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ARRIVED AT HOTEL 6PM. TOOK PHOTOS FOR FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU.  
ANY FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS VIOLATIONS. IN THE EMPLOYEES  
TING AREA, SEATED AT A TABLE (w/ CARVER), AT THE TIME OF  
OOTING. LOOKING OUT AT CROWD, BUT DID NOT SEE SENATOR. SAW  
OUT THREE FLASHES AND HEARD 6 OR 8 "POPS". NOT POSITIVE  
IT SPRING. SUGG. CROWD STARTS MOVING BACK THEN SURGES IN.  
WALKED TO OPENING INTO PANTRY <sup>AREA</sup> COULDN'T SEE SENATOR. HAD  
WARENESS OF PEOPLE TRYING TO SURVIVE SOMEONE. WENT BACK  
TABLE AND GOT CAMERA (STROBE LIGHT TAKES <sup>10-15</sup> SECONDS  
CHARGE BEFORE PICTURE COULD BE TAKEN). TOOK FIRE PHOTOS  
IN DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND ANGLES. CAMERA KNOCKED FROM  
HAND, CAUGHT IT BUT ACCIDENTALLY PUT SAFETY ON. WASN'T  
WARE SAFETY WAS ON SO NO MORE PHOTOS TAKEN. ALSO -  
PEOPLE WERE SHOOTING "NO MORE PHOTOS" AND SHOVING PHOTOGRAPHERS  
EDOWN. PUT CAMERA AWAY, THEN ASSISTED WITH CROWD  
CONTROL. INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS WHITE - WELLS (6-13-68)  
TESTIFIED AT GRAND JURY. STATED HE SAW SIRHAN WITH POSTER  
SHOWING KENNEDY IN. SHOWING PICTURES FROM LIFE OF MICHAEL  
SYNE - STATED HE NOW THINKS THAT WAS THE PERSON, RATHER  
THAN SIRHAN.

ESTIGATORS MAKING INT VIEW:

ATCHETT - MAC ARTHUR

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JUN 20 1968  
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Interviewed: STRA J. BURNS, JR. Date: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1968  
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Mr. Burns was interviewed on June 19, 1968, at 2:35 p.m., Room 318, Parker Center. Mr. Burns is a personal advisor to Jesse M. Unruh and was accompanying the Kennedy group as an advisor. He was on stage with Mr. Kennedy at the time of his speech and left the podium with him. The following is an account of what occurred.

I was on stage with Senator Kennedy and I exited the rear of the stage behind Senator Kennedy. He turned right and looked hurriedly at the head of me, increasing the distance. I overtook him just as he was shaking hands with an employee of the Ambassador Hotel. I recall the person he was shaking hands with was very short. As I walked behind him through the kitchen, my eyes were fixed on his back. There were people about me and the crowd seemed to build as I caught up with the Senator. I was standing behind Mr. Kennedy when I heard the noise. It sounded like a string of firecrackers. I focused on an arm and a gun just to my right. It seemed to be close to Senator Kennedy. I felt a burning sensation on my left cheek, then I saw Senator Kennedy falling, turning to his left and holding his arms up. The suspect moved forward into my full view. His arm was extended and aiming the gun slightly downward firing it. The shots stopped at that time. A lot of people got hold of him (suspect). I grabbed him in the area of his neck, and we started this spinning action struggling with the suspect. I don't believe he resisted as much as he was pushed by those trying to apprehend him. I tried to grab his leg and I remember Mr. Barry coming up. He said, "Get a rope; we'll tie him

Investigators making interview

Collins, Patchett, and Mac Arthur

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up." I took off my belt for this and then Mr. Barry was gone. I remember climbing up on top of the table over the suspect, and Grier had him on the table. I saw the gun in Grier's left hand. Next I left the kitchen and went into the Colonial Room. I was looking for help and to see if the ambulance and so forth had been called. Then I went to the entrance of the Embassy Room and asked if there was a doctor. I was reassured by someone there that help was on the way. When I returned to the kitchen, I saw Jesse Unruh on the table and he was shouting instructions. As the police arrived, Rosie stepped away and the officers took the suspect and began handcuffing him. Rosie put his head down and I asked him, "Where's the gun?" He said, "I gave it to Rafer." By this time the officers had the suspect handcuffed and I started leading the way out of the kitchen through the press room (Colonial Room). We moved very fast, pushing people out of the way. There was no problem en route to the front of the hotel. The front doors were open and there was a police car sitting there with the doors open. From the right I saw a lot of people surging forward. Two officers got into the back seat with the suspect between them. An officer was driving and Jesse Unruh got into the front seat of the car. At the time of the shooting, I thought that there was about ten people ahead of us. It's only a subconscious judgment; I was not looking that way. I was with the Kennedy party on the fifth floor and accompanied them in the service elevator to the kitchen and then to the stage prior to his speech. I believe it was Mr. Fred Dutton that made the decision that Mr. Kennedy should go to the press room. Mr. Kennedy was exiting from the stage to his right when a voice in the crowd called to him and he turned around and walked to the back of the stage. I'm not sure who it was that directed him, but he responded immediately to that direction.

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Los Angeles Police Department  
Room 803  
150 North Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California

Attn: Lieutenant Higby

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, you will find enclosed a copy of the statement that I have prepared concerning my knowledge of the events surrounding the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

If there is anything that I can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,

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My name is Frank J. Burns, Jr. I live at 11713 South Atkinson Avenue, Inglewood, California, telephone number 756-8023. I am an attorney and my office is located at 650 South Grand Avenue, Suite 600, Los Angeles 90017, telephone number 624-8506.

On June 4, 1968, I arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 7:00 P.M. and went to the Presidential Suite, which was the headquarters for Speaker Unruh and the Kennedy Campaign staff. Between then and approximately 11:00 P.M., I was either in the Presidential Suite or around the corner in the Royal Suite area, which was occupied by Senator Kennedy and his staff.

At approximately 11:00 P.M. I went downstairs to the Embassy Room and talked to the various members of the campaign staff who were manning the anchor desk which was located to the right rear of the podium. At approximately 11:30 P.M. we decided that it was time for Senator Kennedy to come down, and I went upstairs to get him. The crowd was so dense in the Embassy Room, that I went along the passage way in back of the podium and through the kitchen, exiting into the lobby near the front desk.

As I reached Senator Kennedy's room, Speaker Unruh was just coming out. He told me that they had decided that Senator Kennedy would wait a few more minutes before coming down, but that he, Speaker Unruh, would go down and talk to the crowd right away. I led Speaker Unruh, Mrs. Unruh, Jack Crose, Speaker Unruh's Administrative Assistant, and perhaps one or two other people down to the Embassy Room through the route that I had used to go upstairs.

Speaker Unruh then talked to the crowd for a few minutes. While Speaker Unruh was talking, he told me to get the Senator to come down, and I told Jack Crose to go upstairs and get him. Stephen Smith, Senator Kennedy's brother-in-law, was then introduced, and spoke to the crowd. As he was concluding, Senator Kennedy came into the room from the door immediately to the left of the podium. Jack Crose later told me that he had brought the Senator's party down through the kitchen, the same way that we had come before. He also told me that they had come this way because Senator Kennedy did not want to try to fight through the crowd in the Embassy Room.

As Senator Kennedy got on the podium, I was standing a few steps back and to the right of the microphone, and as the members of his party moved in, I stepped further back to make way for Mrs. Kennedy and other people that accompanied him down. During most of his speech I was standing at the rear of the podium and slightly to the right of Senator Kennedy, near his press secretary, Frank Mankiewicz.

A pathway had been cleared to the right of the podium leading toward the area where the anchor desk was located. When Senator Kennedy finished speaking, he paused for a moment and said a few words to some people near the microphones, and then started to move to his right toward the cleared path. I turned to my right and at that time I heard a voice coming from my left rear saying that the Senator was going the wrong way, and that he should come off the rear of the platform. Senator Kennedy turned around and passed directly in front of me, to go off the rear of the platform. I turned to my left and saw a man in a tuxedo, holding the curtains back and beckoning to the Senator to follow him. This man stepped down into the anteroom and Senator Kennedy followed him. I followed Senator Kennedy.

The man went out the door at the back of the anteroom, and turned to the right and headed down the incline with Senator Kennedy close behind him. When I came out of the doorway and turned to the right to head down the incline, the man in the tuxedo leading Senator Kennedy was perhaps 10 feet in front of me and moving quite fast. They passed into the kitchen through the left hand door which was open. At about that time I yelled to slow down because they were getting ahead of everyone. I also started to move faster in order to catch up with the Senator. During this time I noticed a number of people in the area, but I am unable to positively identify any of them. My eyes were constantly on the Senator as I was trying to attract his attention.

As I passed into the kitchen, it seemed to me that there were quite a number of people in front of the Senator and moving generally in the same direction he was. As Senator Kennedy approached the area of the serving tables, two people moved toward him. The one nearest the serving table was very short and the other one was about medium height. They both appeared to be dressed in white kitchen jackets. The Senator stopped and turned to his left to shake hands with them. I would judge that he turned slightly more than 90° from his original direction of travel. It was when he stopped to shake hands that I caught up with him and got perhaps a half step in front of him. I also turned to my left and was facing in the same direction as the Senator. (It was at this moment that I heard a noise

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sounding like a string of fire crackers going off.

I immediately turned my head to the right. I have an impression of people standing there, but I would not be able to positively identify anyone. The one clear impression I have is of an extended arm holding a gun. This arm appeared to be next to the serving table and the gun would be about even with the front edge of the serving table. The arm did not appear to me to belong to anyone. I immediately glanced to my left toward the Senator and he was falling backward. He had thrown his hands up and his body appeared to be spinning to the left. I looked back toward the gun, and by then the person holding the gun had stepped forward past the edge of the serving table so that he was directly in front of me. He was aiming the gun down toward Senator Kennedy's falling body, and appeared to be shooting at him. My impression is that the noise of the gunfire had ceased by then.

This is the first time I recall seeing the person later identified as Sirhan Sirhan. At that time somebody grabbed Sirhan from behind. Someone else appeared to grab his gun arm and I grabbed him from the side. The struggle then became very confused and we rotated around several times, moving down the line of the serving counter in the direction that Senator Kennedy had originally been traveling. The entire situation was chaotic, and I have only vague impressions of the people who were wrestling with the assassin at that time. The next thing I remember clearly is Bill Barry coming up and plunging into the knot of people, yelling for a rope so that we could tie him up. I remember taking off my belt and handing it to Barry and bending down to grab the assassin's legs so as to get him off his feet. I believe that Barry then left and after further struggle, the assassin was more or less wrestled onto the top of the serving tables.

During the course of the struggle, my vision had momentarily come to rest upon the area where Senator Kennedy had fallen on several occasions. The first time I noticed, it appeared that he was lying on his back and no one was near him. The next time I looked I could hardly see him because there was a dense group of people around him, and the third time I noticed, the crowd had been cleared back and he was on his back and someone had opened the front of his shirt. Everyone was screaming and yelling for a doctor.

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The assassin was being firmly held on the table, and I let go and ran to the entrance of what I think is called the Colonial Room to see if either a doctor or the police were coming that way. Then I ran into the passage way between the Colonial Room and the Embassy Room. Some people from the hotel and some uniformed security guards had blocked off the passage way. I asked someone there if a doctor, the police and an ambulance had been called. He assured me that they had, and that they were on their way. I ran back into the kitchen and as I did, I noticed that Mrs. Kennedy and Jean Smith were kneeling beside Senator Kennedy.

I believe I then jumped up on the serving counter to see where the gun was. A number of people were holding the assassin, the most prominent being Roosevelt Grier. I looked down and noticed the gun in Grier's hand, and we exchanged words to the effect that Grier would hang onto the gun. I then jumped off the table and went around to the other side because it appeared that the people that had Sirhan's head were trying to pull it off. He was on his back with his head and upper back off the edge of the table, and I was afraid they would push down and break his back. Grier was leaning across his hips holding him firmly on the table. The only other person that I remember clearly is someone in a tuxedo with blond hair, who had ahold of the assassin's head. I was trying to tell them to be careful, but no one was paying any attention.

About that time, Jess Unruh jumped up onto the top of the table and leaned over Sirhan and started yelling that he should be kept alive because he should stand trial. Unruh was pulling the people off Sirhan and yelling for the police. The police came up to us from the direction where Senator Kennedy was lying. The officers took ahold of the suspect and handcuffed his hands behind his back. Roosevelt Grier was bent over crying, and I remember raising his face up and asking him where the gun was. He said he had given it to Rafer Johnson. I told this to one of the officers.

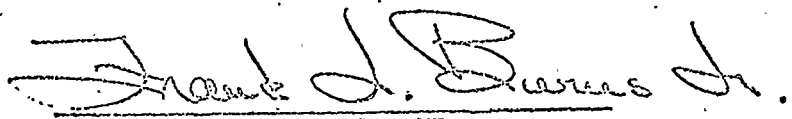
Unruh then jumped off the table and told the officers to get the suspect out of there before he was killed. I led the officers into the Colonial Room through the doors from the kitchen, and then out the main entrance of the



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Colonial Room into the lobby. There were five or six officers with us and I led them through the lobby, down the stairway and out the main entrance. We were moving very fast and no one was trying to stop us. As we started out the main entrance, there was a police car parked there with its right front door open. There was quite a crowd of people, particularly to my right hand side, and when they saw us coming out with the suspect, they started screaming and surging forward. The officers pushed the suspect in the back seat and Unruh jumped in the front seat and yelled for the officers to get out of there. At this time I was struggling with some people by the right front door of the police car who were trying to get to the prisoner, so I shoved the door shut and the police car took off.

DATED: June 12, 1968.

  
FRANK J. BURNS, JR.

## INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: CAESAR, Thane DATE/TIME 6-5-68

EX RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

RESIDENCE ADDRESS PHONE

BUSINESS ADDRESS Lockheed Aircraft PHONE

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## TAPED INTERVIEW #28929 TRANS. #3

Subject stated that on 6-4-68, he was employed as a security officer for Ambassador Hotel. During Kennedy's speech subject was assigned to hallway outside pantry doors. After Kennedy's speech the senator came through hallway and entered pantry through subject's post. Subject followed Kennedy into pantry attempting to stay close to his right side. Subject stated that as Kennedy reached the steam tables in pantry that subject had a hold of Kennedy's right arm to assist him through the crowd. Kennedy turned to his left pulling his right arm from subject. Subject grabbed Kennedy's right arm and was pushing people to keep them from pressing too close. Subject looked up and saw an arm and a gun. Subject reached for his gun but shots were being fired by suspect. Subject ducked and fell backwards hitting the ice boxes. Kennedy fell in front of subject. Blood was coming down the right side of Kennedy's face. Subject observed that several people had grabbed the suspect and were attempting to remove the gun from his hand. Subject did not see the face of suspect but recalls that suspect must have been short as he could not see his head over the crowd.

Suspect appeared to be reaching or arching his arm over a group of men who were in front of Kennedy.

Subject observed the gun to be a revolver which looked and sounded like a .22 cal. Subject observed the gun being fired but did not have a chance to react. Subject did not see suspects face.

1 TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED INTERVIEW OF

2 THANE CESAR

3 RECORDED AT RAMPAINT DETECTIVE DIVISION

4 JUNE 5, 1968

5 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. R. L. CALKINS #7287, HOMICIDE DIVISION

6 SGT. M. J. McGANN #10329, HOMICIDE DIVISION

7 REPORTED BY: JUDY C. HERNANDEZ, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

8 (\*) INDICATES UNINTELLIGIBLE CONVERSATION.

9 Q Sit down on the other side over there and be  
10 right with you. What is your name?

11 A Cesar.

12 Q Cesar?

13 SGT. McGANN: He started to fill out a report  
14 and everything and never finished it.

15 Q Okay. What's your first name?

16 A Thane, T-h-a-n-e.

17 Q C-e-s-

18 A --s-a-r.

19 Q Okay. Mr. Cesar, my name's Calkins and his  
20 name is McGann. We work downtown, central, Homicide.  
21 You're a special officer employed by--

22 A Ace Guard Service.

23 Q Ace Guard Service?

24 A Retired after tonight. I like those quiet jobs.

25 Q Where do you work out of?

26 A You mean--

Q The office?

A Well, see, I don't--I think I might have a card

1 here.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Actually, I don't work out of a office because,  
4 actually, whenever he needs us, he just calls us and tells  
5 us where--

6 Q I see. Who's "he?"

7 A Tom Spangler. He's one of the guys that was  
8 giving the name and the address.

9 Q That's 8720 Woodley Avenue?

10 A Right.

11 Q In Sepulveda. The phone number is 894-5717?

12 A Right.

13 Q Do you have another job also, Mr. Cesar?

14 A A Yes, I do.

15 Q Your boss, your immediate supervisor's name is  
16 Tom Spangler?

17 A That's right. That's the only one I've ever  
18 dealt with.

19 Q Okay. Real good.

20 A That's his home phone number. If you want his  
21 home phone number, that's his home phone.

22 Q Let's see. What's that?

23 A That is his home phone number. That's in Simi.

24 Q 805--

25 A Uh huh (yes).

26 Q --526-9660. What did he do, phone you up tonight

1 or--and tell you that he wanted you down at the Ambassador  
2 Hotel?

3 A I got home from work at 4:30, and he called me  
4 about quarter to five, and I wasn't going to work, but I  
5 decided to and--

6 Q What is your normal business?

7 A I'm a maintenance plumber at Lockheed.

8 Q You work at Lockheed Aircraft?

9 A Right.

10 Q What department?

11 A 3922 Maintenance, plant B-5.

12 Q You work days?

13 A Right, 7:00 to 3:30.

14 Q Seven a.m. to 3:30?

15 A Right.

16 Q And you got home from work there tonight and  
17 you got a phone call from Mr. Spangler?

18 A To go to work.

19 Q To go to work at the Ambassador Hotel. What  
20 time did he tell you to report there?

21 A I was supposed to be there at 6:00 and I got  
22 there five after.

23 Q Who did you report to there?

24 A Let's see. I got the name here. Well, I reported  
25 to the security shack-down at the bottom of the stairs?

26 Q Uh huh (yes).

1           A     And then they took me up to--paper right here;  
2 took me up to this guy, Gardner. He's the head security  
3 guy here.

4           Q     Mr. Gardner?

5           A     At the Ambassador.

6           Q     Is that room 724?

7           A     That was beeper number. He had a little page  
8 boy.

9           Q     And what did he tell you to do?

10          A     Well, this is his sergeant here, this guy and--

11          Q     That's K-a-w-a-l-e-e-o?

12          A     Kawalee, I guess.

13          Q     Kawalee?

14          A     And he took me down to the Ambassador Room first  
15 and stationed me on the front door and then there was three  
16 of us on the front door there, the main door, and everybody  
17 that wanted to take a tour through the building and check  
18 all the exits and make sure there wasn't kids trying to  
19 sneak in.

20          Q     Uh huh (yes).

21          A     And from there, oh, I'd say about 8:30, I went  
22 down to the ballroom, which is downstairs--

23          Q     Uh huh (yes).

24          A     --and was there for a while; I'd say about a half  
25 hour.

26          Q     Was that the Embassy Ballroom?

1 A Uh huh (yes). Let's see, this is where I was,  
2 right here, at this door.

3 Q Uh huh (yes).

4 A And he took me down to--golly. They called it  
5 the ballroom, but I think it was right underneath this.

6 Q Below the Embassy Ballroom?

7 A Uh huh (yes).

8 Q Uh huh (yes).

9 A There's another ballroom. I don't know exactly  
10 what they called it, but we went down the stairs and back  
11 around. It seemed like it was under there.

12 Q Uh huh (yes).

13 A But I was there for about half an hour, an hour  
14 and a half, and then from there I came back up here and  
15 right here this is a Hallway here leading into the kitchen  
16 area and I stood guard right here at this kitchen area  
17 because people were trying to sneak in through the press  
18 room here and through here to get back into the Embassy  
19 Room and the Fire Department at that time didn't want any  
20 more people in there. So--

21 Q Uh huh (yes).

22 A --we were covering all the entrances then, so  
23 that nobody would come in, and we were only letting the  
24 press in at that time, if they had a press card.

25 Q You were standing here?

26 A Yeah. There's a swinging door right here. That's

1 where I was.

2 Q And they were coming down this way right here?

3 A They were coming in through the press room and  
4 through this swinging door to get through here into the  
5 Embassy Room.

6 Q Now, the press room, is the Colonial--

7 A Colonial Room.

8 Q That's the same, right?

9 A Right.

10 Q Right. They were just using it as temporary  
11 press room?

12 A Right.

13 Q I see.

14 Q They were walking down--did the party, the  
15 Kennedy party was supposed to come down this way here?

16 A Yeah. This is where they came down originally,  
17 through here, or actually they came through here.

18 Q And from where you were, could you see them  
19 coming or anything?

20 A Well, now, this was earlier in the night. Now,  
21 around--I would say around eleven o'clock, they transferred  
22 me to this door right here--

23 Q Uh huh (yes).

24 A --and I stayed there until Kennedy came through,  
25 and when Kennedy came through the first time.

26 Q When he was going to the--



1 A To the stage, right.

2 Q Yeah.

3 A All I did was hold the people back and, of  
4 course, I was stationed here when he came out.

5 Q Uh huh (yes).

6 A And at that time I was right behind him all the  
7 way down to where the steam tables was.

8 Q Uh huh (yes).

9 A And then, just as he got to the steam table,  
10 I was up to him where I had ahold of his arm here. I  
11 was pushing people away from the other arm.

12 Q You were on--

13 Q You were on which side of him?

14 A I was on his right side.

15 Q His right side?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Uh huh (yes).

18 A And at that moment when we got on the edge of  
19 the steam table, he had reached out and sort of turned  
20 to shake hands with somebody.

21 Q Turned to his left?

22 A Well, he was walking this way and he turned  
23 just like this, just his body, because, when he did, my  
24 hand broke loose--sort of broke loose, away from his arm,  
25 and, of course, I grabbed it again because people were all  
26 over the place.

1 Q People were pressing in pretty close?

2 A Right. Now, at that time, I just happened to  
3 look up and that's when I seen--all I could see was an arm  
4 and a gun.

5 Q Uh huh (yes).

6 A And I reached for mine, but it was too late.  
7 He had done fired five shots and when he did, I ducked  
8 because I was as close as Kennedy was, and from what I can  
9 remember, from what I did, I grabbed for the center and  
10 fell back. When I ducked, I threw myself off balance and  
11 fell back and when I hit--there's iceboxes right here;  
12 right in this area, there's iceboxes, and I fell against  
13 that and then the Senator fell right down in front of me  
14 and then I turned around; then seen blood coming down  
15 this side of his face.

16 Q Which side is that?

17 A Right. Well, see, he was laying back this way.  
18 It would be his right side.

19 Q Right side of his face?

20 A Right. And I reached down to--really, then,  
21 I was in pandemonium. I did look up to see that everybody  
22 that was in the area had grabbed this gun. There must  
23 have been 12 guys and all they were doing was kicking him  
24 and beating him and trying to get the gun away from him,  
25 because one guy did force his hand up and he did have the gun  
26 in the air.

1 Q Uh huh (yes). Did you get a good look at this  
2 guy?

3 A I never seen his face because he was a short  
4 man. He was standing behind the camera, crown and all I  
5 could see was his hand and the gun. His face was immediately  
6 hidden from me. That's how short he was.

7 Q Did you get a look at the gun?

8 A I really didn't get a real good look at it.  
9 I knew it wasn't a .38 when it went off because I've  
10 shot a .39 and a .22, and I can tell the difference.

11 Q What kind of gun did you think it was?

12 A I suspected it was a .22. Now, I mean right  
13 or wrong, I can't be an expert at it from just the sound,  
14 but it didn't sound like a .38 to me.

15 Q Now, I'll show you a gun here, serial number  
16 H53725. Does that appear to be similar to the gun that  
17 you saw?

18 A Well, to be honest with you, all I can say that  
19 I can remember is looking up and seeing the end of the gun.  
20 It appeared to be a .22. It appeared to me to be a .22.

21 Q Was it a revolver?

22 A Yes, it looked like a revolver because as soon  
23 as I looked up and spotted it, the shots went off; so it  
24 was an instantaneous thing. I mean, I didn't have a second  
25 chance, you know, to get a good look at it or him, but I did--  
26 I did look up just as I say and to me it looked like he was

1 arching his arm a little bit like he was getting over the  
2 group of men in front of him.

3 Q Reaching around somebody or something?

4 A Yeah. This is why I suspected he was short  
5 also. I didn't see his face.

6 Q Uh huh (yes).

7 A And, in fact, there was so many guys that jumped  
8 on him, I did not see his face afterwards; and then, of  
9 course, after I did turn around and saw them jump on him,  
10 two or three guys fell back against me again. I don't  
11 know where they came from and then Murphy--I think it was  
12 Murphy, one of the security guards--grabbed--helped me  
13 up and he says, "Let get out in front here and stop the  
14 pandemonium," because we know what was going to happen.  
15 And so I got up and went with him. We went out to these  
16 swinging doors and held the people back because this corridor  
17 was just loaded with people.

18 Q Uh huh (yes).

19 A Because we know what was going to happen.

20 Q Who was on this door here.

21 A I don't know. You mean after the shooting?

22 Q No, before the shooting?

23 A Well, I was until, I would say, about 9:30,  
24 ten o'clock; then they moved me up here to this door  
25 because this is where they were heading, so we figured we'd  
26 let them--if they finally mingled in here, we'd concentrate,

1 too, on this point right here and try to--

2 Q In other words, so far as you know, nobody was  
3 on this door here then at the time?

4 A No, that was it. When we--when the Senator  
5 came out, nobody--no security guard, nobody was in this  
6 kitchen here; so this man could have walked in at any  
7 time.

8 Q Nobody was here then?

9 A Nobody was here.

10 Q Could have come in as free as anything?

11 A Right. Anybody could have walked in there.

12 Q Which was a bad situation.

13 A Which was a bad situation, but they just didn't  
14 have the help. They didn't ask for the help and they  
15 should have.

16 Q All-righty. We'll reproduce this. We've got  
17 our machine here.

18 A I don't care.

19 Q Do you want this?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay, Cesar. You going into semi-retirement?

22 A I am. I don't know about anybody else down  
23 there.

24 Q Okay.

Suppl. to L-2, K-29  
C3  
INTERVIEWS  
FILE # K-30  
TAPE # 29219  
SON INTERVIEWED: CARREON, Henry A. DATE/TIME 6-28-68 10:40AM

RACE \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ EYES \_\_\_\_\_ HT \_\_\_\_\_ WT \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

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C3  
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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-2199

PERSON INTERVIEWED: CARRILLO, Henry

DATE/TIME 6-17-68 5 PM

RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 2967 W. San Marino

PHONE DU 37575

BUSINESS ADDRESS 3400 Wilshire

PHONE DU 77011 Ext. 360-61

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

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Informants Name:Business Address & Phone:

CARRILLO, HENRY

3400 Wilshire DU 77011 EXT 360-6.

Residence & Phone:

2967 W. SAN MARINO

DU: 37575

Investigator Receiving Info:Date & Time Received:

PATCHETT - MACARTHUR - COLLINS

6-17-68 5:00 PM

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

Witness is a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel & on the night of 6-4-68 was working the service bar of the Palm Court. At approx. 10 PM witness & another waiter, name unk, were in the vicinity of the Venetian Room. The other waiter went into the men's rest room near the Venetian Room and witness remained outside the rest room waiting for the other waiter. Witness states he was approached by a person who he identifies as the suspect, Sirhan B. Sirhan. Witness states Sirhan commented, "It's sure crowded in here". He then asked witness "Will you hold my drink (Witness described the drink as a clear liquid in a Tom Collins glass). Witness agreed and took the drink from suspect. Suspect then stated "Can I use one of the chairs?" indicating to a large stack of chairs which were piled in the hallway nearby. Witness told suspect it would be alright if he took one of the chairs. The other waiter came out of the rest room. He & witness resumed their duties. Business was slow in the Palm Court area so witness transferred his activities to the kitchen area near the Embassy ballroom. Witness was making sandwiches when Senator Kennedy came through the kitchen on his way to make his speech. Witness states that he shook hands with the Senator. While the Senator was making his speech, witness took a tray of sandwiches & delivered them into the Anteroom. While in the Anteroom, he overheard the Senator make the remark regarding Dodger pitcher, Don Drysdale. Witness then went into the pantry area where he had left a sandwich & a coke on a shelf under the first steam table. Witness picked the sandwich & the coke & at this time he observed the suspect, Sirhan standing directly across from him next to the east end of the large ice machine. After finishing the sandwich, witness went over to where another member of the kitchen help was talking to two Kennedy girls (witnesses Sullivan & Locke). He ID the kitchen help as Michelle Laguerre. Witness then placed himself near the large partition just west of the ice machine. At this time he observed Mr. Uno Timinson walk by and then Senator Kennedy passed. As the Senator passed, a young man hollered at the Senator & appeared to hand the Senator a large yellow envelope (this person ID as W. Rich). A few seconds later witness states he heard what he thought were 2 or 3 balloons breaking. But when he observed a man fall next to him & the man was bleeding from the head, he knew the noise he heard were shots. (This victim ID as victim Schrade) Witness states he thought victim Schrade was dead. At this time witness states he ducked behind the partition. When the shooting



stopped, witness went into the kitchen area & stood near the chef's office. Witness did not go back into the pantry area & states that he did not see the police come & take the suspect away. Witness states that he is positive the person he observed & talked to near the Venetian Room rest room & the person observed in the kitchen are the suspect, Sirhan.

INTERVIEW OF: CLARK, WIN 10:00am  
280 Claremont Street  
Pasadena, California

INTERVIEWED BY: E. DOHERTY  
FBI, LOS ANGELES

Alvin Clark, 280 Claremont Street, Pasadena, California was interviewed by the FBI, LOS ANGELES, he is a male negro mid 40's and is employed as a garbage collector for the Sanitation Department, Pasadena, California. He became acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN in connection with his employment. He knew SIRHAN as SAUL and every Wednesday usually had a drink with SIRHAN at the Orange Julius stand. On the Wednesday after MARTIN LUTHER KING'S assassination, SIRHAN (SAUL) and he talked about this assassination and SIRHAN asked him what he thought of ROBERT KENNEDY. He told SIRHAN he intended to vote for KENNEDY. SIRHAN stated "Why do you want to vote for him. I'm going to kill the S.O.B." CLARK did not at that time take this statement seriously. On the Wednesday before KENNEDY'S assassination he again talked to SIRHAN who seemed to be happy and who mentioned that he had won and lost \$100.00 the day or so previous. SIRHAN mentioned he would be going to the library later on that Wednesday. CLARK appears to feel somewhat responsible for KENNEDY'S death and is emotional about being interviewed.

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Interview of Humphrey Otto  
Cordero, 912 South Maple Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California, on  
June 5 and June 6, 1968

On June 5 and June 6, 1968, Humphrey Otto Cordero voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, accompanied by his friend, Enrique Rabago, and furnished information, in the form of a signed statement, relative to their chance meeting with an individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

Cordero advised that he and Rabago traveled to the Ambassador Hotel to observe the Kennedy Headquarters and upon arriving at approximately 9:00 to 9:30 p.m., they became separated in the crowd. Cordero stated that after looking for Rabago for approximately five minutes, he walked to the porch area in the front entrance of the Ambassador Hotel where he saw Rabago talking to another individual who was sipping from a drink. Cordero stated that he walked up to Rabago and after asking him where he had been, suggested that he and Rabago return to the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel. Cordero stated that Rabago objected stating that he was not dressed properly to which he, Cordero, said, "Look at that guy standing next to you. He's dressed in the same manner as we are". Cordero disclosed that the individual he had used as an example replied to him, "Why shouldn't we go in there. We're putting them in office. I just came from the Rafferty Campaign Center and Lounge. As I walked in the hostess looked down at me because they were dressed like millionaires and I was dressed like this. I took out a \$20 bill, bought a drink and left her the change. Then she was all smiles. It goes to show its not how you look its what you have got". Cordero stated that this individual appeared to be extremely aggravated because of the fact that he was looked down upon by rich people and Cordero advised that he said to him that those "rich people looked at me as if I was dirt". Cordero stated that this individual, whom he later positively identified from photographs as being identical to Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, told him that he had "showed them", indicating the rich people, by his actions involving the \$20 bill.

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Cordero advised that he definitely received the impression from this conversation with Sirhan that he was generally discontent and disgruntled "with rich people" because of the incident occurring in the Rafferty Lounge.

Cordero stated that his conversation with this individual lasted only a few minutes and terminated when Rabago walked away from the group and was followed closely by himself, Cordero.

Cordero advised that at no time did he observe this individual speak to anyone but himself or Rabago and he advised further that neither he nor Rabago saw this individual again during that evening.

Cordero advised he and Rabago remained at the Ambassador Hotel until 10:15 or 10:30 p.m., at which time they left for their homes in Rabago's panel truck.

Cordero advised that later in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, he first heard of the attack on Senator Kennedy, and that same afternoon, June 5, 1968, he met Enrique Rabago in downtown Los Angeles, at which time Rabago advised him that the individual accused of shooting Senator Kennedy was the same as the man in the Ambassador Hotel on the previous evening.

Cordero stated that he and Rabago purchased a later edition of a Los Angeles newspaper, at which time he, Cordero, immediately recognized the photograph of the individual appearing on the front page who was accused of shooting Senator Kennedy as being the same man he had spoken to on the previous evening at the Ambassador Hotel. Cordero again positively stated that this man was identical with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Cordero described the individual with whom he conversed at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, as follows:

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Sex  
Race  
Height  
Weight  
Complexion  
Hair  
Age  
Characteristics

Male  
White  
5'5"  
Very slight, about 125 pounds  
Dark  
Dark, very kinky  
Early 20's  
Appears to be Latin;  
appears intelligent.

## INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-552

PERSON INTERVIEWED: CUCCIA, Vicki Rose DATE/TIME 7-1-68 6:30 PMSEX F RACE C HAIR Blk EYES Brn HT 5-4 WT 170 DOB 5-29-47RESIDENCE ADDRESS 730 S. Kingsley #315 PHONE 389-6207

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Miss Cuccia states that she went to the Ambassador Hotel with Her boyfriend, David Esquith and her mother Josephine Cuccia at 6:30 PM. She remained at the Hotel until 2 AM on 6-5-68.

Miss Cuccia left the Embassy Room via the kitchen prior to Mr. Kennedy finishing his speech. She, her boyfriend and Mrs. Cuccia had been standing by the double doors near the stage. When both Mrs. & Miss Cuccia left the stage area they walked through the kitchen eastbound, then southbound through the hallway to the lobby. They walked downstairs to the Ballroom area where Mrs. Cuccia left to catch a cab. Miss Cuccia walked back up the stairs and to the Embassy Room area. At this time she saw her friend Mr. Irwin Stroll, being carried out of the kitchen area. She also saw a woman with blood on her head. Miss Cuccia states that she has never seen Sirhan prior to the shooting. She added that she has never stated to anyone that she had seen Sirhan B. Sirhan at the Ambassador Hotel prior to the shooting. She did not see a woman with a polka dot dress. She did not have a camera with her. She has not been interviewed by the news media. She was interviewed by the FBI on 7-1-68 at 4 PM by agent Daucette.

Other persons seen at the Ambassador Hotel that evening were:

David Esquith - Ph#938-6604 I-873

Irwin Stroll - I-390

Harvey Ruderian - Ph#472-2142 - I-839

Tiffany Jonas - Ph#475-5206 - I-608

Mrs. Josephine Cuccia - Ph#389-6207 - I-1054

Miss Cuccia was wearing a long evening pant dress, black in color, that evening.

## INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: ANGELO DI PIERRO

DATE/TIME 7-11-68 3pm

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ EYES \_\_\_\_\_ HT \_\_\_\_\_ WT \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS 3400 Wilshire Blvd \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Subject is maitre'd at the Ambassador Hotel. On June 4, 1968 he had been working in the hotel since 9am. Prior to the shooting he had been checking various dining rooms. When he returned to the Embassy Room Senator Kennedy was making his speech. After entering the Embassy Room by the main entrance he proceeded around to the anchor table. He then went back stage near the pantry doors. A pathway had been made by Kennedy girl from the stage to the anti room. Mr. DiPierro stood by the anti room door and attempted to hold people back. He then saw Senator Kennedy walking down the ramp toward the pantry. He was accompanied by K. Uecker, J. Manasian, U. Timinson, J. Unruh, and B. Barry. Rosie Grier and Mrs. Kennedy came through the door from the stage. Mr. Di Pierro states, "I held my arms back holding the crowd then fell in behind Mrs Kennedy. I followed her, just before we reached the door I heard shots, sounded like firecrackers. Heard one shot - pause then rapid fire, at least five shots. We were about 4 or 5 feet from the door to the pantry when the first shot was fired. As the shots stopped we had reached the door. R. Grier was at Mrs Kennedy's left and I was to her right. Mrs. Kennedy fell to her right. I put my left arm around her and went to the floor with her. Rosie Grier jumped and went into the kitchen, I followed. Mrs. Evans fell at the door in front of me. I heard her say "I hit". I walked past Mr. Schrade and recognized Mr Kennedy, both were on the floor. I then ran to the phone, but help had already been called. I returned to the pantry and helped hold the crowd back

## INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: DI PIERRO, Vincent DATE/TIME 6-10-68

SEX RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

RESIDENCE ADDRESS PHONE

BUSINESS ADDRESS PHONE

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## BRIEF OF TAPE #29253

Interviews with Vincent Di Pierro and Sandra Serrano regarding the description of the dress worn by the girl in the "Polka Dot Dress".

The tape was taken from a video tape in which Di Pierro and Serrano were separately shown dresses and asked to tell how each of the seven were similar or different from the one worn by the girl in "The Polka Dot Dress" seen with the suspect. The seven dresses were numbered one through seven.

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## INTERVIEWS

DATE/TIME 6-10-68

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TO: Captain Hugh I. Brown  
Commander, Homicide Division

FROM: Lieutenant E. Hernandez  
S.U.S. Homicide

SUBJECT: POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF VINCENT DI PIERRO

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

Vincent Di Pierro was administered a polygraph examination on July 1, 1968, in the polygraph facilities of Scientific Investigation Division. The examiner was Lieutenant E. Hernandez #7101 who utilized a three-channel Stoelting instrumentation.

Di Pierro stated that on June 4, 1968, immediately prior to the Senator being shot, he was inside the kitchen which is located between the Colonial Room and the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel. He was approximately twenty feet away from Sirhan Sirhan who was standing on the tray rack which was alongside an ice machine in the kitchen.

Di Pierro stated that he observed a girl wearing a white dress with black polka dots, and the girl was standing with Sirhan. He stated that immediately prior to the shooting, Sirhan and the girl in the polka dot dress looked at each other and smiled, and at this time Sirhan moved from his position, hurried over in front of Senator Kennedy and fired the shots that killed the Senator and wounded the other victims.

The purpose of the polygraph examination was to determine whether Di Pierro's statements were truthful. Di Pierro was explained the instrument, theory and procedures to be followed during the course of the examination. He was given an opportunity to ask questions concerning the testing technique, and two polygrams were obtained to determine whether he was a proper subject capable of being examined instrumentally. Di Pierro was very cooperative throughout the course of the examination which consisted of one Zone Control Test and one General Series Test. He was asked a total of 21 questions of which 7 questions were pertinent key questions relative to the issues under investigation. The results of this examination indicated that Di Pierro's statements about the girl standing with and looking at Sirhan were untruthful. His responses also indicated that he did not honestly believe that he had observed any woman wearing a polka dot dress inside the kitchen area of the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968 or early June 5, 1968, either before or after the Kennedy assassination. Vincent Di Pierro was informed of the results of his polygraph examination.

Subsequent to a brief interrogation, Di Pierro admitted making up the story about the girl in the polka dot dress. He stated that

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after the shooting and sometime prior to being interviewed by the police at the Ambassador Hotel, he had a conversation with a young girl who was also waiting to be interviewed (Sandra Serrano). Some of their conversation was relative to the girl in the polka dot dress. Di Pierro believes that he was influenced by Sandra Serrano and that thereafter he made the statements that were later publicized knowing that they were untruthful. He admits that he saw no girl looking at, standing with, or smiling at Sirhan. He explained that he was in fact describing a girl that he had observed earlier somewhere in the hotel on that evening. (Statements contained in Tape #29256, Transcript #27.)

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1 STATEMENT OF VINCENT DI PIERRO, TAKEN JUNE 5, 1968, 4:25 A.M.,  
2 ROOM 318, PARKER CENTER, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

3 INTERROGATED BY: SERGEANT F.J. PACHETT, 7872,  
4 RAMPART DETECTIVES  
5 SERGEANT A.B. MELENDRES, 3214,  
6 RAMPART DETECTIVES  
7 JOHN E. HOWARD, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
8 GEORGE MURPHY, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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11 BY SERGEANT PACHETT:

12 Q Let's start off with your name first of all, okay?

13 BY MR. DI PIERRO:

14 A Okay, Vincent Di Pierro.

15 Q How do you spell the last name?

16 A D-i capital P-i-e-r-r-o.

17 Q Do you have a middle name Vincent?

18 A Thomas.

19 Q Thomas, okay, what's the address where you live?

20 A 1635 South Beverly Glen.

21 Q Beverly Glen?

22 A Right.

23 Q And this is in what city?

24 A Los Angeles, zip 24.

25 Q Is that an apartment house?

26 A Apartment number 2.

Q What's the phone number at home?

A 279-1411.

Q And you are employed by whom?

1 A The Ambassador Hotel.

2 Q And that is at 3400 Wilshire Boulevard?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q What department do you work in there?

5 A Banquets.

6 Q Banquets. Do you work for Mr. Uno?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q And what is the phone number at work? Do you know

9 it?

10 A DUnkirk 7-7011.

11 Q Is there any extension there?

12 A My father's. It's extension 315.

13 Q And what is your father's name?

14 A He is the maitre d', head maitre d'.

15 Q And his first name is what?

16 A Angelo.

17 Q And the last name is the same as your's?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay, and you also go to school?

20 A Yes sir, I do.

21 Q You attend what school?

22 A Santa Monica City College.

23 Q Are you a full or part-time student?

24 A Full student.

25 Q Do you go to school days?

26 A Yes, i do.

1 Q And you work nights?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q And what nights do you work?

4 A No set time, only when they are busy.

5 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

6 Q What school do you attend?

7 A Santa Monica City College?

8 Q Mr. Di Pierro, I am Sergeant Melendres. This is  
9 Sergeant Pachett and this is our hearing reporter, Mr. Horlacher.

10 Now, we are going to await Mr. Howard, the represent-  
11 ative from the District Attorney's Office before we go any  
12 further with this. Is that okay with you?

13 A Sure.

14 Q Will you just sit here and relax a minute please?

15 A Yes.

16 Q What's that business phone?

17 A DU 7-7011.

18 (Off record until 4:32 a.m.)

19 BY SGT. PACHETT:

20 Q All right Vincent, to begin with, what was your reason  
21 for being at the hotel, the Ambassador Hotel, this evening?  
22 Were you working?

23 A No, I was off. It was my day off. I was studying  
24 for my finals.

25 Q All right, then why did you go to the hotel?

26 A My Dad called me before, and he said to me that if  
Kennedy is winning, you know, by a certain time, to come on

1 down, you know, and this way you can get to see him. So, you  
2 know, when I saw on the TV that they projected him to win I  
3 called him up and I told him I would be down in a few minutes.  
4 That would be about 11:15.

5 Q 11:15 you called your father, called up your father?

6 A Yes.. He called me, I'm sorry. He called me.

7 Q Your father called you at 11:15?

8 A Right, and I told him I would be down by 11:30 to  
9 quarter to twelve.

10 Q Why did your father call you?

11 A Because I had never seen Kennedy.

12 Q All right, you left your home about 11:15?

13 A 11:15 p.m., yes.

14 Q Do you have any idea what time you got to the  
15 Ambassador?

16 A Yes, 11:30.

17 Q What room did you go to?

18 A I walked downstairs to the Ambassador ballroom and  
19 I talked to one of the waiters there and I asked him where my  
20 father was and he said, "Probably upstairs," and so I went  
21 through the service entrance which is where the dishwashers  
22 are, up the stairs to the Embassy Room and there I waited in --  
23 you could say -- the pantry, just behind the doors that lead  
24 into the ballroom, because there were some waiters there that  
25 I knew, my friends, and I started talking to Martin over there  
26 and --



1 Q Who is Martin?

2 A He's another waiter.

3 Q Do you know his last name?

4 A Polotsky or something.

5 Q All right.

6 A And he was there, you know, and Mr. Kennedy came in  
7 and shook his hand and I didn't get to say congratulations.

8 Q Excuse me, Mr. Kennedy came into what room?

9 A He came through the kitchen, this was about, I guess,  
10 around twelve or a little after twelve, something like that.

11 Q This is the kitchen for what room?

12 A The Embassy.

13 Q All right, Mr. Kennedy then entered the Embassy Room  
14 through the kitchen?

15 A Through the pantry.

16 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

17 Q Left the Embassy Room.

18 A No, this is when he first came in.

19 Q All right.

20 A This is when he first came in.

21 BY SGT. PACHETTI:

22 Q And this would be at approximately what time?

23 A I would say twelve or maybe a little after.

24 Q All right.

25 A I'm not sure on the time. When he was in the room I  
26 got to shake his hand when he went in first of all.

1 Q In the pantry?

2 A In the pantry, and I didn't get to say congratulations  
3 so I was going to wait until he came out and so he went on up  
4 and made the speech and then my father told me they were going  
5 to take him behind the stage instead of through the door. I  
6 moved away from the door and he was coming by and I stuck my  
7 hand out and he shook my hand and I tapped him on the back and  
8 said, "Congratulations Mr. Kennedy." And I walked with him as  
9 far as I could. I got shoved back about maybe three feet  
10 from Mr. Kennedy.

11 Q How many people would be between you and Mr. Kennedy  
12 at this time?

13 A There was only two people. There was a younger boy  
14 that later got shot, and, I think in the leg or something,  
15 because --

16 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

17 Q And this was at approximately what time, when he's  
18 coming in?

19 A What do you mean, when he's leaving?

20 BY SGT. PACHETT:

21 Q He's leaving now.

22 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

23 Q What time did he come in?

24 A A few minutes after twelve I guess, approximately,  
25 I don't remember exactly. I didn't look at my watch.

26 BY SGT. PACHETT:

Q All right, let me backtrack with you for a moment.

1 About how long did his speech take or about what time did he  
2 leave?

3 A I don't know, I was just so happy that he was winning,  
4 you know, I didn't realize the time. He could have been 15  
5 minutes, 10 minutes that he was on, I don't know.

6 Q So you started to walk with him?

7 A I started to walk out --

8 Q And push the people out?

9 A Yeah, we went through the door. There was only  
10 one door open at the time and then they opened the other door.  
11 One door opens this way and one door opens that way.

12 Q When you say "this way and that way" which direction  
13 or leading to what now?

14 A As you are walking toward -- out as Mr. Kennedy  
15 was on his left, the door opened inwardly.

16 Q To where?

17 A To the lockers.

18 Q These are the waiters' lockers?

19 A No, these are the lockers that we keep lanterns in  
20 and then there is a beam in the middle and there's another door,  
21 and that's on his right, and that opens outwardly.

22 Q To where?

23 A To where the dishwashers are. There is a stack of  
24 dishes and this time there was a table there where everybody  
25 was standing up on. Now, I went through the door on his  
26 right when he went through the door on the right. I stayed  
as close as I could to him.