OBATAKE, KAY

Mrs. Obatake stated that she has resided at 978 South Kenmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California for five years and has never known anyone by the name of Gilderdine Oppenheimer. She stated she owns the apartment building at 969 South Kenmore Avenue and has never had a tenant who would fit the description of Gilderdin Oppenheimer.

## ODEA, MIKE

Mr. Odea was a volunteer Kennedy worker from the North Hollywood Headquarters and went to the Ambassador Hotel, June 4, 1968, at 6:30 p.m. He was in the Embassy Room during Kennedy's speech and left near the end of the speech. He went to his vehicle just as Kennedy was leaving the stage and was in his car listening to election returns when he learned of the shooting. He then left the hotel and went home.

#### O'HANIAN. JOHN

Mr. O'Hanian stated that he met Sirhan six or seven years prior to the assassination when they both had paper routes in the Altadena area. He stated that he was not one of Sirhan's close friends, but did observe that Sirhan had no close girl friends, never drank, did not discuss politics and hated anyone who criticized his family. He stated that he was a frequent customer of the Poodle Bar, where he played pool and that he could have been mistaken for Sirhan.

## O'HARA, THOMAS

Mr. O'Hara is the resident manager of the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel. He was interviewed regarding statements of Eva Grecco that Sirhan was seen at his hotel. O'Hara assisted investigators in locating all guest registration records and telegrams sent during that period of time. He explained that master copies of guest registration are on a continuous roll of paper similar to that used by court reporters. There was no break in the roll of paper, and he explained that it would be impossible to remove any entry from the paper without cutting it.

#### OLMSTED, JUANITA

Miss Olmsted stated that she was seated in a bus station in Los Angeles at 12:30 p.m., on June 6, 1968 and observed a young man who appeared identical to Sirhan, seated across from her. She noted that the man wore tennis shoes and bluejeans and that hem was with another young man.

OLSON, MELVIN R.

Mr. Olson, Employment Representative for Burroughs Corporation stated that Sirhan filled out an employment application on November 7, 1967, using a ball point pen. He advised that Sirhan was not hired due to a stated back injury and a poor work record.

### ORRICK, MINET S.

On June 4, 1968, at 1:30 p.m. she was in the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop. She observed a female, Caucasian, nineteen years of age dressed in a blue and white polka dot dress talking to a young man of approximately the same age. The man did not look Latin nor Arabic.

## ORRICK, SUZANNE M.

Mrs. Orrick reported observing a girl wearing a polka dot dress and a McCarthy campaign hat in the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop at 1:30 p.m., June 4, 1968. She stated that it was strange that someone wearing a McCarthy hat was in the Kennedy headquarters.

## OSBORN, LAWRENCE PATRICK

Mr. Osborn was in the Ambassador Room when someone told the crowd to "shut up" and a rumor passed through the crowd that Senator Kennedy had been shot. He stated that after the shooting a Mexican-American girl, described as twenty four, heavyset, made a statement that she was outside when some men and a women ran by her and shouted "we just shot Kennedy." Osborn stated that the girl was in an extremely emotional state and put little faith in what she said.

#### OSTERKAMP, PEGGY

Miss Osterkamp was employed at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch in Corona and remembers being introduced to Sirhan Sirhan in the fall of 1966. She reported Sirhan worked as an exercise boy at the ranch and she saw him during the course of her employment. She advised that she did not meet Sirhan socially and only spoke with him a few times. She stated Sirhan mether in a restaurant on one occasion and paid for her lunch, but she did not date him or receive any telephone calls from him. She stated that she was very surprised to learn that her name appeared in Sirhan's diary and could not explain its appearance there.

OSUNA, FERERICO MRS.

Mrs. Osuna stated that her sister, Rosario Olivera de Infante who lives in Sunnyvale, California was mentally unstable and had run away from her other home in Walnut Grove, California. She was in a mental hospital in Stockton, California for two or three years and released a year or two before the assassination. Since her release she had written many letters to all members of her family accusing them of crimes and saying derogatory things about them. F.B.I. investigators had shown—Mrs. Osuna a document containing several names including that of Robert Kennedy. She had verified that the handwriting on this document had been that of her sister, Rosario de Infante.

#### OWEN, JERRY

Mr. Owen contacted investigators on June 5, 1968, and stated that he had picked up two hitch-hikers on June 3, 1968, and one of them was Sirhan. He stated that Sirhan told him he wanted to buy a horse and requested to meet him at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968. The interview and subsequent investigation concerning this witness is covered in the section of this report dealing with Jerry Owen.

PACK, DEAN

Mr. Pack viewed a photograph of Sirhan and stated that it resembled the individual he observed on June 1, 1968, target shooting, in the area of Rancho California, with two other individuals. Pack stated that he could not be positive of the identification.

PAIGE, JAN

Miss Paige was employed as a waitress at the Trancas Restaurant 30763 Pacific Coast Highway. She reported that on August 19, 1968, she was approached by Jordan Bonfante, Bureau Chief, Life Magazine and Fernando Faura, whom she assumed was also with Life Magazine, for an interview regarding two customers she had waited on. She was asked if she remembered serving two people, a man and a woman, on June 4, 1968, between 4 and 6 p.m. was shown a sketch of a woman's face and she told the two men that the sketch looked familiar. She told them she could not remember the man that was with the person in the sketch and that a pony-tail depicted was on the wrong side of the head of the person she had in mind. Miss Paige admitted to S.U.S. investigators that she actually was not able to remember the people but seemed to recall them after being given details by Faura. Miss Paige stated that Bonfante and Faura asked her if she was willing to subject herself to hypnosis to assist her in obtaining total recall. She did not give them an answer at this time. She stated there was a certain amount of "power of suggestion" involved in her recollection of these people and it would be difficult to remember two customers after a lapse of time.

Note: Miss Paige was the subject of the John Fahey investigation and was contacted by Faura in his effort to obtain collaborating testimony to substantiate Fahey's story.

PAKRAVAN, NADAR

Mr. Pakravan's name was submitted to the Kennedy campaign by Khaibar Khan. Khan stated he did not know Pakravan's whereabouts. Investigators could not locate him for interview.

PALMER, LOIS V.

Miss Palmer was the manager of "Nutri-ville," a health food store owned by John Weidner. She knew Sirhan as Sol Sirhan and said that he was employed as a delivery boy for about six to seven weeks during February and March of 1968. He came to "Nutri-ville" about four times each week but remained no more than ten minutes on each occasion. He appeared to be very intelligent. She asked him if he went to college, he replied,

"No, but I read a hell of a lot." She also learned that he rode horses and he told her that he and his brothers went to santa Anita Race Track on weekends.

### PANDA, RONALD

Mr. Panda stated that after Senator Kennedy's speech he followed the Kennedy party into the kitchen. In the crowd he could just see the top of the Senator's head. He saw a man holding a gun and saw the flame from the gun as it was fired. He heard two shots, a pause, then six shots in rapid succession. He turned and saw a man bleeding from his stomach (Weisel), another man bleeding from the head (Schrade), and a woman with blood on her face (Evans). He also saw Sirhan being taken out by the police.

## PARIZEK, GARY MICHAEL

Mr. Parizek was the assistant manager of the supply section of the San Francisco State College Book Store. He recalled a telephone conversation on June 2, 1968, with Kass Litzenberg who told him of a rumor that predicted some political figure was going to be killed. After the assassination Litzenberg called him stating that the rumor must have been correct.

#### PARKER, LARRY

Mr. Parker was with Michael Haggerty on May 23, 1968, 8 p.m., at Denny's Restaurant in Pasadena. He did not see Sirhan and to his knowledge neither did Haggerty. He was with Haggerty the entire ten minutes inside the restaurant and the only other person they spoke to was the cashier. There were six males seated in a booth but they appeared to be Italian and Haggerty made no mention to Parker of knowing them.

#### PARMENTER, GERALD

Mr. Parmenter stated that he observed photographs of Sirhan B. Sirhan on television and that his wife had mentioned that a couple residing next door at 415 North Erd Avenue, Alhambra, were of Jordanian extraction. He stated that he associated the photograph of Sirhan with an individual whom he had observed in an older model automobile, four weeks prior, parked outside of the next door apartment house. The car contained four or five males and one female.

## PARSONS, RUSSELL E.

Mr. Parsons is one of the defense attorneys for Sirhan Sirhan.

He was contacted several times by investigators to assist in arranging meetings with the Sirhan family, and other problems relative to the case. Mr. Parsons was not involved in the case before assuming the defense counsel duties.

### PASCARELLA, ALICE

Mrs. Pascarella stated she does not know Mrs. Sirhan. She feels that the misunderstanding regarding this matter stems from her son who is deaf and apparently misunderstood her when she was discussing the fact she and Mrs. Sirhan attended the same church.

#### PATRUSKY, MARTIN

Mr. Patrusky, waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, stated that after shaking hands with Senator Robert Kennedy, he observed a man push Karl Uecker and extend his arm. He then heard what sounded like fire crackers. He saw Senator Kennedy falling backwards. Uecker and several other men subdued a man and grabbed a gun from him.

Prior to Senator Kennedy entering the kitchen Patrusky observed Sirhan standing on a tray rack next to the ice machine.

### PATZMAN, HARRY

Mr. Patzman operates a Union Oil Company Service Station at 2529 West Valley Boulevard. He identified a photograph of Sirhan as resembling a man he saw in the Golden Garter Inn the first part of May, 1968. He sat next to Sirhan at the bar and remarked to him about the weather. Sirhan made no reply. He was shown other photographs from which he identified Robert Andrese as a person he saw escorted out of the bar the last weekend in May, 1968, because he was trying to "hustle" one of the barmaids. He said Andrese had been in the bar on prior occasions. When shown photographs of James Wilson and Edwin Ness, he said he could not recall having seen them in the bar. Patzman was later reinterviewed and shown a group of photographs which included a different photograph of Sirhan. He was unable to identify the new photograph of Sirhan.

## PAULOS, FRED JOSEPH

Mr. Paulos was interviewed to determine if any Arabic groups held meetings at the Green Hotel in Pasadena. He and his mother bought the Green Hotel in April or May of 1967. He was at the hotel at least five days a week and could not recall anyone having any meetings in any of the rooms. He had never seen Sirhan.

## PAYNE, LAURI

Miss Payne was interviewed after it was reported her mother, Nancy Payne, made the statement that Lauri had dated Sirhan. Miss Payne denied knowing Sirhan or dating him.

## PAYNE, NANCY

Mrs. Payne was interviewed as a result of a report to S.U.S.
Unit that her daughter had dated Sirhan. Mrs. Payne denied
—making such a statement and stated that she has a daughter,
Lauri, who had attended Pasadena High School. Mrs. Payne has
—never seen Sirhan and knows nothing about him.

## PEACHA, THOMAS

Father Peacha stated that he learned of the shooting after attending a movie. He then proceeded to Central Receiving Hospital to administer the Last Rites. He was advised by a policeman that there was another priest with the Senator. A man came out of the room and told Father Peacha that he was a laicized priest and had given Kennedy absolution. Father Peacha went into Kennedy's room and administered the Last Rites. He identified the man as Father Mundell.

## PEACOCK, SHEILA

Miss Peacock has been employed at "The Fez" since June 1967 as a waitress. She has never met Adel Sirhan or his family. She does not speak or understand Arabic, but on some occasions she heard some Arabs state that they did not like America. She believes that Lou Shelby owns "The Fez" and that Fred Shelby, his brother, works as a bartender. She was working on June 4, 1968, in the downstairs dining room until 11:15 p.m. then worked in the upstairs dining room for the remainder of the night. and Mike, both Arabs, were working as bartenders that night. Sam is very anti-Jewish. As the returns of the primary election were announced it appeared that Kennedy was in the lead, he became very upset and said in English, "Those God-damn Jews, they've even erected monuments in Israel to that Jew-lover Kennedy." The members of the band, also Arabs, were upset. Shelby fired Sam on account of his actions. According to Peacock, Lou is not politically, oriented and cares only for the welfare of his establishment. She was shown twenty-five photographs, including the Sirhan brothers, and identified Adel's photograph. She stated, "if he was wearing a goatee, I could possibly have seen him at the Fez, but I don't remember talking to him."

## PEARL, WILLIAM SAMUEL

Mr. Pearl went to the Ambassador Hotel June 4, 1968, and spent the entire evening in the Embassy Room, covering the event for the University of California, Radio Network, Station "KLA." During the victory speech he was standing near the southwest corner of the Embassy Room. He remained in this location when the Senator completed the speech and did not know of the shooting until he saw Mrs. Evans who had been shot. He attempted to enter the doors leading into the kitchen but was pushed away by an unknown person. He stayed in the Embassy Room and interviewed people, and these interviews were later broadcast on the radio.

## PEDERSON, HAROLD

Mr. Pederson advised he is a security guard at the Ambassador Hotel and finished his tour of duty at 10:30 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He did not know of the assassination until the next day when he reported for work, therefore could furnish no information concerning the shooting.

## PEEL, ALICE DEXTER

Miss Peel was present on the Brownell Tour of the Holy Land on May 16, 1968. She stated that she was not aware of the original source of the information that Senator Kennedy had been shot and assumed it was a broadcast over the Israel radio. She advised that tour members did question the guide, Jacob Henigman, for further information. Members of the group periodically questioned the guide seeking further news for approximately two days and the guide reported no further news.

#### PEPPER, HARVEY

Susan Harris met him and Ron Norman in the hotel lobby, gave them a press pass and took them into the Embassy Room. They watched the Victory speech from the east side of the Embassy Room. Shortly after the completion of the speech he noticed pushing and confusion near the kitchen door. He entered the kitchen and saw Weisel on the floor and the Senator near the serving tables on the floor. He then became ill and left the kitchen.

#### PERDOMO, GLADYS

Mrs. Perdomo stated she resided at 691 East Howard, Pasadena for approximately six years. Her home was directly across the street from that of Sirhan. She became very well acquainted with various members of the family. She stated that on

several occasions she talked to Sirhan Sirhan, but most of these conversations were of a general nature, never discussing politics. They never discussed any minority groups or anything derogatory about races or religions. She attempted to discuss the Bible with Sirhan but he made it quite clear that he did not want to have anything to do with religion. She describes Sirhan as a loner, who did not have any close friends or girlfriends.

### PEREZ, JESUS

Mr. Perez, prior to the shooting, was with a group of employees talking when the suspect approached and asked "Is Mr. Kennedy coming through here?" He asked this question four times, Perez replied "I do not know, ask someone else." As the Senator came into the kitchen Perez shook his hand and then heard four or five shots. He then observed several people grab the suspect. He can identify the suspect and observed the gun in his hand.

### PEREZ, THOMAS

Mr. Perez was a security guard at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968. He stated that he was assigned crowd control duties in the anteroom between the Embassy Room and the serving pantry. He heard seven shots, saw a wounded woman and pulled her into the Embassy Room. He stated that he did not see the shooting or the suspect.

### PERKINS, JONATHAN ELLSWORTH

Reverend Perkins stated he has known Jerry Owen for twenty-seven years. On June 5, 1968, he received a phone call from Owen at approximately 12 noon. During the conversation, an appointment was made to meet later that same afternoon at the Embassy Hotel where Reverend Perkins lives. At approximately 2:30 p.m., they met and went across the street to Stillwells "Hanks Inn" and ate lunch. During lunch Owen told Perkins about meeting a person who wanted to buy his horse. He told Perkins that he believed this person was the suspect that shot Kennedy, basing this belief on pictures in the newspapers.

At this point, the date, time and day of the week that the conversation took place was clearly established by Perkins. He knew of the shooting and of Sirhan's arrest prior to seeing Owen as he had seen and heard news broadcasts regarding the shooting on television and radio. The first time that Owen spoke to him in regard to someone wanting to buy his horse and a connection between the prospective horse buyer and Sirhan was pinpointed as Wednesday, June 5, 1968, between 2 and 3 p.m.

As far as Owen's mode of transportation on June 5, Perkins re-

calls that he was using some type of truck but doesn't remember anything further. Sometime during January 1969, Perkins received a phone call from a person who identified himself as a Los Angeles Police officer and questioned Perkins regarding the Owen's conversation. Perkins doesn't remember the callers name but at the time felt that the call was unusual and didn't believe him to be an officer. Perkins answered the caller's questions since he felt it would cause no unnecessary problems. The next time Perkins saw Owen was the latter part of January, 1969, when Owen visited him in McKittrick, California after conducting services at San Quentin Prison.

## PERRUCCIO, SEBASTIAN FRANK

Mr. Perruccio owns and operates the Lancers Golden Cue Billiard Parlor. He did not recognize Sirhan as having been in the billiard parlor or anywhere else.

### PERRY, LEONARD C.

Mr. Perry, an associate professor in the Speech and Communications Department at Pasadena City College, remembered that Sirhan was one of his students in 1963, but could not remember anything else about him.

## PETERS, HENRY F.

Mr. Peters worked with Sirhan at Organic Pasadena, and gave him Bible lessons. His activities relating to Sirhan are covered in that portion of this report dealing with Sirhan's background.

## PETERS, LARRY

Mr. Peters is the foreman at the R. L. Wheeler Stables at Santa Anita Race Track. He stated that the stable records indicate that Sirhan was employed as an exercise boy from November 16, 1967, until November 30, 1967. Mr. Peters recalled that Sirhan appeared to possess a superiority complex which made communication with him difficult. Sirhan was paid two dollars per horse and he rode a total of sixty-six horses during his time of employment. Mr. Peters recalled an incident that occurred on November 25 or 26, 1967. Sirhan was riding a horse on the track and was thrown from the saddle. He landed on his feet but was brushed by a passing horse and was spun to the turf. Several exercise boys ran to aid Sirhan and found that he was only shaken up and did not require any medical attention.

#### PETERS, LEWIS

Mr. Peters is a superintendent of the United States Post Office

in Pasadena, and has been for the past three years. During 1967, Robert Licher, a mailman, informed Mr. Peters that he was delivering mail to the Sirhan residence which consisted of American Nazi Party hate literature. Mr. Peters denied that there was communist literature delivered to the Sirhan residence, and was emphatic in stating that it was Nazi literature. Peters stated that Licher resigned from the post office in April, 1967. Licher appeared on George Putnam's television program and revealed the type of literature Sirhan was receiving. Peters called Licher and told him that state the United States Post Office Department Code. Mr. Peters described Licher as a "publicity hound and a former newsman who still has ink in his veins and is constantly seeking to project himself publicly."

## PETERS, LINDA

Miss Peters was a Kennedy Girl, she went to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. She spent the early part of the evening in the Embassy Room. Just prior to Senator Kennedy's victory speech, she went to room 682 and was watching television in that room when Senator Kennedy was shot. She was unable to identify Sirhan and does not remember seeing a girl in a polka dot dress.

## PETERSON, JOHN

Doctor Peterson received a letter from Hagopian in March 1968, which stated that Hagopian would be in the United States around July 1, 1968. The letter was mailed from England. The next contact with Hagopian was a telegram from the Biltmore Hotel on June 1, 1968. He took Hagopian to Loma Linda since he was interested in seeing the University. He stayed with Peterson for approximately twelve days. After the assassination Hagopian mentioned the tragedy of the act and appeared sincerely disturbed. He said he was to leave for New York on June 13 and would go to England, and then to Iraq.

## PETRIS, LUCINDA

Mrs. Petris's name was submitted to the Kennedy headquarters for volunteer campaign work by Khaibar Khan. Investigators could not locate anyone by that name.

# PETTINATO, CAROLINE MARY

Miss Pettinato reported receiving information from John Wright concerning Robert Kennedy's assassination. Wright stated that he was a "kitchen reporter" at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. He stated that he first saw Sirhan in the kitchen at

Il p.m., drinking coffee. He noticed Sirhan because he was dressed differently from the kitchen employees. Wright stated that he observed someone shake Senator Kennedy's hand and saw sirhan facing Kennedy pointing a gun at him. He saw Kennedy fall, but never saw Sirhan pull the trigger. Wright stated that two men in the Ambassador kitchen said they were offered one million dollars to assassinate Senator Kennedy. Wright stated that seven men were involved.

#### PEVEC, DAVOR

Mr. Pevec stated that he was acquinted with Sirhan since 1959. They lived within a block of one another and attended junior high school together. Their association ceased during high school and Pevec stated that he never discussed political matters with Sirhan. He stated that Sirhan was strongly nationalistic, but thought that he was from Egypt. Sirhan was in Pevec's English class at Pasadena City College, but they did not form a close association at that time.

### PEVEC, JOSEPH

Mr. Pevec stated his son, Davor Pevec, had delivered papers with Sirhan when Sirhan was thirteen or fourteen years old. He recalled Sirhan to be a polite, well mannered boy who never caused any trouble and seemed to have his temper and emotions under control.

## PHILLIPPS, DAVID

Mr. Phillipps owns Dave's Coffee Shop in Alhambra. He recalled on June 4, 1968, two people were seated in the restaurant several seats to the left of the entrance between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. They were there for approximately twenty to thirty minutes, and he remembered them because they did not appear "clean cut." He did not hear these people say or write anything. After viewing two photographs of Sirhan he felt that Sirhan was the same person.

## PHILLIPS, ELIZABETH

Miss Phillips was a secretary for the Argonaut Insurance Company. She recalled that the claim of Sirhan Sirhan was settled in April 1968, for \$1,705. The check was cashed April 8, 1968, at the Pasadena Main Office of the Crocker Citizens National Bank.

### PHILLIPS, RACHAEL

Mrs. Phillips stated that she recalled seeing Sirhan at meetings of the "Committee For The Defense of The Bill of Rights" in 1966 and 1967. The meetings were held in various locations in Los Angeles. She stated that this individual did not take an active part in these meetings, usually said nothing at all.

#### PHOHASKAS, JOSEPH

Mr. Phohaskas telephoned investigations on June 6, 1968 and stated that Robert Polasik was a Communist and attempted to sell him a machine pistol approximately two years prior to the assassination. At the time he was reinterviewed, Phohaskas stated that he did not know what the term machine pistol meant. He had no independent information indicating that Polasik was a Communist, or connected with the assassination.

#### PIEPKORN, BEATRICE

Mrs. Piepkorn was a waitress at the Sherman House Coffee Shop in Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 1968. One of her customers informed her that he had read an article in a newspaper about Senator Kennedy being caught in an undertow at a California beach and struck his head on a rock or surfboard. She then said to another waitress, "Did you hear about Senator Kennedy being hit in the head?" She had no intention of starting a rumor.

## PIERCE, CHERYLE

Miss Pierce advised that she knew Sirhan Sirhan as a co-worker at Mr. Weidner's Health Food Store in Monterey Park, California, during January and February of 1968. Her knowledge and contact with Sirhan was limited to that of a fellow employee. She stated that Sirhan was a conscientious worker and had no visits by personal friends. He never discussed political or philosophical matters and she did not observe any sign of mental instability.

## PINE, DEYCE

Miss Pine, Assistant Director of Nursing, Kaiser Hospital, stated that Paul Schrade and William Weisel were both patients at that hospital. Weisel was admitted at 3 a.m., June 5, 1968, Schrade at 3:30 a.m., the same date. Schrade received treatment for a gunshot wound of the head, Weisel for a gunshot wound of the abdomen.

## PINEDA, JAMES CLARENCE

Mr. Pineda was employed by the Pasadena Gun Shop, 388 West Green Street, Pasadena during 1965. He was shown the form, "Records of Sale of Revolver or Pistol, State of California number C 675755." He stated that he filled out the form on August 10, 1965, at 9:30 a.m. The writing on the form was his except for the signature of the purchaser. He does not have an idenpendent recollection of the sale. He can identify the weapon sold by the serial number and description.

The record of sale is a certified copy of the original. The original copy is in the possession of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Department of Justice, State of California.

## .PINES, DAVID

Mr. Pines was a volunteer Kennedy worker and went to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, 5:45 p.m. He went to the Embassy Room and remained the entire evening standing in front of the podium. He met Andy West and assisted West in setting up the tape recording equipment. In return for his assistance, West placed a book "To Seek a New World" that belonged to Pines on the podium for the Senator to autograph. When the Senator left the podium he took the book. Pines attempted to follow Kennedy to retrieve his book. He was unable to continue any further than the double doors located east of the podium due to the crowd rushing out of the kitchen area.

#### PINSON, ALLEN

Mr. Pinson stated that he attended a Peace and Freedom Party meeting at 3800 Amesbury Road on May 21, 1968. Mr. Paul Shinoff spoke on conditions in Cuba and showed a group of slides. A group of Cubans, led by Jose Duarte, arrived and Duarte requested permission to express his views on Cuba under the Castro regime. A person, whom Pinson did not know, became involved in a heated argument with Duarte. Pinson stated there was no pushing or shoving. There were approximately fifty people at the meeting.

Note: Pinson identified a photograph of Reza Jalalipour as the person who engaged in the argument with Duarte.

#### PITROFF, BONNIE

Mrs. Pitroff stated that she attended Elliott Junior High School from 1959 to 1960 and then attended John Muir High School in Pasadena. She does not recall Sirhan Sirhan ever being a member of her class. After seeing photographs of

Sirhan, she realized that Sirhan Sirhan was in her class at Elliott but she never spoke to him.

## PITTS, LOUISA MYRTLE

Mrs. Pitts stated that her son, Joseph Lee Pitts Jr. was recently arrested by the Pascagoula, Mississippi Police Department for posing as a female Caucasian and making unusual telephone calls.

Note: This interview explains the Subrina Duble mystery.

## PITZ, HAROLD WILLIAM

Mr. Pitz is a frequent customer of the Golden Garter Inn, 2605 Valley Boulevard, Alhambra.

While playing pool at the bar on June 5, 1968, Mr. Pitz was approached by another customer who told him that he had played pool with Sirhan B. Sirhan at the Golden Garter Inn. Mr. Pitz viewed the picture of Sirhan in the newspaper and thought that he had played pool with someone resembling Sirhan. Mr. Pitz stated the person he shot pool with was of Latin descent, 28; 5-5, 140, dark curly hair and had an acne condition. He spoke in broken English. Mr. Pitz was unsure he played pool with Sirhan B. Sirhan.

## PIXLEY, DAVID WAYNE

Mr. Pixley went to the Corona Police Department Range on June 1, 1968, with his wife, Margaret Pixley. He stated he could not recall seeing Sirhan or his vehicle at the range.

## PIXLEY, MARGARET LOUISE

Mrs. Pixley's name appeared on the June 1, 1968, sign in roster of the Corona Police Department Range. She could not remember the particular date as she used the range frequently. She stated she could not identify Sirhan or his vehicle as being at the range on that date.

#### PLEHN, MORA

Mrs. Plehn is a registered nurse at Central Receiving Hospital. She was employed on June 5, 1968, at 12:30 a.m. when Senator Kennedy was taken to that location. She spent most of her time in the Dispatchers Office assisting with telephone calls.

PLIMPTON, FREDY MRS.

Mrs. Plimpton had been with the Kennedy party for one week. Her husband, George Plimpton, was making speeches in behalf of Senator Kennedy.

on June 4, 1968, she left the fifth floor suite with the Kennedy party. They proceeded via a back elevator, through the kitchen to the podium and stood near Rafer Johnson. When Senator Kennedy finished his speech, she left the stage through the antercom and into the kitchen. She walked five or six feet ahead of Senator Kennedy. . She saw Senator Kennedy turn to his left and shake hands with the kitchen help. Senator Kennedy jumped slightly drawing his hand to the side of his face as if pushing something away. She observed Sirhan with his arm pointed toward Senator Kennedy's head. She could not see a gun, but noticed Sirhan's arm moving and a determined look on his face. Plimpton heard five shots in rapid sucession, then two or three shots. She went to the press room to phone for help. She returned to the kitchen where she saw Sirhan lying on a table with Grier lying across him and George Plimpton kneeling on the table over Sirhan. She remained in the kitchen until the police removed Sirhan.

### PLIMPTON, GEORGE

Mr. Plimpton is an author and personal friend of the Kennedy family. He had been in California for a week making speeches in behalf of Senator Kennedy. On June 4, 1968, he left the fifth floor suite with the Kennedy party. They proceeded via a back elevator, through the kitchen to the podium. the speech Plimpton stood on the podium with Senator Kennedy. At the conclusion of the speech, Senator Kennedy turned as if he were exiting. Plimpton proceeded Senator Kennedy about twelve feet, and observed him shaking hands with the kitchen help. He continued toward the Colonial Room, and at that moment heard shots. He turned his head and saw people struggling; Bill Barry and Jack Gallivan had a hold on Sirhan and . Plimpton assisted. He and Gallivan attempted to get the gun out of Sirhan's grasp as they held him down on the steam table. Sirhan dropped the gun but recovered it immediately. Other individuals joined in the struggle. Roosevelt Grier removed the gun from Sirhan's hand. While Sirhan was being held, Plimpton and others asked why he did it. Sirhan did not answer but stated, "Your hurting my leg." He held Sirhan until the police arrived and took him into custody.

#### PLOTNICK, SIDNEY

Mr. Plotnick stated he attended a Peace and Freedom Party meeting at 3800 Amesbury Road on May 21, 1968. Four Jordanians attended the meeting, including one who called himself "Nick,"

. who resembled photographs of Sirhan.

## POLE, EDWARD HUGH

Mr. Pole said that on or about Memorial Day 1967, he was in the dining hall at the Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Federal Penitentiary. James Hoffa Sr., was seated at an adjacent table and was talking to two males, possible of Italian descent. He overheard Hoffa state, "I have a contract out on Kennedy and if he ever gets in the primaries or ever gets elected, the contract will be fulfilled within six months." Approximately two weeks later Pole asked Hoffa what he thought about Kennedy. He said that Hoffa immediately began an emotional tirade over Kennedy's use of wiretapping and his (Hoffa's) conviction and incarceration at Lewisburg. Hoffa ended the conversation by saying, "Right now Kennedy's in no danger; but if he gets into a primary or gets elected, I won't say how or when, but he'll get knocked off."

## POLEK, CHESTER

Los Angeles County Deputy Marshall Polek reported seeing Sirhan at the Alhambra Gun Range on May 26, 1968. He was reinterviewed and stated that he saw the man resembling Sirhan with another male and two females at the range. He stated that he could not positively identify the person as Sirhan.

#### POMEROY, DIANE

Mrs. Pomeroy stated that Abdul Dabbas, a part time teacher at Pasadena City College, had rented a room from her mother-in-law, two or three years prior to the assassination. She stated that Dabbas returned to Jordan and has not been heard from since.

## POMEROY, MARGARET

Mrs. Pomeroy stated that she was well acquainted with Abdulmajid Dabbas. She has known Dabbas for eight to ten years and he rented a cottage from her located at the rear of 460 East Sacramento Street, Altadena, California. Dabbas returned to his native country (Jordan) about one year ago and she corresponded with him until 1967. The last time she heard from Dabbas was during Christmas of 1967. Dabbas mentioned that he was returning to the United States some time during the summer of 1968. Mrs. Pomeroy stated that she did not know nor had she ever met Sirhan Sirhan and stated that she was introduced to Sirhan's mother, sister and possibly two brothers about eight years ago by Dabbas.

POOLE, CECIL A.

Mr. Poole, Vice President of the Rosicrucian Order, San Jose, California, stated that the organization is a world wide fraternal order set up on a lodge system. It is not a religion, although the ethics of the order adhere to the principles of Christianity. Any law-abiding citizen over twenty-one years of age, of good repute and having a firm conviction of a supreme being, was eligible for membership. He said that the order includes in it's membership, a cross section of all classes of people. It is non-political and the pledge expressly forbids treason.

POOLE, PHILLIP B.

Mr. Poole was the landlord of Sharif Sirhan's apartment. On June 7, 1968, he stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he saw Sharif at 7 p.m. and this was the last time he ever saw Sharif Sirhan. Sharif appeared to have no friends, and the only people who visited him were his brother, Sirhan Sirhan and his mother, Mary Sirhan.

POOLE, PHILLIP MRS.

Mrs. Poole, wife of Phillip Poole, was the landlady of Sharif Sirhan. She made essentially the same statements as her husband but added that Sharif Sirhan worked for Cannon Electric Company.

POPPEN, JAMES

Doctor Poppen was not personally interviewed; however, information was supplied by Dr. Maxwell M. Andler regarding Doctor Poppen's activities at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Doctor Poppen arrived at the Good Samaritan Hospital at 11 a.m. on June 5, 1968, after the doctors had finished the operation on Senator Kennedy. Poppen consulted with Doctor Cuneo and examined the Senator. He periodically reviewed the situation and kept the Kennedy family advised. He was influential in having the body remain in Los Angeles for an autopsy.

In the Chicago Tribune of June 8, 1968, an article appeared quoting Doctor Poppen as stating that, "Senator Kennedy was medically dead at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 1968, several hours before officially declared dead." Doctor Poppen, a neurosugeon, said, "Kennedy's electrical brain waves stopped at 6 p.m. Wednesday (about eighteen hours after the shooting) and never started again, although his heart kept beating. He was quoted as saying, "the Senator was legally and medically dead when the brain waves ceased." He added further that, "if the Senator had lived, he would have led a grave and devastating existence."

## POWERS, WILLIAM LEE

Mr. Powers was interviewed subsequent to statements by John Chris Weatherly that Powers had loaned Jerry Owen a truck to transport Sirhan to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

powers stated that he was the legal owner of a 1953 Chevrolet pickup truck being purchased by Jerry Owen. He did not observe Sirhan and Owen together and was not in town the day of the assassination.

## PRATER, JESSIE D.

Mr. Prater recalled assisting a customer in changing a front wheel bearing on a vehicle at 4 p.m. He remembered it was on a 1955 or 1956 De Soto sedan, two tone light color. He described the customer as a small Mexican looking male in his early twenties, 5'4" and weighed approximately 130 pounds. Prater said this man spoke broken English and the conversation centered around the purchase of the vehicle which the customer said he recently bought in the Los Angeles area. The customer was very pleasant and when the job was completed he cleaned and replaced the tools.

Prater was shown photographs and he picked out the picture of Sirhan and stated that it resembled the man.

## PRATER, LEWIS MARTIN

Mr. Prater an employee of Ayer's Richfield Service Station, stated that the invoice found in Sirhan's car was made out by him. Prater said that all he could recall about the sale was that a small Mexican appearing man bought the bearing and did his own work. He said he could not identify the man.

## PREBLE, MERLE R.

Colonel Preble was the field representative of the National Rifle Association. He reported that on June 6, 1968, Lieutenant Colonel William Pullum reported to him that inquiries had been made approximately ten days to two weeks prior to the assasination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy if he or his team members were aware of a plot to assassinate Senator Kennedy.

## PRESLEY, JACK

Mr. Presley is the service manager of Don Mundy Buick, 350 South Oxnard Boul vard, Oxnard, California. He stated that he remembers John Fahey had been in his business in May or June. Mr. Presley stated he did not purchase anything from Fahey.

Note: A check of Presley's desk turned up a business card bearing the name of John Fahey, Cal Tek Industries.

### PRESTON, JACK

Mr. Preston is the range master at the Pasadena Park Department Rifle and Revolver Range, 2783 New York Drive, Pasadena. He stated he had never seen Sirhan Sirhan fire on his range. Prior to the assassination there was no roster maintained on the range.

#### PRESTWOOD, CONSTANCE

Mrs. Prestwoo: met Sirhan early in 1966 when he was employed as an exercise boy at the Granja Vista Del Rio Stable. She said that Sirhan was introduced to her as Sol Sirhan. She said that she took her thoroughbred horse, "Jet Spec," to the stable for training and that Sirhan exercised the horse. Sirhan was also courteous, polite and appeared calm.

#### PRESTWOOD, ROBERT LOUIS

Mr. Prestwood was the owner of a race horse named "Jet Spec," and it was learned that Sirhan was the exercise boy for the horse during its training period. Prestwood stated the horse was boarded and worked out at the Granja Vista Del Rio Stables beginning in April of 1965. Prestwood described Sirhan, whom he knew as "Sol," as polite and recalled that he always referred to Prestwood and his wife as Mr. and Mrs. Prestwood. His conversations with Sirhan were always limited to opinions about the horse and how it ran on a particular day. During December 1966, Prestwood met Sirhan at Santa Anita and inquired if he was still working for Burt Altfillisch and how he was getting along. Sirhan told Prestwood that he had been involved in an accident and had fallen from a horse, but was coming alone fine and was trying to get a settlement from the insurance company. Prestwood recalled that Sirhan appeared normal with no apparent change.

## PRICE, WILLIAM EDMUND

In February 1968, Price was visiting a friend, George Charles Erhard, in Pasadena, California. At Erhard's request Price accompanied him to a location on Howard Street where Erhard stated he hoped to sell a pistol. It was approximately 6 p.m. when they arrived at a corner where two men were standing. Erhard exited the car and talked with a man later known as "Joe" while Price remained in the automobile with the pistol. A short time later Erhard returned to the automobile and removed the pistol. The man with "Joe" came over to the automobile and talked with Price. Price recalled that "Joe" said

he wanted his brother to see the pistol. Erhard and "Joe" bargained over the price of the pistol for which Erhard was asking thirty dollars. They finally settled on a sale price of twenty five dollars of which "Joe" obtained about six dollars from the other man. The pistol was in a brown cardboard box with a velvet type lining, and the word "Iver" written on the box. He said that "Joe" mentioned several times that the pistol was to be used for hunting. Although both brothers discussed the price of the pistol, "Joe" did the actual purchasing. He identified a photograph of Sirhan Sirhan as being identical with "Joe's" brother.

### PROFUMO, STEPHANIE MICHAELA

Mrs. Profumo was a volunteer worker and part time secretary for Ray O'Connel and Jerry Owen who were Kennedy staff members. Profumo arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, 8:30 p.m. with her husband. She went directly to the Embassy Room and stayed near the television cameras watching the returns. 11 p.m. she left with her husband and went home. Profumo returned to the Embassy Room at 11:45 p.m. alone, and was refused admittance at the main door. Profumo went around to the kitchen area and stood near the double doors leading into the kitchen. While walking through the kitchen she noticed two bus boys, two small children, and two women wearing Kennedy hats. Upon completion of the Senator's speech she remained at this location and as the Senator passed she shook hands with him. The Senator then entered the kitchen area and in a few seconds she heard a single bang, then two more bangs, and finally five more. growd of people then came running out of the kitchen and she walked into the kitchen. Profumo saw the Senator on the floor with some other people and they were all bleeding. She climbed on top of a serving table with two other women and remained there a short period of time.

## PROVENZANO, ANTHONY

Mr. Provenzano was closely associated with James Hoffa Sr. while incarcerated at United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He stated that he never heard Hoffa state that he had a contract out on Robert F. Kennedy.

#### PRUDHOMME, JEANETTE

Miss Prudhomme was a campaign worker for the Students For Kennedy and arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, at 9 p.m. While in the Sunset Room, she noticed two grubby men who did not appear properly dressed for the occasion. About nidnight, she went to the Ambassador Room where she saw a woman in a black and white polka dot dress standing next to a man who resembled one of the aforementioned men. She completely discounted the incident until the following day when she saw a

picture of Sirhan on television. At this time, she thought one of the men resembled Sirhan but was not sure. She was shown photographs of Sirhan but was unable to make an identification.

PRUSS, HELEN

Mrs. Press stated she is not acquainted with Gilderdine Oppenheimer.

#### PULITO, EMELIA

Miss Pulito resided at 733 East Howard Street for almost twelve years. Mary Sirhan and her family moved into the house across the street approximately five or six years ago. During that period she knew the family only as neighborhood acquaintances. During the summer of 1967, she said she became more friendly with Mary and on occasion they used to visit each other in their homes. Mary occasionally stopped by her house and read the Bible to her. She considered Sirhan Sirhan to be "kind and gentle" and said he had always been helpful around the house and yard.

#### PULLUM, WILLIAM

Lieutenant Colonel Pullum was in charge of the United States Army International Rifle Team and engaged in international competition in Czechoslovakia approximately two weeks prior to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He stated that inquiries were made as to whether they heard of a plot to assassinate Senator Kennedy. He stated that on May 24, 1968, while he was in Stockholm, Sweden Colonel Robert F. Bayard asked him if he had read in a paper or heard an English broadcast that reported Kennedy having been shot in the neck. Pullum stated that he had not heard of such an incident.

#### PURDY, JACK O.

Mr. Purdy reported that during a business dispute Manijo A. Vallejo stated, "If you give me any more trouble, I'll get you like we got Kennedy." Purdy stated that Vallejo was an Arab or Jordanian.

#### PUTNAM, SHIRLEY

Mrs. Putnam said that she received several telephone calls from Mark E. Chamberlain, her half brother, between May 26, 1968 and June 8, 1968.

On June 8th, Chamberlain said that he had been in the hotel at

the time of the assassination and was involved as a member of the same group as Sirhan Sirhan. Chamberlain added that Sirhan had stated he intended to shoot Senator Kennedy prior to the assassination, and that the group was communist. QUINN, JOSEPH M.

Deputy Mayor Quinn was present at the Good Samaritan Hospital when Fred Dutton and Officer F. J. Beilman had a disagreement. Quinn stated that Beilman had asked Dutton to sign a sheet of paper for security reasons and that Dutton had became very rude and insulting toward Officer Beilman and threatened to make a complaint against him. Mr. Quinn stated that Officer Beilman was very polite to Dutton and had given him no reason to act in that manner.

#### RAAEGEP, ELIZABETH

Miss Raaegep stated that approximately six to eight weeks ago, Joe (Munir Sirhan) stated he was lucky and showed her his wallet which appeared to be full of \$100.00 bills. Miss Raaegep advised that Munir Sirhan told her he had good information about horses. Munir also stated he delivered a package for a friend and was arrested, therefore, was fearful of being deported. Miss Raaegep stated on June 4, 1968, while in Mr. Mosts' vehicle, Mr. Most was discussing guns and gun laws with Munir. Munir stated, "Boy, I shouldn't have bought that gun."

### RABAGO, ENRIQUE

Rabago said that he and his friend, Humphrey Cordero arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at 9 p.m., June 4, 1968. On entering the Ambassador grounds they walked to the outside of the Palm Court Room. Cordero wanted to enter the hotel and visit the two campaign celebrations. They walked through the Balm Court Room into the lobby where they got separated. After searching the lobby for Cordero, Rabago decided to return to the Palm Court Room and await his return. While at this location, Rabago talked to several persons regarding the election returns. Rabago noticed Sirhan near him holding a drink in his right hand. Rabago asked Sirhan, "Are we going to win?" Sirhan replied, "Yes, and Kennedy is winning and that son-of-a-bitch is a millionaire, and even if he wins he won't do anything for the poor." A few moments later Cordero joined Rabago and urged him to go inside. Again Rabago refused and Cordero remarked that it was okay. Cordero then turned to Sirhan and said, "My friend does not want to go in because of his clothing. What do you think about that?" Sirhan replied that they could go in and that he had been to the Rafferty party to order a drink and that the waitress looked at him very funny because of his clothes. Sirhan continued by stating that he "showed them," by leaving the waitress a \$20.00 tip.

#### RADABAUGH, JACK

Radabaugh was a History professor at Los Angeles Trade Tech. College and supervised extra-curricular voluntary classes at Pierce Junior College. One of his Pierce college students, Ethelena Sampson, gave him a tape recording she made of one of the classes conducted on May 4, 1968. The recording contained a speech made by a Lebonese, identity unknown, who criticized the United States policies. Two days after the assassination, Sampson told him that the Lebonese man resembled Sirhan B. Sirhan. Another student, Margaret Brown who attended the meeting said that he did not resemble Sirhan.

## RADER, NELL

Mrs. Rader is retired and worked as a campaign worker on June 2, 1968. She attended a Kennedy rally at the Ambassador Hotel arriving at 8:00 p.m. While in the lobby near the Palm Room, she observed a man whom she believes was Sirhan B. Sirhan. The man did not speak to her or anyone else. Rader thought the man was an employee of the hotel because he was carrying a towel in his left hand. She did not see this man again on that evening. Rader was shown photographs and selected Sirhan's picture.

### RADVANI, JANOS

Radvani, Charge D'Affairs of Hungarian Embassy in Washington from 1962 to 1967, was in Syria and Lebanon in 1957 and 1958. He said that during this time the Syrian Communist Party was the center of activities for Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. The Communist Party in the Middle East, at the time was very fanatic, nationalistic and did considerable work among the Palestinian refugees, making them very corruptable. The refugees suffered greatly, and they were very easy to pursuade with money and ideology. He furnished this information in view of the nationality of the accused slayer of Senator Kennedy.

#### RAFIDI, MARY

Mrs. Rafidi stated that her husband, Mufio Rafidi, was acquainted with Adel and Sirhan Sirhan. She stated that Mufio pointed out Sirhan Sirhan at the Fez Restaurant, however, she did not meet either brother.

## RAFIDI, MUFIO

Rafidi stated he met Sirhan in 1958 and 1966. He did not talk to Sirhan but recalls that Sirhan's mother introduced her sons to the people attending the picnic.

He developed an acquaintance with Adel Sirhan while frequenting the Fez Restaurant where Adel worked as a musician.

Rafidi stated he heard from a source which he cannot identify, that a member of the Sirhan family acted as an intelligence agent or spy for Israel, but does not know which member.

#### RAMIREZ, (MRS)

Mrs. Ramirez stated that she worked at the Venice Kennedy headquarters. On election day a man called and introduced himself as Mr. Work. Work volunteered to assist at the headquarters, but when he appeared didn't do anything.

## RANELLE, JENNIE

Mrs. Ranelle stated that she was near the pantry doorway at the time of the shooting, saw the flashes and heard a series of three shots, a pause, then two more shots. She stated that she assisted Mrs. Elizabeth Evans into the Embassy Room.

#### RANDOLPH, ED

Mr. Randolph telephoned investigators on June 17, 1968, and stated that he met and talked with Sirhan at Hollywood Park Race Track on June 1, 1968, at 1:30 p.m. Sirhan discussed winning two daily doubles on the prior Saturday. Upon reinterview, Randolph stated that he had viewed photographs of Sirhan and the man he saw at the track was not Sirhan.

#### RANDS, WILLIAM P.

Mr. Rands stated that he and Mr. Mills arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 11 p.m., on June 4, 1968, and proceeded to the Rafferty party. Mr. Rands stated he watched Kennedy give his speech on television and then decided to go and see Senator Kennedy finish his speech. They walked through the kitchen and into the Embassy Room where they stood approximately two or three feet from the podium. When Senator Kennedy finished his speech Mr. Rands observed the Kennedy party enter the kitchen area and a short time later heard five or six shots fired rapidly. When he originally walked through the kitchen he does not remember seeing Sirhan. He did see Sirhan being removed from the kitchen by the police.

## RASMUSSON, LAURA

Miss Rasmusson stated she was present at the Somoa House Restaurant with Mrs. Gaffney and they had a conversation with a waitress. The waitress stated she was in Las Vegas with a girl friend and they had a conversation with a doctor who said, "there would be another Dallas in Los Angeles."

#### RATHKE, WALTER THOMAS

Rathke met Sirhan in approximately 1966 while working at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch near Chino. Rathke also met Sirhan's mother and brothers. During their association Sirhan never exhibited any leanings toward Communism or violence.

while Sirhan was riding a quarter horse he fell off and struck his head on the fence. As a result of this injury Sirhan could not see very well with his left eye, therefore he quit and left the ranch.

Rathke last saw Sirhan in June 1967. At that time Sirhan's rother told Rathke that Sirhan just wasn't himself after the accident.

At one time Sirhan gave Rathke some material on the Rosicrucian Order. Rathke told Sirhan that he was joining the Theosophical Society. Rathke stated the Theosophical Society's only purpose is the brotherhood of man. The Rosicrucian Order is a occult-type organization which directs its followers. They have nothing in common.

#### RATHOR, JUNE

Miss Rathor telephoned investigators and reported hearing someone interviewed on television say they saw a person running from the area of the shooting with something in his hand.

## RATLIFF, TOMMY SHERMAN

Ratliff was employed as an ambulance attendent at the Central Receiving Hospital. While at work on June 5, 1968, he saw a taxi cab arrive. One of the occupants of the cab had a bullet wound in the leg. He assisted the victim into a wheel chair and took him into the emergency room. He was then assigned to the Ambassador Hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel an employee escorted him to the elevator which took him to the floor where the shooting occurred. He saw a young male victim who had a wound on his side, but he appeared to be in good condition. He was then led to the main auditorium to a woman who was lying on a table. This was Mrs. Evans. He dressed the womans head wound and put her on a stretcher. Enroute to the elevator someone informed him that there was another victim, leaving Mrs. Evans he went to treat the victim. This individuals condition was not serious and he accompanied him to the ambulance without being placed on a stretcher. The two victims were placed in the ambulance and taken to Central Receiving Hospital.

## RAWSON, WILLIAM

Lt. Col. Rawson reported that a Reverend Cabreras was doing charity work with Latins and possibly knew the suspect.

NOTE: This information was received during the period when Sirhan had not been identified.

REDDING, PAUL

Mr. Redding stated that he went to a Kennedy rally at the cocoanut Grove on June 2, 1968. He stated that Sirhan stood next to him for one hour during the festivities. Redding looked at him, noticed that Sirhan stood with his hands clasped behind his back, and gave him a dirty look.

## REDDING, SUSAN

Mrs. Redding stated that she attended a rally for Senator Kennedy at the Cocoanut Grove on June 2, 1968. She stated that Sirhan crowded in front of her and was acting very impolite toward persons around him.

#### REDMIER, CHARLES D.

Redmier was the chief electrician in the maintenance department of the Ambassador Hotel. On June 4, 1968, he was on duty in the public address booth of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel and could observe the activities. After Senator Kennedy had finished talking, he believes that the Senator left the stage through the doors at the rear of the podium. Shortly after the senator left the podium, he heard a woman screaming, "He's been shot." Two men ran onto the podium and using the microphone shouted, "Clear the room." One of the men then said, "Turn out the lights." Almost immediately most of the lights went out; however, some remained on and Redmier went to the switchbox and pulled the switch which darkened the entire Embassy Room. He then went to the National Broadcasting Corporation truck, and saw someone being carried on a stretcher from the rear of the Embassy Room. To his knowledge, he has never seen Sirhan in person.

## REES, THOMAS J.

Rees is a Congressman from the State of California and was on the stage in the Embassy Room when Senator Kennedy made his victory speech. After the speech Congressman Rees left the podium and walked to his right, waiting for Kennedy. Kennedy, however, and other members in his party left the rear of the stage and went into the kitchen corridor. He heard shots which he thought at first might have been firecrackers and in a short time someone asked over the public address system for a doctor. He heard someone say Kennedy had been shot.

## REEVES, ANN

Mrs. Reeves reported a conversation with her neighbor, Catherine Latoof concerning the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Mrs. Latoof reportedly indicated to Mrs. Reeves that during a visit with her brothers, Joseph and Antoine Hage, a discussion arose concerning Senator Kennedy's political campaign. Her brother, Antoine, expressed surprise concerning the activities of the Senator, indicating he heard prior to leaving Haiti, that Senator Kennedy had been shot or would be shot.

## REICHMAN, VICTOR

Mr. Reichman stated he was in the Embassy Room from approximately 8:00 p.m., until 5:30 a.m., on June 4, 1968. Until the time Kennedy spoke, he was circulating a petition to recall Gov. Reagen. He didn't see Sirhan or a girl in a polka dot dress. He stated his room-mate who has since moved to Texas, entered through the kitchen at about 11:30 p.m., and didn't see Sirhan or a girl.

Mr. Reichman stated he knows a Muriel Lee who lives in Alhambra, who claimed to have entered the kitchen prior to the shooting, however, he feels she would exaggerate her account completely out of proportion.

## REID, NAT DOWNS

Dr. Reid conferred with Dr. Cuneo and Dr. Andler after viewing the X-rays. All agreed the operation should be performed and that the damaged tissue should be removed from the mastoid area.

Dr. Reid assisted the two doctors in removing lead fragments from the mastoid area and adjacent to the cerebellum. Some of the lead fragments were removed from the bone. Two wounds were found in the armpit and one in the back of the neck. The Senator's pressure was high; he could move his right leg but not his right arm, and he was comatose. Dr. Reid operated only on the head area. This was a major operation, and the purpose was to remove any blood clots which caused pressure on the nerves. All the lead fragments that were removed were given to police officers from the Los Angeles Police Department.

#### REILLY, JOHN C.

Mr. Reilly, a boxer, met Jerry Owen through John Gray on May 26, 1968. A contract was signed on May 28, 1968, in which Owen would manage Reilly. Owen provided lodging for Reilly at the Coliseum Hotel. On June 3, 1968, Owen called Reilly between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m., and invited him to attend a Saints and Sinners meeting that evening. Owen picked Reilly up at the hotel at 6:30 p.m., and they drove directly to the meeting which was held on Fairfax Avenue, arriving at 7:30 p.m. They remained at the meeting until 11:30 p.m., and then

returned to the hotel. Owen told Reilly that he was staying in town that evening at a local hotel, however, Reilly did not know the name.

The next time Reilly saw Owen was the afternoon of June 5, 1968, in the lounge of the Coliseum Hotel. Owen was in the company of a negro boxing trainer (name unknown). At that time Owen related a story of how on June 3, 1968, he picked up a hitchhiker on Wilshire Blvd., who wanted to buy his horse for \$400.00. He described the person as appearing to be a Mexican and said he resembled the picture of the man who shot Kennedy. He said this person did not have the money on that particular day and that he (Owen) had remained in town at a hotel that evening with the understanding that the person would have the money the following day. Reilly also commented that Owen had purchased boxing equipment which included a pair of boxing shoes, but this was previous to June 3, 1968. Reilly is a professional boxer who fights in California under the name of Sailor Jack O'Reilly; in Las Vegas as Jack Driscoll; and under the agreement with Owen, he was to fight under the name of Rip O'Reilly.

## REINHOLD, JOHN

Reverend Reinhold is a priest in the Syrian Orthodox Church at Third and Alvarado. He stated that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan did not attend his church and was not a member of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Los Angeles. He stated he was in the Sirhan home approximately ten years ago and did not recall Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and knew nothing about the family.

#### REINKE, DONALD LEE

Mr. Reinke was a desk clerk at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. He identified a photo of William F. Crossen as the person who gave him a hand drawn diagram of the Embassy Room. He stated Crossen seemed very upset and complained about the lack of security at the hotel.

#### REINKE, JANET MARIE

Miss Reinke was reported to be one of the persons seeing Gearhart at the "Talk of the Town" bar on June 4, 1968. She stated she was not at the bar on that date, but was there on a Thursday night after returning from the fights at the Olympic Auditorium with a group of friends. As the group was leaving the bar, they observed the drunk entering a vehicle. They took the drunk, whom she identified as John Glenn Gearhart, to a coffee shop where they all had some coffee.

## REINWAND, JOHN ADAMS

Mr! Reinwand is a policeman at the University of California at pavis. He was on duty on May 16, 1968, and was assigned to guard a door at Freeborn Hall during Robert F. Kennedy's address. At approximately 3 p.m., he was approached by Professor James McEvoy, who complained there was an unauthorized individual backstage. Mr. Renwand described this individual to be Arabic and stated it definitely was not Sirhan.

#### REIS, SAMUEL ANDREW

Reis is an unofficial aide to Marguerite Sweeney. He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, 7:30 p.m., and at 10:30 p.m., was assigned to the Colonial Room to keep unauthorized persons from entering. Fifteen minutes prior to Senator Kennedy's speech he was approached by a Kennedy staff member who stated "Senator Kennedy will hold a news conference in here when he's finished in the Embassy Room and we don't want any unauthorized people in here." From the time he was informed of the news conference and the time Senator Kennedy finished his speech he had entered the kitchen approximately five times and did not see Sirhan. When the Senator made his exit from the Embassy Room into the kitchen area he heard what sounded like a string of firecrackers exploding. He ran into the kitchen area and saw Rosie Grier holding a man on the serving table and someone attempting to remove a gun from his hands. He grabbed a Kennedy staff member and attempted to protect her. He remained in the kitchen until Sirhan and Senator Kennedy had been removed.

RENTZ, M.R.

Rentz arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club on June 4, 1968, 10 a.m. He received his targets and went to the rifle range position number fifty-eight. There were four other men on the rifle range during the time he was there. He left the range at 11:30 a.m.

#### RHODES, MIKE

Rhodes arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, 8:30 p.m., with his wife, Nina Rhodes. They went to the press area of the Embassy Room and spent the evening following the primary election returns. During the evening he walked through the kitchen area on two or three occasions and remembers only kitchen personnel present, except for one time he saw six or eight young girls and boys enter and leave. Upon completion of the speech his wife wanted to greet and congratulate the Senator, and was told by Pierre Salinger to go to the Colonial Room for a press interview. His wife and Lucy Salinger walked down the hallway toward the kitchen area. He was ten feet behind her when he heard a

popping sound similar to firecrackers. He saw his wife turn and run towards him. He was in the doorway leading to the podium when he grabbed his wife and she screamed, "Kennedy's been killed." He returned with his wife to the press room area. In his opinion the security in the hotel was lax.

## RHODES, NINA

Mrs Rhodes worked in a fund raising capacity for the Kennedy campaign. On June 4, 1968, she arrived at the hotel approximately 8 p.m., and remained in the staff area (west of the stage) during the evening. During the Senator's speech they were informed that Kennedy would leave the stage to his right and enter the staff area. When he concluded his speech Senator Kennedy exited at the rear of the stage. She proceeded after the Senator who was about twenty-five feet in front of her. She was about six or seven feet from the kitchen door when she heard what sounded like firecrackers in a fast sequence. She saw red sparks in the pantry, pushed forward and saw Senator Kennedy falling to the floor. She observed the suspect wearing a powder blue jacket, but could not see his face. She ran back to the stage, became hysterical and recalls little after the shooting.

## RICE, DONALD LLOYD

Mr. Rice met Sirhan while attending Pasadena City College in the summer of 1966. Sirhan had helped him in his study of Arabic languages. He considered Sirhan to be a serious, intelligent and a student type person. He originally met Sirhan through John Strathmann.

## RICE, HOWARD

Howard Rice was employed at Jerry's Family Billiard Center, 30 North Lake, Pasadena. He said he occasionally saw Sirhan in the pool hall. He would sometimes play pool and other times he would loiter and chat with other young people. He last saw Sirhan in May 1968.

#### RICH, TOM

Richy reported that Terry Fell knew Sirhan at Pasadena City College, and that Fell knew of other schools attended by Sirhan. He stated that Sirhan was a friend of Davor Pevec, 1121 North Mentor Ave., Pasadena.

#### RICKETTS, JO

Miss Ricketts was the manager of the Burbank Hotel where she

resides. She said that John Fahey was at the hotel approximately on June 4, 1968.

NOTE: Fahey initially claimed to have been there on June 4, 1968, between 11:45 a.m., and 12:10 a.m. He later denied he had been there at all.

#### RINDONE, EL DONNA

Miss Rindone attended the celebration at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. While in the Embassy Room a man carrying a campaign poster asked if he could have her Kennedy campaign button.

NOTE: The above man was Michael Wayne.

#### RIPP, JAMES F.

Mr. Ripp stated he arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club between 12:30 and 1 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He went to the rifle range and took his position where he fired his 222 Ruger until approximately 3 p.m. He stated there were only three or four people on the range, but he was unable to describe any of them. He did not go to the pistol range and was unable to identify Sirhan's photograph.

# RISING, NELSON

Rising was a volunteer worker for Senator Kennedy and arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., with his wife Sharon. He went to the Embassy Room and was present when the Senator gave his victory speech. Upon completion of the speech he and his wife began walking toward the doors of the Embassy Room in order to leave. They were moving to the rear of the crowd when he heard the shots and screaming from the door leading to the kitchen. He then heard people saying that there had been a shooting and someone had asked for a doctor. in the lobby a fight commenced and Rising separated the parties. He then saw Sirhan being led out of the hotel by the police. remembers talking to someone in the lobby regarding Sirhan being seen earlier attempting to enter the Embassy Room and seeing Sirhan inside the Embassy Room trying to get into a better position near the stage when the Senator was speaking. At 2:00 a.m., Rising and his wife left the hotel.

## RITCHEY, ROBERT E.

Mr. Ritchey advised that he has known the Sirhan family for ten years. Mr. Ritchey first came in contact with Adel Sirhan when both worked at B and L Molding Supply Company in Pasadena. In July 1967, Mr. Ritchey and Saidallah Sirhan shared an apartment

together at 1659 North Lake, apartment number seven, Pasadena. This relationship was dissolved in November 1967, when Saidallah accused Mr. Ritchey of stealing a revolver, and \$65.00. Mr. Ritchey stated he was not a close friend or acquaintance of Sirhan's He describes Sirhan as a loner who asked questions concerning politics, bur never did discuss politics, or express any political view point.

#### RITCHIE, HUBERT (MRS)

Mrs. Ritchie stated that she was present on May 16 or 17, 1968, when the guide of their Holy Land tour advised his customers that Senator Kennedy had been shot. She stated that the guide made similar statements when questioned by tour members on subsequent mornings and never retracted his statements.

### RITTENHOUSE, JOHN

Mr. Rittenhouse advised investigators that Richard Megown had made statements indicating that he hated the Kennedy's and felt that they all should be killed.

#### RITTNER, RICHARD

Mr. Rittner stated that on June 4, 1968, he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately midnight. He was with Andrea and James Busch. They stayed in the vehicle and listened to Kennedy's speech on radio and a request for a doctor. Rittner advised that he observed a male and female hurriedly walking past their car. Rittner asked the male what happened and he replied he was a waiter, and was shaking hands with Kennedy when he observed the suspect pull a gun and shoot Kennedy. Rittner and companions then went to the Rafferty Headquarters where they remained.

## RIVERO, FILLIBERTO

Mr. Rivero, publisher of the Cuban newspaper La Prensa, reported interviewing Jose Duarte. Rivero stated that Duarte identified a man he argued with at a Peace and Freedom Club meeting, as Sirhan.

## ROBERTS, MAVAS

Mrs. Robert's states she is employed as a waitress at the Samoa House. She stated she was working on June 11, 1968, and had a conversation with two women regarding the Robert Kennedy

assassination. Mrs. Roberts stated she and a friend, Norma Root, went to Las Vegas during the week of May 19, 1968. While at the Sahara Hotel, Norma Root injured her elbow and was sent to a doctor. Mrs. Roberts advised that the doctor told her friend, there would be another Dallas in Los Angeles. Mrs. Roberts stated she didn't pay any attention to what the doctor said, because in her opinion the doctor was some kind of a kook.

## ROBERTSON, DALE

Mr. Robertson is a television and film actor. In connection with his breeding horses, Robertson stated that he had in the past, stabled some of his horses at the Corona Breeding Farm in Corona. Mr. Robertson did not employ any exercise boys and had no knowledge of ever seeing Sirhan. Mr. Robertson mentioned that he had been contacted by a representative of Life Magazine and was informed that it was alleged that Sirhan had approached Mr. Robertson during a public horse sale and asked him for a job. Mr. Robertson claimed he had no recollection of the incident.

## ROBERTSON, DONALD R.

Dr. Robertson is head of the Psychology Department at Woodbury College in Los Angeles. On June 6, 1968, in the school cafeteria he over heard George Issa talking about the assassination. Dr. Robertson talked to Issa who stated he knew Sirhan socially, and that Sirhan was a good man who had done what was needed to be done. Issa was described as a twenty-two year old Jordanian or Arab. Dr. Robertson stated Issa belongs to the Jordanian club in Pasadena.

#### ROBERTSON, LOU

Mrs. Robertson stated that her husband, Dale Robertson, boarded horses at the Granja Vist. Del Rio Ranch, but he had not hired Sirhan. She stated that she had not heard of Sirhan prior to the assassination.

## ROBEY, KING

Robey, of King Robey Company Realtors did not know Sirhan personally. He said that a bank purchased the house at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena. The house was torn down in 1960 or 1961 to make a parking lot.

#### ROBINSON, DAVID

Mr. Robinson stated he was present in the Embassy Room on June

5, 1968, at the time Kennedy was shot. He did not see the actual shooting, but heard the shots, which sounded like fire-crackers. Thirty minutes before Senator Kennedy came to the Embassy Room, a man wearing a blue jacket and blue jeans attempted to get onto the stage and Mr. Robinson made him leave the stage area. After seeing Sirhan's photograph he stated that Sirhan was possibly the same man, but he couldn't be sure.

## ROBINSON, DAVID A.

Mr. Robinson assistant director of Admissions, University of Southern California, stated that he was unable to locate any records that showed the Adjulmajid Abdullah Dabbas was a student at the school.

## ROBINSON, ELIZABETH

Miss Robinson telephoned the Kennedy headquarters and volunteered her services as a campaign worker. The call was received by Khaibar Khan. She stated that she did not engage in any type of campaign work.

#### RODRIGUEZ, ROBERT

Mr. Rodriguez is the co-owner of Cal Rod Rambler Company, 3434 South Saviers Road, Oxnard, California. He advised that he had never met John Fahey and was not familiar with Cal Tek Industries. He checked his records and stated the records reflected they made a purchase from that company on April 15, 1968.

## ROGERS, LINDA

Miss Rogers was a teller at the United California Bank, Raymond and Colorado. She stated that Linda Posey had been in the bank several times to pick up food stamps. Posey was on county welfare and lived at 2109 Summit Avenue, Pasadena.

## ROGERS, WARREN

Mr. Rogers rode in the ambulance which took Senator Kennedy from the Ambassador Hotel to Central Receiving Hospital. Rogers wrote an article for Look Magazine describing the incident which was found to be very inaccurate and critical of the way things were handled by the police and the hospital staff. Rogers stated that he "just wrote what he saw."

# FORM LEONARD J.

Captain Rohm was assigned to the Public Assemblage Unit of the Los Angeles Fire Department and was on duty at the Ambassador Notel at the time of the assassination. He was first assigned to the fifth floor of the hotel, then went to the Gold Room during the speech. He was at that location at the time of the shooting. He helped keep the crowd back from Elizabeth Evans after she was brought into the Embassy Room. He later assisted the police by keeping witnesses separated. He stated that he did not observe Sirhan prior to the shooting.

#### ROLEN, MARGARET

Margaret Rolen was employed as a sales clerk for John H. Weidner's Health Food Store located at 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey. The only thing she could recall about Sirhan was that he had made deliveries to her store approximately three times a week from December 1967 to March 1968. He usually remained for ten to fifteen minutes on each delivery. She recalled that Sirhan was a very polite and cooperative young man. When he was asked his name he replied, "Call me Sol."

## ROMERO, JUAN

Romero arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 3:30 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He is employed by the hotel as a bus boy and assigned to room service. Romero was in the Embassy Room during the victory speech. Upon completion of the speech he rushed into the pantry where he waited to shake hands with the Senator. Senator Kennedy entered the pantry walking toward Romero and shaking hands enroute. Kennedy shook hands with Romero and moved one or two steps forward. Romero then noticed Sirhan reach over Karl Uecker in what appeared to be an effort to shake hands. At the same moment he heard gun fire and observed Sirhan holding a gun pointed at Kennedy's head. He watched Senator Kennedy place his hands to his forehead, stagger backwards and stumble to the floor. He went to the Senator's side and placed his hands over the Senator's head. Several people moved forward taking photographs. A man handed a rosary to Romero who in return placed it in Kennedy's hand. He noticed Paul Schrade on the floor near him with blood on his forehead. A male caucasian placed a coat under the Senator's head as Mrs. Kennedy approached. Romero then stood up and walked three or four steps to ascertain Sirhan had been captured. He observed Roosevelt Grier, Uecker, and two unidentified men holding Sirhan on the table. He did not see Sirhan prior to the incident in the pantry.

## ROMLEY, FATHER PAUL

Father Romley is pastor at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, 2300 West 3rd St., Los Angeles. Father Romley stated he was familar with the Sirhan family but knew very little about them.

Father Romley gave services for Ayda Sirhan who died March 20, 1965. It was at that time the Sirhan family learned that Ayda had been secretly married to a Mr. Mennell of Palm Springs, California

#### RONE, RONALD B.

Mr. Rone lives at 677 South New Hampshire, Los Angeles. He stated that he arrived home at 6:30 p.m., and did not see a car resembling Sirhan's parked in the 600 block of South New Hampshire.

#### ROON, DAVID

Roon said he had lived at 680 East Howard Street for the past three and one half years and was aware that Sirhan resided one door away at 696 East Howard with his mother and several brothers. He was acquainted with them on a casual basis but did not know one brother from another except that he did recognize Sirhan. He only spoke to them on three or four occasions during the past three years and found them to be very quiet, reserved people. A girl that he and his wife know by the name of Beverly Corey is a belly dancer at the Fez Club in Hollywood, he did not know if Beverly knew Sirhan Sirhan, but he did know that on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, she went to the Sirhan home and used their telephone to make a telephone call. He described Beverly as being a person who was against violence and who to his knowledge, had no political or religious affiliation.

### ROOSE, ROBERT

Mr. Roose is the manager of Bob's Restaurant, 1600 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. He advised investigators that he recalled seeing Sirhan inside his restaurant on several occasions but does not remember seeing anyone with Sirhan. He could not recall seeing him on June 4, 1968

#### ROOT, NORMA

Mrs. Root stated that she and a friend, Roberts Mavas, went to Las Vegas during the week of May 19, 1968. On May 23, 1968, she hurt her back and was sent to a Dr. George Kleifgen. The doctor stated that there would be another Dallas in Los Angeles.

He also talked about Communism and the fact that he belonged to some type of political organization.

#### ROPPO, ROCCO

Mr. Roppo immediately recognized a picture of Sirhan. He said that the Sirhan family was living in the house when he purchased it about five or six years ago. Sirhan was about 16 to 18 years old at the time. He did not know them well and never heard the family speak of politics or of Jordan.

### ROSEN, RICHARD

Rosen stated that he was an advance man for the Kennedy campaign. During the Senator's speech he was on the steps at the east side of the stage. After the Senator's speech he and another advance man, Jack Gallivan preceded the Senator into the pantry area by approximately fifteen to twenty feet. As they approached the Colonial Room he heard shots and turned around, observing Bill Barry grab the suspect. A short time later, Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson came upon the scene. When the shooting first started, Jack Gallivan ran back towards the general direction of the shooting and grabbed the suspect. Rosen ran out a side door and tried to find some help.

## ROSENBERG, LOUIS M.

Mr. Rosenberg was an advance man for the Kennedy Staff and registered at the Ambassador Hotel ten days prior to the shooting. On June 4, 1968, he was in the Embassy Room but left and attempted to return a half hour before the speech commenced. .He was prevented from entering by a fire marshall, so he entered the kitchen area from the lobby and walked through into the Embassy Room. At the time of the speech he was standing on the stage with the Senator. He followed the Senator off of the stage and was fifteen feet behind him. At the time of the shooting he was in the foyer leading into the kitchen. heard the shots but thought the noise was from dishes falling on the floor. He did not know what had occurred until he saw Kennedy lying on the floor. He saw some men wrestling with another man, but he did not see the mans face. We assisted in holding the kitchen doors closed because numerous people were trying to gain entry. He rode to Central Receiving Hospital with Stanley Shapiro.

## ROSENBLOOM, MAXIE

Mr. Rosenbloom stated he has known Jerry Owen for approximately 40 years. He stated that after the Kennedy shooting on an unrecalled date, Owen told him that he was in possession of information regarding the shooting of Senator Kennedy. When

Rosenbloom asked Owen why he had not given that information to the police, Owen replied that the police would contact him if they were interested. Rosenbloom stated he does not know Mr. John Christian and that he is not associated with Owen in any business venture. Rosenbloom stated his association with Owen revolves around their boxing interests. Rosenbloom stated he did not recall an incident wherein Owen refused to go to a meeting of the "Saints and Sinners" before or after the Kennedy shooting.

## -ROSENGARTEN, DICK

Mr. Rosengarten was a newspaper reporter for the Torrance Daily Breeze. He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, at 8 p.m. During the victory speech he was standing near the platform where the television cameras were located and upon completion of the speech he moved toward the podium and took a picture of Senator Kennedy. The Senator then left the stage and he heard what sounded like balloons bursting, then a woman saying, "He's been shot, he's been shot; oh, my God." He also saw Mrs. Evans lying on a table while a fireman and another person administered first-aid. He left the Embassy Room and entered the lobby where he remained until he was permitted to leave by the police.

#### ROSS, KAREN

Ross observed a woman wearing a polka dot dress at Kennedy Ambassador Hotel rally June 2, 1968.

## ROSS, TERRI M.

Miss Ross stated that she observed a woman, possibly of Latin extraction wearing a white dress with blue dots in Van de Camps cafeteria located in the Tishman Building on Wilshire Blvd., near the Ambassador Hotel.

## ROTHBURG, JAMES

Mr. Rothburg was employed as a security guard at the Ambassador Hotel. He took over the guard spot at the employees entrance to the hotel just prior to the shooting. This is at the south side of the south courtyard at the rear of the hotel. He learned of the shooting from two young girls that came down the outside stairway on the south side of the Embassy Room. He did not observe a girl in the area wearing a polka dot dress. He did not see the suspect prior to or after the shooting.

## ROTHSTEIN, ALLEN

Mr. Rothstein was at the Ambassador Hotel with his wife, Linda, on June 4, 1968. During the victory speech he was seated in the hallway behind the stage ante-room and remained at that location until after the Senator passed. As the Senator entered the kitchen he began to follow and was at the swinging doors of the kitchen when he heard two explosions followed by a flurry of explosions in rapid succession. He saw William Weisel fall to the floor. He went to the ante-room to see his wife and then returned to the kitchen when he held the door closed to keep people out. He did not see Sirhan.

## ROTHSTEIN, LINDA

A Kennedy girl, she went to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, with her husband, Allen Rothstein. She was stationed near the swinging doors to the kitchen ante-room most of the evening, and later moved to the hallway behind the stage ante-room. After his speech the Senator walked through the hallway past her location and into the kitchen. She heard several explosions that sounded like firecrackers and a large crowd of people surged out of the kitchen into the ante-room. Allen came out of the kitchen and asked if she were all right. When she replied in the affirmative. He returned to the kitchen and closed the door. She remained in the ante-room until Senator Kennedy was removed to the hospital. She did not see the shooting or the suspect.

## ROUNSEVILLE, MICHAEL

Mr. Rounseville stated that he was in the Ambassador Room when he learned of the shooting. He reported observing a young girl giving out information about a girl in a polka dot dress. He stated that the girl was in a very emotional state and could have said anything.

#### ROUNTREE, WALTER

Mr. Rountree while employed as a California Assistant Attorny General met Mr. Leslie Hertz.

## ROWLAND, JOHN

Mr. Rowland is the owner of Big Brother Cleaning who handled the maintenance at the Kennedy headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. He and his men worked at the headquarters between 5 and 6 a.m. He stated that he did not recall ever seeing anyone resembling Sirhan Bishara Sirhan coming to the headquarters while he was there with his cleaning crew.

ROWND, DEAN

Mr. Rownd stated that Sirhan and Edward Van Antwerp shared an apartment at 1830 5th St., Norco for approximately four months.

ROWND, IDA

Mrs. Rownd stated that Sirhan had resided for about four or five months in one of the small houses she rents at 1850 5th Street, Norco, California. Sirhan never paid the rent or rented this place in his name, and she believes that he rented the place with Edward Van Antwerp.

ROYER, JUDY

Miss Royer stated she arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at 3 or 4 p.m., on June 4, 1968. She went directly to the staff area on the west side of the stage. She stated that during the speech she was in the pantry area near the double doors at the time of the shooting. She was near the steam table walking toward the Colonial Room. She stated she heard about six shots without a pause and observed a struggle with the suspect. Miss Royer stated she checked the ante-room and kitchen area earlier in the evening to "chase out" people who didn't belong. She stated that an hour or two prior to the shooting, she told the suspect to leave the ante-room. When she last saw the suspect he was walking through the door into the Embassy Room. She stated she did not observe anyone with the suspect.

#### RUBIN, BARBARA

Mrs. Rubin stated that she arrived at the hotel with her husband, Lon Bruce Rubin, at approximately 11:55 p.m. After Kennedy completed his speech, she went into the ante-room and saw the Senator walking toward the kitchen. As the party entered the doorway to the kitchen, Mrs. Rubin followed Paul Schrade. Mrs. Rubin stated that the crowd was very pushy, and the next thing she recalled was hearing three shots, a pause, then five more shots. By the third shot Paul Schrade was lying at her She immediately dropped to the floor and remembered pulling down a blond haired woman who may have been Valerie Schulte. Mrs. Rubin crawled along the floor and hid behind a chair. William Weisel, one of the victims, then fell into the chair and said, "I've been hit." Mrs. Rubin did not see the suspect at this time and could not identify him. Mrs. Rubin stated that when she and her husband walked through the kitchen to the Embassy Room prior to the speech, she is sure that she saw the suspect somewhere between the end of the room and the ice machine. He wasn't dressed like the rest of the workers and was standing still whereas everyone else in the kitchen was moving around. She was quite sure that this man and the man she later saw on TV as Sirhan Sirhan is the same person.

## SUDERLAN, HARVEY

\*\*Ruderlan was the Finance Director of an organization called \*\*Students for Kennedy." He was staying at the Ambassador Hotel and went to the Embassy Room at 6 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He remained there until 11 p.m., when he returned to his room. It later returned to the Embassy Room but was refused admittance and again returned to his room, where he learned of the shooting over the television.

## RUIZ, ERNEST ALFREDO

Mr. Ruiz stated he and his wife were standing outside the Embassy Room at approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968. He observed a male and female run out of the Embassy Room. The girl was wearing a polka dot dress. He later observed the same man outside the hotel when the police were taking out Sirhan. The man shouted "let's kill the bastard." Ruiz noted that the man was the only person in the crowd shouting to kill the suspect. Ruiz identified a photograph of Beverly Corey as looking like the female.

#### RUMLEY (MRS)

Mrs. Rumley stated that she attended a Kennedy rally in Long Beach on June 3, 1968. During the meeting she observed a young man heckling the Senator. She stated that he was very rude and probably connected with the shooting. She was not at the hotel at the time of the assassination.

#### RUS, DONALD C.

Mr. Rus was an ambulance driver for the City of Los Angeles and was working on June 5, 1968, with his partner, Tom Ratliff, in ambulance unit G-15. He was at the Central Receiving Hospital when a taxi cab arrived. One of the passengers had been shot. He assisted in removing the person from the cab and placed him in a wheelchair. The man told him that Kennedy had been shot. Ambulance unit G-18 then arrived at the hospital and he assisted in removing Robert Kennedy from the ambulance. He saw Mrs. Kennedy and Bill Barry inside the ambulance. As he was entering Treatment Room number two, he saw Mrs. Kennedy grab a camera from a news cameraman and knock it to the floor. She swung at the cameraman and hit him in the chest area. Barry jumped over the stretcher and attacked the photographer and they wrestled with each other for a few seconds and were separated by officers. He then wheeled the stretcher carrying Senator Kennedy into room number two and help place him on the treatment table. Inside the room were doctors, nurses and members of the Kennedy group.

Rus then drove to the Ambassador Hotel with his partner, Tom Ratliff. Upon arrival he was guided to the rear entrance to the hotel. He was guided to the freight elevator and upon arrival on the third floor located a victim in the corridor. The victims injuries were not critical and Rus told him that a private ambulance would take him. He was led into the Embassy Room where he found Mrs. Evans. He examined her and determined she had a laceration on her forehead. He also examined a photographer who had been hit on the head with a camera. He took both patients to the ambulance and proceeded to the Central Receiving Hospital.

At 1:00 a.m., he assisted in delivering the Senator to an ambulance. Other members of the Kennedy group also boarded the ambulance. They were delayed in placing the Senator in the ambulance due to corridors being crowded. The Senator was being transfered to Good Samaritan Hospital.

## RUTHHARDT, HENRY J., JR.

Mr. Ruthhardt, formerly employed at the Broughton Book Store, recognized Sirhan as a regular customer of that store. He saw him five or six times during the several months prior to the shooting. Sirhan always looked for books on Metaphysics, Cultisms and Eastern Religious Teachings. On one occasion he asked for books on Black Magic. He tried to engage Sirhan who was always alone in conversation but was unsuccessful. He would read books for a long period of time, then purchase the book, always paying cash. He last saw Sirhan three weeks prior to the assassination.

RUTLEDGE, JOHN D.

Dr. Rutledge advised that Sirhan was referred to him by Dr. E. Gordon Kiehn for an x-ray of an eye. He stated that he took the x-ray on February 21, 1967, at his office. He added that the x-ray disclosed no evidence of abnormality or bone damage to the orbit.

## RUTLEDGE, QUEEN

Miss Rutledge arrived at the hotel at 11:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, and entered the Embassy Room by pushing past the guards. She did not wear any identification or Kennedy buttons. She observed Senator Kennedy and Jesse Unruh as they passed on their way into the kitchen. She followed and observed Sirhan as he raised his hand and fired three shots. She next recalled getting upon a table in the pantry and observing the struggle with Sirhan.

RYAN, WILLIAM E.

Mr. Ryan stated that his stepdaughter, Eileen Murphy, had been engaged to marry Adel Sirhan. She met Adel while she was employed as a dancer at the Fez Supper Club. Mr. Ryan has been to the Sirhan residence one time, but did not recall anything about Sirhan. During the visit to the Sirhan residence, Mrs. Sirhan gave him a copy of a book, which stated, "Either Communism will Rule The World or the Catholics Will Prevent It."

RYMAN, EDWARD L.

Mr. Ryman stated that he attended the Rosicrucian meeting on May 28, 1968, and recalled seeing a stranger at the meeting, but could not describe him, except to say that he was a rather small person who took part in a demonstration. It stated that he was never close enough to the stranger to be able to identify him.

#### SAARINEN, ERIC

Mr. Sarrinen is a photographer with the U.C.L.A. Motion Picture Department. He was at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, and filmed the crowd prior to and during the Senator's speech. After developing the film, a friend, Al Tokunow, thought that one of the subjects in the film looked like Sirhan B. Sirhan. Sometime prior to the Democratic Convention, the original film and enlargements were stolen from Tokunow's locker at U.C.L.A. He refused to speculate on who might have stolen the films.

#### SABHA, MARWAN M.

Mr. Sabha was interviewed after Mary Giangreco reportedly told Gerald Parmenter she heard the name of Sirhan in his apartment on June 4, 1968. He stated that he did not know Sirhan and had never heard of him prior to the assassination.

#### SABHA, SIGRID

Mrs. Sabha stated that she and her husband (Marwan Mohammed Sabha), had recently discussed the assassination of Robert Kennedy. She is German extraction and lived in Munich, Germany, prior to coming to the United States. She married her husband, a Jordanian, after they met at California State College in Los Angeles. She stated neither she nor her husband is acquainted with Sirhan or his family. She heard from mutual friends, that a brother of Sirhan's played a musical instrument in a group which played at a United American-Arab Club at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Los Angeles.

# SACCOMAN, MICHAEL ANTHONY

Mr. Saccoman was at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club on June 4, 1968, between 2:20 p.m., and 3:15 p.m. and fired his 22 caliber revolver from position six or seven. There were two other people on the range, "Jim" was firing between target twenty-one and twenty-four, Sirhan was firing on targets fourteen through twenty. Sirhan came over and began talking to him and commented that he had a pretty nice gun and asked to see it. Sirhan fired his gun, and he went over to Sirhan's position and fired Sirhan's gun but put it down because "he didn't want it to blow up in his hand." The gun was a cheap model .22 caliber with a short barred, blued spots on the barrel and cylinder,

and the remainder was painted black. When Sirhan was firing, Saccoman's gun, he was bench resting it and burned his finger. Sirhan also gave him some bullets which mere mini-mags. He asked Sirhan why he was shooting hollow points on the range, and Sirhan stated that "They were all he had." He thought this was strange because Sirhan had several boxes of cheaper ammunition.

Sirhan commented that he bought his ammunition at Lock, Stock 'N Barrel on Rosemead Boulevard below Huntington Drive. Sirhan further commented that he paid forty dollars for his gun, bought it from a friend and was thinking of trading the gun. They talked about hunting, and he told Sirhan that it was difficult hunting with a .22 pistol, and a problem to kill anything legally. Sirhan commented, "Well, this can kill a dog." He asked Sirhan how he learned to shoot so well, and Sirhan commented that he had only been shooting for a couple of months and that he had learned to shoot up north. Sirhan also told him that he lived in Pasadena and that the Civil Defense Training Center was near his home. Sirhan shot at least one hundred rounds and seemed extremely nervous about checking his target. Sirhan would shoot and then throw his empty casings on the range.

#### SADLER, MAX

Mr. Sadler is a parts manager at Don Mundy Buick, 350 South Oxnard Boulevard, Oxnard, California. He stated he has worked for the company since October 1, 1967, does not recall ever having met John Fahey or making purchases from Cal Tek Industries. His records reflect no purchases from the company.

## SAKAJIAN, ANTRANIAK G.

Mr. Sakajian stated that he and Stepan Aserian were in the Cedars Restaurant at 1566 Hollywood Boulevard on June 6, 1968. They overheard a conversation between the owner of the restaurant, Abourjaily, and a person he identified as Adel Sirhan. He heard Adel remark, "I don't know what's going to happen. It looks like they're looking for a girl who was seen running away." Abourjaily then said, "That's okay, I'm sure they'll take care of it." Sakajian then heard a woman who he thought to be the owner's wife say, "Why did they want to do that?" Sakajian stated that the entire conversation was in Arabic which he understands very well.

#### SAKAJIAN, JOHN

Mr. Sakajian, an Arabian, was contacted after investigators were advised that he managed a Shell Gas Station and hired young Arabs. He stated that he no longer owned the station; he was from Jordan but did not know Sirhan. He added that he did not hire young Arabs at the station, and his employees were both American boys.

SALAS, MARIO

Mr. Salas was engaged in building a wall at the Corona Police Department Range on June 1, 1968. He stated he arrived at 8 a.m. and was the first person present. He further stated he recognized Sirhan's photograph but only from the newspapers.

#### SALAZAR, MARIO

Mr. Salazar, who lives one block from the Sirhan residence, stated that on June 5, 1968, he walked past the Sirhan house. He admitted telling Mike Hope that he had been in Sirhan's home but in fact lied. He denied making any statement that he knew the polka dot dress girl.

SALEH, ABDUL

Mr. Saleh stated that he met Sharif Sirhan at the Wooden Shoe, Figueroa and York, six months prior to the assassination. He accompanied Sharif to the racetrack, where he lost all his money. He stated that he had not seen Sharif since that time and had never met Sirhan Sirhan.

#### SALEH, ALI

Mr. Saleh stated that he knew Sharif Sirhan and reportedly saw him at the Wooden Shoe, Figueroa and York, or at the Fez. He stated that he never met Sirhan Sirhan.

SALEH, MUSTAFA

Mr. Saleh has known Sharif Sirhan for five years. He has frequented the "Fez" restaurant and the racetrack with Sharif many times. Mr. Saleh met Sirhan B. Sirhan on one occasion at the racetrack at which time Sirhan gave him a tip on a horse. Saleh never discussed politics with either Sirhan or Sharif.

#### SALEH, PARY

Miss Saleh's name was recorded at the campaign headquarters by Khaibar Khan. Investigation disclosed that Miss Saleh was in England at the time.

#### SALENGER, LUCY LEE

Miss Salenger was a secretary in the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters and on June 4, 1968, worked at the Anchor Desk in the Embassy Room from 9:30 a.m., until after the shooting. She passed through the kitchen four times during the night and saw nothing. Her wallet, lost during the evening, was found in one of the mens rooms at the Ambassador Hotel and was turned over to Officer K. E. Vogl by Miss Trudi Jennings.

#### SALISBURY, MIKE

Mr. Salisbury went to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, at 8 p.m., as a freelance photographer. He was on the stage when Senator Kennedy gave his victory speech. He was two or three people away from the Senator on his left side taking photographs. As the Senator left the stage, he went to the kitchen doors and attempted to enter. There was a large crowd and he saw a commotion and heard people screaming "The Senator has been shot." He returned to the Embassy Room and remained until the Senator was taken to the hospital. He took seventy-two photos. He has seen pictures of Sirhan but cannot recall seeing him in the hotel.

#### SALMASIZADHE, VANIK

Mr. Salmasizadhe attended a Peace and Freedom Party meeting on May 21, 1968. The results of his interview and the Jose Duarte investigation are recorded in the portion of this report dealing with alleged conspiracies.

#### SAMS, JODIE

Mr. Sams was an assistant steward in the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that on June 3, 1968, between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., he was working in the coffee shop on the Casino Level. He was placing dirty dishes on the conveyor belt when a young male ask him, "How do you get out of here?" He told him if he was a guest, to leave by the Wilshire Boulevard exit; but if he was an employee, to leave by the rear exit. The young male stated, "I'm going to leave this way," and went through the Wilshire Boulevard exit. Sams examined a photograph of Sirhan and stated that it was not the same man he talked to on June 3, 1968.

#### SANDERS, KERMIT

Mr. Sanders stated that he met Sirhan at Hollywood Park Race Track on three occasions; the first being in April 1968. The first meeting was at the club house bar and lasted for approximately an hour. On that occasion Sirhan was accompanied by another Arab who appeared slightly older. The older man placed Sirhan's bets which averaged approximately ten dollars per race. Sanders saw Sirhan on two other occasions, but could not recall the dates.