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She indicated that during the Senator's speech, she was about three feet from his right. At the conclusion of the Senator's speech, she exited the stage and followed the Senator along with the crowd into the kitchen area. At the time of the shooting, the only way she was able to place herself was to indicate that the victim, Paul Schrade, was slightly in front of her and to her left. She did not see the suspect with the gun until after the shooting. She recalled hearing eight shots. Her recollection of the sequence of the shots were one, a pause, two shots, a second pause, and then the balance of the shots. She recalled Paul Schrade being hit in the head from one of the shots. The only person she could remember in the room was Sandy VanOker of IBC, whom she heard state, "Get the gun." She had no idea where anyone else was in the room.

1 INTERVIEW OF BORIS YARO aka BORIS YARASLAVSKI
2 TAKEN AT 234 WEST 37th STREET
3 MONDAY, JULY 8, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

4 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. F. J. PATCHETT, #7872
5 SGT. J. R. MacARTHUR, #4372
6 SGT. C. E. COLLINS, #6207

7 SUMMARY REPORT DICTATED BY LAPD OFFICERS. REPORTED AND TRANS-
8 CRIBED BY SHARON THIELMAN, CSR, ON JULY 11, 1968.

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10 Mr. Yaro resides at 9664 East Las Tunas Drive, Temple City,
11 date of birth April 19, 1938. Occupation, police reporter
12 for the Los Angeles Times.

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14 Mr. Yaro states that on the night of the shooting,
15 he was not working but that he had gone to the Ambassador
16 Hotel in the hopes of getting some pictures of Senator
17 Kennedy. He states he arrived at the Hotel at approximately
18 10:45 P.M. He went directly to the Press Room (Colonial Room)
19 and when the Senator arrived in the Embassy Ballroom, he went
20 in and, while the Senator was making his speech, took about
21 ten photographs. He then went into the pantry area of the
22 kitchen to wait for the Senator to pass through. It was his
23 intention to photograph the Senator as he passed by.

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25 Mr. Yaro was accompanied by a Richard Drew who is a
26 reporter for the Pasadena Independent Star News. They were
both standing just inside the double doors of the pantry. He
had his camera up and was attempting to focus it when Dick
Drew stated, "You missed him." At this time, Mr. Yaro states
he looked and saw the Senator had passed him and he started
to follow behind approximately five or six feet. He again

1 put his camera up and at this time heard two shots. He stated
2 they sounded like firecrackers. And then three more shots.

3 At this time, he stated there were two men standing
4 next to the Senator. When the shooting started, they moved
5 off to the right. He observed the Senator take several steps
6 back and he had his hands and arms up to his head. The sus-
7 pect was lunging at the Senator and shooting. Then two male
8 Caucasians, one of whom could have been Bill Barry, pounced
9 on the suspect. The gun fell out of the suspect's hand. "I
10 grabbed it but as I did someone grabbed it out of my hand.
11 I then turned and started taking pictures of the Senator. I
12 shot about five more pictures and then left to make sure that
13 I got them to the paper in time to beat the deadline."

14 Mr. Yaro was interviewed by FBI Agent Bucara.
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