband, and others formed a crowd around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him to a room, floor unrecalled, via the stairs, where they remained until Dr. RAFFERTY was escorted out of the hotel by the Los Angeles Police Department at approximately 2:30 a.m.

Mrs. CALVERT advised she did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no information concerning any possible conspiracy. She does know that two individuals were asked to leave the Venetian Room as they were not part of Dr. RAFFERTY's workers, but has no information which could possibly link these two individuals to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 10/2/68 at Carmichael, California File # SC 62-76by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/3/68

KEITH H. CARLTON, 335 East High Street, Painted Post, New York, an employee of Corning Glass Works, Corning, New York, was interviewed at his place of employment located at Sullivan Park, Erwin, New York.

Mr. CARLTON advised that he and his wife, KATHERINE, had taken a trip to the West Coast and arrangements for this trip had been made through the American Express Company, Corning, New York. CARLTON advised that the American Express Company had arranged for he and his wife to stay at the Ambassador Hotel while in Los Angeles, California, and they arrived at this hotel the Monday night preceding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. CARLTON advised that he and his wife stayed in a room on the second floor of this hotel on their first night there, but because they felt this was not satisfactory, they moved the next day to the bungalow area and for the following six days they stayed in a bungalow. CARLTON advised he cannot now recall room numbers.

Mr. CARLTON advised that on arrival at the Ambassador Hotel they were surprised to find large crowds there and learned that this was due to the fact that Senator KENNEDY was using this hotel as his headquarters. On learning that KENNEDY was to make a victory speech at this hotel on the Tuesday-Wednesday night of June 4, 1968, CARLTON advised that he and his wife waited in the hotel lobby for several hours but since it was not known when KENNEDY would arrive, they retired to their bungalow. Sometime after arriving in their bungalow CARLTON switched on the television set in order to listen to KENNEDY's victory speech and on doing so, he heard on the television that KENNEDY had just been shot in the hotel.

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On 9/25/68 at Erwin, New York File # Buffalo 175-20

by SA RICHARD W. RUDY;cap Date dictated 9/27/68

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CARLTON advised that he and his wife were alone at this hotel and during the time they stayed there, they did not hear or learn anything that might have a bearing on the assassination of Senator KENNEDY and can offer no information in this regard.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 26, 1968

MAURO CHAVEZ, Manager, Rosarito Beach Hotel, Rosarito Beach, Baja California, stated that he was not at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on June 4 or June 5, 1968. He stated it was his recollection he had already been in Mexico for several days when he saw on the television screen a flash of the person who had allegedly shot Senator KENNEDY. Shortly thereafter, the individual was identified.

Mr. CHAVEZ produced from his records a bill sent to him from the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, reflecting that he had been at the Ambassador from May 29 and had departed on June 1.

Mr. CHAVEZ stated that to the best of his knowledge he had not seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel during CHAVEZ's stay.

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On 9/26/68 at Rosarito Beach, Baja California, Mexico File # SD 44-394
by SA LOUIS A. MUNOZ/lsc *Lam* Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

Mrs. R. H. (FRANCES M.) CLARK, 1890 Broadway, Apartment 606, furnished the following information:

Mrs. CLARK stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles from Friday, May 31, 1968, until June 8, 1968, when she returned to San Francisco. It is her custom to go to Los Angeles with her husband whenever he goes fishing in Mexico, and always stays at the Ambassador Hotel until his return from Mexico.

Mrs. CLARK was in her room at the hotel practically all of the time she was in Los Angeles. She was definitely in her room during the entire evening of June 4, 1968, and was watching the primary election returns on the television. It was while she was watching the television, that she learned the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot at the Ambassador Hotel.

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN is not known to Mrs. CLARK. She does not recall seeing anyone around the hotel answering to his description and she has no reason to believe that any conspiracy was involved in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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Mr. FLOYD COVERT, 5902 Graceland Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, furnished the following information:

During June 1968, he joined a Berry Tour Group from Chicago, Illinois and traveled with this group to Los Angeles, California. He and his wife checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for a scheduled two-night stay. However, they were quartered in the Ambassador Cottage rather than in the main hotel.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, they retired at approximately 10:00 p.m. and were oblivious to what subsequently happened at the hotel. Their daughter, who lives in Davenport, Iowa, telephonically contacted them on the morning following Senator KENNEDY's assassination and initially informed them of his death. Prior to this call, they were unaware of the events that occurred at the Ambassador Hotel or that Senator KENNEDY had been killed.

He could not identify a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and does not remember seeing anyone around the hotel premises resembling SIRHAN.

During his brief stay, the only national figure that he remembered seeing in the Ambassador lobby soon after they had checked in was football star ROOSEVELT GRIER.

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