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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
BOOKING AND PROPERTY RECORD

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| BOOKING NUMBER 549 494 | | FILE NUMBER | | JAIL RECORDS | |
| NAME: LAST MYERS, DAVID | | FIRST LEE | | MIDDLE | |
| BIRTHDATE [REDACTED] | | AGE 20 | | AKA NONE | |
| HT. 6-2 | WT. 150 | HAIR BRN | EYES BLU | SEX M | PHYC. DIST. LACO |
| CHARGE (CODE NO. AND DEFINITION) 10852 VC | | | | | |
| WARR./COMM. NO. 613549 | | | | ARRESTING AGENCY & DETAIL LAPD | |
| DATE & TIME BND. 6-6-67 337P | | | | JAIL LOC. 2100 | |
| BIRTHPLACE MUSKEGON, MICH | | SOCIAL SEC. NO. [REDACTED] | | SCARS, MARKS, TATTOO, AND/OR ANY ADD'L ID CHARAC. XXXX SCAR LT KEEF LT WRIST KEEN | |
| DRIV. LIC. NO. YES | | STATE CALIF | | RESIDENCE ADDRESS 14962 OSWALD ST / SYLMAR | |
| IN CASE OF ILLNESS NOTIFY: RELATIONSHIP, ADDRESS, CITY, PHONE CELIA MYERS / SAME / MOTHER | | | | | RECENT INJURY NONE |
| OCCUPATION SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT | | EMPLOYER POWERLINE OIL CO | | BANK BURBANK HOLLYWOOD CA | |
| ARRESTING OFFICER | | BOOKING OFFICER BAKER | | TRANSPORTING OFFICER TST | |
| CASH | | BELT | | GLASSES | |
| CASH | | RING YM | | WATCH | |
| CASH | | MISCELLANEOUS | | PRISONER'S SIG. FOR REC'T. OF FOREGOING CASH AND PROPERTY X David Lee Myers | |
| CASH | | MISCELLANEOUS | | PRISONER'S SIG. FOR REC'T. OF REMAINING CASH & PROPERTY X David Lee Myers | |
| EXPIRATION | | THE FOREGOING CASH AND PROPERTY WILL BE RETURNED UPON RELEASE OR REQUISITION | | PRISONER'S SIG. FOR REC'T. OF REMAINING CASH & PROPERTY | |
| REC'T NO. | | PRISONER'S SIGNATURE (WHEN BOOKED) X David Lee Myers | | PRISONER'S SIGNATURE (WHEN RELEASED) X David Lee Myers | |

READ THIS: "PRISONER INFORMATION" IS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF YOUR PINK COPY OF THE BOOKING & PROPERTY RECORD. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO READ AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THIS MATERIAL.

DEP. C. I. HAGAN #1139

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JUN 20 1967

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF LOS ANGELES JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The People of the State of California,

Deft. David L. Myers

to the SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

DIVISION NO. 71

CASE NO. 613549

The within-named person, defendant herein, having been convicted before a judge of the above-entitled court of the misdemeanor offense hereinafter described, and judgment having been duly entered in the docket of said court, I hereby certify that, as indicated below, the following is a true copy of the entry

thereof in said docket on JUN 6 1967, to wit:

"It is adjudged and ordered by the Court that, as a punishment for the crime of violation of

10852 VC, the defendant

David L. Myers shall be imprisoned in the County

Jail of Los Angeles County for the term of 15 days, and that said defendant shall be

discharged from imprisonment upon the expiration of said term";

MYERS, DWIGHT DAVID DAVID BLAIR

6 150 BRN BRN W M LACO

JUL 1 DETAINING ORDER WHITTIER PD
3-3-64 3:30 PM CJ 2400

3-16-64 10 Am

[illegible]

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELESHonorable WILLIAM F. POLYMER
as Judge of the Juvenile Court:

Judge Sitting in Separate Session in the Exercise of his Jurisdiction

Deputy Clerk

Deputy Sheriff

Date OCT 10 1967

Reporter

Dept. No. 88-97-28

Case No. 293439

fug/war/.

In The Matter of MYERS, DAVID BLAIR

Deputy Probation Officer Boggs, minor, Deputy Sheriffs Sgt. Reeves, present. Minor advised by the court of his rights. Minor waives rights and consents to extradition. Waiver of extradition form signed by minor. Minor, a fugitive from Cherokee County, Iowa, is ordered detained in County Jail and released to Iowa State Authorities on their arrival. The court finds there are no adequate and proper facilities for detention of minor in Juvenile Hall. Minor remanded to custody of the Sheriff of Los Angeles County.

Posted in R/A

by

071-966

MYERS, XXXXXXXX DAVID BLAIR

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6 150 17 BRN BRN W M LACO

JUV. DETAINING ORDER
3-5-64 3:50 PM

WHITTIER PD
CJ 2400

Juvenile

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
BOOKING AND PROPERTY RECORD**

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| FILE NUMBER | | 1 | |
| NAME: LAST | | FIRST | MIDDLE |
| MYERS | | DAVID | BLAIR |
| BIRTHDATE | AGE | AKA | 3 |
| HT. | WT. | HAIR | EYES |
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| | | | RPTG. DIST. |
| CHARGE (CODE NO. AND DEFINITION) | | | |
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| WARR/COMM NO. | | ARRESTING AGENCY & DETAIL | |
| JUV. DETAINING ORDER | | L A S O | |
| PRISONER'S COMPLETE SIGNATURE | | X David Blair Myers | |
| DATE & TIME BKG. | WHERE BOOKED | JAIL LOC | ADDRESS OF ARREST |
| 3-6-64 | DEPT. 96 | | * |
| BIRTHPLACE | SOCIAL SEC. NO. | SCARS, MARKS, TATTOO, AND/OR ANY ADD'L ID CHARAC. | |
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| DRIV. LIC. NO. | STATE | RESIDENCE ADDRESS | CITY |
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| IN OF ILLNESS NOTIFY: RELATIONSHIP, ADDRESS, CITY, PHONE | | | RECENT INJURY |
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| EMPLOYER | | | |
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| ARRESTING OFFICER | | BOOKING OFFICER | TRANSPORTING OFFICER |
| | | | HAMLIN #2307 |
| CASH | | BELT | GLASSES |
| | | | MISCELLANEOUS |
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| THE FOREGOING CASH AND PROPERTY IS TO BE RETURNED AT MAIN JAIL OR UPON RELEASE | | | PRISONER'S SIGNATURE FOR REC'T OF FOREGOING |
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3-13-64 FILE NO 7 990 641

BOOKING OF CENTRAL JAIL

PLEASE HAVE DAVID BLAIR MYERS BVC NO. 071 966 TANK 0400, CENTRAL
JAIL DRESSED AND READY TO BE RELEASED AT 10/00 A.M. 3-16-64
/REFER LT L W DEEVES NO 19 FILE NO 7 990 641/
PETER J. PITCHESS, CHIEF

TSC HAM SVGG 533, PM

APR 16 1964
RELEASED BY:

X Earl J. [illegible]
RELEASED TO: AGENCY *FLORIDA State*
CUST. OF *.....*

EXPIRATION ☐ FINE ☐ BAIL ☐

REC NO.

PRISONER'S SIGNATURE (WHEN BOOKED)

PRISONER'S SIGNATURE (WHEN RELEASED)

X *David Blair Myers*

X *David B Myers*

WHEN BOOKED
RIGHT FINGERS

FINGERPRINTS

WHEN RELEASED
RIGHT FINGERS



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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| BOOKING NUMBER 071-966 | | FILE NUMBER | | JAIL RECORDS | |
| NAME: LAST <i>DAVID</i> FIRST MYERS, DVID BLAIR | | MIDDLE | | | |
| AGE 17 | | AKA NONE | | 2 | |
| HT. 6 | WT. 150 | HAIR BRN | EYES BRN | RACE W | SEX M |
| RPTG. DIST. LACO | | 4 | | 3 | |
| CHARGE (CODE NO. AND DEFINITION) | | | | | |
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| AD. CHG. BAIL | | | | 6 | |
| WARR./COMM. NO. JUD. DETAINING ORDER | | ARRESTING AGENCY & DETAIL WHITTIER PD | | PRISONER'S COMPLETE SIGNATURE X | |
| DATE & TIME BKD. 3-6-64 3:30 PM | | WHERE BOOKED CJ | | JAIL LOC. 2400 | |
| ADDRESS OF ARREST | | * | | | |
| BIRTHPLACE SIOUX FALLS, S. D. | | SOCIAL SEC. NO. UNKN | | SCARS, MARKS, TATTOO, AND/OR ANY ADD'L ID CHARAC. NONE VIS | |
| DRIV. LIC. NO. IOWA | | STATE | | CITY | |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS JB22 900 & V. WILLOW, CHEROKEE, & IOWA | | CITY | | | |
| IN CASE OF ILLNESS NOTIFY: RELATIONSHIP, ADDRESS, CITY, PHONE XXXXXXXX BLAIR MYERS, FATHER, SAME | | | | | RECENT INJURY NO |
| OCCUPATION UNEMP | | EMPLOYER | | | |
| ARRESTING OFFICER | | BOOKING OFFICER KEMPER | | TRANSPORTING OFFICER TST | |
| BOOKING CLERK STAMPS | | | | | |
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| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | |
| THE FOREGOING CASH AND PROPERTY IS TO BE RETURNED AT MAIN JAIL OR UPON RELEASE | | | | | |
| CASH | | RING | | WATCH | |
| MISCELLANEOUS BLK COMB | | PRISONER'S SIGNATURE FOR REC'T OF FOREGOING X <i>David B. Myers</i> | | | |
| RELIGIOUS METAL ON CHAIN | | | | | |
| THE FOREGOING CASH AND PROPERTY WILL BE RETURNED UPON RELEASE OR REQUISITION | | | | | |
| PRISONER'S SIG. FOR REC'T OF REMAINING CASH & PROPERTY | | | | | |

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
JUVENILE COURT

Order Detaining Minor

IN THE MATTER OF

DAVID BLAIR MYERS

A MINOR

NUMBER AND AREA OFFICE

REASON FOR DETENTION

Section ☐ 600a, ☐ 600b,
☐ 601, ☐ 602 JCL

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS ORDERED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR BE DETAINED TEMPORARILY IN

~~A JUVENILE HALL~~

*COUNTY JAIL, pending release to
Iowa state authorities.*

TO APPEAR IN COURT ON

IN DEPARTMENT

L.A.

DATE

3-6-64

Wm H. Rosenthal
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

COPY TO PLACE OF DETENTION

76T301 PROB 342 8-62

DEPARTMENT OF THE SHERIFF
PRISONER RELEASE ORDER

To the Jailer, Los Angeles County Jail:

3-16, 1964

This will be your order to release

Prisoner Myers, David Blair Jail No. 071-966 Tank Charge Eng. Inv. Ct # 293439, for the following reason: Bail (☐)Released by Officer (☐) Time Expired (☐) Paroled (☐) Fine Paid (☐).Or in custody of Lower State Authorities

Z-990-641

PETER J. PITCHESS, Sheriff,

By Kenneth W. Hammon St # 25
Deputy

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 2/26/69

FROM : SA R.J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re memo of SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR., dated
10/7/68 (serial 2275).

RE: DAVID MYERS

In an effort to determine whether or not there is in existence an arrest record for DAVID MYERS mentioned in referenced memo, contact was made with Sergeant LYNN POOS, Sheriff's Information Bureau, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

On 2/24/69, Sergeant POOS advised that there are numerous references to DAVID MYERS with variations of spelling of the surname. None of those reviewed by him have a date of birth of [REDACTED] in Los Angeles County. Neither do any of those files reviewed by him reflect a residence in the 1600 block of Turk in La Puente, California.

POOS made available however, copies of investigative reports with respect to one DAVID BLAIR MYERS, who was born on [REDACTED]. An investigation was conducted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office in 1964 in connection with this individual, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case number 293439.

He also made available copies of an investigative file concerning one DAVID LEE MYERS, born [REDACTED] who has been assigned Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office Booking number C549494. A photograph of DAVID LEE MYERS was also furnished by Sergeant POOS.

It does not appear, from a review of these files that either is identical with the DAVID MYERS mentioned in Los Angeles memo.

Copies of these investigative reports of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office are attached herewith.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 2/26/69

FROM : SA R.J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE: JOHN N. DAWSON, aka
Jack Dawson

On 2/20/69, Sergeant MIKE NEILSEN, Los Angeles Police Department, SUS Unit, advised that in connection with investigation being conducted relative to the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the following information has been located:

On 6/7/68, personnel of the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, recorded a telephone conversation from an individual who refused to identify himself. The anonymous caller stated that one JACK DAWSON, and an employee of the Post Office "the big one", has had homosexual acts together." The source was referring to the fact that DAWSON was a close friend of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. The source described DAWSON as a male Caucasian, 5'9½" with blond hair and a "small nose."

NEILSEN advised the Los Angeles Police Department has been unable to identify anyone by the name of DAWSON employed at the Post Office and requested assistance from the FBI in doing so.

On 2/20/69, SA LA JEUNESSE contacted Postal Inspector JAMES PETERSON relative to identifying a U.S. Post Office Department employee by the name of JACK DAWSON.

On 2/24/69, PETERSON advised in extreme confidence, that one JOHN N. DAWSON, also known as Jack Dawson is currently employed as a mail carrier in the Hollywood Station. He has been employed by the U.S. Post Office Department since February 1961. He is described as follows:

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| Name | JOHN N. DAWSON, aka Jack Dawson |
| Race | Not indicated |
| Sex | Male |

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Birth Data

Williamsport, Pennsylvania
Height 5'8½"
Weight 180 pounds
Hair Blond
Residence 1845 North Gramercy
Hollywood, California

Social Security
Number

Relatives

Brother - RICHARD L. DAWSON
1024 South Union Place
Los Angeles, California

On 2/24/69, the foregoing information was telephonically furnished to Sergeant NEILSEN, however, the source of the information was not discussed with him. This is being the subject of this memo in the event it is of possible future use and or significance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-67358)

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: WALTER CROWE
SM - C

DATE: 2/20/69

| SOURCE | ACTIVITY | RECEIVED | AGENT | LOCATION |
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| LA 4688-S | Info re association between WALTER CROWE & SIRHAN SIRHAN | 1/23/69 | | 134-2702A-622A |

Informant's report has been xeroxed and is attached.

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

INDEX: SIRHAN SIRHAN

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Read by [Signature]

Walter Crowe and Sirhan were close friends during grade school and high school days to the point where they would exchange such things as phonograph records. During this period Crowe was not a member of the Communist Party, but was a socialist in his thinking.

During late April or early May, 1968, Walter Crowe spent an evening with Sirhan Sirhan.

Following the above meeting Crowe felt that Sirhan had become stagnant and despondent and had not advanced in his politically ^{or emotional} thinking. Crowe felt that by his having gone to college he had progressed politically and intellectually, and that he and Sirhan had nothing in common. ^{any more.} Crowe felt that Sirhan thought politically along Marxist lines in that there is a ruling class and ^{that} imperialism does exist, but that Sirhan was not a political activist.

Crowe felt Sirhan was despondent because of the Arab problems which Sirhan blamed on the U.S. support to Israel, But mainly because Sirhan as an arab felt racial prejudice in America as a Mexican-American does. Crowe lived at his family's home following his graduation from UCLA in the Spring, 1968 until about June 10, 1968, when he moved into the coop at UCLA. He stayed at the coop during the summer quarter of 1968, although he was not attending the University, and then returned to live at his family's home. Following his graduation from UCLA, Crowe got a job as a social worker for Los Angeles County. He has worked steadily at this job since that time.

Crowe continued attending Communist Party meeting until October, 1968. Crowe never attempted to recruit Sirhan into the Communist Party. Sirhan never discussed Robert Kennedy with Crowe.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 2/24/69

FROM : *WJM*
PMJ SAC, BUFFALO (62-2328) (RUC)

SUBJECT: TAHA ADIB AHMAD, aka
Tom Adib Ahmad,
Tom Adib Ahmed,
Tom Ahmed Said
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: BUFFALO)

On 1/20/69, the Buffalo Office received a hand-printed communication, requesting an investigation into the activities of TOM AHMED SAID of 1432 Bailey Avenue. This communication was signed, "Interested Citizens and Taxpayers." The letter reads as follows:

"F.B.I.

"To whom it may concern

"We think you should investigate the activities of Tom Ahmed Said of 1432 Bailey Ave.

"He is an Arab who made a trip to California a few years ago with his brothers. We are wondering if it had anything to do with Sirhan Sirhan or with hashish. He is a very sneaky man and a good liar. He has a wife and many children, and he has maintained another apartment near S.U.N.Y.A.B., where he has been a student. He seems to have a lot of money for a man with a large family.

"We think he may have cheated the welfare dept., if he didn't receive payment for illegal activities.

"Interested Citizens and Taxpayers."

On 1/24/69 a review of the Buffalo City Directory revealed that TOM AHMED SAID, 1432 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, and

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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was employed at Republic Steel Corporation as a crane operator.

On 2/5/69, Mr. NORMAN GANGLOFF, Investigator, INS, Buffalo, N. Y., advised that INS records revealed that captioned individual was admitted to the United States on 9/17/57, along with his wife, ZEREFEH A. AHMED or AHMAD. He stated the records reveal that AHMED had five children, owned a 1962 Chevrolet, and listed prior addresses as 38 Davey Street, Buffalo, and 132 Clara Street, Buffalo. Mr. GANGLOFF stated AHMED became a naturalized citizen on 5/11/61 at Buffalo, N. Y. and was issued Naturalization Number [REDACTED]

On 2/6/69, SE TERENCE W. KELLEY, caused a check to be made of the records of the Buffalo Retail Merchants Credit Association and Erie County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Identification, Buffalo Police Department. No information was obtained re captioned individual.

On 2/3/69, a review of the Student Directory at State University of New York at Buffalo, for the current academic year, revealed that subject was not listed as a student.

On 2/14/69, Mrs. MARGARET L. MESMER, Clerk, INS, Buffalo, advised that TAHA ADIB AHMAD had filed a petition for Naturalization which petition was granted and Certificate Number [REDACTED] was issued. She stated that a review of the application revealed the following:

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|-----------------|--|
| Place of Birth | Jerusalem, Jordan, Palestine |
| Date of Birth | [REDACTED] |
| Marital Status | Married, 5/12/57 |
| Wife | ZARIEEH AHMAD, nee Ashkar, born [REDACTED] |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Height | 5' 9" |
| Weight | 162 |
| Scars and Marks | None |

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She further stated that AHMAD was admitted to the United States on 9/17/57 under ARN [REDACTED]. She said that AHMAD's central file could be located in Washington, D. C. under that number.

On 2/14/69, Mr. BRUCE JENSON, Special Agent, Federal Narcotics Bureau, Buffalo, was contacted, and he advised that his office indices did not contain any record on captioned subject.

Legat, Ottawa

2/26/69

Director, FBI (62-587)

KENSALT

RE: STUS PRUSZYNSKI

Attached for the information of the Los Angeles Office are copies of a communication received from RCMP through Legat, Ottawa.

In view of the fact that Pruszyński purports to have a tape which recorded events during the period immediately subsequent to the shooting of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Legat, through appropriate sources, obtain a copy of this tape for submission to the Laboratory for examination. Upon completion of the examination, it will be forwarded to Los Angeles.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
BE ADDRESSED:
THE COMMISSIONER
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OTTAWA 7, CANADA



TOUTE CORRESPONDANCE DOIT
ÊTRE ADRESSÉE COMME SUIVIT
LE COMMISSAIRE
GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA
OTTAWA 7, CANADA

HEADQUARTERS - DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE

YOUR NO. _____
VOTRE N° _____

OTTAWA 7, CANADA

OUR NO. 68HQ-791-C-148
NOTRE N° _____

February 13, 1969:

Mr. Moss Lee Innes,
c/o United States Embassy,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Stus PRUSZYNSKI
Potential Witness in the
Assassination of Senator
Robert F. KENNEDY

Attached are copies of Montreal report dated February 5, 1969 which referred to Airtel and correspondence of December 19, 1968. It appears that the recording was made immediately after the shots were fired and may be of no value to your investigation. If the Bureau desires, arrangements can be made to copy the tape with Mr. PRUSZYNSKI's permission for study purposes at a later date. Please advise any specific wish in this respect.

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DATE 8-21-86 BY G-1 BJA/14

W.F.G. Perry, Insp., C.N. 255, 315
A/Officer in Charge,
Criminal Investigation Branch.

Encl.

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| OTHER FILE REFERENCES: REF. AUTRES DOSSIERS: | DIVISION "C" | DATE 5 FEB 69 | RCMP FILE REFERENCES: REF. DOSSIERS GRC: |
| | SUB-DIVISION - SOUS-DIVISION | 68GIS 790-165 | |
| | DETACHMENT - DETACHEMENT | 68C 790-221 | |
| | Montreal G.I.S. | | |

RE:
OBJET:

Stus PRUSZYNSKI
Potential Witness in the
Assassination of Senator Robert F. KENNEDY

1. With reference to FBI report dated 19 DEC 68, please be informed that the requested investigation was conducted as follows.

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2. Mr. Stus PRUSZYNSKI was interviewed at 21 Crascent, Apt. 4, Montreal, Quebec. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI readily informed that he had followed Senator Robert F. KENNEDY during the American election campaign, along with some twenty other reporters. At the time, he was reporting the events for HARPER & ROW LTD, PUBLISHERS, 35 Great Russells Street, London, W.C.I., telephone Museum 1343/4. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI explained that he was following Senator KENNEDY inside the Ambassador Hotel from a distance of approximately 10 to 15 yards, with other reporters in the crowd. After leaving the embassy room, he was a short distance in the hallway leading to the kitchen when the commotion and confusion began over the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He forced his way through the crowd into the kitchen area, and, saw Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN being subdued by several persons a short distance from Senator KENNEDY who laid, wounded, on the floor. During the commotion and confusion that existed while SIRHAN was being apprehended, he saw the assailant who still had the revolver in his hand and it was being pointed aimlessly at the crowd during the struggle. Momentarily, he became anxious to assist; however, the assailant was quickly disarmed and subdued by several persons.
3. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI readily admitted that he had made a tape recording which he produced without hesitation. He explained that the tape contained a recording of the commotion and reaction of the crowd, including interviews with different persons in attempts to obtain precise information on the assassination for assessment and actual reporting.
4. Apart from the above, Mr. PRUSZYNSKI maintained that he had no material of interest on record, taped or written. He had not witnessed the assassination of Senator KENNEDY because he was behind, in the crowd, as previously explained. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI tried to play the tape. Unfortunately, his recorder was not functioning properly and the recording could not be heard for comments. Nevertheless, his full cooperation was extended to the point that this tape can be heard when his recorder is repaired and that the tape can be duplicated, if necessary.

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Stus PRUSZYNSKI
Potential Witness in the
Assassination of Senator Robert K. KENNEDY

5. The presence of reporter PRUSZYNSKI at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was no doubt arranged through proper channels of the press. His occupation and employment is his valid reason for being there at the time of the assassination. His presence was certainly well known at all times to all other reporters and no doubt by the Kennedy Committee. Considering that PRUSZYNSKI did not witness the assassination and his tape recorder is an aftermath of the tragedy, further action appears unwarranted here unless the F.B.I. would be interested in the tape available from this reporter for comparison purposes. Reporter PRUSZYNSKI could not recall seeing any suspect activities in the crowd and could not supply information of particular interest.

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The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa:

Your: 68HQ-791-C-148

1. FORWARDED for your information. This file is concluded here subject to be re-opened should you feel that the tape-recording be required by the F.B.I.

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J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : SA J.R.SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 3/1/69

Following for record only.

At about 9 PM on 2/28/69 I received a telephone call from the office advising that a Mrs. McQUEARY, telephone 798-2136, requested that I call her - urgently.

I telephoned the above number and talked with Mrs. ROSE McQUEARY who states that she resides at 75 South Craig, Pasadena.

Mrs. McQUEARY was then at the SIRHAN residence in Pasadena and asked if I could make arrangements for Mrs. MARY SIRHAN to talk with her son privately, that the mother thought that through a private conversation she could "calm SIRHAN down".

I told Mrs. McQUEARY that I was in no position to handle her request inasmuch as the matter was in the hands of the authorities of the State of California; secondly, any such request would have to be made through SIRHAN's attorneys and finally that Mrs. SIRHAN was well acquainted with the attorneys and could better handle the request herself.

With regard to Mrs. McQUEARY I had contacted her about 8 to 10 years in either a 42 or 25 case and possibly one other case perhaps 3 to 5 years ago.

*Deputy Chief
Robert A. Houghton
advised 3/3/69*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: March 3, 1969

FROM : SA Billy Dale Hubbard

SUBJECT: KENSALT

PSI GERAID DAVID PURER telephonically advised this date that WALTER CROWE is an employee of the county employed as a Social Worker at the Office of Bureau Public Social Services, S. Broadway, Los Angeles, California, where he is also employed. PSI advised he had ascertained that CROWE is to testify as a character witness for SIRHAN on next date, 3/4/69.

PSI advised that CROWE was at one time a member of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America and a Communist Party member, but he does not know if this association continues on the part of CROWE. PSI advised that CROWE had met Sirhan when they were attending college together. PSI further added that CROWE, at the present time, has a draft appeal going on and at one time was going to Canada, but due to his father having a stroke, CROWE remained in Los Angeles.

This information is being furnished for information purposes only. SI cards of CROWE are current regarding his employment.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAA RICHARD S. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 3/4/69

On 3/4/69, while discussing another matter with Mr. LAWRENCE W. SOMMERVILLE, Antitrust Division Attorney at Los Angeles, Mr. SOMMERVILLE mentioned that his son was a school acquaintance of SIRHAN SIRHAN and had taken some classes with him. He advised that on the evening of the assassination his son, LAWRENCE D. SOMMERVILLE, ran into SIRHAN at Pasadena City College. SOMMERVILLE stated that as nearly as he could reconstruct, this contact would have been around 7:30 p.m. He said that on the day following the assassination when SIRHAN's identity was disclosed on the news his son exclaimed that he knew SIRHAN and had spoken to him on the previous night. He said his son told him that he had not seen SIRHAN for a long time but spoke to him calling him by name whereupon SIRHAN spoke to his son and called him by name.

Mr. SOMMERVILLE advised that he had his son call the Pasadena Police Department and advise them of his acquaintance with SIRHAN and the police indicated they would notify the Los Angeles police authorities. SOMMERVILLE stated that his son has never been contacted by the police but subsequently around December of last year someone from ABC news visited the SOMMERVILLE home and spoke with his son. They had a woman TV reporter and a cameraman there during the interview. He said he never saw this on television and did not know whether the interview ever appeared on television.

This matter was brought up by SOMMERVILLE during a conversation about a possible threatening letter that SOMMERVILLE had received and he brought up the SIRHAN matter as a possibility for the person sending him this letter obtaining his address. However, he said he considered this to be unlikely as the letter was directed to him at his official job designation and address.

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Mr. SOMMERVILLE advised that he resides at 1863 Elevado Avenue, Arcadia, California, telephone 355-8395. He said his son attends school but could usually be contacted in the afternoons. He remarked that his son was home today.

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Date: 3/4/69

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On 3/3/69 LYNN COMPTON, who is head of the District Attorney's staff handling the case involving SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, was contacted regarding the inquiries made by the Department of Justice. These inquiries were reviewed with Mr. COMPTON, and he advised that he had no objection to the FBI conducting discreet inquiry in this matter at this time. He further added that the questions posed by the Department as concerns WALTER CROWE had been resolved to a great degree by the investigation conducted to date, and that he considered the CROWE matter completed.

On 3/3/69 Deputy Chief ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), was contacted, and Deputy Chief HOUGHTON advised that he felt inquiries along this line might be better instituted following the conclusion of the current trial. He advised that the LAPD, on the basis of the polygraph examination and FBI reports, has concluded that THOMAS GOOD has no connection with the current matter, and that WALTER CROWE has fully cooperated in his interviews that were conducted by the LAPD.

In connection with Item 1 of the Department's request,

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the Departmental memorandum notes parenthetically that CROWE identified two other persons who were former students whom he recognized and who were friends of SIRHAN. The polygraph examination, on page 14, indicates that two friends of SIRHAN came into the restaurant where CROWE and SIRHAN were speaking, and that CROWE did not know these individuals, though he did indicate that they all went out and had some beer. CROWE was also asked during the polygraph examination whether or not GOOD was present on February 2, to which he answered "No", which was not indicated as an untruthful response.

With regard to Item 2, the activities of CROWE were set forth for June 4 in Los Angeles letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 1/27/69.

In connection with the Department's request for additional police reports, they are now in possession of all data with regard to the WALTER CROWE aspect of this matter.

The Department also asked, in addition to interviewing members of the Students Club, that the FBI identify and interview CROWE's "friend BILL." This is LA 4688-S, who was interviewed at length by Departmental Attorney ROBERT CRANDALL while he was in Los Angeles at the specific request of the Department concerning CROWE.

It is anticipated that WALTER CROWE will possibly be utilized by the defense on 3/5/69 as a witness.

At the present time Los Angeles has developed a source who is closely acquainted with CROWE at his place of employment, and as of 3/4/69 CROWE advised that he had been in contact with the defense attorney, GRANT COOPER, on the morning of 3/4/69, and that COOPER plans to ask him only one or two questions on the stand, which would concern themselves with the change in SIRHAN's personality from the time CROWE last saw him in 1965 until he saw him in early May of 1968.

For the information of other offices, Los Angeles LHM of 1/27/69 reported on CROWE's joining the Communist Party and his subsequent dropping the Communist Party in approximately October 1968.

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The request of the Department concerning other members of the Student Club of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP) is being reviewed. Their individual files are being analyzed, and it is anticipated that following CROWE's appearance on the witness stand, which will receive due publicity, these members will be contacted for any information they may possess regarding statements by CROWE as concerns SIRHAN and any information they themselves may possess concerning SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. At the same time, it should be noted that there is absolutely no indication that any members of this Club have ever been associated in any way with SIRHAN, the SIRHAN family or the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

The San Francisco Division is origin in the case involving THOMAS GOOD, and, accordingly, for the benefit of San Francisco there is enclosed herewith a photograph of WALTER CROWE to be utilized in connection with their interview of GOOD. (San Francisco File 100-56267). It is noted that the Department in the opening paragraph of its memorandum indicates that GOOD, as well as CROWE, was a member of the SCDCP. There is no information available at Los Angeles to indicate that GOOD was ever a member of the Communist Party in the Southern California District. His membership apparently is at San Jose, California, in the Communist Party Youth Club in the Northern District.

For the benefit of the Miami and New York Divisions for display to high level informants, there are enclosed photographs of THOMAS GOOD, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and WALTER SHERRILL CROWE. Each office is requested to prepare the results of their efforts in an insert form suitable for inclusion in a LHM that will be prepared by Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Division will interview all persons named by the Department and attempt to identify the two individuals whom CROWE and SIRHAN met on 5/2/68.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

Assassination of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy
on June 5, 1968

In connection with your investigation into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, it has been brought to my attention that one Walter S. Crowe, Jr., and one Thomas D. Good, both of whom were high school and Pasadena City College acquaintances of Sirhan B. Sirhan, and who have been identified as close friends of Sirhan, have been members of youth sections of the Southern California District Communist Party.

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Crowe has admitted to the Bureau that on May 2, 1968, approximately four weeks before the assassination, he spent an evening with Sirhan and that their conversation on that occasion included a discussion about the Communist Party. According to information furnished on June 5, 1968, to your Bureau by a reliable confidential source, the conversation also included an attempt by Crowe to recruit Sirhan into the Communist Party. On July 18, 1968, Crowe admitted to a Los Angeles Police Department polygraph examiner that he and Sirhan had also discussed politics, Senator Kennedy, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and revolutionary tactics. According to the transcript of the polygraph examiner's interview, Crowe stated that he "may have tried to interest" Sirhan in joining the Communist Party, and that Sirhan "could have" spoken of the possibility of shooting Senator Kennedy. Finally, Crowe has told your Bureau that he has a "dreadful" fear that he might have

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been responsible for the assassination, and he has told the polygraph examiner, "I would have to say that I have to share the guilt." Unrelated "Security Matter" investigations by your Bureau have confirmed the Communist Party memberships of Crowe and Good.

In view of the foregoing, I want to make sure that your investigation into this matter includes a full inquiry into the possibility that the killing of Senator Kennedy might have had its genesis in a conspiracy involving Communist Party members and that Sirhan might have been a knowing or unknowing instrument thereof. Your inquiry in that regard should include efforts to:

1. Identify and interview the other two individuals who, according to Crowe, were with him and Sirhan on the evening of May 2, 1968. (Crowe said that the other two persons were former students whom he recognized and who were friends of Sirhan.) Notwithstanding Crowe's and Good's statements to the contrary, your inquiry should include the possibility that Thomas Good was with Crowe and Sirhan on May 2, in view of Crowe's statement to the Los Angeles Police Department that:

I -- suppose he had never met, you know, Tom [subsequently identified by Crowe as Tom Good] and I, suppose we hadn't been there, what -- would he have -- would his frustrations have come out on a -- to -- on a political level.

In this regard, we have noted that numerous revolutionary-type writings, as well as notations under date of May 18, 1968, about killing Senator Kennedy, appear in Sirhan's notebook just a few pages after the notations "Tom" and "Walter." In attempting to identify the other two persons, please also identify and interview the "other seven members" of the

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"Student Club of the Communist Party" which Crowe admitted forming at UCLA in April 1967, as well as the persons mentioned by Crowe to the Los Angeles Police Department as being mutual friends of [Crowe] and Sirhan (Charles Krill, Lou Bennett, Walter Kohn, and Gordon Wear). Finally, please identify and interview Crowe's "friend Bill the guy that lives at the co-op" (see polygraph examination), whom Crowe apparently spoke to about his May 2 meeting with Sirhan.

2. Ascertain, if possible, the activities of Crowe and Good on June 4-5, 1968.

3. Corroborate and/or refute the inconsistent stories of Crowe and Crowe's mother concerning the circumstances leading up to the May 2 meeting between Crowe and Sirhan (apparently their first contact since 1965).

We would appreciate your obtaining for us any Los Angeles Police Department reports relating to their investigation into this aspect of the case (other than the interview of Crowe's mother and the polygraph examination of Crowe).

Finally, I have noted the information set forth in September 1968 memoranda of your Bureau concerning Students for a Democratic Society that on August 24, 1968, Thomas Good traveled from Dallas, Texas, to Havana, Cuba, by way of Mexico City. Please advise whether any other information is available concerning this trip, and whether there is any indication that Crowe traveled outside the United States at any time.

In view of the fact that the Sirhan trial is now in progress, please contact District Attorney Ivellie J. Younger and Deputy Chief Robert A. Houghton of the Los Angeles Police Department before conducting the investigation requested above. If District Attorney Younger or Deputy Chief Houghton have any objection to this aspect of the case being explored at this time, the inquiry should await the conclusion of the Sirhan trial.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call: Jerry Littman
News Secretary
626-3888, Ext. 82396

RELEASE: Wed., Feb. 26, 1969
After 10 a.m.

WEEKLY SUMMARY #38

Re: The assassination of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Note to editors: Because of the widespread interest in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, and proceedings in court, the Office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger is publishing a weekly summary of the case. This is the 38th summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 -- The prosecution today called seven witnesses in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Roosevelt Grier, former Los Angeles Ram tackle and now host of a TV show, told the court that he folded Sirhan's leg around his (Grier's) arm "and put him on top of a table."

Soon after grabbing Sirhan, Grier related, he saw "one guy hurting his leg and some people coming at him from the front, so I swung on them and kicked the guy back and they seemed to realize we were trying to save the guy, so they stopped."

Another witness was Assemblyman Jesse Unruh, who said he was "terribly aware that we could have a repeat of the Oswald situation," and shouted repeatedly, "Don't kill him, don't kill him, we've got to keep him alive."

(Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy in November, 1963, was murdered before being brought to trial).

Unruh also declared that he shouted, "If the system works at all,

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at all, we are going to try this one" -- presumably Sirhan, reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

The newspaper also related that "defense questioning of both Grier and Unruh brought out that Sen. Kennedy's detour through the kitchen corridor where he met death was a last minute change of plan."

Also testifying was Vincent DiPierro, a part-time waiter at the hotel.

The newspaper noted that he had acknowledged seeing a "girl in the polka dot dress" and further acknowledged that on July 1 he admitted his story was false.

"Monday DiPierro testified that he had seen a girl in a polka dot dress earlier that night, and that after talking to another witness, Sandra Serrano, he had 'injected' the girl into the events immediately surrounding the shooting.

"At that time both Miss Serrano and DiPierro described the girl as wearing a black and white polka dot dress and standing near Sirhan, perhaps even talking to him.

"Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts produced seven photographs of Valerie Schulte, whom Di Pierro said he believed was the same girl. In the photographs, however, Miss Schulte's dress was of yellow polka dots on a golden background. No further connection was made between Miss Schulte and the shooting scene."

Other witnesses today included John W. Gallivan, Jr., an advance man for the late senator; Jesus Perez, Ambassador Hotel kitchen worker; Martin Patrusky, a hotel bartender; and Frank J. Burns, Jr., a Kennedy campaign worker.

"All gave eyewitness accounts of the slaying, Perez and Patrusky

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testifying that Sirhan had loitered in the corridor for about half an hour before Sen. Kennedy came through, repeatedly asking if they knew whether he planned to come that way," reported Dave Smith, staff writer for a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 -- Testifying today for the prosecution in the Sirhan B. Sirhan case were:

Everett C. Buckner, rangemaster of the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club where Sirhan went target-practicing June 4, the eve of the assassination;

Valerie Schulte, 22, former manager of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's campaign office in Goleta, and who was identified from photographs as the girl Vincent DiPierro, a witness yesterday, thought he saw near the scene of the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel;

William Barry, chief of security for the slain senator; and

Rafer Johnson, former Olympics decathlon champion.

Reported Dave Smith, staff writer for a Los Angeles newspaper ("

"The cross-examination of witnesses helped dismiss for awhile the underlying fact that the outcome of this phase of Sirhan's trial -- now seven weeks old -- is a foregone conclusion: Sirhan did kill Sen. Kennedy and will not be acquitted; the only point at issue is determining the penalty.

"En route to that point, the prosecution is laying out its entire case in an effort to show that Sirhan's act was sufficiently premeditated to warrant a conviction of first-degree murder.

"The defense is bearing with the testimony on the uncontested point in order to undermine whatever evidence of premeditation they can and, if necessary, discredit witnesses who could strengthen the prosecution claim of malice aforethought."

The newspaper reported that Defense Atty. Grant B. Cooper "employed this tactic" on Buckner. In attacking his credibility, "Cooper also wrote the finish to a statement that months ago provided slight fuel to speculation that Sirhan might have been part of a conspiracy."

This came about when Cooper cited a statement of Buckner's last summer.

"Didn't you say that a lady was with him (Sirhan)?" Cooper asked. The witness replied, "No, I said a lady came up and he showed her how to shoot."

Continued Cooper to Buckner, "Did you or did you not say at that time that the lady told Sirhan, 'Get out of here, God damn you. Somebody will recognize us?'"

Buckner denied making the statement, then said he had told police "it sounded that way," and that "I couldn't hear them that well."

Cooper then asked Buckner if he had not taken a lie detector test and flunked it. Buckner answered he had "just flunked on that question."

At this point, Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Pitts objected to the lie detector tests, stating they were inadmissible. The exchange was stricken from the record.

Miss Schulte told the court that she couldn't have run at all last June 4, because she was on crutches as the result of a skiing accident, and still wears a brace on her right leg.

(DiPierro and Sandra Serrano, a witness yet to be called, told investigators last summer they had seen a girl in a black and white polka dot dress, talking to Sirhan and that she later ran from the scene, shouting, "We shot him.")

Miss Schulte said she was wearing a polka dot dress, but not black and white. She exhibited the garment she wore that night. It was a

lime green mini-dress with canary yellow polka dots.

The witness also related she never even noticed Sirhan until the first shot was fired.

Barry described in a subdued and halting voice how he got separated from Kennedy, and explained that the Senator after finishing a victory statement jumped from the back of the stage instead of returning in Barry's direction.

(He said he was back in the crowd, assisting Mrs. Kennedy and trying to catch up when the first shot was fired).

Johnson told of his part in the struggle to subdue Sirhan after the first shot was fired. Johnson related that he took possession of Sirhan's gun, after Roosevelt Grier, former Los Angeles Rams tackle, who testified yesterday, disarmed the suspect.

"One brief flurry of excitement interrupted the trial when (Superior) Judge Herbert V. Walker ordered the courtroom cleared after Bailiff Willard Polhemus reported a ticking noise in his desk," reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

"After a short search, it was discovered that telephone repairs in the building were causing a solenoid in Polhemus' desk phone to click at regular intervals."

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 -- The prosecution in the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy today called the following to testify:

George Plimpton, author, editor and Kennedy supporter;

Paul Schrade, regional vice president of the United Auto Workers and a member of the senator's entourage, who was among those injured.

Larry Kenneth Arnot, a former clerk at a Pasadena gun shop;

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, who was injured the night of the assassination.

Ira Goldstein, who was also injured;

Irving Stroll, another person who sustained injuries;

George C. Erhard, Jr., who sold the gun used in the assassination to Sirhan's brother, Munir;

William Price, who accompanied Erhard and another man to the scene of the gun sale; and

Mrs. Albert Leslie Hertz, who said she gave the gun to her daughter.

Mrs. Dana Westlake, who also testified today.

Plimpton, according to a Los Angeles newspaper (Times), said that after Sirhan shot Kennedy and was grabbed by aides of the senator, Sirhan was, "compared to the circle of people around him . . . enormously composed. . .

"Amid this hurricane of sound and feeling, he seemed like the eye of the hurricane . . . He seemed purged," the newspaper quoted Plimpton.

The author told the court that immediately after the shooting he grabbed for the gun along with several others, but didn't see the senator

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fall to the floor.

~~"I didn't have enough courage to look back in that direction,"~~ he added.

Schrade testified about being seriously wounded in the hail of gunfire and when walking with the senator he observed "all hell breaking loose. I heard some crackling noises, like electricity, and I saw some flashes. I was badly shaken and I thought we were being electrocuted."

He was shot in the head, just above the hairline, but has since recovered.

Arnot, acknowledged under questioning by Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts, that he sold two boxes of .22-caliber ammunition to Sirhan.

"Then," related a Los Angeles newspaper (Times) "he began to tell of three men -- one of them presumably Sirhan -- who entered the shop on the date of the sale.

"Arnot was quickly interrupted by Fitts, who asked him if a lie detector test later administered to him had not cast doubt on that story.

"Arnot admitted that this was true.

"Defense Atty. Grant B. Cooper then asked Arnot: 'The truth of the matter is, you don't remember to whom you sold that ammunition, do you?'

"'No,' said Arnot."

Erhard said he and Price and another person, whom he could not remember, met Munir Sirhan on a Pasadena street corner and sold the gun to Munir for \$25, after originally demanding \$30.

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Price related that Munir Sirhan borrowed \$5 from Sirhan Sirhan when Munir purchased the gun. Price also recalled holding the weapon and turning it over to Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Tracing the history of the gun was Mrs. Hertz who said her husband originally purchased it following the Watts riots of 1965. She testified she gave the gun to her daughter, Mrs. Westlake, and told her to "throw it on the dump," according to a story in a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

Mrs. Westlake testified she didn't throw the gun on the dump but instead stored it in the attic of her home.

In the fall of 1967, she gave it to Erhard, the newspaper related.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 -- "Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker's insistence that the jury determine any penalty in the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has all but eliminated the possibility of a guilty plea by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan," a Los Angeles newspaper (Times) reported today.

Continued the article:

"Sirhan and his attorneys were willing to plead guilty to first degree murder last week -- on condition that the defendant be guaranteed a life term rather than the death penalty.

"But Sirhan balked at the last minute, when Judge Walker refused to give his required consent to the arrangement. The 69-year old jurist indicated he would accept a guilty plea only on condition that the penalty be set by the jury.

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"Later he is said to have confided that his reason for this was a resolve to guarantee a full airing of the facts surrounding the senator's assassination.

"Sirhan then reportedly took the position, after consulting with his lawyers, that the jury might vote the death penalty even if it were not sought by the prosecution."

The article then raised the question of why the prosecution and defense decided "to take the proposal of a change of plea to Judge Walker."

Said the newspaper:

"The defense attorneys conceded that Sirhan did the shooting.

They have publicly stated that their main goal in the case is to save his life.

"By agreeing to a change in plea, with a guaranteed life prison term, they would have accomplished such a mission.

"The prosecution, on the other hand, fully intended from the beginning to seek the death penalty -- and felt there was a good chance of success.

"However, psychiatric reports furnished to both prosecution and defense reduced these chances.

"The prosecution is said to have felt that if it had only a marginal chance of securing the death penalty for Sirhan, the interest of the public might best be served by accepting a guilty plea, with life in prison, thus saving a great deal of time and expense and personal anguish for the families and individuals involved.

"And the prosecution has indicated that it would make public the full record of its investigations in the event of a guilty plea.

"Presumably there still could be a change of plea. But that is unlikely unless either Judge Walker or Sirhan reverses his present thinking.

"Meanwhile, the prosecution is pushing ahead with its case against Sirhan."

Another Los Angeles newspaper (Daily Journal) today reported that the estimated cost to Los Angeles County for the trial reached \$395,960, as of January 31.

They quoted County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn as noting he thought the expense was worth it if it would prevent the necessity of preparing another Warren Commission report. However, he said, he would continue to watch the expenses.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 -- Defense attorneys for Sirhan today made a second motion for a mistrial on grounds their client's defense was prejudiced by a story in the Los Angeles Times (see above for details).

Superior Judge Walker, reported the newspaper, 'denied the motion at an in-chambers session highlighted by a prosecution request that such closed proceedings, both past and future, be made public.'

Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton, who heads the three-man prosecution team, said, "We think one of the vices of the whole situation . . . and what creates a problem, is the idea of sealing (transcripts) and secret sessions.

"We just feel that everything has got to be on the record and public and that there should be no secret negotiations, conferences or matters which are in that category.

"I would oppose any further . . . proceedings which are sealed, secret or otherwise handled in that fashion," Compton concluded.

Meanwhile, Grant B. Cooper, one of the three defense attorneys, answered that in plea bargaining, "it is always a secret matter."

In open court, the prosecution continued its case against the accused assassin of Sen. Kennedy and called the following to testify:

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, who was one of five persons injured at the Ambassador Hotel, where the senator was assassinated;

Ira Goldstein, former newspaperman who was also injured;

Officer James E. Claborne and Sergeant Riley W. Maxwell, Los Angeles Police Department fingerprint experts;

Judy Royer, a secretary for former California Gov. Edmund G. Brown, who worked for the Kennedy campaign and witnessed the slaying.

Telling of the shooting, Goldstein said he "heard loud popping noises."

In response to a question from Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts, Goldstein said he heard "two of them at first. I quickly moved to my left. I stepped over someone who had fallen to the ground."

Mrs. Evans, under questioning by Dep. Dist. Atty. John Howard, said she "heard a sound like firecrackers. I lost my shoe. Everything happened very fast."

She told of being taken to a table and finally by ambulance to a hospital, where she underwent surgery for the gunshot wound.

(Sirhan is on trial for the assassination of Sen. Kennedy, and is also charged with five counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder against Mrs. Evans, Goldstein, Irwin Stroll, Paul Schrade and William Weisel).

According to a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner), "Police Officer Travis White . . . scored an important point for the prosecution" today.

In his opening statement, Defense Atty. Emile Zola Berman told the jury the defense intended to prove that Sirhan was "in a trance and intoxicated" when he admittedly shot Kennedy, said the newspaper.

However, White testified that a pupil-reaction test of Sirhan's eyes, taken minutes after his arrest, indicated he was not drunk.

Explaining the test, White said he shined a light in Sirhan's eyes in a darkened room and that the pupils contracted normally. An indication of intoxication, he said, would have been a slow contraction. White also looked for other indications of intoxication -- eyes watering,

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weaving, blurred speech and alcoholic breath -- and could find none.

Sergeant Maxwell and Officer Claborne testified to discovering Sirhan's fingerprints on his car parked three blocks from the hotel. In the car was a sales slip for ammunition purchased at a Pasadena gun shop for Sirhan's .22-caliber revolver used to shoot Kennedy.

The sergeant also related that he found Sirhan's fingerprints on the sales slip.

Miss Royer testified to seeing Sirhan hanging around press headquarters for the Kennedy campaign before the shooting. She told him to go away and he did, she revealed.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 -- The prosecution in the case against Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, today called the following to testify:

Alvin Clark, a Pasadena trash collector befriended by the accused assassin;

Irwin Stroll, who was among the five wounded on the night the senator was killed;

William Weisel, who was also injured;

Dr. Stanley Abo, a physician who attended the Kennedy victory party, and who aided the stricken senator moments after the shooting; and

Mrs. Miriam Davis, a Kennedy campaign worker.

According to a Los Angeles newspaper (Times), Sirhan was arguing with Clark soon after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Clark testified.

Sirhan, related Clark, said:

"What are you going to vote for that son of a B for? Because I'm planning on shooting him."

Continued the newspaper:

"Sirhan did, less than two months after that conversation, and prosecution witness Alvin Clark testified to defense attorney Emile Zola Berman Friday that he told the FBI the following September that he was unwilling to testify against his accused friend -- but the reason was not friendship now.

"Didn't you tell the FBI you did not want to take the oath because you hated Sirhan so much you'd do anything to see him convicted?" asked Berman.