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REFERENCE: Report of SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS dated 12/4/68 at Los Angeles.

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RE: Investigation Concerning Three  
Japanese Citizens Registered At  
Ambassador Hotel at Time of  
Assassination

The source referred to in the investigation concerning M. AOYAMA, H. HIRANO and T. MORINAGA was Office of Special Investigations (OSI), District Office 46, Tokyo, Japan.

RE: "Allegations Concerning  
Membership in Organizations"  
Section of This Report

The confidential source utilized was LA 4688-S to SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN on January 23, 1969. WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR., referred to in this section of the report, is listed on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office, Priority III, Bufile 100-445791, LA 100-67358.

RE: "Physical Evidence"  
Section of This Report

A communication addressed to Mr. NIXON and Mr. HUBERT HUMPHREY was received by the United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., and forwarded to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C. The envelope contained a two-page letter allegedly written by SHARIF B. SIRHAN. The Laboratory identified this document as Qc35

On December 2, 1968, the Laboratory advised that no particular similarities were noted in the writings of SAIDALLAH SIRHAN and SHARIEF SIRHAN with respect to the questioned writing on Qc35. The Laboratory pointed out that unless the original document for Qc35, or a clearer copy thereof, is submitted to the FBI Laboratory, it is doubtful whether future comparisons with known handwriting samples, will result in any definite conclusion. Therefore, at the present time there is no immediate need for Los Angeles to submit the original documents for Kc25 and Kc26 to the FBI Laboratory. Kc25 and Kc26 are identified as additional writings of SAIDALLAH and SHARIF SIRHAN.

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LEADS

No specific leads are being set forth in view of the fact that all leads arising from this investigation are continuing to be handled on an expedite basis.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will continue efforts to obtain all pertinent records and charts not presently available prepared by the Governmental agencies.

(2) Will continue intensive investigation of all aspects of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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## Copy to:

Report of: AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.  
Date: 2/7/69

Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: On 12/5/68, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, appeared before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge HERBERT V. WALKER. Los Angeles attorney GRANT B. COOPER made motion to be included as an attorney of record for SIRHAN. COOPER requested, and was granted, continuance of case to 1/7/69. On 12/18/68, SIRHAN again appeared before Judge WALKER for purpose of including New York attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN as an additional attorney to represent him. Judge WALKER also ruled that the jury would be sequestered during the entire trial. On 12/23/68, defense attorney GRANT B. COOPER appeared before Judge WALKER and made formal demand to District Attorney's Office for certain items under California Law of Discovery. On 1/7/69, trial commenced in Los Angeles County Superior Court, and court recessed for consideration of motions. On 1/8/69, defense attorney COOPER renewed previous motion for 30 day delay of trial which was denied. Selection of jury began 1/9/69, and continued until 1/24/69. Trial continued to 1/29/69, when court to hear defense motion to quash Grand Jury indictment against SIRHAN. On 1/29, 30/69, court heard motions to quash indictment which were denied. Further proceedings continued to 2/4/69, and jury ordered to return to court on 2/5/69. Additional members of ROBERT F. KENNEDY's staff and news media and additional persons registered as guests at Ambassador Hotel at time of shooting interviewed. None recalled observing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in Ambassador Hotel prior to shooting. MICHAEL ANTHONY SACCOMAN, Monrovia,



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California, advised that on 6/4/68, he had been at Fish Canyon Firing Range (commonly known as San Gabriel Valley Gun Club). SACCOMAN advised SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN also at gun range and he and SIRHAN exchanged guns. SIRHAN using "hollowpoint .22 long rifle, Mini-mags" ammunition and SIRHAN described as being "a pretty good shot". SACCOMAN advised SIRHAN appeared to be alone at range and SIRHAN advised him his pistol could "kill a dog". LEE JOSEPH PITTS, JR., age 17, interviewed and admitted having made several telephone calls to Jackson Office of FBI in October 1968, identifying himself as 17-year old white female named SUBRINA DUBLE with information concerning assassination. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN reportedly good friend of WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR., during grade school and high school days in Pasadena. CROWE, who attended Communist Party meetings as late as October 1968, reportedly indicated that SIRHAN thought politically along Marxist lines, but was not a political activist. CROWE reportedly indicated that he did not attempt to recruit SIRHAN into the Communist Party at any time.

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PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING  
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in Los Angeles County Superior Court on December 5, 1968, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS.

At this court appearance, Los Angeles Attorney GRANT B. COOPER made a motion to the court that he, COOPER, be included as an attorney of record to represent SIRHAN.

COOPER requested, and was granted, a further postponement of the case until January 7, 1969, for trial date. COOPER requested this continuance on the basis that he had been involved in United States District Court at Los Angeles on behalf of a defendant in a lengthy Federal trial. An additional reason given for the request of continuance was that New York Attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN is also to assist in the defense of SIRHAN and his previous commitments precluded his appearance in Los Angeles before January 7, 1969.

Judge HERBERT V. WALKER, who is the presiding judge for this trial, advised on December 5, 1968, that he is making arrangements for closed circuit television coverage of the trial as the courtroom will not accomodate the number of news representatives who have made application to attend the trial.

Judge WALKER further advised that it is his intention to sequester the jury once it has been sworn and this condition will remain until the termination of the trial.

On December 18, 1968, SIRHAN appeared in court before Judge WALKER for the purpose of including New York Attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN as an additional attorney to represent SIRHAN.

During this same appearance, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney JOHN HOWARD requested the court to hear, and stated, his objections to sequestering the jury. Defense Attorney COOPER argued against HOWARD and was in favor of a sequestered jury. Judge WALKER ruled that the jury would be sequestered during the entire trial.

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On December 23, 1968, Defense Attorney GRANT B. COOPER appeared before Judge WALKER at which time JOHN HOWARD, representing the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, was present. At that time, COOPER made formal demand upon the District Attorney's Office for items desired under the California Law of Discovery. Judge WALKER granted the motion ordering that these items be turned over to the defense. The District Attorney's Office immediately complied with the court order. These items included various statements, photographs, and drawings pertaining to SIRHAN and his family.

On January 6, 1969, Judge HERBERT V. WALKER requested a meeting with representatives of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and Defense Attorneys for SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine ground rules for trial procedures when the trial starts on January 7, 1969.

At that time, GRANT B. COOPER attempted to make a motion to have separate juries; one to determine guilt or innocence, and one to determine penalty.

COOPER also attempted to make a motion to vacate the Grand Jury's indictment against SIRHAN on the basis that the Grand Jury, as it currently exists, is improperly paneled. Judge WALKER refused to hear the motion on that date and indicated that they would be heard prior to the selection of a jury.

On January 7, 1969, the trial for SIRHAN commenced in Los Angeles County Superior Court and Defense Attorneys offered motions. Court was recessed until January 8, 1969, for consideration of motions.

On January 8, 1969, Defense Attorney COOPER renewed a previous motion for a 30-day delay of the trial and this motion was denied by the court.

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On January 9, 1969, selection of the jury was begun and this continued until January 24, 1969, at which court session both defense and prosecution agreed on 12 jurors.

On January 24, 1969, trial was postponed to January 29, 1969, for court to hear defense motion to quash the Grand Jury indictment against SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

On January 29, 1969 and January 30, 1969, court sessions consisted of defense efforts to quash the indictment. Further proceedings in this matter have been continued until February 4, 1969, and the jury has been ordered to return to court on February 5, 1969.

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ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF  
INDIVIDUALS IN AREA OF SHOOTING



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Date 11/20/68

ANTHONY AKERS, Attorney, 555 Madison Avenue, New York City, furnished the following information:

He was personally acquainted with the late JOHN KENNEDY and ROBERT KENNEDY and the KENNEDY family.

On April 1, 1968, he went to California, at the request of ROBERT KENNEDY, to head up the Southern California Delegation and was in California until ROBERT KENNEDY was fatally shot on June 5, 1968.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in ROBERT KENNEDY's personal headquarters on the Fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, watching election returns on television, with the personal staff and upper echelon of ROBERT KENNEDY. At about 11:20 PM the news projection showed that ROBERT KENNEDY was going to be the winner. ROBERT KENNEDY thought it was time to go down and meet the crowd below.

After making arrangements with Mr. UNO the hotel manager, and two or three other people, as to the routine to follow to get ROBERT KENNEDY downstairs to the Podium he led ROBERT KENNEDY downstairs to the Podium. As far as he can recall they took an elevator to the basement of the hotel, walked through a passage way to a freight elevator and up the freight elevator to the floor where the ballroom and Podium were located. As far as he can recall they entered the serving kitchen from the freight elevator, walked by the serving table and ice machine on up to the Podium. In the area of the serving kitchen ROBERT KENNEDY shook hands with a few of the hotel employees.

At the time there was a crowd of people behind and up on the Podium. The ballroom was crowded with people.

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On 11/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA O. EUGENE SMITH/ems Date dictated 11/19/68

After leading ROBERT KENNEDY up to the Podium he told ROBERT KENNEDY that he was going to clear a path so that when he (KENNEDY) left the Podium he could go to a ballroom on a floor below where there was a crowd of people. He told ROBERT KENNEDY to go to the left when he left the Podium and KENNEDY agreed to this.

He started clearing a path from the Podium on the left side of the Podium. ROBERT KENNEDY left the Podium and he lost sight of him in the mass of people. He was puzzled because he expected ROBERT KENNEDY to turn in his direction. He stayed where he was because he thought ROBERT KENNEDY might be chatting with someone. He continued to try to keep a path open for ROBERT KENNEDY.

Several minutes went by. People were talking in loud voices and celebrating. He was about thirty feet to the left of the Podium. The crowd started surging back toward him from the direction of the Podium. He heard women screaming and he thought someone had gotten knocked down in the crowd. He then noticed people running around in a daze and women weeping.

He then heard that someone had been shot. STEVE SMITH came out to the ballroom to try to clear the ballroom. He went back to the area where ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. ROBERT KENNEDY had already been removed from the hotel and SIRHAN SIRHAN had already been removed from the hotel by the police.

He had no knowledge of SIRHAN being in the hotel prior to the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY.

He did not hear any shots and did not realize that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot until several minutes after the shooting. At the time of the shooting his wife was up in the Fifth floor personal headquarters of ROBERT KENNEDY watching television.

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Just prior to STEVE SMITH coming out to try to clear the ballroom he noticed an individual from the rear running toward the anteroom. This individual would have been between the Podium and the anteroom. He only observed this individual for a moment. This individual had a close shaven head, dark skin, age about thirty to forty, stocky build and appeared to be a mulatto. He did not see this man's face and would be unable to identify him. At the time he thought to himself that this individual was probably a photographer rushing out to get his film developed. He also recalls slightly that there may have been another man running in front of this individual but he cannot describe this second man at all.

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Date December 9, 1968

RICHARD COBBERT, Assistant to the President, Park Agency, Room 3021, Pan American Building, New York City furnished the following information:

At the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California he was behind a group of people who were with Senator KENNEDY. He heard the shots but did not observe the shooting. He did not observe SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time, either before or after the shooting.

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Date 10/29/68

EUGENE A. DELLER, Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was interviewed at the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Police Department.

He furnished the following information:

On May 17, 1968, he flew from Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, via TWA to Los Angeles, California, arriving there at approximately 3:00 a.m., May 18, 1968. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, he checked into the Ambassador Hotel.

On May 18, 1968, he met with DONALD DOWD, a co-ordinator during the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was briefed on the campaign programs.

He advised that a Workshop was held in a school in West Los Angeles and that during the day of May 18, 1968, he travelled to various locations in West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica, California.

He related that from May 18, 1968, through June 4, 1968, he worked with Mr. DOWD in organizing Senator KENNEDY's campaign in the Los Angeles area.

He stated that the campaign activities were running smoothly and the only trouble occurring was that campaign posters on the cars of campaign workers were constantly being ripped off the cars.

He related that on the night of June 2, 1968, he was in the Coconut Grove. He advised that he noticed an individual wandering around who didn't appear to belong to the campaign group.

He advised that KAY HACKETT, a campaign worker, mentioned to him that she had asked this individual to leave the area, but he had refused to do so. He advised that he asked the individual to leave, but the individual did not do so.

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On 10/21/68 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts File# Boston 56-74

by SA EDWARD V. DAILEY/kab Date dictated 10/24/68

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He advised that he spoke to Mr. DOWD about this individual and Mr. DOWD told him to go and tell a policeman to see if he'd ask the individual to leave.

He advised that he mentioned the matter to a policeman, but he later observed the same individual talking to a group of Catholic nuns. He advised that he then assumed that the individual was probably connected with the campaign in some capacity, and he dismissed the matter from his thoughts.

He related that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he saw the same individual in the Embassy Room and recalled that Mr. DOWD mentioned to him that this same individual was back again.

He advised that so far as he knew this individual did not exhibit any pass or identification card which allowed him to be in the Embassy Room. He related that it was possible to enter the Embassy Room without showing identification due to the large crowd and confusion in the room.

He furnished the following physical description of the individual:

Nationality:	Possibly Lebanese, Greek, or Italian
Age:	Middle 50's
Hair:	Dark
Build:	Very heavy
Weight:	250 lbs.
Height:	6' - 6'2"
Remarks:	"looked like a hood"

He was exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that he never saw SIRHAN or ever heard SIRHAN's name mentioned at any time and that SIRHAN was not identical with the man he saw in the Coconut Grove and the Embassy Room.

He advised that at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he was in the Embassy Room standing immediately in front and below the television cameras with Mr. DOWD. He related that this placed him in the right rear of the Embassy Room next to the restaurant.

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He recalled that the television cameras were not operating and that some of the people in the Embassy Room were leaving.

He advised that he heard a "pop" sound as though a balloon had been popped. He then noticed a great deal of confusion and shouting and heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He related that Mr. DOWD ran out of the room through a door behind the television camera. He advised that he tried to follow Mr. DOWD, but he was forced back by police officers.

He related that he then rushed out the main door into the lobby and met Mr. DOWD there with POLLY FITZGERALD, a KENNEDY relative. He advised that he and Mr. DOWD and POLLY FITZGERALD then saw policemen taking a man out of the area.

He advised that he and Mr. DOWD accompanied Mrs. FITZGERALD to her suite and that Mr. DOWD went to Senator KENNEDY's suite to check on the Senator's children.

He advised that Mr. DOWD returned to Mrs. FITZGERALD and that they then went to the hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken.

He believed that they arrived at the hospital at 2:15 a.m., June 5, 1968; and they remained at the hospital until 7:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

He advised that after leaving the hospital, he went to the airport and flew to Boston, Massachusetts, on Senator KENNEDY's airplane, arriving in Boston at 9:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

The following background information was obtained through interrogation and personal observation:

Name:	EUGENE A. DELLEA
Address:	Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Born:	January 26, 1936, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Height:	5'11"



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Weight:	174 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Employment:	Technician, Hillcrest Hospital, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Parents:	GUY DELLEA - father JOSEPHINE DELLEA - mother Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/681

Mrs. EDWARD (POLLY) FITZGERALD, 38 Barbara Road, Needham, Massachusetts, advised that she is a cousin of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised that she participated in the late Senator's presidential campaign in several states during the spring of 1968. She advised that she was upstairs in her room shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when she was advised by telephone that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She hurried downstairs to the lobby and observed an individual subsequently identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN being removed from the area by police.

Mrs. FITZGERALD advised that she could relate no incidents in regard to the shooting inasmuch as she was not present and she further stated that she had never seen SIRHAN previously on any occasion.

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On 11/25/68 at Needham, Massachusetts File # BOSTON 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/car Date dictated 11/26/68

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Date 12/17/68

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN, National Chairman of Democratic Party, was interviewed at Washington, D. C., and furnished the following information:

O'BRIEN stated he was with Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's campaign throughout the duration. On the night of the slaying O'BRIEN stated he was in the audience during Senator KENNEDY's speech. Immediately following the speech he left the auditorium to go to his room. O'BRIEN said he did not know about the shooting until he was outside of the hotel. At no time had he seen SIRHAN or the girl in the polka dot dress.

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On 12/13/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA ROBERT F. PETTY:mac12/17/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1968

Mr. Theodore C. Sorensen, attorney 575 Madison Ave., New York, New York, stated that he was a member of Senator Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign and as such was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on the night of June 4.- 5, 1968.

During Senator Kennedy's speech and immediately after it, Mr. Sorensen was in a suite of rooms in the hotel and did not witness the speech or the shooting. After Senator Kennedy had been taken to a hospital, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Adam Walinsky, another member of Senator Kennedy's campaign, went to the hospital.

Mr. Sorensen does not know Sirhan Sirhan.

O- 12/9/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 12/9/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 5, 1968

ROBERT L. TAYLOR, 206 Pine Avenue, Severna Park, Maryland, advised that he is self employed as the executive representative for Automatic Retailers of America, with offices in his home, where he resides with his wife and family. He furnished the following information:

He was a volunteer worker in the Kennedy Campaign and had been placed in charge of the businessmen's committee for the State of California. He spent most of the month of May, 1968, in California, in connection with this campaign and stayed, for the most part, in cabana 14B of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

On June 4-5, 1968, TAYLOR was at the Ambassador Hotel and about 15-30 minutes before the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, he had left the shooting scene at the hotel and was in his cabana taking a shower, getting ready for departure on June 5, 1968, for his home in Maryland. He estimated that cabana 14B was approximately 100 yards from the front entrance to the hotel. He stated he did not hear any shot at about 12:15 A.M. on June 5, 1968, but that he got out of his shower at about that time because of the loud level of noise from the hotel and thereafter learned of the shooting.

He was not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, could not recall seeing him and had no information concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY from personal knowledge. He stated he could not get into the area of the shooting scene shortly after the shooting because of the crowds and the restrictions of the police department.

He left Los Angeles, California, by plane for his home in Maryland, June 5, 1968.

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On 11/30/68 at Severna Park, Maryland File # BA 44-684

by SA ROBERT L. LANPHEAR:bei Date dictated 12/4/68

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Date 10/31/68

Mr. HARRY BENSON stated that he is a photographer for the London Daily Express, London, England, and also for the Black Star Publishing Company, Photographs, 450 Park Avenue South, New York, New York. He resides at 181 West 73rd Street, New York, New York, Apartment 6A, telephone number 249-0284.

On the evening of June 4-5, 1968, he was in Los Angeles, California, at the Ambassador Hotel. During Senator ROBERT KENNEDY'S speech, BENSON was in the ballroom where the speech was made and also in an area next to the stage watching the speech on a monitor. When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, BENSON was of the impression that he was going to leave by the area in which BENSON was standing. He did not but left through the rear of the stage. BENSON was then in an alcove near the ballroom and out of sight of Senator KENNEDY when he heard a girl scream something such as "He's been shot." Instantly there was bedlam. BENSON headed toward the area of Senator KENNEDY and on the way met STEVE SMITH, Senator KENNEDY'S brother-in-law.

When BENSON got to the room of the shooting, he saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor. His lips were moving but BENSON heard nothing. BENSON stayed there, taking pictures, until Senator KENNEDY was removed.

BENSON did not see the shooting and to his knowledge did not then and never has seen SIRHAN SIRHAN.

BENSON then went outside the ballroom where there was a white, male, about 42 years old, approximately 6' 2" rather fat with a United States flag in his mouth. BENSON stated that this individual was a "real nutty guy" who said something such as "Thank God, he's been shot." At this time BENSON was talking to JOHN PILGER and GEORGE GALE, reporters for the London Daily Mirror, who did not get into the kitchen and they observed this "real nut."

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BENSON then went to the Associated Press Office to prepare his story.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/24/681

JOHN BREHL, reporter, Toronto Star, 1013 National Press Building, furnished the following information:

BREHL covered the California and Oregon primaries for his newspaper. He spent his time covering both the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns. In Los Angeles he also covered both the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns.

During the time BREHL spent in Los Angeles and around the Ambassador Hotel he noticed no one who resembled the picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN. BREHL was not in a position to see the shooting of KENNEDY and did not see KENNEDY or SIRHAN after the shooting.

BREHL did not remember seeing a girl in a polka dotted dress around the Ambassador Hotel. He was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the assassination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/22/68

RICHARD BROWN, 640 West 153rd Street, Audio Visual Consultant, "Life Magazine", advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot. He was watching the KENNEDY victory celebration on television and when the Senator left the celebration he (BROWN) went in to take a shower. After he came out of the shower he heard sirens and looked at the television and it was then he heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN either before the shooting or after the shooting and he does not have any knowledge of a conspiracy.

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by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY/np Date dictated 11/22/68

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GEORGE GALE

GEORGE GALE, a reporter for the "London Daily Mirror", was reportedly present at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968.

Inquiry at the "London Daily Mirror" Office, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on November 18, 1968, revealed that GEORGE GALE had returned to London, England, and was not expected back in the United States in the near future.

It was further ascertained that GEORGE GALE, a reporter for the "London Daily Mirror", could be contacted through the "London Daily Mirror", Holborn Circus, London EC 1, England.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 17, 1968

Mr. Haynes Johnson stated that he is a reporter for the Washington, D. C. Star and that while in New York, New York he is residing at the Plaza Hotel.

On the night of June 4 - 5, 1968 he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California covering the Presidential campaign of Senator Robert Kennedy. Johnson had a bungalow in back of the hotel and was in the bungalow during Senator Kennedy's speech and observed the speech there on television. He wrote his story there and when he delivered it to the press room he learned of the shooting of Senator Kennedy. Senator Kennedy had been taken to a hospital and he did not see Senator Kennedy, the shooting, or Sirhan Sirhan.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

JOSEPH KRAFT, 3021 N Street, N. W., furnished the following information:

KRAFT is a reporter for the Hall Syndicate with his base of operations in Washington, D. C. KRAFT covered the Oregon and California Primary elections. In Oregon he was with KENNEDY the entire time and in California he divided his time between KENNEDY and MC CARTHY.

On election day KRAFT also split his time between KENNEDY and MC CARTHY. Between 10:00 and 12:00 p.m. election night KRAFT was at the Ambassador Hotel with KENNEDY in his upstairs hotel suite. When KENNEDY came down to give his victory speech, KRAFT listened to the speech in the Embassy Room. When KENNEDY left the podium and went into the kitchen area, KRAFT headed for the regular exit of the room. Before he left the room he heard shouts but no shots. He was then told that KENNEDY had been shot. KRAFT did not see KENNEDY after KENNEDY left the podium.

KRAFT does not recollect ever having seen SIRHAN at any time during the Oregon or California primary or at the Ambassador Hotel election night. While in Los Angeles, KRAFT stayed at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Mrs. KRAFT, KRAFT's wife, was in California during the early part of the campaign but she left California before the election and was in Washington, D. C., at the time KENNEDY was shot.

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by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:jcb Date dictated 11/26/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 26, 1968

Mr. Jack Newfield, 30 West 9th Street, New York, New York, stated on the evening of June 4-5, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California covering the Senator Robert Kennedy Presidential campaign as a writer.

During Senator Kennedy's speech, Newfield was upstairs in a room in the hotel. At the conclusion of Senator Kennedy's speech, Newfield got on an elevator to go downstairs to join Senator Kennedy's group. While he was on the elevator, Senator Kennedy was shot. Newfield did not see or hear the shooting. He did not see Sirhan Sirhan.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 26, 1968

Mr. Loudon S. Wainwright, writer for Life Magazine, Time and Life Building, 50th Street and 6th Avenue, New York, New York, stated that during the evening of June 4-5, 1968 he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California covering the Senator Robert Kennedy Presidential campaign.

At the time of the shooting, he was in his room in the hotel writing his story, and heard of the shooting on television. Wainwright went downstairs in the hotel to the area of the shooting. When he arrived, Senator Kennedy had been taken to the hospital.

Wainwright did not see or hear the shooting and did not see Sirhan Sirhan. He knows nothing to the shooting.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 5, 1968

DONALD M. WILSON, Assistant Publisher, Life Magazine, Time and Life Building, New York City furnished the following information:

At the moment of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California he was behind the Podium. Upon hearing the shots he headed toward the sound of the shots. He did not observe the shooting. Upon reaching the area of the shooting he observed a number of people grappling with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He had never observed SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to this time. He observed SIRHAN SIRHAN being hustled out of the hotel by the police.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/27/68

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JAMES CHARLES BAILEY, 260 South 156th Street, Apartment 36, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his place of employment, Snelling and Snelling Employment Service, 144 S.W. 153rd Street, Seattle, regarding his possible knowledge of the conspiracy upon the life of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. BAILEY advised as follows:

He was a volunteer campaign worker for Senator KENNEDY and worked in the Portland, Oregon, office starting about one month before the Oregon primary elections. He worked in a liaison capacity between the campaign headquarters and the different celebrities who would come to town to give campaign speeches. After the Oregon primaries, he went to Los Angeles, California, to help with the California primaries.

While in Los Angeles, he lived in a motel across the street from the Ford Motor Assembly Plant in East Los Angeles. About 25 campaign workers were staying in the motel.

On the evening of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel for the victory celebration held in the Embassy Ballroom. He was standing near to and was talking with Mrs. SARGEANT SHRIVER and her body guards at the time it was announced that there had been an accident. He then learned that KENNEDY had been shot.

BAILEY affirms that he has never seen or known SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

During the day he was not allowed to work and, therefore, he stayed at the motel and went swimming and visited with other campaign workers. The night of the shooting, he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in a room on the third floor which had been set aside by an unknown person for the campaign workers.

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On 12/27/68 at SEATTLE, WASHINGTON File # SE 89-62

by SA JOHN C. KAMMERMAN/msw Date dictated 12/27/68

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BAILEY stated he knows nothing concerning the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY other than what he has read in the newspapers or discussed with other campaign workers.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1/9/69

BARBARA BARNETT, 1312 Jackson Street, Apartment 11, telephone 775-0763, advised as follows:

In early June, 1968, she and another girl, CAROL LEWIS, were attending a party given in honor of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel at the approximate time when the Senator was assassinated. She recalls hearing only some noise and a lot of confusion after the noise. She was later told that the noise she probably heard was the sound of shots but she could not identify them as such. In the confusion she did not see the individual involved nor any of the events as they took place.

She is presently employed as a secretary at Glore, Forgan and Staats, Stockbrokers, 221 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

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On 1/8/69 at San Francisco, California File # LA 56-156  
SF 62-5481

by H. ERNEST WOODBY / ER Date dictated 1/9/69

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 4, 1968

CECI DOUCET, Martha Washington Apartments, 1802 S.W. 10th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, stated that she is employed at the Standard Plaza Building, 1100 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, in Room 902. She stated she was in the Embassy Room of the hotel at the time Senator KENNEDY was assaulted. She did not see the shooting as the shooting occurred in a corridor outside the Embassy Room. When she heard the shots, she thought that it was balloons popping and that the yelling and excitement in the corridor came as a result of the people viewing Senator KENNEDY as he was considered quite a celebrity at the hotel. She said that she did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at anytime, either prior to the assassination or after the Senator had been shot. She said she had no knowledge of a conspiracy upon the life of the Senator and that the only knowledge she currently has of the assault came from what she heard on the news media. She did not witness any unusual activity around the hotel during the day before the assault took place and she noted that she had not slept for five days prior to the assault due to the pace of the campaign.

She stated that the following individuals, to her knowledge, were also present at the time the assassination took place:

GIL HAIMSON, 8826 Lookout Mountain,  
Los Angeles, California,  
home telephone number OL6-8411,  
business telephone number HO3-3215.  
HAIMSON is a news reporter and may presently be  
in Europe.

VINCE GIMARELLI, Frederick Street,  
Burbank, California.  
GIMARELLI was a high school student who was  
very enthusiastic about the Senator's campaign.

STUS PRUSZYNSKI, 2190 Crescent, Number 4,  
Montreal, Canada, or care of CICERO, 1248 24th Street,  
West, Los Angeles, California.

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On 12/4/68 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

by SA ROBERT O. WHITE:tms Date dictated 12/4/68

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JOHN PUETZ, 402 East 6th Street, Fowler, Indiana.

MUFF SINGER, 140 Swetzer, Los Angeles, California,  
phone number 654-2097.

JIM NICO, 1214 N. Canal Road, Lansing, Michigan.

JOE MC MAHON, 800 Monroe Street, Berwick,  
Pennsylvania.

NICK FAMULARO, 1350 N. Wilcox, Hollywood, California.

PHIL MULLER, 3000 West Hamilton Way,  
Hollywood, California.

JIM BAILEY, 2435 S.W. Ecole, Beaverton, Oreg.,  
who may be residing in the State of Washington.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

JOAN DWORKIN, who resides at 35-36 76th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, advised that she was in the back of the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador in Los Angeles, at the time of the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She stated that she remained in that area watching the proceedings on television and has no information of value. She stated that she was with her husband and that neither her nor her husband could recall seeing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to the time they saw him being removed by the police.

The following is a physical description of JOAN DWORKIN:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	June 3, 1928
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'4"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Marital Status	Married
Education	High school
Arrest	None.

DWORKIN advised that she believed that BARBARA BARNETT, a former employee of the agency was also in the Embassy ballroom at the time of the murder. She stated that BARNETT can be located until December 1, at 2460 Larkin Street, San Francisco, California, and after December 1, at 1311 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date December 3, 1968

WILLIS FRANKLIN EDWARDS, ASN US 56729416, CompanyD, 8th Battalion, Third AIT Brigade, Fort Gordon, Georgia, was interviewed regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He advised the following:

He received a letter from California State Senator JESSE UNRUH, thanking him for supporting KENNEDY in his campaign and suggested that EDWARDS contact the Los Angeles Police Department. EDWARDS advised that he then wrote the Los Angeles Police Department and informed them that he was present during the KENNEDY assassination.

EDWARDS advised that he worked actively in the KENNEDY campaign in California and was present with approximately 1,000 other people in the room of the Ambassador Hotel where Senator KENNEDY was killed. He advised that he was standing approximately seven to ten people away from the alleged assassin and he was in a direct line with the assassin and Senator KENNEDY looking directly at the back of KENNEDY's head when KENNEDY fell. He advised that he first became aware that something unusual was going on when he heard shots ring out and heard people screaming. He stated that he saw ROOSEVELT GRIER and RAFAEL JOHNSON grab a man and take the gun from the man's hand. He stated that this man was the same man whose photograph later appeared in newspapers. He advised that he had seen this alleged assassin two or three hours before the shooting in a corridor leading to the room where KENNEDY was assassinated. He advised at that time he had done a double take when he had seen the man. He does not know why he paid particular attention to this individual inasmuch as he was not dressed any different from the people in the hotel. He stated that something unusual about the man's appearance caused him to take a second look. He advised that as best he can remember the man was by himself at the time and that he does not recall ever seeing this individual before that night.

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On 11/27/68 at Fort Gordon, Georgia File # Savannah 44-1779  
Los Angeles 56-156  
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EDWARDS advised that the memory of the assassination has caused him nightmares and that he has considered consulting a psychiatrist regarding his condition. He was visibly affected during the interview and became emotional, rambling in his conversation, expounding on the causes of Senator KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description of EDWARDS was gained through observation and interview:

Name	WILLIS FRANKLIN EDWARDS
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Occupation	U.S. Army
Date of Birth	June 3, 1945
Place of Birth	Houston, Texas
Marital Status	Single
Education	15 years
Civilian Occupation	Student - California State College
Height	6'3"
Weight	175
Relatives	Mr. and Mrs. FRANK EDWARDS (Parents) 63530 Avenida Avenue Palm Springs, California
	EDWARD EARL EDWARDS (Brother) 1571 Marvin Avenue Los Angeles, California
Address	1903 Outpost Drive Hollywood, California

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

DOROTHY HARTIGAN, who resides at 190-05 Hillside Avenue, Hollis, Queens, New York, advised that she was associated with the New York advertising agency of Papert, Lois and Koenig, and was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was murdered. Miss HARTIGAN advised that she was to the right of the podium at the time of the speech and after the departure of Senator KENNEDY she was moved further to the right of the podium by the crowd. She stated that on that night she observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN while he was being taken away by the police and when she saw him she was sure that she had never seen him before and specifically not earlier in the evening at the Ambassador Hotel.

The following is a physical description of DOROTHY HARTIGAN as obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	July 3, 1935
Place of Birth	Boston, Massachusetts
Height	5'5"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown-reddish tinge
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school
Arrest	None.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/nmh

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 12/13/68

DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, (telephone 372-2832), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He is presently unemployed, being confined in a wheel chair as a result of an injury to his back from a car accident approximately five months ago.

HODGES, his girl friend, JANET LOWRIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, and DEKKER and SHARON RAWLINGS, 424 35th Street, Manhattan Beach, arrived at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at approximately 7:45 PM, June 4, 1968, after driving to that location in an automobile owned by HODGES. Shortly after arriving at the hotel, HODGES and the others met his two brothers, WILLIAM and ROBERT HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, a girl friend of WILLIAM HODGES. These latter individuals drove to the hotel in a vehicle owned by WILLIAM HODGES.

From approximately 7:45 until 11:45 PM HODGES and the others remained together in the Embassy Room a short distance from the entrance through which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room. Leaving the hotel from 11:30 to 11:45 PM, HODGES and the others in his car heard about the shooting on the car radio as they were proceeding back to Manhattan Beach.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to HODGES. HODGES, after viewing these photographs, advised that he did not observe anyone resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

HODGES recalled that several days after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, his brother, WILLIAM HODGES, mentioned that he observed a shabbily dressed individual loitering in the Embassy Room on June 4, 1968. HODGES, however, does not recall observing anyone fitting the description of this individual observed by his brother.

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On 12/6/68 at Hermosa Beach, California File # Los Angeles 56-156  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 12/19/68

ROBERT R. HODGES, 543 - 21st Street, Hermosa Beach, California (545-5206), was interviewed at the residence of his brothers, WILLIAM HODGES, 235 - 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, and furnished the following information:

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he accompanied his brother, WILLIAM HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, girl friend of WILLIAM HODGES, to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, to attend a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HODGES and the others arrived at the hotel between 7:30 and 7:45 P.M., and shortly thereafter met his brother DAVID HODGES, 235 - 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, JANET LOURIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, and DEKKER and SHARON RAWLINGS, 424 - 35th Street, Manhattan Beach.

From the time that they arrived at the hotel until approximately 11:45 P.M. when they left this location, HODGES and the others remained together in the Embassy Room at a point near the entrance from which Senator KENNEDY was expected to enter the room.

HODGES was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and, after viewing these photographs, he could not recall observing anyone at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, or anywhere else prior to that date resembling this individual.

HODGES, his brother, WILLIAM HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY left the hotel at approximately 11:45 P.M. and later heard of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on the car radio as they were proceeding back to Manhattan Beach.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1968

Mary Jane Hoey, who resides at 34 East 11th Street, New York, New York, advised that she was in the rear of the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night that Senator Robert F. Kennedy was killed. She stated that she was in the rear of the ballroom near the television cameras. She stated that immediately after the speech she was making an effort to leave the ballroom when she learned of the shooting.

She stated that she later observed newsphotographs of Sirhan B. Sirhan and is sure that she has never seen him.

The following is a description of Hoey as furnished by her:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	January 21, 1935
Place of Birth	Laconia, N. H.
Height	5' 5"
Weight	105 lbs.
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Marital Status	Single
Father	Raymond Hoey, Laconia, N. H.
Mother	Helen Hoey, Laconia, N. H.
Employment	J. W. Thompson 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

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