

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

Mrs. ESTHER SHEPARD, Paulding Lane, Yorktown Heights, New York, advised that her husband, ALBERT SHEPARD, is president of Albert Shepard Associates, also known as Motivation Dynamics, located at Whitehill and Hunterbrook Roads, Yorktown Heights.

She said that she had accompanied her husband to Los Angeles, California, in connection with the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and attended a celebration held in KENNEDY's honor at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 - 5, 1968. She said that her husband left the affair around 11:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, to catch a midnight flight to Chicago. Shortly afterwards she left the affair to return to her hotel room to watch it on television. She was in her room at the time of the shooting at 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, and therefore could contribute no information in this matter.

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On 10/1/68 at Yorktown Heights, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA ROBERT G. O'NEIL/lp Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

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The evening of June 4, 1968, he and a group of friends went to dinner at Perino's on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and returned to the Hotel Ambassador. He does not recall the time he returned to the Hotel Ambassador but noted he departed the hotel at approximately 11 p.m. and proceeded to the International Airport where he boarded a chartered flight to return home. He first learned of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY from the pilot who heard a news broadcast of the incident over the radio in the airplane.

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by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 3, 1968

Miss MARY RITA SICILIANO, 50 Emerick Lane, Loudonville, New York, was interviewed at her place of employment, 449 South Pearl Street.

Miss SICILIANO advised that she and her girlfriends ARLENE BRADY and TERRY HAKER were vacationing in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, and were guests in Room 215 in the Ambassador Hotel of that city. She stated that between 7:00 and 7:30 PM on June 4, 1968, she, TERRY and ARLENE went up to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S suite in this hotel and went inside PROVI PARADE'S room in this suite, which she recalled as being Room 520. She stated that TERRY, a hairdresser, had previously worked on the hair of Mrs. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and went to Miss PARADE'S room to obtain payment for this work. She said TERRY also was to comb Mrs. KENNEDY'S hair at this time. She stated that after waiting about an hour, she and ARLENE left this room and went down to the lobby of the hotel. She stated that TERRY remained in this room and came down and joined them in the lobby about one hour later. She said the three of them remained in the lobby for a while longer and finally she went up to Room 215 between 11:30 and 11:45 PM to watch television. She said ARLENE and TERRY remained downstairs in the hotel. She said that she learned that Senator KENNEDY was shot about 12:15 AM, June 5, 1968, when it was announced on television. She said she was shocked at this news and had no idea at this time who had shot Senator KENNEDY. She stated she had no knowledge of any possible conspiracy in regard to this shooting. She stated she had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN except on television.

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On 9/30/68 at Albany, New York File # AL 175-12

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/681

FRANCES SIMONITIS, 6111 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, Queens, New York, was contacted at her place of employment the Dimes Savings Bank located at 9 DeKalb Street, Brooklyn, New York, and furnished the following information:

She advised that on June 4, 5, 1968, she was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she left her hotel and went to see the play Camelot. She was accompanied by three of her girl friends, also staying at the Ambassador Hotel. These girls were ANN LOCKSHISS, ALICE KARALUS and RUTH CROWLEY. All of them returned to the hotel at approximately 12:10 a.m., on June 5, 1968, and went to their hotel room and turned on the television. She stated that all of the girls were in one room and at approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, a news bulletin was flashed over the television set stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot.

She stated that she could not furnish any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with this matter nor could she furnish any additional information.

On 10/25/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/mml Date dictated 10/25/68

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Date 10/21/681

LESTER SMITH, Announcer, WOR, New York, New York, advised he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. He stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was working at the Hotel Baltimore and could offer no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/co Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/25/68

Mr. FRANK L. SNELL, attorney and partner in the law firm of Snell and Wilmer, Security Building, advised that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California during the period June 3-6, 1968 for the purpose of attending a Hospital Administrators Convention. Mr. SNELL advised on the night of June 4, 1968 he had retired at approximately 10:00 p.m. and was not aware of the assault on Senator ROBERT KENNEDY until awakened in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968 by one of the other delegates to the Hospital Administrators Convention.

Mr. SNELL further advised that he does not know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, does not recall seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel in the evening hours of June 4, 1968, and has no knowledge of any possible conspiracy in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/21/68 at Phoenix, Arizona File # PX 175-19
LA 56-156
by SA COLIN M. DUNNIGAN/mcl Date dictated 11/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mr. F. A. SORENSEN, Administrator, Good Samaritan Hospital, 15825 Samaritan Drive, advised as follows:

He was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles during the first week in June, 1968, in connection with a convention of hospital administrators. He arrived there on June 2, 1968, a Sunday, but returned to San Francisco on Monday evening, June 3, 1968, so he could vote the following day. He returned to Los Angeles in the late morning of June 5, 1968, which was after the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He was not in Los Angeles on June 4 or during the early morning hours of June 5.

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 10/1/68 at San Jose, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY / jl Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/3/68

Mr. J. SONOSKY, 815 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., furnished the following information:

SONOSKY advised that he formerly worked with ROBERT F. KENNEDY when Mr. KENNEDY was investigating the rackets and he became a close personal friend of KENNEDY's. SONOSKY stated, however, that he was in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, on personal business and was not there as a part of the KENNEDY campaign in California.

SONOSKY stated that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and on the night of June 4, 1968, he recalls that he "wandered" around the Embassy Room at the Ambassador until approximately 7 P.M., when he went out to dinner. He said that he returned to his room at approximately 10:30 P.M. and watched the election returns on television for a time. He said that he did not go to the ballroom, where KENNEDY met his supporters, but went, instead, to a second ballroom below the ballroom where KENNEDY gave his victory speech.

SONOSKY stated that he was in this second ballroom when he received word that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. SONOSKY stated that he had been trained as an investigator when working for the Senate Rackets Committee and he attempted to assess the situation with a trained eye. He said he watched closely the reaction of people around him but, other than the hysterical behavior one would expect in such a situation, he saw nothing unusual. SONOSKY stated that he saw no behavior which would indicate that any other persons were involved, nor did he ever observe the assassin during the time that he moved about the hotel.

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On 9/27/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA LEM S. BUNICK :jcp9/30/68

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Date 10/2/68

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HENRIETTA STERLITZ, 1109 Brackenridge Road, was interviewed at her place of employment, Liberty Mirror, Third and Cherry Streets. She and two companions, DELORES KNAPEK and EVELYN PLANAVSKY, booked a tour with Sprowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa., and left Pittsburgh enroute to San Francisco and ultimately Los Angeles, California. They arrived in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1968, and registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

HENRIETTA ultimately learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel and was to speak later that day. She and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby, outside the rest room area, in order to see Senator KENNEDY and hear what he had to say. She advised that they remained in that corridor from approximately 6:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, until 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, when the shooting occurred.

While in the corridor, the only suspicious activity she observed involved two teenage boys and one teenage girl. They would occasionally pop balloons, which had been placed in the hotel for the victory rally and after the balloons were popped they would say, "What's all the excitement," and another would reply, "Kennedy's dead." They did this several times and, at the time, she felt that they were just horsing around even though it was in bad taste.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., she heard three or four shots. At the time, she thought that someone was popping more balloons until she heard an unknown individual say, "They shot Kennedy, Kennedy's dead." She did not believe it at first, but when she saw one of KENNEDY's group carried out of the hotel and heard all the crying and commotion, she was convinced.

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On 9/24/68 at Brackenridge, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583
by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS/cml Date dictated 9/30/68

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She saw individuals that she believed to be officers from the Los Angeles Police Department take the assassin from the hotel. She had not seen him during the six or seven hours she had been standing in the corridor. After seeing SIRHAN taken from the hotel she returned to her room. She could furnish no further information concerning this matter.

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1Date 10/29/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANN STEWART, 11711 Stonington Place, Silver Spring, Maryland, furnished the following information:

Mrs. STEWART is the wife of RICHARD H. STEWART, a reporter of the Boston Globe, and she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. Mrs. STEWART spent the evening and night in her hotel room watching the campaign activities on television. She was not circulating around the hotel downstairs around the time of the assassination. Mr. STEWART was at a television studio at Burbank, California, that night.

The only things that she noted which she would consider unusual was a party in an adjoining room which was very noisy, and which continued to be so even after the word of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY was publicized on radio and television. She also felt that it was unusual when a helicopter on the helicopter pad at the hotel left just after the ambulance left the hotel with, presumably, Senator KENNEDY, and the helicopter did not put its lights on until it reached an altitude over the building. While this struck her as unusual, she had no information which would connect the incident with the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

She was in possession of no information which would indicate a possible conspiracy in the KENNEDY assassination, she did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, nor did she ever recall seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/22/68 at Silver Spring, Md. File # BA 44-684

by SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE:mk Date dictated 10/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

Miss RUTH H. STIMSON, School of Public Health, 412 Earl Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, advised that on June 5, 1968 in the afternoon, she registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

She stated that she was attending a program of the American College of Hospital Administrators at that hotel and stayed only one night, June 5, 1968. She said that the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had occurred at midnight the day before she had arrived and she was not aware of any unusual activities and does not feel she has any pertinent information concerning that incident. She said that she departed for her residence in Berkeley, California, on the afternoon of June 6, 1968.

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On 9/23/68 at Berkeley, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA TUVAL V. FARQUHAR:jb Date dictated 9/23/68

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Date 9/27/681

EDWARD SULTAN, JR., 939 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii, advised that he had been in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968 but that he had not been staying at the Ambassador Hotel. He said that he was a guest at the Century Plaza Hotel but had attended a sales meeting of the Bulova Watch Company at the Ambassador Hotel.

He said that although he had naturally heard of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he had not been present in the area of the assassination and could offer no information in this matter.

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On 9/23/68 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 62-674

by SA JAMES D. JESSEE:ssi Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/68

Mr. ROBERT A. SWANSON, Administrator, Seaside Hospital, 100 A Street, Crescent City, California, residence Route 1, Box 685 D furnished the following information:

During the week from June 2, 1968 to June 7, 1968 he was a resident at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, in company with his wife ANNE and fiveyear old son [REDACTED]. They were in Los Angeles so he could attend a convention of the Hospital Administrators Association that week.

Of course he was aware of the political campaign conducted by Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and Senator MC CARTHY in connection with the California primary but he was not in Los Angeles for that purpose and only took notice of their activities in passing. He and his wife had a room on the second floor of the hotel and observed Senator KENNEDY addressing a crowd in the plaza outside their window a day or so before the voting took place.

On June 4, 1968 he was in the ballroom sometime before 10 p.m. as he was interested in what was going to happen later in the evening when the results were known. However, he retired to his room and the family slept through until around 5 a.m. He awoke and turned on the TV set to see how the voting came out and was then made aware of the assassination.

During the balance of his stay in Los Angeles he noted the police security around the hotel and the gloomy atmosphere. They returned home on Friday.

He has no information on SIRHAN SIRHAN or the details of the assassination except that gained by reading and listening to the news media.

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On 9/22/68 at Crescent City, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA RICHARD G. MILLER:dp Date dictated 9/23/68

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Date 9/27/68

Miss ALICE N. SYKES, Administrative Assistant, Trust Department, Bank of America, 300 Montgomery Street, who resides at 275 Parker Avenue, Apartment 303, furnished the following information:

Miss SYKES worked on the staff of the KENNEDY for President Committee of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, for approximately ten days, up to and including June 4, 1968. She arrived in Los Angeles on May 24, 1968, at which time she registered at the Ambassador Hotel. She stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until the morning of June 5, 1968, when she checked out and then stayed with a friend, LESLIE GERWIN, 3031 Dannyhill, Van Nuys, California, until she returned to San Francisco on June 9, 1968.

During the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, SYKES was at the Ambassador Hotel and in and out of the various rooms where receptions were being held for the candidates involved in the primary elections on June 4, 1968. She was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel standing to the right of the podium during the time that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was making his victory speech just prior to midnight. When Senator KENNEDY left the podium and went out to the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room, SYKES was in the anteroom and recalls that just after Senator KENNEDY left the Embassy Room she heard some noises sounding like breaking glasses, but which she now thinks might have been the shots resulting in the death of Senator KENNEDY and injuries to other persons.

She was unable to see anything that happened from where she was and it was not until several minutes later that there was talk around the Embassy Room that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. About the same time, STEPHEN SMITH came into the Embassy Room, mounted the podium, and asked everyone to leave the Embassy Room. SYKES went out into the lobby and went to the reception room of one of the other candidates to watch the television in an effort to

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find out what had happened. It was while watching the television that she learned definitely that Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room.

Miss SYKES is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone answering his description around the Ambassador Hotel. She has no reason to believe that any conspiracy existed in connection with the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

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ALAN TEGUNS, 5222 McArdle, Apt. #1, furnished the following information: He is employed as a sales representative for Bulova Watch Company. The company had a sales meeting at Los Angeles, California, in early June, 1968, and he flew to Los Angeles, registering at the Ambassador Hotel on or about June 2 or June 3, 1968. The hotel was headquarters for several political candidates and their staffs who were campaigning in a primary election which was held about that time.

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After he and others of his associates had been in the lobby for several hours, he observed a number of persons coming from the area back of the registration desk, and they were upset and some of the women were crying and hysterical. The word spread that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot, and there was much confusion and the crowd in the hotel lobby seemed to be stunned. He had heard no shots and had observed nothing out of the ordinary prior to the reported shooting. Immediately after the word spread regarding the shooting, virtually all of the beatniks and Negroes who had been in the hotel lobby, left the hotel. It was his impression that the police closed off the area. The next day, it was necessary for him and other persons registered at the hotel to obtain passes to leave and re-enter the hotel, because of the investigation that was being conducted.

The next day he saw in the local newspaper, photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, who was reportedly being held for the shooting of KENNEDY. He had never seen this person before

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On 10/2/68 at Corpus Christi, Texas File # HO 175-12

by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:jrf Date dictated 10/2/68

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to the best of his knowledge.

TEGUNS remained at the hotel for a day or two after the shooting, and then checked out and left Los Angeles.

He knew nothing about any possible conspiracy with regard to the shooting, had not seen or had any knowledge of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and had no information he regarded of any pertinence concerning this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mrs. ARNOLD TERNQUIST, 97 Frederick Avenue, Atherton, advised as follows:

Her husband formerly was associated with the firm of Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell, Certified Public Accountants, San Francisco, but he recently retired. At the present time he is confined to the hospital and is not available for interview.

She and her husband were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles on June 4 and 5, 1968. They had gone to Los Angeles to attend the graduation of their son. They were in and out of the hotel on several occasions on June 4, but retired to their room rather early that night. They were watching television when they heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

They did not go to Senator KENNEDY's headquarters at the hotel while they were there. She does not recall seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN at the hotel while they were there, and she does not have any information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

She is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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On 10/1/68 at Menlo Park, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY / j1 Date dictated 10/1/68

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Date 10/8/68

JOHN D. THOMAS, Thomas Book and Stationery, 614 Broadway, residence Route 1, Westlake Carlos, Alexandria, Minnesota, advised that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with his family from Saturday June 1, 1968, until he departed from Los Angeles on Monday morning June 3, 1968. When departing from Los Angeles on June 3, 1968, he had traveled to Santa Barbara, California.

THOMAS stated that he did not learn of the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until the late morning of June 5, 1968, at Santa Barbara. He stated that he does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, he did not see him at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, and he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning a possible conspiracy in the death of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/2/68 at Alexandria, Minnesota File # MP 56-64
by SA DOUGLAS H. SMITH/dja Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/68

FLOYD E. THORNTON, Post Office Box 1073, Coalinga, California, was contacted at his residence, Monterey Avenue, Coalinga, California.

THORNTON advised that he was checked into the Ambassador Hotel, at Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968, when the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He stated that after the shooting, he became aware of all of the excitement as did most of the guests, but he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, had no recollection of ever having seen him in the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968; and has no information whatsoever concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 9/26/68 at Coalinga, California File # SC 62-76

by S. ARBIT J. EMMONS/jlf Date dictated 9/29/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/10/681

DEAN S. TODARO, 500 River Road, Gladstone, Oregon, was interviewed at the residence of his parents Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD WILLIAMS, 602 North Riverside, Medford, Oregon. He advised that he resided at 800 Pracht, Ashland, Oregon, and was attending Southern Oregon College in June 1968.

TODARO further advised that he and JOHN GERVAIS, also a student at Southern Oregon College, joined the ROBERT KENNEDY Campaign group seven days before the primary in California. Because final examinations were being given at Southern Oregon College and because TODARO and GERVAIS had missed some finals and sacrificed much time when they should have been studying for finals, the two left the campaign group on June 3, 1968, and returned to Ashland, Oregon. TODARO said that someone in the KENNEDY group registered for the group and he was not aware that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the night of June 4, 1968. TODARO advised that he knows nothing about SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall anyone who appeared to be similar to pictures of SIRHAN that he subsequently saw in papers.

On 9/28/68 at Medford, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

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by SA WILLIAM H. GRAY/day Date dictated 9/30/68

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Date 9/25/68

H. O. TRACY, Controller, Kaiser Engineers, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California, advised as follows:

He left Oakland, California, at 8:00 A.M., June 5, 1968, by commercial airline, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, on a business trip. He arrived at Los Angeles about 9:00 A.M. and went to the Ambassador Hotel where he believes he arrived at about 9:30 A.M. or so. He spent one night at the Ambassador. He had originally been scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles on June 4, but the trip had been postponed to the 5th. He exhibited a receipt from the Ambassador Hotel for Room 615 for June 5, 1968.

Mr. TRACY stated that he first heard of the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the way to the airport in Oakland. He said that he had never heard of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN until his name was released by the news media.

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On 9/20/68 at Oakland, California File # LA 56-156
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by W. HUGH NOTT / ER Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/681

Mrs. RUDOLPH TRENKEL, 31306 Tuttle Drive, Bay Village, Ohio, advised that she and her husband were on a tour of the Los Angeles area during the time Senator KENNEDY was killed, and were staying at the Ambassador Hotel where the assassination took place.

During this visit, they spent all of their time sight-seeing. She stated that they would have breakfast at the hotel in the morning, spend the rest of the day sight-seeing, and return to the hotel in the evening.

On the night that Senator KENNEDY was killed, she and her husband returned to their hotel room early in the evening and went to bed about 11:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, because they were very tired. They were not aware that Senator KENNEDY had been shot until her husband turned on the television the next morning and heard the news.

Mrs. TRENKEL said she and her husband did not participate in, or attend, the Victory Rally held by Senator KENNEDY on the night of June 4-5, 1968. She also stated that they did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and saw no one who resembled him around the Ambassador Hotel.

Mrs. TRENKEL said she and her husband could furnish absolutely no information concerning the assassination or any information concerning the individual or individuals responsible for it.

On 10/24/68 at Cleveland, Ohio File # Cleveland 175-16

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/31/681.

B.T. TUCKER, 60 Lionel Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised that he is employed by Arthur D. Little Corporation, Acorn Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts and that in early June, 1968, he traveled on business to the west coast. He stated he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California for two days, commencing the evening of June 6, 1968.

TUCKER advised that he arrived in Los Angeles after the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and he was unaware of any of the details except for what he read in newspapers. No identification of the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN was effected by TUCKER.

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On 10/28/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/nlc Date dictated 10/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

Mrs. KATHERINE VANCE, Assistant Administrator, Gladman Memorial Hospital, 5958 Colton Boulevard, Oakland, advised she had arrived in Los Angeles the night of June 2, 1968, with Mrs. AMELIA REGAN. They had stayed at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 2, 1968, and had moved out on June 3, 1968, because of poor accommodations and had found accommodations at the hotel across the street, the Sheraton-Wilshire. She stated that they had attended a seminar of the Western Hospital Administrators at the Ambassador Hotel on Monday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 4, 1968. She said in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, there had been a great deal of confusion and she had crossed the street attempting to gain entrance into the area where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She was denied entrance by a policeman at the doorway of the Embassy Room and she did not observe anything in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY and was not acquainted with SIRHAN.

She further stated that she had returned to Oakland on June 5, 1968, and she had no further information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

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by TUVAL V. FARQUHAR / ER Date dictated 10/3/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

VINCENT L. VANDERVERT, Staff Coordinator, California Hospital Association, Suite 1011, 111 Pine Street, San Francisco, California, furnished the following information:

VANDERVERT went to Los Angeles, California on June 5, 1968 and actually checked into the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 5 pm on June 5, 1968. His purpose in going to Los Angeles was to attend the Practical Management Association Conference which was held on June 6, 1968.

VANDERVERT was not in the Ambassador Hotel the night that the late Senator KENNEDY was assassinated and did not arrive at the hotel until the late afternoon of the day following the assassination.

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On 9/23/68 at San Francisco, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON:jh Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/30/68

Mr. SIDNEY VINE, 11334 Park Central Place, Apartment D, stated he was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968, prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. VINE stated he remained in the Embassy Ballroom until about midnight at which time he returned to his hotel room to retire. He said upon arriving in his room at the hotel he watched Senator KENNEDY's acceptance speech on television and at the conclusion of his speech, he turned his television off and did not know Senator KENNEDY had been shot until the morning of June 5, 1968, when he arose. VINE said he and Mr. HERBERT SELIGMAN of Houston, Texas, were attending a Bubva Watch Company sales meeting being held in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. VINE said he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, that he had not seen him to his knowledge at any time prior to the shooting and he had heard no talk while he was in Los Angeles about a conspiracy in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/19/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 175-9
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR./sg1 Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/25/681

Mrs. E. P. VREELAND, Librarian associated with Collier Mac Millan Library Services, 866 Third Avenue, New York City, advised that she arrived in Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 1968, and was there for a librarian conference which was being held at the Statler Hilton Hotel. She indicated while in Los Angeles for this conference that she resided at the Ambassador Hotel.

During the night of June 4, 1968, and June 5, 1968, she was in the audience at the Ambassador Hotel with two other librarians ED QUILL, connected with the Boston Globe and JAMES SCOFIELD, associated with the Times Publishing Company, St. Petersburg, Florida, to hear the victory speech of Senator KENNEDY.

Following his speech and departure from the Embassy Room, a loud commotion was heard from the kitchen area of the hotel. She recalls that several persons appearing to be in shock said something to the effect "he's been shot". On asking who was shot they remarked Senator KENNEDY. She stated that she and her associates were unable to gain entrance to the area of the shooting in that STEPHEN SMITH was asking everyone to leave the room and was calling for a doctor.

Mrs. VREELAND stated that she and her associates returned to their room. She never to her knowledge saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at any time while at the Ambassador Hotel. She was unable to furnish pertinent information. She further stated that she is positive that QUILL and SCOFIELD never saw SIRHAN since they were in her company.

On 10/15/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

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by SA JOHN BRADSHAW, JR./tp Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

Mr. DAVID WAGNER, 6742 Hedgewood Drive, Sacramento, California, furnished the following information:

He believes he registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 3, 1968, and was there until June 5, 1968, in connection with a sales meeting of the Bulova Watch Company, New York, New York, by whom he is employed.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he and several other persons went out to dinner and returned later in the evening, exact time he cannot recall. They wandered around the lobby and stopped by the Venetian Room, but found everything crowded. Because of this, he went to his room to watch television. He saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY address his campaign workers in the Embassy Room and saw him leave. At no time during the evening did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN nor does he have any information concerning a possible conspiracy to kill the Senator.

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On 10/2/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR /sy/nme Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/11/68

On October 3, 1968, DONALD L. WAHL, Administrative Assistant, Kern General Hospital, 1830 Flower Street, who resides at 3012 Jorie Avenue, both Bakersfield, California, advised that he had a room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, from June 1, 1968, until noon on June 6, 1968.

Mr. WAHL stated that he had absolutely no information that could possibly reflect on the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968, adding that to his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and has no information concerning this individual.

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On 10/3/68 at Bakersfield, California File # SC 62-76

by SA CONRAD N. SHAW/jlf Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/30/68

Mrs. BEN WALDMAN, 4840 Ellenburg Drive, advised she and Mr. WALDMAN were guests in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles while Mr. WALDMAN was attending a Bulova Watch Company sales meeting. Mrs. WALDMAN said on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, she and Mr. WALDMAN had retired for the evening and they did not know Senator KENNEDY had been shot until they arose the next morning, June 5, 1968, when they learned about the shooting on television. Mrs. WALDMAN stated neither she nor Mr. WALDMAN knew, nor had they ever seen, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to the shooting and they did not hear any conversation among hotel guests that a possible conspiracy might be involved in the shooting.

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On 9/19/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 175-9
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR./sgl Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/14/68

Mrs. GEORGE L. WATSON, 63-31 Carlton Street, Rego Park, New York, was contacted and advised that on June 4, 1968, her husband, GEORGE and herself were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. On June 5, 1968, her husband GEORGE was watching television in their hotel room and a news bulletin was flashed on the television screen which advised the listeners that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She stated that while her husband was watching the television program, she was also in her room at the same time when her husband was there and she was washing her hair in the bathroom.

She stated that she could not furnish any information concerning this matter nor could her husband furnish any information regarding the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/11/68 at Queens, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/slg Date dictated 10/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 26, 1968

MERVYN WEIS, 134 Canal Street, advised he is the Sales Manager for the Bulova Watch Company and traveled to Los Angeles, California, arriving June 2, 1968, to conduct a regional sales meeting for the Bulova Watch Company.

WEIS said he checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on Sunday, June 2, 1968, and was given a room located on the third floor in the hotel.

WEIS advised that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he and other salesmen were in the ballroom of the hotel observing the activity relating to Senator KENNEDY and were in the ballroom at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot. WEIS said that after KENNEDY's talk, he observed KENNEDY to start toward the kitchen in the hotel and that he (WEIS) started to leave the ballroom via the door on the opposite side of the ballroom from the kitchen. WEIS said he was probably at the door when he learned KENNEDY had been shot.

WEIS said he has no information that would indicate there was a conspiracy to assassinate KENNEDY, does not know SIRHAN and to the best of his knowledge, has never seen SIRHAN.

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On 9/26/68 at San Rafael, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA DALE E. NORTON /bja Date dictated 9/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/24/68

Mrs. ANNA L. WHITE, 939 Elk Street, Franklin, Pa., advised that she has relatives in the Los Angeles, Calif., area and stated that she desired to make a visit to that area during the latter part May or early June, 1968. She stated that she made inquiry concerning a Greyhound Bus tour which was leaving from Chicago, Ill., proceeding to Los Angeles, Calif., and returning to Chicago. She stated that she determined through this inquiry that the schedule of the bus tour would not be satisfactory to her and, therefore, she proceeded to Los Angeles ahead of the scheduled tour and made arrangements to return from Los Angeles to Chicago, Ill., with the tour. She stated that according to arrangements made by her, she was to join the tour on June 7, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. WHITE advised that the tour arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, June 4, 1968; however, she stated that she was not with the tour at that time, and did not stay at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. She stated that she contacted the hotel on or about June 5, 1968, and made arrangements to stay at the hotel on the night of June 6, 1968, in order that she could join the tour on June 7, 1968.

Mrs. WHITE advised that she could not explain how her name got on the list of registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968; however, she stated that it is possible that her name was included on the list of the tour members and, therefore, would have been included on the register of the hotel guests.

Mrs. WHITE advised that the Greyhound tour was a 20-day tour leaving from Chicago, Ill., proceeding to California, and returning. She stated that she flew to California on May 24, 1968, and joined the tour on June 7, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel for the return to Chicago. Mrs. WHITE advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, she was staying with relatives in Santa Ana, Calif.

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On 10/15/68 at Franklin, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583

by SA FRANK H. GEIERMANN/emq Date dictated 10/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 7, 1968

Miss NANCY A. WIEBOLD, 940 Franklin Terrace, Apartment 304, advised that she formerly resided at 912 22nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Miss WIEBOLD advised that she is currently a student at the University of Minnesota. She advised that during the spring quarter she left the University of Minnesota to work in the political campaign of Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY first and then when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY announced his candidacy, she left the MC CARTHY group and joined the KENNEDY group.

Miss WIEBOLD stated that she was in Los Angeles at the Ambassador Hotel for approximately two weeks before Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she worked for Senator KENNEDY's candidacy and her main duties were that of a stenographer.

Miss WIEBOLD stated that to the best of her recollection, the time of the shooting was when she was outside the Ambassador Hotel helping to organize a motorcade. She stated that she definitely did not hear the shot and the first time she realized that someone had been shot she saw a man helping another man into a car at which point he said something to the effect get him to the hospital quick. He has been shot. Sometime later she entered the hotel where she found out that Senator KENNEDY had also been shot.

Miss WIEBOLD stated that she has seen pictures of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and to the best of her knowledge she never saw him in or around the Ambassador Hotel during her entire stay at the hotel. She stated that the only time she saw him in person was when he was taken from the hotel by the police.

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On 9/25/68 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 56-63

by SA CARL S. LESTOR:lkp Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 11, 1968

Mr. CHARLES A. WILL, Cologne Life Reinsurance Company, 900 Bedford Street, Stamford, Connecticut, advised that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 3, 1968.

In the evening of June 4, 1968, at about 10:00 p.m., Mr. WILL left his room to go to the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel to watch the results of the primary returns. He stated that he stayed around the lobby for approximately 30 minutes, returned to his room, and went to bed. He advised he did not know of Senator KENNEDY's death until he heard it on the television in his room at approximately 7:30 the next morning.

Mr. WILL stated he has seen pictures of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN since he has been taken into custody and has no recollection of having seen him at the Ambassador Hotel while he stayed there.

Mr. WILL advised that he could offer no information whatsoever concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/7/68 at Stamford, Connecticut File # NH 62-2477

by SA WILLIAM C. BRADSHAW:jbm Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 17, 1968

Mr. W. A. WILLS of the Wilcoxon Buick-Cadillac Company, 902 North Santa Fe, Pueblo, Colorado, resident of 1607 Elizabeth, Pueblo, advised his wife Mrs. W. A. (JENNETTE) WILLS and their son, CHARLES, were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on the night Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot and killed.

Mr. WILLS stated his wife had told him that she was ill and in her room on one of the upper floors of the Ambassador Hotel prior to, during and subsequent to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. WILLS continued his wife and son learned of the event through the press and TV coverage and through information which spread through the hotel as a result of the commotion which followed. Mr. WILLS stated his wife stated she did not leave her room nor did their son.

Mr. WILLS stated that his wife continues to be ill and to be extremely nervous and easily upset and in view of the above, he preferred she not be contacted unless absolutely necessary.

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On 10/3/68 at Pueblo, Colorado File # Denver 62-2416

by SA ALVIN D. HEWITT/sip Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

JOHN M. WILSON, Assistant Administrator, Children's Hospital, 3700 California Street, furnished the following information:

WILSON went to Los Angeles, California on June 3, 1968, and checked into the Ambassador Hotel on that date in that city. He remained at the Ambassador until July 7, 1968, when he returned to San Francisco. He went to Los Angeles for the purpose of attending a seminar for hospital administrators which was held in Los Angeles from June 3 - 7, 1968.

On the night of June 4, 1968, he was in and about the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel from about 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. He returned to his room and watched the primary election returns on television until early in the morning of June 5, 1968. It was while watching the television that he learned that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot in the Ambassador Hotel.

WILSON is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone answering SIRHAN's description around the Ambassador Hotel and has no reason to believe that any conspiracy was involved in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/23/68 at San Francisco, California File # 62-5481

by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON/sag Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

KIRK WILSON, Western Directors, 1330 Broadway, Suite 1048, Oakland, California, residence 6760 Thornhill Drive, Oakland, advised as follows:

He was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4-5, 1968, in connection with the Rafferty Campaign, which had its headquarters on the same floor as the headquarters for the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

At about 12:15 AM on June 5, 1968, he was walking through the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel headed toward the Rafferty Campaign room. He recalls hearing a commotion but could not relate it to anything until he walked into the Rafferty room and a short time later heard either a radio or television announcement that someone had been shot. He later learned it was Senator KENNEDY who had been shot.

He is not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN and does not recall seeing SIRHAN, or anyone resembling him, around the hotel prior to the shooting. He has no information concerning a possible conspiracy in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/21/68

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Date

Mr. R. WINN, The Diebold Group, Management Consultants, 430 Park Avenue, New York, New York, telephone number PLaza 5-4000 advised telephonically that he was in Los Angeles, on June 4 and 5, 1968, and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. WINN stated that he checked in the Ambassador Hotel one hour before ROBERT KENNEDY was killed and he was in his room at the time of the incident. Mr. WINN stated that he saw photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspapers that he did not see him at the Ambassador Hotel and he saw no persons at the hotel when he checked in that would arouse anyone's suspicion. Mr. WINN stated that he could furnish no information concerning the murder of ROBERT KENNEDY.

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On 10/15/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA HERBERT W. KILGOPE/mmh

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 12, 1968

Mrs. Eda Wollenberger, 25 Parade Place, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number BU 2-4830, stated that in June, 1968, she was on a fifteen day train tour of the West and arrived in Los Angeles, California from San Francisco on June 4, 1968.

She was in Los Angeles for three days and while there she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel. On the night of June 4, 1968 she visited friends and went sightseeing in Los Angeles. She returned to the Ambassador Hotel at approximately ten o'clock in the evening and went to her room in a cottage which is part of the hotel. A few hours later, while she was in her room, she heard much noise and then she turned on the television set. It was from the television set that she learned of the shooting. She did not leave her room until the next morning.

Mrs. Wollenberger stated that she did not see the shooting; that she did not see Sirhan Sirhan and knows nothing of him; and that she knows nothing of the shooting.

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On Nov. 12, 1968 at Brooklyn, N. Y. (telephonically) File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated November 12, 1968

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/9/68

Mrs. NORMAN (SYLVIA) YERETSKY, 430 North Adams Street, advised she was registered in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with her two sisters, on June 4 and 5, 1968. She stated she and her sisters were in their room during the evening and morning hours of June 4 and 5, 1968, room number unrecalled. She stated they were not aware of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until the morning of June 5, 1968, when her husband called her about it. She noted she had heard sirens in the vicinity of the hotel, however, did not pay any attention to them.

YERETSKY stated she observed photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the Los Angeles papers, however, could not recall having seen this individual in the hotel. She stated she is not acquainted with SIRHAN and has no information concerning any conspiracy surrounding the death of Senator KENNEDY.

YERETSKY stated her two sisters' names and addresses are as follows:

CHARLOTTE CHERRY
729 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Illinois

PHYLLIS MYERS
Wingate Road
Sunnyvale, California

After learning of the death of Senator KENNEDY, they discussed the incident among themselves and neither of her sisters mentioned anything about seeing SIRHAN in the hotel, nor did they have any information relative to the Senator's death.

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On 10/4/68 at Hinsdale, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA DAVID R. STRUCK:kmb

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BACKGROUND CONCERNING
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/28/68

MILLARD SHEETS, President, Millard Sheets Design, Incorporated, 655 East Foothill Boulevard, was interviewed and advised that he is a self-employed artist and designer and a retired professor. He advised as follows:

He owned a horse which he kept at the Granja Vista Ranch near Norco, California, and one Sunday morning late in September 1966, he was at the ranch. SIRHAN SIRHAN and several stable boys were there for the purpose of running some horses and he had seen SIRHAN there two or three months previously working as an exercise boy but they had little if any conversation. SIRHAN was courteous, spoke good English, and appeared to be an ambitious young man and he knew him then only as SAUL.

On this particular Sunday morning it was very foggy and he decided not to run his horse but several other persons wanted to and SIRHAN and several other boys began running their horses. As they disappeared into the fog on the track they were gone hardly five to eight seconds when he heard the horses squealing and there was a crashing sound and someone screamed. He said he ran down the track to a distance of about 3/16 mile and he found SIRHAN lying in the dirt against a post on the railing. He was lying very quietly and appeared to be unconscious. He still had his helmet on and he moaned. At first he saw some blood in SIRHAN's ear and suspected an internal injury, however, he later saw that the blood came from facial cuts and was merely running into his ear. Within the space of about two minutes SIRHAN was conscious and appeared frightened because he could not see due to the mud and blood in his eyes. He was bewildered and frightened thinking that he was blind. He was clawing at his face and Mr. SHEETS advised that he held his hands down and comforted the boy holding his head in his lap while they were waiting for an ambulance. He also removed the boy's helmet and held him for a period believed to be about 15 to 30 minutes.

On 10/23/68 at Claremont, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
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by SA FERD J. RAPP, Jr./dac Date dictated 10/23/68

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SIRHAN soon calmed down and made no particular statements nor complaints about his condition but appeared to be generally stunned.

He said that he returned to this ranch the second day after the accident and was surprised to see SIRHAN back at his job. He was surprised that his face showed very little injury from the accident and SIRHAN walked over and thanked him for his kindness in helping him after the accident. SIRHAN made no statement about his physical condition except to say that he was sore.

Mr. SHEETS said he understood that SIRHAN had also worked the ranch the previous day which was the day immediately after the accident, although his duties were restricted to walking the horses and he was not riding.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/68

LARRY PETERS, Foreman, R. L. Wheeler Stables, Santa Anita Race Track, was interviewed and supplied the following information:

PETERS advised that his records indicate that SIRHAN SIRHAN came to his stables seeking employment and was hired as an exercise boy on November 16, 1967. His records further indicated that this employment was terminated on November 30, 1967.

PETERS said that he recalled SIRHAN due to the fact that he appeared to have a superiority complex and "seemed to be in a fog most of the time." He stated that SIRHAN seemed to be a well mannered individual most of the time, but that he had this air of superiority about him which made communication with him rather difficult.

PETERS further advised that when he decided to hire SIRHAN as an exercise boy, he gave him easy horses to ride in order to determine his abilities. SIRHAN was paid \$2.00 per horse and the records indicate that SIRHAN rode 66 head of horses for the Wheeler Stables during his time of employment.

PETERS further advised that he recalled an incident about November 25 or 26, 1967, wherein SIRHAN was riding a horse on the track and was thrown from the saddle. SIRHAN landed on his feet but was brushed by another passing horse and was spun to the turf. PETERS related that several exercise boys ran to aid SIRHAN but that he was only shaken up and did not require any immediate medical attention. PETERS stated that he thought SIRHAN went to a doctor later in the day but that the doctor also indicated that SIRHAN was only shaken up and did not require any further medical attention. PETERS said that SIRHAN came to work the next day apparently suffering no ill effects from the accident from the day before.

PETERS advised that when it was determined that SIRHAN was not working out as an exercise boy, his employment was terminated on November 30, 1967. He said that he was reasonably

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sure that SIRHAN obtained other employment around the race track but he could not recall who the employing firm might be.