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1 TAPE #29588

2 TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OF JOHN FAHEY

3 SEPTEMBER 9, 1968, 7:30 P.M.

4 TAPED IN ROOM 318, PARKER CENTER

5 QUESTIONED BY: LT. E. HERNANDEZ, S.U.S. UNIT

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8 ** INDICATES UNINTELLIGIBLE

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10 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm going to get started
11 here and see how far we can go.

12 A Thank you.

13 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, John, for the purposes of
14 this interview, Sgt. Phil Alexander; my name's Hernandez,
15 and the gentleman here is John Fahey, F-a-h-e-y; the
16 stenographer, John, for your information is Mr. Ron Horlacher;
17 and he's going to take this statement verbatim. Now, what
18 we're trying to do here, John, is to determine the truth
19 concerning statements made by you to members of the FBI and
20 to other members of the Los Angeles Police Department. And
21 I hope you'll be truthful with me at this time.

22 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Now, on June 4, 1968, did
23 you meet a young woman at the Ambassador Hotel?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Was there anything during your association with
26 that woman that led you to believe that she was in any way
connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy?

A No, sir.

Q Did you tell anyone, either the FBI or other

1 police officers anything that would have led them to believe
2 that she was involved in the assassination of Kennedy?

3 A At the time I was excited, and I had this fear
4 in me because of what--of the events that took place that
5 day. I could have done it erroneously; yes, sir.

6 Q Okay, erroneously now, John, do you remember
7 what you told these people?

8 A That possibly she could be the girl they were
9 looking for.

10 Q Would you repeat that, please?

11 A That possibly she could have been the girl that
12 they were looking for.

13 Q Now, by the girl that they were looking for,
14 were you--

15 A --for the girl that was possibly involved in
16 something.

17 Q Do you have any specific girl in mind?

18 A The girl that I was with that date.

19 Q What made you believe that the FBI or anyone
20 was interested in that girl?

21 A Because, ah, well, it was known that a girl was
22 involved.

23 Q Uh huh.

24 A And that from what the lady had made statements
25 to me about, reflection of her bad taste toward Mr. Kennedy
26 or the party that he was involved with, led me to believe

1 that possibly that she had something to do with it.

2 Q Okay, as a matter of fact, John, now you know
3 that in your mind all along there was nothing that happened
4 that would lead any reasonable person to form a belief that
5 she was connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy,
6 was there?

7 A Now that I have sat down and thought it all
8 through, you're right; yes, sir.

9 Q Okay, now after you left the Ambassador Hotel on
10 the 4th of June, you had indicated that you thought (you
11 were being followed. Why did you say that?)

12 A Maybe you would drive up Wilshire, you take them
13 there with you all the way--you take a right, and they keep
14 continue going, but this man stayed right with me.

15 Q Did he at any time threaten you?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Okay now, let's go to the Volkswagen. You
18 described that as a blue vehicle?

19 A Yes, the same color as the Ford.

20 Q Blue.

21 A Right.

22 Q Did this car follow you?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Where did it follow you to?

25 A It was following me on the road towards Oxnard,
26 and it was apparent that we were being watched or followed,

1 and I had a desire to pull over and find out, as I said to
2 the girl, the lady, I'm going to find out who in the hell
3 they are following us. So I took a left, and I pulled over
4 on the rocks. This is the area. And I parked. He pulled
5 over and parked on my right and got out of his car.

6 Q Did you talk with that man, the driver?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Did he say anything to you?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Did he threaten you?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Okay, now going back to the woman. You described
13 her to me as being a nutty individual; what did you mean by
14 that?

15 A Her statements, her conversations at times like
16 talking about Kennedy the way she did, talking about McCarthy
17 the way she did. She didn't like any of them. She was on
18 the move. She said she'd only been here three days from
19 New York. She had a lot of clothes she had to ship to
20 Australia.

21 THE REPORTER: Slow down.

22 A Excuse me.

23 THE REPORTER: She had only been here three days
24 from New York?

25 A Right.

26 Australia? THE REPORTER: She had what to ship to

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1 A She had a lot of clothes she said and she had
2 to ship them to Australia. She wanted to get out of the
3 country. She was leaving the country.

4 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Would you describe this
5 individual as a hippie?

6 A In one respect she--you could look at her as a
7 hippie; yes, sir.

8 Q Okay, so you've described her as a hippie and as
9 a--

10 A Or a lady who travels like say the Middle East.

11 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Not an American or like you
12 and I, we take a shower every couple of days, or we shave
13 ourselves real good to keep clean?

14 A No.

15 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: I'm trying to keep slow so
16 the gentleman can get the information.

17 A Excuse me.

18 Q Why do you say the Middle East? Why the Middle
19 East?

20 A Features. Her accent, the way she used at times.
21 She had an accent and when she gave me her real name, as
22 what she said, Oppenheimer, I figured Middle East, Middle
23 East.

24 Q Okay, but she was a nutty type person to you?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And she looked like a hippie?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Did you ever form the idea in your mind that the
3 people that were following, if they were following you, might
4 have been a boyfriend or a husband or someone that knew her?

5 A It could have been; yes, sir.

6 Q Did you think about this?

7 A Not at that time; no, sir.

8 Q Have you ever thought about it?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Will you think about it now?

11 A Yes, sir, it could be; yes, sir, that could be
12 true.

13 Q Is there anything, John, in your mind, that you
14 could tell us that happened to you on the 4th of June that
15 might have any connection, even the slightest connection,
16 with the assassination of Senator Kennedy?

17 A There isn't anything, sir.

18 Q Are you telling the truth now?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Is there anything you want to ask, Phil?

21 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: I just want to get this
22 cleared up about Fernando Faura. You say that there's been
23 many times that he has insinuated things to you and put
24 words in your mouth, so to speak, led you to believe certain
25 things that you consequently found out not to be true and
26 so forth?

1 I'd like you to expound on that a little bit just to
2 say for the record to get it straight.

3 A Ah, well ask me some questions about it, and I
4 can go from there, huh?

5 Q All right, has Fernando Faura ever told you,
6 for instance, that--that this woman that you was with had
7 anything to do with Kennedy's assassination?

8 A When I first went to Fernando Faura, I explained
9 my story to him that I was with this lady, and regardless
10 whether she was the girl or wasn't the girl, was immaterial;
11 that, however, we would find this lady, and from that point
12 on he took me out to the San Fernando Police Station and
13 interrogated me at great length on several different
14 occasions. And I actually was led to believe that he was
15 part of the Police Department there through his conversations
16 with me, and he made me feel as if through the course of our
17 interrogations that this was the girl that we were looking
18 for or that you gentlemen were looking for. And as our
19 association went on, it just elevated until where that he
20 was following the FBI. There was some hotel man that he
21 contacted; that the FBI had contacted, and this was how they--
22 he and this--whoever this photographer was, got involved
23 with this hotel situation was because of this man by the
24 name of Hammond. He's a hotel manager or something of this
25 nature, and this Hammond gave him information that the FBI
26 was staking out a girl, supposed to be my girl et cetera,

1 and as things of this nature built up and elevated, and he
2 tried to make me believe that this was the girl. And
3 naturally I become excited and I become feared and appauled
4 about it, and he took me back to San Fernando Police Station
5 where I met a Lt. Stein. He had me sit with him in a--
6 I got an--Ident Kit they called? And put description of the
7 girl--my girl together. Then he took this ident composite
8 to a hippie artist, and he drew this girl in color. Then he
9 had snapshots made of this girl, and he's been showing this
10 girl to different witnesses. He took me to a hypnotist, a
11 doctor, who is supposed to have hypnotized me, and he really
12 didn't. I was--if he did, I--I was unaware of it, and there
13 was a witness there called Chuck that was supposed to have
14 worked for the Kennedy people at that time, and he identified
15 the picture as the girl or one of the girls that was supposed
16 to have been there or something of that nature. Ah, he
17 stated also that this maitre d', DiPierro, has identified
18 the girl as that--the girl, being the girl.

19 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: But as a matter of fact, John,
20 this girl that you're referring to from the Ident Kit, you
21 knew all along this girl didn't exist; didn't you?

22 A The girl exists. The girl, my girl, that was
23 with me that day?

24 Q Yes.

25 A That's who the girl is, the picture is of.

26 Q Well, is it a picture of the person that you

1 were with--

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q --or close to it?

4 A The girl--no, the picture is of the girl that
5 was with me that day.

6 Q Is it a good likeness to the girl?

7 A Pretty close; yes, sir, pretty close.

8 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Okay, so then he did more or
9 less strengthen your mind in these beliefs?

10 A Yes, sir, he did.

11 Q He created some of these beliefs in your mind?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q In other words--

14 A Calling me up several times and wanting me to
15 meet him at the Citizen News. He had a gentleman there with
16 a bunch of pictures he wanted me to pick out a girl. There
17 were several pictures they showed me. I never picked out
18 any girl because I never saw a girl--a description of the
19 girl that was with me.

20 Q Okay, so then he did create some of this a--

21 A Romanticism or something like that.

22 Q Yeah.

23 A Right. He romanced me **.

24 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Fantasy something that you
25 knew was not true; that he put words in your mouth?

26 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: In other words, he took the

1 situation as you laid it to him and then he related it back
2 to you and told you how it could possibly have been after
3 Senator Kennedy--

4 A Yes, sir, Sarge, that's right.

5 Q That wasn't your idea?

6 A No, sir; it was his idea.

7 Q Right.

8 A Naturally I fell into it, and I went along with
9 it because, well, like he said, possibly she could be the
10 girl or she is the girl and toward the end he kept saying,
11 well, she's the girl.

12 THE REPORTER: A little bit slower, please.

13 A Excuse me.

14 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: You went along with it,

15 A I went along with it because, well, I was with
16 this girl that day; and when he tells me something, I believed
17 it because the man works out in the police station in San
18 Fernando, and I took the man at his word. And when he would
19 tell me that another witness has identified my picture--the
20 girl that was with me; that gives you a little strength, and
21 you begin to wonder and you become feared, and I was--

22 Q When he took you to this hypnotist, can you
23 recall the hypnotist's name?

24 A Yes, Dr. LaScola.

25 Q Dr. LaScol--

26 A La, L-a-S-c-o-l-a.

1 Q Would you spell that again, please?

2 A L-a-S-c-o-l-a, and he's out in Santa Monica across
3 from St. John's Hospital in the Medical Building there.

4 Q Now, you say to the best of your recollection
5 you never were under hypnotic trance; is that right?

6 A He attempted to put me under--he attempted to
7 hypnotize me. But I say he didn't do it. I was alive like
8 I'm talking with you now.

9 Q You can recall everything that went on?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Totally?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q What did he try to implant anything in your mind?

14 A He said we were--we were going to have later on
15 a long discussion. He was going to hypnotize me again; that
16 I would be thinking about this; and that--about the girl;
17 that he and I would have a long talk about her and the events
18 that took place that day. I will say he did stimulate my
19 mind. For example, this girl told me where her ex-husband
20 was, on the island of Taipei because he had worked over
21 there for the FAA or with them or some association. And it
22 helped to remind his name. He did stimulate my mind a little
23 bit, but he--he didn't hypnotize me. I wasn't under--I've
24 never been hypnotized, so I can't tell you what to expect
25 about it.

26 Q You do have an independent recollection now,

1 here though, the occurrences of that day?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And you say that he took you also to a polygraph
4 examination?

5 A Yes, sir, he did.

6 Q Do you recall the name of that person that con-
7 ducted your--

8 A --Mr. Chris Gugas.

9 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: John, if I may, in relation
10 to that polygraph examination, you know, and quite truthfully,
11 frankly with each other in all ** you were not truthful with
12 Mr. Gugas all the way in what you believed?

13 A Right. Yes.

14 Q Yes, upon the conclusion of the test, what did
15 Mr. Gugas tell you?

16 A He told me as a whole I was telling the truth.
17 And Fernando had called me the following Sunday at home, and
18 he says I came through like a champion.

19 Q Okay, now, forget about what Fernando told you,
20 but just knowing the way you answered certain questions there,
21 did he specifically tell you what questions you had answered
22 truthfully and which questions you had showed deception on?

23 A Yes, sir, he did tell me a couple of them. He
24 said about I had a rise, as the language rise, on what the
25 girl had said to me at the hotel about "they're going to
26 take care of Mr. Kennedy that night at the winning reception."

1 There was another one. I just don't remember it offhand.

2 Q Okay, now, which questions do you remember lying
3 about or not being truthful to Mr. Gugas on that he said you
4 answered truthfully. And you know quite well what areas--

5 A Did I tell the truth to the FBI. Did I tell the
6 truth to the LAPD and in, as I understand in myself, now that
7 going through over a period of a couple months being
8 romanced like this that I wasn't telling the truth.

9 Q I see. Has anyone promised you anything for you
10 to make these statements here tonight?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Has anyone forced you to make these statements
13 here tonight?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q Are the statements you have made here the truth
16 to the best of your ability as you know the truth to be?

17 A Yes, sir, Mr. Hernandez.

18 Q Just for my own curiosity in concluding this
19 statement here, John, really what happened here as men we know
20 it that you were worried and possibly afraid in your wife
21 finding out about this girl. Basically that's what happened
22 that night, is that right?

23 A I was concerned about my wife that night about
24 the girl.

25 Q You were not?

26 A I was not concerned, I'm sorry. I would have

1 told her the truth and I did.

2 Q But not that night.

3 A No, sir, I didn't tell her that night.

4 Q That's what I'm saying. In essence the reason
5 that all this really happened is because you were concerned
6 about your wife misunderstanding what had happened with that
7 girl; is that a fair statement?

8 A Well, no. No, no, I didn't state all this to
9 cover up anything. No, sir.

10 Q Well, why then, John?

11 A Like I said I have been romanced over a period
12 of a couple months.

13 Q By Mr. Fernando?

14 A And led to believe certain things were true and
15 naturally you become excited. You're full of fear, and you,
16 uh, you're led to believe that she's the girl.

17 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Let me ask you this, is this
18 a fair statement? Certain portions of all that you have said
19 in this past three months, certain portions of it, you feel
20 are basically true?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Other--other portions of the story have been
23 elaborated upon?

24 A Yes, sir, Sergeant; yes, sir.

25 Q Not because you would have elaborated on them
26 yourself, but because you have been led to elaborate upon

1 them by other people such as Fernando Faura, his hypnotist,
2 his polygraph examiner, his hippie artist?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q And other people that he has introduced you to
5 which has lent weight and credibility.

6 A Now, you're--yes, sir.

7 Q To the--to the story which Mr. Faura has tried
8 to build surrounding the basic truthful events which did
9 occur. Is that a--is that a--

10 A --that's a very clear statement; yes, sir.

11 Q Is that a fair statement?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q In other words, the nucleus of this whole story
14 is that you made a faux pas, and you went with a woman whom
15 you shouldn't have?

16 A That's right.

17 Q And as a result of having gone out with that woman
18 you attached some significance to it when you heard about
19 the assassination the following day?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q In an effort to divulge any information that you
22 felt you might possibly have, you went to the authorities
23 and then you subsequently contacted Fernando Faura. And at
24 that point he started elaborating on this story?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And it built itself up to the point where it

1 stands today where there have been many fabrications and
2 elaborations on the original basic truthful story?

3 A Yes, that is correct.

4 SGT. ALEXANDER: Okay.

5 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: In my mind though, John, as
6 I understand you, you had no sound basis or any basis where
7 any reasonable person would have formed a foundation of
8 truthfulness as far as any connection with this woman and the
9 assassination of Kennedy.

10 A No, sir, only that someone was after me for my
11 car possibly, or I was getting hijacked or something. Yes,
12 sir.

13 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, the time is now 8 p.m.,
14 and this interview is concluded.

15 A Where's my wife? Did she come in?

16 LT. HERNANDEZ: No, I told you we pulled that
17 car (sic) out because we felt that you know we've had faith
18 in you even though you've wanted to hold back on us, we've
19 had faith with you all the way through this thing, and the
20 last thing we wanted to do was implicate your wife in any
21 way. There's no reason for it.

22 A I appreciate that. Believe me.

23 LT. HERNANDEZ: The whole concern--

24 A Because I love my wife and, gentlemen, and I
25 want to keep her.

26 LT. HERNANDEZ: Sure.

1 SGT. ALEXANDER: We're both married men and we
2 have families, and it's difficult to find a good woman.

3 A Yes, sir.

4 SGT. ALEXANDER: And just because you happened
5 to be a man who went out and acted a man, and we fully
6 understand this, there's no reason why we should want to
7 harm you in any fashion. All we wanted to do is get this
8 situation straightened out in compliance with the wishes of
9 our superiors, and that's what we feel that we've done here
10 by eliciting these truthful statements from you.

11 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, John.

12 A Could Fernando in any way attempt to come back
13 at me?

14 LT. HERNANDEZ: No, here's the thing, now I was
15 going to mention this, if he bothers you any more, you refer
16 him to us.

17 A He can be pretty nasty.

18 LT. HERNANDEZ: You don't have to talk to him.
19 Hang up on him. Tell him to call--you can use my name or
20 Alexander's name. We'll talk to him.

21 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Do you have my card still?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 LT. HERNANDEZ: You tell him just that.

24 SGT. ALEXANDER: If it becomes necessary, like I
25 told you before, if he comes to your place and you have to
26 call the police to get rid of him, display that car and

1 explain that you have been down to the police station
2 relative to the Kennedy investigation and that this man is
3 attempting to concoct some story for the purposes of news-
4 paper publication surrounding the events that you discussed
5 with us and that this is not your desire and that you want
6 the police to escort that man away from your home.

7 A. Okay.

8 SGT. ALEXANDER: If he refuses to go, then he
9 can be put in jail for disturbing the peace, trespassing on
10 private property.

11 LT. HERNANDEZ: Sure, this is your inherent
12 right. Nobody can go around bothering you, John. Well,
13 okay that's it.

December 17, 1968

TO: Captain Hugh I. Brown
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SUBJECT: POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF JOHN FAHEY

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

~~This report covers the investigation made from September 6, 1968, to September 20, 1968 inclusive, and pertains only to the Medical Background and the Conspiracy potentials of the case.~~

On June 4, 1968, John Fahey was employed as a salesman for "Cal Tek Industries," 1833 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles.

On June 6, 1968, Fahey was interviewed by agents of the F.B.I. and he related to them a story about a foreign-looking woman that he allegedly met at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 4, 1968. Fahey's story contained many strong inferences and allegations concerning a possible conspiracy to assassinate Senator Kennedy. Fahey's statements indicated that Sirhan Sirhan, Munir Sirhan, the woman he had met, plus other unknown people were involved in this conspiracy.

Subsequent to the interview of June 6th, Fahey was interviewed by investigating officers from S.U.S. Upon completion of the second interview, it was noted that Fahey's statements were inconsistent with each other and that there were a number of discrepancies in his stories.

Investigators determined that Fahey's allegations demanded additional investigation.

On September 5, 1968, Fahey was informed that due to the many discrepancies in his statements, a Polygraph Examination would

be necessary in order to attempt to verify that his statements were truthful.

Fahey was asked if he would agree to take a Polygraph Test but he stated that he had already been given a Lie Detector Test by Mr. Chris Gugas, a private Polygraph Examiner. He stated that Fernando Faura had taken him to Mr. Gugas for the examination, and that the results had proven that he was telling the truth.

Fahey was again asked if he would submit to the Polygraph Examination and he consented.

Prior to the instrumental testing, Mr. Fahey was explained to regarding the functions of the instruments and the procedures that would be followed during the course of the examination. He was given an opportunity to ask questions during any phase of the test. The questions that were to be asked were reviewed with Fahey before any instrumental testing began.

Conclusion

During the course of the examination, physiological tracings at points where crucial key questions were asked, strongly indicate that Mr. Fahey was not being completely truthful.

Two Peak of Tension tests were administered and, in addition, two General Series tests were administered. Each of these examinations contained a series of questions relative to the major key issues.

It is this examiner's opinion that Mr. Fahey's answers with respect to the following questions are clearly indicative of deception and that his answers were untruthful.

(Q) Is there anything concerning the story you have told the FBI that you honestly know is not true?

(A) "No."

(Q) Since Senator Kennedy was assassinated, have you lied to any police officer?

(A) "No."

(Q) Have you ever seen Sirhan Sirhan in person?

(A) "Yes."

(Q) Did you lie to the FBI about what happened on June 4, 1968?

(A) "No."

(Q) Other than pictures of Sirhan, have you ever seen him in person?

(A) "Yes."

(Q) Did any woman tell you of a plan to assassinate Senator Kennedy on June 4, 1968?

(A) "Yes."

(Note: Fahey answered truthfully when asked the following relevant questions: (1) Do you honestly believe that you have ever seen Sirhan Sirhan in person? Answer: "No." (2) Do you honestly believe that you have ever seen Munir Sirhan in person? Answer: "No.")

Upon conclusion of the Polygraph Examination, Fahey was informed that his responses to certain questions indicate that he was

purpose of going over all his previous statements and correcting those areas which were wrong.

Fahey's complete statements at the time of the Polygraph Examination on September 5, 1968, are contained in tape #29593 and are in file at S.U.S.

During the preliminary phase of this interrogation, Fahey continued to be untruthful with investigators and was being evasive in his manner of answering questions which were being asked. Ultimately, however, Fahey did admit that he had been misled by Fernando Faura and others, and he stated that he had not been completely truthful in his first reports to the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department. He stated that he knew that many portions of his previous statements were not truthful.

Fahey explained that in his mind, he had been "romanticized" by Fernando Faura. He stated that he knew he had never seen Sirhan Sirhan or Munir Sirhan in person. He explained that when he was shown the photographs by the FBI, he knew then that at that time he told the FBI that the persons looked very much like Sirhan and Munir Sirhan, but he did so knowing that the persons he saw at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 4, 1968, were not the Sirhan brothers.

Fahey related that as a matter of fact, nothing had happened during his association with the unknown woman that lead him to believe that she was in any way connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy. He indicated that at the time he was first

interviewed, he could have erroneously misled the FBI because at the time he was excited and had a fear inside him due to the events that took place. He said that when the girl made statements to him reflecting her bad taste towards Senator Kennedy, it was ordinary political conversation and that there was really nothing that she said that would lead any reasonable person to form a belief that she was connected with Kennedy's assassination.

He stated that he did go riding with the girl in his car and that when he stopped along side the highway, a blue Volkswagon pulled behind his car but the driver said nothing to him or did anything to him in a threatening manner. He described the female that was with him on that day as a "nutty" person that could have been a Hippie. When asked if there was anything that happened to him on June 4, 1968, that in his mind might have even the slightest connection with the assassination of Senator Kennedy, Fahey answered, "No sir, nothing happened."

He said that when he first went to see Fernando Faura he explained the story about being with a lady. He related that Faura took him to the San Fernando Police Station and that he was actually lead to believe that Faura was part of the police department. Faura interrogated him at great length and Fahey stated that as a result of these interrogations and statements made to him by Faura, he was lead to believe that the girl that he had been with was the polka dot dress girl, and was the girl the police were looking for. He said that he became excited and became afraid and appalled about the situation.

Faura, at a later date, again took him back to the San Fernando Police station and introduced him to a Lt. Stein. Stein and Faura used an Identi Kit and put together a description of the girl. They then took the composite to a Hippy artist who drew the girl in color. Later, snap shots were made of this girl and Fahey states that Faura has been showing these snap shots to different witnesses ever since. Fahey also related that he was taken to a hypnotist by the name of Dr. LaScola, who was supposed to have hypnotized him.

He stated that Faura also told him that a Maitre 'd' by the name of DiPierro had identified the snap shot of the girl as being the polka dot girl. Fahey stated that all these different transactions continued to strengthen his belief that he actually met the girl in the polka dot dress. He said that towards the end, Faura kept saying to him that the girl he had been with was the polka dot girl and kept telling him that additional witnesses had identified her picture. Fahey further stated that Faura had also taken him to a private polygraph examiner by the name Chris Gugas, who had given him a polygraph test. Upon the completion of the test, Mr. Gugas told Fahey that he was telling the truth. The following Sunday, Faura called Fahey at home and informed him that he had passed the polygraph test like a champion.

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Examiner informed Fahey that regardless of who he thought the people at the Ambassador looked like, he knew that they were not Sirhan or Munir and should have told the FBI at the time. Fahey answered, "Yes, sir, you're right."

Fahey was asked if he was deliberately trying to mislead the authorities, he answered, "No."

Results

Mr. Fahey was told that his previous statements would have to be changed and corrected with the truth. He was told that he would be given the opportunity to correct his statements himself, or that the examiner would correct his prior statements by furnishing a report on the findings and conclusions of the Polygraph Examination.

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He said that certain portions of all the statements he had made in the past three months were true and that other portions of his story had been elaborated upon because he had been led to elaborate upon them by other people such as Fernando Faura, the hypnotist, and the polygraph examiner. He said that his story had been built up to the point that there were many fabrications and elaborations on the original basic truthful story about him being with a woman on June 4, 1968. Further, that there was nothing, no foundation of truthfulness, as far as the woman being connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy. Upon completion of this interview, Fahey showed great concern regarding a future contact by Mr. Fernando Faura. He was advised that if he was bothered or harrassed in the future, he should contact investigating officers. See tape #29588 for complete details of this interview.

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FAHEY, John Henry

DATE/TIME 6-14-68 2pm

X M RACE Cauc HAIR Brn EYES Blu HT 5-10 WT 195 DOB 10-29-27

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1030 N. Harper

PHONE 654-9450

BUSINESS ADDRESS 1833 N. Eastern Avenue

PHONE 268-5137

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

TAPED INTERVIEW #29238 CONDUCTED BY SGT. O'STEEN & SGT. MCGANN IN INTERVIEW ROOM 318, PARKER CENTER.

Subject stated that he is a salesman for the Cal-Tec Industries-Chemical and has been employed by them for approx. 4 months. On 6-4-68, subject had a pre-arranged meeting with another salesman from his company by the name of Mid White. He was supposed to meet this person at 8:30 a.m. in the hotel coffee shop. Subject stated that he was late and after parking his car on 8th Street he observed two men near the pool as he was entering the hotel. These men were speaking in a foreign language not Spanish and he described them a Male, Caucs, early 20's, 5-5/5-8, slender build, one being taller than the other. After entering the hotel he went to the coffee shop and while waiting for his friend (salesman) just outside the drugstore in the hotel a woman walked up and started a conversation. She asked for the post office and then left. This woman was described as a female, Cauc, 27, foreign looking, 5-5/5-6, in heels, 124, dark sandy hair, wearing a tan dress with shoes to match.

He then went into the coffee shop and approx. 10 minutes later this woman came in and sat next to him and during a short conversation he could tell by her attitude that she did not like Kennedy. She said that she was in trouble but could not get him involved and also said something about they are going to take care of Kennedy tonight but refused to say who they were. This woman kept saying that she needed help and stating, "I don't know if I can trust you." Subject claims that they stayed in the coffee shop for approx one hour and while they were there he observed the taller of the two men, which he saw while entering the hotel, standing outside the coffee shop watching them. He further stated that the shorter of the two men was definitely, Sirhan B. Sirhan. Subject claims that he tried to find out things about the woman and she kept giving him different names. Three of the names being, Alice, Jean and finally Gilda Oppenheimer. She further stated that she was just in from New York and had been in Lebanon and Iraq and presently she was staying somewhere on Kenmore Street. The woman seemed nervous, said she had to leave the country fast. Wanted to go to Australia and was going to go by Flying Tiger Airlines. A lot of money was observed in the woman's purse, when she offered to pay the breakfast check.

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Subject told the woman that he had to go north to Oxnard and Ventura as he was a salesman and that he would take her with him. While driving north on the Coast Highway the woman asked him to stop at a parking lot on the beach while she talked. After a short conversation, she refused to elaborate but kept saying that they were going to take care of Kennedy tonight and asked him to come to the winning reception to see for himself. Subject claims while N/B on Coast Highway, just out of Malibu he observed a late model possibly 1965 Ford following them. The woman refused to tell him again who was following him, as she was afraid they would find out and take care of him. Subject claims that he lost the Ford but just out of Oxnard a blue VW started following him. After losing the VW subject claims they went to Oxnard and made a short stop and between Oxnard and Ventura the blue Ford started following them again. Subject claims that he lost the Ford in Ventura and started south on the Coast Highway, stopping at Trancas Restaurant for supper at about 5:15 p.m. They then returned to Los Angeles and he dropped the woman on Wilshire Blvd., at the Ambassador Hotel sometime after 7:00 p.m. Subject claims that the woman insisted that he meet her at the Ambassador lobby at 8:30 p.m., and when he refused she got very angry. Subject further stated that at the time he thought she was crazy.

Subject later contacted Agent McCarthy of the FBI and related the story to him and on 6-12-68, he told his story to a Mr. Fernando Faura, at the Citizen News in Hollywood.

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PROGRESS REPORT - BACKGROUND/CONSPIRACY TEAM

DATE AND TIME OCCURRED: September 6, 1968 to September 20, 1968
DIVISION OF OCCURRENCE: S.U.S. Homicide
DATE AND TIME REPORTED: September 20, 1968
TO: Lieutenant M. S. Pena, Supervisor, S.U.S. Unit
SUSPECT: SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, LA# 901 375S

This report covers the investigation made from September 6, 1968 to September 20, 1968 inclusive, and pertains only to the Medical Background and the Conspiracy potentials of the case.

John Fahey Conspiracy Potential

Allegation: On June 4, 1968, John Fahey was employed as a salesman for "Cal Tek Industries," 1833 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles.

On June 6, 1968, Fahey was interviewed by agents of the F.B.I. and he related to them a story about a foreign-looking woman that he allegedly met at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 4, 1968. Fahey's story contained many strong inferences and allegations concerning a possible conspiracy to assassinate Senator Kennedy. Fahey's statements indicated that Sirhan Sirhan, Munir Sirhan, the woman he had met, plus other unknown people were involved in this conspiracy.

Subsequent to the interview of June 6, Fahey was interviewed by investigating officers from SUS. Upon completion of the second interview, it was noted that Fahey's statements were inconsistent with each other and that there were a number of discrepancies in his stories.

Investigators determined that Fahey's allegations demanded additional investigation.

On September 5, 1968, Fahey was informed that due to the many discrepancies in his statements, a Polygraph Examination would be necessary in order to attempt to verify that his statements were truthful.

Fahey was asked if he would agree to take a Polygraph Test but he stated that he had already been given a Lie Detector Test by Mr. Chris Gugas, a private Polygraph Examiner. He stated that Fernando Faura had taken him to Mr. Gugas for the examination, and that the results had proven that he was telling the truth.

Fahey was again asked if he would submit to the Polygraph Examination and he consented.

Prior to the instrumental testing, Mr. Fahey was explained to regarding the functions of the instruments and the procedures that would be followed during the course of the examination. He was given an opportunity to ask questions during any phase of the test. The questions that were to be asked were reviewed with Fahey before any instrumental testing began.

Conclusion: During the course of the examination, physiological tracings at points where crucial key questions were asked, strongly indicate that Mr. Fahey was not being completely truthful.

Two Peak of Tension tests were administered and, in addition, two General Series tests were administered. Each of these examinations contained a series of questions relative to the major key issues.

It is this examiner's opinion that Mr. Fahey's answers with respect to the following questions are clearly indicative of deception and that his answers were untruthful.

(Q) Is there anything concerning the story you have told the FBI that you honestly know is not true?

(A) "No."

(Q) Since Senator Kennedy was assassinated, have you lied to any police officer?

(A) "No."

(Q) Have you ever seen Sirhan Sirhan in person?

(A) "Yes."

(Q) Did you lie to the FBI about what happened on June 4, 1968?

(A) "No."

(Q) Other than pictures of Sirhan, have you ever seen him in person?

(A) "Yes."

(Q) Did any woman tell you of a plan to assassinate Senator Kennedy on June 4, 1968?

(A) "Yes."

(Note: Fahey answered truthfully when asked the following relevant questions:

(1) Do you honestly believe that you have ever seen Sirhan Sirhan in person?

Ans: "No." (2) Do you honestly believe that you have ever seen Munir Sirhan in person? Ans: "No.")

Upon conclusion of the Polygraph Examination, Fahey was informed that his responses to certain questions indicate that he was deliberately attempting to deceive the examiner. He was told that he could not honestly say he had ever seen Sirhan Sirhan or Munir Sirhan in person.

Further, Fahey was advised that his answer to questions concerning being told of a plan to assassinate Senator Kennedy clearly showed that he was also being untruthful in this respect.

Mr. Fahey claimed that he had never told anyone that he had actually seen Sirhan or Munir in person. He claimed that he told the FBI that the men he had seen at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 4, 1968, had a strong resemblance to the photographs which were shown to him.

Examiner informed Fahey that regardless of who he thought the people at the Ambassador looked like, he knew that they were not Sirhan or Munir and should have told the FBI at the time. Fahey answered, "Yes, sir, you're right."

Fahey was asked if he was deliberately trying to mislead the authorities, he answered, "No."

Results: Mr. Fahey was told that his previous statements would have to be changed and corrected with the truth. He was told that he would be given the opportunity to correct his statements himself, or that the examiner would correct his prior statements by furnishing a report on the findings and conclusions of the Polygraph Examination.

Fahey requested to return on Monday, September 9, 1968, for the purpose of going over all his previous statements and correcting those areas which were wrong.

Fahey's complete statements at the time of the Polygraph Examination on September 5, 1968, are contained in tape #29593 and are in file at SUS.

During the preliminary phase of this interrogation, Fahey continued to be untruthful with investigators and was being evasive in his manner of answering questions which were being asked. Ultimately, however, Fahey did admit that he had been misled by Fernando Faura and others, and he stated that he had not been completely truthful in his first reports to the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department. He stated that he knew that many portions of his previous statements were not truthful.

Fahey explained that in his mind, he had been "romanticized" by Fernando Faura. He stated that he knew he had never seen Sirhan Sirhan or Munir Sirhan in person. He explained that when he was shown the photographs by the FBI, he knew then that he had never seen the persons depicted in the photographs. Fahey stated that at that time he told the FBI that the persons looked very much like Sirhan and Munir Sirhan, but he did so knowing that the persons he saw at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 4, 1968, were not the Sirhan brothers.

Fahey related that as a matter of fact, nothing had happened during his association with the unknown woman that lead him to believe that she was in any way connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy. He indicated that at the time he was first interviewed, he could have erroneously misled the FBI because at the time he was excited and had a fear inside him due to the events that took place. He said that when the girl made statements to him reflecting her bad taste towards Senator Kennedy, it was ordinary political conversation and that there was really nothing that she said that would lead any reasonable person to form a belief that she was connected with Kennedy's assassination.

He stated that he did go riding with the girl in his car and that when he stopped along side the highway, a blue Volkswagon pulled behind his car but the driver said nothing to him or did anything to him in a threatening manner. He described the female that was with him on that day as a "nutty" person that could have been a Hippie. When asked if there was anything that happened to him on June 4, 1968, that in his mind might have even the slightest connection with the assassination of Senator Kennedy, Fahey answered, "No sir, nothing happened."

He said that when he first went to see Fernando Faura he explained the story about being with a lady. He related that Faura took him to the San Fernando Police station and that he was actually lead to believe that Faura was part of the police department. Faura interrogated him at great length and Fahey stated that as a result of these interrogations and statements made to him by Faura, he was lead to believe that the girl that he had been with was the polka dot dress girl, and was the girl the police were looking for. He said that he became excited and became afraid and appalled about the situation.

Faura, at a later date, again took him back to the San Fernando Police station and introduced him to a Lt. Stein. Stein and Faura used an Identikit and put together a description of the girl. They then took the composite to a Hippie artist who drew the girl in color. Later, snap shots were made of this girl and Fahey states that Faura has been showing these snap shots to different witnesses ever since. Fahey also related that he was taken to a hypnotist by the name of Dr. LaScola, who was supposed to have hypnotized him.

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Follow-Up Investigation - John Fahey Conspiracy Potential:

WOO, Paul 7965 San Fernando Road, Sun Valley, Calif.
Business phone: 875-1310

Investigating officers interviewed Paul Woo at his place of business, "Ken Aire Inc.," 7965 San Fernando Road, Sun Valley, on September 16, 1968 at 10 A.M. Mr. Woo is the purchasing agent for his company and stated that he recalled meeting John Fahey on at least two and possibly three occasions.

Woo states that on April 16, 1968, he met John Fahey, who introduced himself as a salesman for "Cal-Tek Industries" at 1833 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Woo recalls purchasing some chemicals from Fahey on April 16 and remembers that on April 18, Fahey returned to his office. Woo recalls that he introduced Fahey to someone from the store's department of his company who purchased some rust preventatives and other miscellaneous merchandise from Fahey on that day.

Woo states that the last time he remembers seeing John Fahey was on or about May 15, 1968. He recalls that when he looked up from his desk, he observed Fahey standing in the doorway leading into his office.

Fahey had come to the office with another man whom Fahey introduced to Woo as Fernando Faura, a stocky man wearing a gray jacket and glasses. Fahey told Woo that his friend wanted to write a story on the "China Airlines" and Woo stated that he became curious about why Faura wanted to write this story, and he asked Faura who he worked for.

He recalls asking for Faura's credentials and that Faura produced an identification card with the words "Police Press" written on it.

Woo informed Faura that he knew nothing concerning the China Airlines and shortly thereafter Fahey and Faura left together.

Mr. Woo was told that John Fahey had submitted a report to his employer alleging that Fahey had been to Woo's place of business on June 4, 1968 and seen him. Woo replied that he definitely recalled that his last meeting with Fernando Faura and Fahey took place on or about May 15, 1968. He stated that he was positive that the meeting was on or before May 15, and that he is certain it could not have been during the month of June, 1968.

Follow-Up Investigation - John Fahey Conspiracy Potential:

RICKETTS, Jo 205 South Golden Wall, Burbank
Phone: 845-7891

Investigating officers interviewed Mrs. Jo Ricketts at her place of employment at the Burbank Hotel, 205 South Golden Wall, Burbank, California.

This interview is in regards to the John Fahey conspiracy. Fahey alleged to have gone to the hotel on June 4, 1968 between the hours of 11:45 A.M. and 12:10 P.M. He later changed his statement, saying he had not been there on that date at all.

Mrs. Ricketts is the manager of the Burbank Hotel and also resides at that location. She recalls that Fahey was at the hotel on June 4, 1968 around noon time. She was quite busy at the time and told Fahey to come back some other time. He asked if he could return the next day, that being a Wednesday. Ricketts declined, stating she had Wednesdays off. Fahey did return at a later date with a second representative, but Ricketts did not purchase any merchandise.

Ricketts was asked why she recalls the June 4, 1968 so well. She related that her birthday is on June 3, and the assassination was on June 5, 1968. Due to these important dates, she recalled numerous incidents that occurred to her in that three-day period.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE #

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FAHEY, John

DATE/TIME

X RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

PHONE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

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INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

TAPE INTERVIEW #29560 & 29593

John Fahey allegedly met Gilda Oppenheimer (phonically) on 6-4-68 8:30am at the Ambassador Hotel. During their conversation this woman indicated to Fahey that she was involved in some kind of a conspiracy involving Robert F. Kennedy. She indicated that something was to happen to the Senator. Fahey also stated that while he and the girl were in the hotel coffee shop, they were being watched by Munir Sirhan, and Sirhan Sirhan.

Fahey and his companion then left the hotel and drove from Los Angeles to Oxnard and then to Ventura. Fahey indicated that he was followed by two vehicles. Fahey stated that his trip was for business purposes, however, he claimed he was unable to conduct any business appointments due to the fact that he was being followed and his involvement with the mysterious woman.

John Fahey's background is somewhat questionable, not to mention numerous discrepancies between the accounts related to the FBI, members of this unit and to Fahey's employer.

John Fahey was re-interviewed on 9-5-68, at 6:30 p.m., at Parker Center and voluntarily submitted to a polygraph exam. The results of the examination are as follows:

1. John Fahey admitted that he did not see either Sirhan B. Sirhan or Munir Sirhan. He is certain that neither he nor the girl were being watched by Sirhan or Munir, if in fact they were being watched.
2. He does not believe that the girl was or is involved in a conspiracy, if a conspiracy existed to assassinate Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
3. The examination did establish that Fahey did meet a girl in the hotel coffee shop and that he took her with him on his business trip.
4. John Fahey wanted to return on Sept. 9, 1968. It is anticipated

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John Fahey - Continued

that he will sign a detailed statement repudiating his previous statements as given to the FBI and this unit.

NOTE:

John Fahey stated that Fernando Faura had taken him to a private polygraph operator in Beverly Hills. He stated the examination was paid for by Faura and that the polygraph operator was Chris Gugas (phonically).

John Fahey stated that he related the same story to Gugas that he told the FBI Faura and investigators of this unit. At the conclusion of the examination Gugas allegedly told Fahey that he had be-en truthful.

11/10/68 29593
SON INTERVIEWED: FAHEY, John H. DATE/TIME 9-13-68 3PM

M RACE C HAIR Gry EYES Haz HT 6' WT 190 DOB Oct. 29, 1927

IDENTENCE ADDRESS 1030 N. Harper St. L.A. PHONE Unk

BINESS ADDRESS 1833 N. Eastern Ave. PHONE --

FORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW).

On September 5, 1968, a polygraph examination was administered to Mr. John H. Fahey at the polygraph facilities of the Scientific Investigation Division.

This examination was requested by S.U.S. Investigators in order to try and determine the truthfulness in Mr. Fahey's statements as given originally to the FBI and later to investigating officers of this unit. It was noted that these two separate interviews of Fahey contained many statements which are inconsistent with each other and that Mr. Fahey's allegations demanded additional investigation.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. Fahey alleged to agents of the FBI that on the morning of June 4, 1968 at approximately 9 AM he met a young female caucasian whom he described as approximately 28 years of age at the coffee shop of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. During the time that they were together, the girl informed Fahey that she and some other people were going to take care of Senator Kennedy on that evening during the winning reception for Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel. Fahey alleges that while they were eating breakfast in the coffee shop the girl told him that she could not give him any more details about Kennedy because she couldn't trust him. She further stated that she was afraid and had to be careful because they were being watched. She indicated that two men whom Fahey described as foreign looking were in the Hotel watching them and that they were part of the group that were going to take care of Kennedy. (Fahey later examined some photographs and identified the two men as being #1 Sirhan Sirhan, #2 Munir Sirhan.)

Fahey stated that after eating breakfast, he invited the girl to go with him for a ride. Initially, he mentioned to the FBI that he had told the girl that he had some business calls to make in the vicinity of Oxnard and Ventura, California, but later he changed his story. During the pre-test interview, he stated that he had asked the girl to go cruising with him and that he had not mentioned anything relative to business calls or calls that he was planning to make anywhere. He stated that he did not mention anything about Ventura or Oxnard until much later on that day (6-4-68).

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ESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:
Hernandez, H. #7101

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Fahey told the FBI that after leaving the Ambassador Hotel he drove northbound on the Pacific Coast Highway 101 and that while driving in the area of Malibu Beach north, he observed a blue Volkswagen following his car. Later when he was interviewed on the 7th of June, he changed this statement and said that initially he observed a dark blue Ford following his vehicle and that later the blue Ford disappeared and the blue Volkswagen took over the tailing of his car.

Another area wherein there is conflicting testimony in Fahey's statements is where, at the time of the initial interview on 6-6-68, Fahey stated to the FBI that when he realized he was being followed by the blue Volkswagen he pulled off the roadway and drove to a location along side a large boulder. He did this in order to convince himself as to whether or not he was in fact being followed. According to Fahey, the Volkswagen pulled up behind his vehicle, the driver alighted from the Volkswagen and according to Fahey stared at him and the girl in a very peculiar and threatening manner.

On June 7, during the second interview, he stated that he had stopped at the beach and remained there with the girl for approximately 10 minutes to 15 minutes and that it was after this time that he drove to the boulder area and while driving to that location he discovered that he was being followed.

There was a question as to whether the driving into the area of the boulders was conducted first or whether he had stopped somewhere in the area of Malibu Beach first. He was questioned about these various conflicts in his statements, and Fahey related that he had first stopped by the beach and that he had carried the young woman in question to a deserted life guard station where they had remained for approximately 10 minutes. During the pre-test interview, he stated that it was after this beach sight seeing stop that he first observed the blue Volkswagen following his car.

An additional discrepancy arises when Fahey reportedly told his employer, Mr. Ron Smith, that at the time that he stopped along side the boulders, the driver of the Volkswagen got out of the car and according to Fahey pulled out and was holding a gun in his hand. Fahey told Smith that he became so afraid that the incident almost scared him to death. He stated that he practically had to crawl back to his car due to his fright and that his chest hurt. (It should be noted that to all other persons to whom he related this incident, he at no time mentioned ever getting out of his vehicle or of having seen any person with a gun on that day.)

During the pre-test interview, the examiner questioned Fahey further regarding his conduct at the scene of the boulder area and specifically asked him why he had not gotten out of his car and talked to the man that was following him. Fahey answered, "Because when I started to get out of the car, I saw the girl looking rather strangely at my car keys". "I assumed she was going to take my car if I got out". Examiner then posed the question, why didn't you remove your keys from the ignition and then get out and check? Mr. Fahey replied, "Because I was still very much afraid of the man behind me". Fahey was then asked,

were you also afraid of the young girl in the car and he said, "Yes, I was afraid of her also, that is the reason that I decided to drive towards the direction of Oxnard hoping that I could see a police car or go to one of my accounts and obtain help. Fahey related that at this time he formed the idea of driving towards the Oxnard area. He stated that he pulled out and turned left on the highway and continued his travel toward Oxnard to seek help. While driving towards Oxnard, Fahey stated he continued looking in his rear view mirror and could see that he was no longer being followed. He said that after arriving in the area of Ventura, he made a variety of right and left turns and after realizing that he was, in fact, no longer being followed, he decided to return to Los Angeles.

Examining officer again asked Mr. Fahey if he had stopped and informed the police of the situation that he had found himself in and Fahey replied that after he realized that he was no longer being followed, he felt that he no longer needed any help. Again he was asked whether he was not any longer in fear of the girl companion in his car, and he said that he was still afraid of her; however, he felt his obligation as a gentleman was to return her to the location where he had first picked her up. While enroute to Los Angeles, he reportedly stopped at Trancas Restaurant and both he and the young girl went to the restroom and later ate a sandwich. He indicated that the girl wanted him to buy her a cocktail, but he stated that he refused to buy her any drinks (note: Fahey earlier had stated to the FBI that this female had, in his words, a large amount of money which he had observed in her purse). After eating, they again continued their trip towards Los Angeles. Somewhere between Trancas Restaurant and Los Angeles, Fahey states that his vehicle had a flat tire. He states that with the assistance of a friendly truck driver who stopped and offered help, he replaced the flat tire and continued driving to Los Angeles. Fahey states that he dropped the girl off at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 7:30 PM. He claims that the girl was insistant throughout the day and she kept inviting him to attend the winning celebration for Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel. Fahey refused every invitation and again refused just prior to leaving the girl at the Ambassador, he drove directly home and arrived at his house approximately 3½ hours later than normal. He states that normally he picks up his wife at work at 4:30 PM every day and then drives her home. On this particular Tuesday, 6-4-68, he was 3½ hours late and his wife wanted to know where he had been. He told her that he had a flat tire on the road from Oxnard, but related nothing else to her regarding Kennedy or the girl with whom he had been riding. The examiner asked Mr. Fahey why he hadn't informed his wife about his experiences during that day and he stated that at the time he didn't feel it was important. He stated that he wanted to prepare his wife's attitude so that she would not misunderstand him when he told her the story about the woman.

The following morning; 6-5-68, Fahey states that he drove his wife to work and then proceeded towards his own place of employment. He worked all day, returned to his wife's place of employment, picked her up and drove home. Fahey again was asked whether on the morning of 6-5-68 or at any time during the working day he had told his wife or any of his fellow employees about the incident concerning the girl or any of the statements about Kennedy, or whether he had told anyone that his car

had been followed. Fahey answered no, that on 6-5-68 he had not told his wife or anyone about what had happened during the previous day. He said that he did not think it was important at the time. He was asked whether he knew the fact that Kennedy had been assassinated at the time that he was driving his wife to work on the morning of 6-5-68 and he said that he had heard the news about Kennedy on the radio, but that he still didn't connect anything to the girl. He was specifically asked when it was that he believed that there might be some connection by his experiences with the girl and the death of Senator Kennedy. He stated that upon arriving home after work on 6-5-68 that the girl whom he had been with on the previous day had called his house on the telephone. He stated that he recognized her voice on the telephone. He said that the woman called again later and that when his wife talked with her, he decided to explain to his wife what had happened on the previous day.

Fahey was asked what, in his mind, was the objective of the girl and the people that were following him, he stated, "I thought they were trying to steal my car".

He was then asked if he didn't feel that this was an unusual and delaying method of stealing anyone's vehicle and he answered, "Yes, I guess so". When asked, Fahey described the girl that he had been with as "nutty". He said that she was not very attractive, that she did not have a good figure, that in fact she had a bad body odor. (note: to the FBI he had earlier described this female as having a very good build and a very attractive figure.) He was then asked if he thought the girl was a Hippie. He answered, "She could have been, but I don't know". When asked if he had sexual intercourse or tried to have sexual intercourse with the girl, he answered, "Definitely not". He was then asked if he kissed or tried to kiss the girl and he said, "No, she was very cold". He was asked how he determined that the girl was cold, and he replied that, "You can tell by the way that they talk to you", and specifically mentioned that she kept saying, "I cannot trust you" and thus he assumed she was a cold person.

The foregoing is the substance of the pre-test interview with Fahey and upon its conclusion Mr. Fahey was informed that due to the many discrepancies and conflicts in his statements, a polygraph examination would be desirable in order to attempt to verify whether he truthfully believes that the story he had related was true in its entirety.

Fahey stated that he had already been given a lie detector test by a private polygraph examiner to whom he had been taken by Mr. Fernando Faura. He stated that he had passed the test and that Mr. Faura, after checking with the polygraph examiner informed Fahey that he had passed the test like a champ. He stated that everything that he had related was true.

Prior to instrumental testing, Mr. Fahey was explained the instrument and its functions and he was explained the theory and the procedures that would be followed during the course of the examination. Fahey was given an opportunity to ask questions concerning any phase of the examination.

The questions that were to be asked instrumentally were reviewed with him before any instrumental testing began.

Two separate control tests were administered to Fahey and two polygrams were obtained which determined that John Fahey was a suitable subject, capable of responding to stimuli and capable of producing polygrams adequate for evaluation.

During the course of the examination, physiological tracings at points where crucial key questions were asked, strongly indicate that Mr. Fahey was not being completely truthful.

Two Peak of Tension tests were administered and, in addition two General Series tests were administered. Each of these examinations contained a series of questions relative to the major key issues.

It is this examiner's opinion that Mr. Fahey's answers with respect to the following questions are clearly indicative of deception and that his answers were untruthful.

(Q) Is there anything concerning the story you have told the FBI that you honestly know is not true?

(A) "No"

(Q) Since Senator Kennedy was assassinated, have you lied to any police officer?

(A) "No"

(Q) Have you ever seen Sirhan Sirhan in person?

(A) "Yes"

(Q) Did you lie to the FBI about what happened on June 4, 1968?

(A) "No"

(Q) Other than pictures of Sirhan, have you ever seen him in person?

(A) "Yes"

(Q) Did any woman tell you of a plan to assassinate Senator Kennedy on June 4, 1968?

(A) "Yes"

(Note: Fahey answered truthfully when asked the following relevant questions: (1) Do you honestly believe that you have ever seen Sirhan Sirhan in person? Ans: "No" (2) Do you honestly believe that you have ever seen Munir Sirhan in person? Ans: "No"

Upon conclusion of the polygraph examination Fahey was informed that his responses to certain questions indicate that he was deliberately attempting to deceive the examiner. He was told that he could not

honestly say he had ever seen Sirhan Sirhan or Munir Sirhan in person.

Further, Fahey was advised that his answer to questions concerning being told of a plan to assassinate Senator Kennedy clearly showed that he was also being untruthful in this respect.

Mr. Fahey claimed that he had never told anyone that he had actually seen Sirhan or Munir in person. He claimed that he told the FBI that the men he had seen at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 4, 1968, had a strong resemblance to the photographs which were shown to him.

Examiner informed Fahey that regardless of who he thought the people at the Ambassador looked like, he knew that they were not Sirhan or Munir and should have told the FBI at the time. Fahey answered, "Yes, sir, you're right."

Fahey was asked if he was deliberately trying to mislead the authorities, he answered, "No".

Mr. Fahey was told that his previous statements would have to be changed and corrected with the truth. He was told that he would be given the opportunity to correct his statements himself, or that the examiner would correct his prior statements by furnishing a report on the findings and conclusions of the polygraph examination.

INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: WOO, PaulDATE/TIME 9-16-68 10 AMEX M RACE Chin HAIR Blk EYES Bxn HT 5-5 WT 140 DOB _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS 7965 San Fernando Rd. Sun Valley, Calif. PHONE 875-1310

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Investigating officers interviewed Paul Woo at his place of business, "Ken Aire Inc.", 7965 San Fernando Rd. Sun Valley, on September 16, 1968 at 10 AM. Mr. Woo is the purchasing agent for his company and stated that he recalled meeting John Fahey on at least two and possibly three separate occasions.

Woo states that on April 16, 1968 he met John Fahey, who introduced himself as a salesman for "Cal-Tek Industries" at 1833 N. Eastern Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.

Woo recalls purchasing some chemicals from Fahey on April 16 and remembers that on April 18, 1968 Fahey returned to his office. Woo recalls that he introduced Fahey to someone from the store's department of his company who purchased some rust preventatives and other misc. merchandise from Fahey on that day.

Woo states that the last time he remembers seeing John Fahey was on or about May 15, 1968. He recalls that when he looked up from his desk, he observed Fahey standing on the door way leading into his office.

Fahey had come to the office with another man whom Fahey introduced to Woo as Fernando Faura, a stocky man wearing a gray jacket and glasses. Fahey told Woo that his friend wanted to write a story on the "China Airlines" and Woo stated that he became curious about why Faura wanted to write this story, and he asked Faura, whom he worked for.

He recalls asking for Faura's credentials and that Faura produced an identification card with the words "Police Press" written on it.

Woo informed Faura that he knew nothing concerning the China Airlines and shortly thereafter Fahey and Faura left together.

Mr. Woo was told that John Fahey had submitted a report to his employer alleging that Fahey had been to Woo's place of business on June 4, 1968 and seen him. Woo replied that he definitely recalled that his last meeting with Fernando Faura and Fahey took place on or about May 15, 1968. He stated that he was positive that the meeting was on or before May 15, and that he is certain it could not have been during the month of June this year (1968).

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: RICKETTS, Jo DATE/TIME 9-16-68 1:00 PM

X F RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-3 WT 115 DOB 6-3-20

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 205 S. Golden Wall, Burbank PHONE 845-7891

BUSINESS ADDRESS Same as residence PHONE _____

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Investigating officers interviewed Mrs. Jo Ricketts at her place of employment at the Burbank Hotel, 205 S. Golden Wall, Burbank, Calif., Ph# 845-7891.

This interview is in regards to the John Fahey conspiracy. Fahey alleged to have gone to the Hotel on June 4, 1968 between the hours of 11:45 AM and 12:10 PM. He later changed his statement, saying he had not been there on that date at all.

Mrs. Ricketts is the manager of the Burbank Hotel and also resides at that location. She recalls that Fahey was at the Hotel on June 4, 1968 around noon time. She was quite busy at the time and told Fahey to come back some other time. He asked if he could return the next day, that being a Wednesday. Ricketts declined, stating she had Wednesdays off. Fahey did return at a later date with a second representative but Ricketts did not purchase any merchandise.

Ricketts was asked why she recalls the June 4, 1968 so well. She related that her birthday is on June 3; and assassination was on June 5, 1968. Due to these important dates, she recalled numerous incidents that occurred to her in that (3) three day period.

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SON INTERVIEWED: LA SCOLA, Ray Dr. DATE/TIME 9-12-68 4:30PM

M RACE C HAIR BRN EYES BLU HT 5-6 WT 135 DOB 5-11-15

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 3240 Sumac Ridge, Malibu PHONE 456-6155 Ext. 42707

BUSINESS ADDRESS 2200 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica PHONE _____

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Dr. LaScola is an M.D., specializing in hypnotism. He states he has assisted Lt. Sherwood, San Fernando P.D. in the investigation of a kidnap/rape of a child. Lt. Sherwood contacted Dr. LaScola and, on a three-way phone hook-up, introduced Fernando Faura. Mr. Faura asked for Dr. LaScola's assistance in investigating a matter. Dr. LaScola, in the belief that he was assisting in an official police investigation, agreed to provide his assistance and did so without pay as a community service.

On Aug. 24, 1968, 2/3PM Mr. Faura, Mr. Jordan Benfante, Bureau Chief of Time-Life Magazine, Mr. Charles Dirks and Mr. John Fahey, came to Dr. LaScola's office. Mr. Faura explained that Mr. Dirks was to be the subject of hypnosis but Mr. Fahey was to be a future subject and was attending this session to alleviate his fears of the hypnotic process.

Mr. Dirks was hypnotized by Dr. LaScola, and, according to the Dr., he was a very good subject and went into a deep hypnotic state. Mr. Dirks was then regressed to the date of the assassination and recalled the following details.

Mr. Dirks was a Kennedy worker and was at the Ambassador Hotel in that capacity. He assisted the firemen at the entrance of the Embassy Room. They were turning away the people after the Embassy Room had filled to capacity. Mr. Dirks recalled turning away two young men of Latin appearance. One was tall & thin, the other had the physical dimensions of Sirhan B. Sirhan. These two men then wandered away and went through the swinging doors into the kitchen area.

Mr. Dirks also recalled having seen a young woman in or near the Embassy Room. His memory of her was that she was standing on something that raised her above the crowd. This, combined with her singular unattractiveness, made Mr. Dirks take notice of her and remember her presence in the area. Mr. Dirks described her clothing as of the polka dot variety, possibly a print, and that she had buttons pinned on her breast.

Mr. Dirks retired to the Embassy Room, watched Kennedy speak, and was occupied removing posters from the wall when the shooting occurred. Mr. Dirks immediately ran toward the Hotel lobby to phone a doctor. At this time he observed the woman also running, preceeding him down the

hallway toward the lobby.

At no time did Mr. Dirks make any connection between the two young men and the woman.

After the hypnotic session ended, a general discussion ensued. Dr. La Scola searched his memory for the details of that conversation.

He recalled that when Mr. Dirks was describing the woman, Mr. Fahey became very agitated and interested, nodding assent as each physical detail was brought out. Fahey later stated he was sure the woman seen by Mr. Dirks was the same woman he had spent the day with.

Mr. Fahey discussed being with a woman all day on 6-4-68. He stated the woman told him on five separate occasions that Kennedy was going to be assassinated. According to the context of the conversation, she used the words shot, shooting, or assassination. Fahey recalled the woman showed him a picture of her child. Fahey stated he had taken the woman to a motel somewhere in the valley area.

Mr. Fahey kept referring to Mr. McCarthy throughout his entire conversation. He appeared to be frightened that Mr. McCarthy would discover that he was participating in the hypnotic sessions. Dr. LaScola thought Fahey was referring to Senator McCarthy in an attempt to impress the Dr. (It is the opinion of this investigator that Fahey was referring to Spec. Agent McCarthy of the FBI who was investigating Fahey's story.)

At the conclusion of the conversation, Fahey complained of a headache. Dr. LaScola then hypnotized Fahey and cured his headache. An appointment was then made, for the following Tuesday, to hypnotize Fahey for the purpose of refreshing his memory. This appointment was not kept and Dr. LaScola has never had Fahey under hypnosis for the purpose of examining his story.

Dr. LaScola was asked for his impression of Fahey. He volunteered that he did not consider Fahey emotionally stable. He did not believe Fahey was the type of person who would become involved in intrigue. He did not think Fahey was dynamic enough to have withstood the pressure which would have been generated if his story were true. His subjective evaluation of Fahey's personality type was that Fahey was an uncultured person who would enjoy the notoriety attached to being involved in an intriguing situation and was not above fabricating a story to enhance his own image.

Dr. LaScola stated that a person is perfectly able to lie while under hypnosis. As a matter of fact, the person due to the added concentration powers gained while under hypnosis, could lie better and more convincingly than under normal circumstances.

PERSON INTERVIEWED: GUGAS, Chris

DATE/TIME 9-13-68 10:45AM

X M RACE C HAIR BRN EYES BRN HT 5-9 WT 200 DOB 8-12-21

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

PHONE

BUSINESS ADDRESS 9301 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.

PHONE 272-6259

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Mr. Gugas is a licensed polygraph examiner. He was interviewed at his office.

Mr. Gugas was contacted by Fernando Faura and agreed to administer a polygraph examination on John Fahey.

On Aug. 30, 1968 Mr. Fahey was brought to Mr. Gugas' office, accompanied by Fernando Faura and Mr. Jordan Bonfante, Bureau Chief of Time-Life Magazine in L.A.

Mr. Faura gave Mr. Gugas a transcript of a conversation between Faura and Fahey. The transcript described Fahey's experiences on 6-4-68 in the company of an unknown woman.

Mr. Gugas studied the transcript and based a polygraph exam on its contents. The questions asked and the answers received are as follows:

- (A) Is the statement you have made to the FBI and Faura true?-- Yes.
- (B) Is the statement you have made to the LAPD true?-- Yes.
- (C) Did the woman say something to the effect that "they were going to get Kennedy tonight?"-- Yes.
- (D) Did you tell your story for personal gain?--No.
- (E) Did you have dinner with the woman on 6-4-68 at the Trancas Restaurant?-- Yes.
- (F) Have you answered all the questions truthfully?-- Yes.
- (G) Control question. Have you cheated on your expense account? (Mr. Fahey has no expense account. He admitted making personal phone calls at company expense).
- (H) Were you followed on 6-4-68?-- Yes. (A slight reaction.)
- (I) Do you feel that your life was in danger on 6-4-68?-- Yes. (Extreme reaction).
- (J) Coin control test. (Mr. Fahey proved to be a good "reactor".)

Prior to the polygraph examination and following the examination Mr. Gugas had a conversation with MR. Fahey. Mr. Gugas recalled as much of the conversation as he presently remembers.

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Mr. Fahey felt that the FBI and LAPD Investigators did not believe his story.

Fahey admitted his reason for picking up the woman was motivated by sexual desire.

Fahey told Gugas that he told his wife of his experience before going to the FBI..

He also stated that the waitress at the Trancas Restaurant had remembered him.

He claimed to have been hypnotized by Dr. LaScola and as a result had remembered additional details, i.e. The woman had told him of having a husband on Guam or Taiwan and a daughter in school in the Eastern U.S.

He admitted he never saw Sirhan at the Ambassador Hotel on 6-4-68.

He denied having sexual relations with the woman.

Mr. Gugas was questioned regarding his professional evaluation of the polygraph exam. He stated that he was not immediately impressed with Mr. Fahey but as a result of their conversation had altered his opinion and was now of the opinion that Fahey was an intelligent person. He cross-examined Fahey extensively and Fahey had total recall of the events contained in the transcript. He was impressed by Mr. Fahey's account of the woman's knowledge of a method of obtaining a passport. He felt that Fahey could not have possibly imagined that.

Mr. Gugas evaluated his polygraph charts and came to the conclusion that Fahey was truthful on the questions asked. He was of the opinion that no person could tell such a convincing story and be such a good polygraph subject unless he was telling a truthful story. He admitted that his tests had not contained sufficient questions to fully evaluate Fahey's truthfulness and expressed a desire to re-examine Fahey.

When pressed, Mr. Gugas stated he felt definitely that Mr. Fahey was truthful about having picked up a woman at the Ambassador Hotel and having spent the day with the woman. He explained the reaction obtained on the question, "Were you followed on 6-4-68?-- Yes" as possibly being due to Fahey having imagined that this occurred. He had no explanation for the extreme response to the question, "Do you feel that your life was in danger on 6-4-68?"

When Mr. Gugas pressed Fahey on this point, Fahey mumbled something to the effect that he thought the man following him in the V.W. was going to shoot him.

Mr. Gugas stated that he has called Fahey in an attempt to re-interview him and that Fahey has become un-cooperative. Fahey will not discuss the matter further and told Gugas that he has resolved the matter with the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mr. Gugas' interview was concluded by with the statements that he has not examined any other person in connection with the Kennedy case and that Time-Life Magazine was paying for his services.

TAPE #29588

TRANSCRIPT #54

DATE/TIME

9-9-68

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FAHEY, John

X M RACE Cauc. HAIR Gray EYES Hazel HT 6-0 WT 190 DOB 10-29-27RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1030 North Harper Street, L.A. PHONE _____BUSINESS ADDRESS 1833 North Eastern Avenue, L.A. PHONE _____

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

TAPE #29588, TRANSCRIPT #54. THIS IS A TAPED INTERVIEW OF JOH FAHEY BY SGT. ALEXANDER AND LT. HERNANDEZ.

On tape and transcript subject states that he "picked" up a hippie-type girl at Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968; that this person said or made some disparaging remarks about Kennedy and Senator McCarthy. That while he was with this girl that it appeared that he was being followed by a blue Volkswagen. As Kennedy was shot at Ambassador Hotel on 6-4-68, subject thought there may be a connection with this girl and the shooting. Subject stated that Fernando Faura contacted him and made him believe that this girl was involved in the shooting. Subject thought that Faura was working for San Fernando Police Department. Faura took subject to a hypnotist, Dr. La Scola, who was supposed to hypnotize subject and help him recall the girl's name. Subject does not believe he was hypnotized. Faura then took subject to a polygraph examination where Chris Gugas administered a polygraph examination. Gugas told subject that he was telling the truth when he stated he thought this girl was connected with the shooting. Faura took subject to a Lt. Stein of San Fernando Police Department, made a composite of the girl in question with an Ident-a-kit. Faura then told subject that a witness named Chuck identified the picture as being the girl involved. Faura also told subject that the hotel maitre d', Di Pierro identified the picture as the girl involved in the shooting. Subject stated that Faura told him things which subject came to believe actually happened or were connected.

On tape and transcript is subject's admission that this person is not to his knowledge connected in any way with the shooting; that this girl is just a girl he picked up for a "date."

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