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ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK (105-110264) 5P

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN; IS - MIDDLE EAST.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON NINE TWELVE INSTANT THAT ATTORNEY LUKE MC KISSACK, ATTORNEY MICHAEL MC COWAN, MARY SIRHAN AND ADEL SIRHAN WILL FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO ON NINE TWELVE INSTANT. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THEY PRESENTLY PLAN TO FLY ON TRANS WORLD AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE FIVE THREE, LEAVING NEW YORK SEVEN FORTY-FIVE P.M. AND ARRIVING OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, TEN THIRTY P. M. PACIFIC TIME. SOURCE STATED THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO AT THE FAIRMOUNT HOTEL. SOURCE ORIGINALLY ADVISED THAT THE PARTY WAS GOING TO LEAVE NEW YORK AT FOUR FORTY-FIVE P.M., BUT CHANGED TO A LATER FLIGHT BECAUSE DR. MOHAMED T. MENDI INSISTED THAT MARY SIRHAN REMAIN IN NEW YORK TO MEET UNIDENTIFIED "IMPORTANT" INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE

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TRAVELED A LONG WAY TO SEE HER.

SOURCE STATED THAT MC KISSACK EXPECTS TO SEE SIRHAN B. SIRHAN IN PRISON AND ALSO TO CONTACT HUEY NEWTON, BLACK PANTHER LEADER. SOURCE DOES NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR CONTACT WITH NEWTON.

SOURCE STATED THAT GEORGE SHIDLEY, ATTORNEY FOR SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, CONTACTED MC KISSACK ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER ELEVEN LAST SHIDLEY TOLD MC KISSACK THAT THE ARAB GUERILLAS WILL NOT DEMAND THE RELEASE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. MC KISSACK FEELS THAT SHIDLEY CONVINCED THE GUERILLAS NOT TO DEMAND SIRHAN'S RELEASE BECAUSE SHIDLEY IS AFRAID FOR HIS OWN FUTURE. SOURCE STATED SHIDLEY HAS SERVED TWO YEARS IN JAIL PREVIOUSLY AND FEARS HE MIGHT BE DISBARRED OR JAILED IF HE WERE FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GUERILLA'S DEMANDING SIRHAN'S RELEASE. THEREFORE, MC KISSACK FEELS SHIDLEY CONVINCED THE GUERILLAS TO WITHDRAW SIRHAN'S RELEASE FROM THEIR LIST OF DEMANDS IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIMSELF.

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SOURCE STATED THAT A BENCH WARRANT HAD BEEN ISSUED IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE ARREST OF MC KISSACK BECAUSE OF HIS FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE TRIAL OF ELMER PRATT (PHONETIC). MC KISSACK WILL GO TO LOS ANGELES TO APPEAR IN COURT THERE ON MONDAY NINE FOURTEEN NEXT.

SOURCE DOES NOT KNOW THE TRAVEL PLANS OF MARY AND ADEL SIRHAN AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO BUT STATES THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO LOS ANGELES. SOURCE INDICATES THAT FOREIGN TRAVEL BY THE SIRHAN'S IS NO LONGER ANTICIPATED.

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RENYTEL NINE ELEVEN LAST AND NEW YORK TELCALLS TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO NINE TWELVE INSTANT.

SOURCE IS MICHAEL MC COWAN WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION IN TWO TELEPHONE CALLS AT TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M. AND ONE TWENTY P.M. NINE TWELVE INSTANT.

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BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT A LOOSE DISCREET SURVEILLANCE BE CONDUCTED ON MARY AND ADEL SIRHAN AND THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO DETERMINE THEIR CONTACTS. ATTORNEYS MC KISSACK AND MC COWAN ARE NOT TO BE SURVEILLED.

MC COWAN IS AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT BY SAN FRANCISCO AGENTS. CONTACT SHOULD BE EXTREMELY DISCREET AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD MC KISSACK OR THE SIRHANS BE AWARE OF MC COWAN'S CONTACT WITH BU AGENTS. NEW YORK OFFICE HAS USED CODE NAME "ALFIE" FOR MC COWAN AND HAS INSTRUCTED HIM THAT SAN FRANCISCO WILL DO THE SAME. RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN FAVOR OF NO CONTACT OF MC COWAN, UNLESS CONTACT CAN BE MOST DISCREETLY HANDLED.

FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO MARY SIRHAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GO TO JORDAN TO SEE ARAB GUERRILLAS CONCERNING RELEASE OF VICTIMS OF AIRLINE HIJACKS AND POSSIBLE RELEASE OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, IN THIS CONNECTION.

MARY SIRHAN IS APPROXIMATELY SIXTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET TALL WITH GRAY HAIR AND HAS BEEN WEARING A BROWN FUR COAT. ADEL SIRHAN IS FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES TALL, BLACK HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS, BEARD AND MUSTACHE AND HAS OLIVE COMPLEXION, SLIGHT BUILD.

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MC KISSACK IS ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL, STOCKY WITH BLACK HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS. MC COWAN IS ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, LIGHT BROWN HAIR WORN MODERATELY LONG, TAN COMPLEXION, ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TALL, SLENDER BUILD.

NEW YORK IS CONTINUING FISUR CONVERAGE OF SIRHAN'S AND WILL ADVISE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO OF ANY CHANGES IN PLANS.

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11:01PM NITEL 9-13-70 MJE

TO DIRECTOR (62-587)

NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) 1P

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN: INTERNAL SECURITY - MIDDLE EAST.

MARY SIRHAN, LUKE MC KISSACK AND MIKE MC GOWAN ARRIVED LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 6:05 PM PDT, SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN INSTANT, VIA PSA FLIGHT 620. MARY SIRHAN AND MC KISSACK INTERVIEWED BY TELEVISION MEDIA. CONTACT MADE WITH SOURCE WHO ADVISED THAT MC KISSACK AND HIS WIFE, WHO WAS AT AIRPORT, WOULD DRIVE MARY SIRHAN TO HER RESIDENCE. SUBSEQUENT SURVEILLANCE RESOLVED MC KISSACK AND WIFE DROVE MARY SIRHAN TO HER RESIDENCE SIX NINE SIX EAST HOWARD, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA ARRIVING AT 7:33 PM PDT.

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RE LA TEL CAL TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN INSTANT.

SOURCE IS MIKE MC GOWAN.

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In connection with their trip to New York City and at a press conference there, one TED CHARACK appeared there. CHARACK is the individual who has previously stated that it was a security guard at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles who shot ROBERT KENNEDY and not SIRHAN. CHARACK disrupted the press conference. During the defense investigation in behalf of SIRHAN, it was established that CHARACK, who at one time was friendly with the SIRHAN family, was merely attempting to benefit financially from the situation. At the press conference CHARACK referred to the proposed trip of the MC KISSACK party to the Middle East as a "publicity stunt."

Upon arrival in New York, the United States State Department revoked the use of MC KISSACK's and MC COWAN's passports, thereby precluding them from leaving the country. MC KISSACK subsequently contacted the American Civil Liberties Attorneys in New York City and instituted a suit against the Federal Government for the return of their passports. In conjunction therewith, MC KISSACK also attempted to arrange to appear on the David Frost Television Show or the "Tonight" Show and other television programs to decry the fact that their passports had been taken illegally. None of those attempts were successful however.

While in New York, MC KISSACK made several attempts to contact GEORGE SHIBLY, a Long Beach, California, attorney who is assisting in the appeal of SIRHAN. SHIBLY was on a combination business and vacation trip in London on 9/7/70, when he heard about the airline hijackings. He apparently went directly to Beirut, Lebanon.

While SHIBLY was traveling from London to Beirut, ABDIN JABARRA, an Arab attorney from Detroit, Michigan, was travelling in Tasmania. JABARRA was present during many sessions of the SIRHAN trial in Los Angeles. MC COWAN did not know what JABARRA was doing in the Middle East. MC KISSACK finally contacted JABARRA on 9/11/70, in Detroit, Michigan. MC KISSACK wanted JABARRA to leave and contact the guerillas in behalf of SIRHAN. MC KISSACK never made the suggestion to JABARRA because MC COWAN prevailed upon him to refrain from making the offer, thinking that JABARRA's passport would likewise be revoked.

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In a telephone conversation between MC KISSACK and SHIBL~~E~~, MC KISSACK was advised by SHIBL~~E~~ that no request had, in fact, been made by the Arab guerillas for the release of SIRHAN.

Upon their return from New York, the MC KISSACK party went to Oakland, California, on 9/12/70, preparatory to visiting with SIRHAN at San Quentin Prison. While waiting to see SIRHAN at the prison, MC COWAN spoke with GEORGE JACKSON's mother. GEORGE JACKSON is one of the Soledad inmates whose brother participated in an escape attempt in a Marin County courtroom which resulted in the death of the presiding judge. MC COWAN spoke with JACKSON's mother concerning ANGELA DAVIS. JACKSON's sister, FRANCES JACKSON, was also present.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (105-101864) (P)

ADEL BISHARA SIHHAN
IS - MIDDLE EAST
(OO:LA)

Remyairtel dated 9/24/70.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 9/30/70, disclosed that CHARLES LUKE McKISSACK was issued passport [REDACTED] at Los Angeles, Calif., on 9/29/70 and that he picked up that passport on 9/29/70 in Los Angeles. This passport is valid for five years travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

Under passport regulations, he may use this passport for lawful travel within the period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further notification to the Department of State or other government agency. Passport Office does not receive information as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

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September 25, 1970

Honorable John Mack Carter
Editor and Publisher
Downe Publishing, Inc.
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641 Lexington Avenue
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Dear Mr. Carter:

An article appeared in the October, 1970, issue of the Ladies' Home Journal, authored by Robert Blair Kaiser titled "Was Sirhan 'Programmed' to Kill Robert Kennedy?"

In this preview of his book "RMK Must Die," Mr. Kaiser in referring to the investigation of the assassination of former Senator Robert F. Kennedy alleges that Special Agent Roger J. LaJeunesse, Jr., of the FBI made the statement to him "The case is still open. I'm not rejecting the 'Manchurian Candidate' aspect of it."

Mr. Kaiser further alleges that Special Agent LaJeunesse heard testimony at the trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan by Dr. Bernard L. Diamond, Dean of the School of Criminology at the University of California at Berkeley, and "he seemed convinced that Sirhan was in a trance on the night of June 4."

In order that the record may be set straight, I would like you to know that Special Agent LaJeunesse unequivocally denies making the statement attributed to him by Mr. Kaiser.

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Furthermore, records of the District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles, California, show that Doctor Diamond testified on March 21, 24, 25, 26, and 27, 1969. Official records of the FBI show that Special Agent LaJeunesse was on extended sick leave for surgery for the period March 3, through April 4, 1969, and was not in attendance during the period Doctor Diamond testified.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

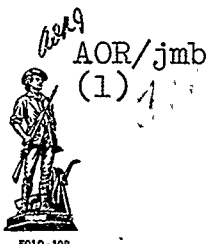
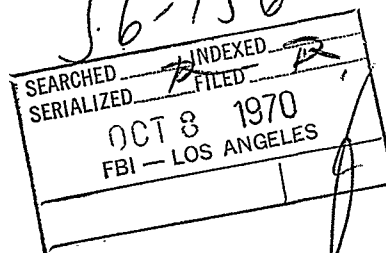
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DATE: 10/7/70

On 10/6/70, Detective BEN HETHERINGTON of the Pasadena Police Department advised that he had checked the office of the District Attorney at Pasadena and determined that on 10/2/70, the case against SAIDALLAH SIRHAN had been dismissed.

The reason given for the dismissal was that there was insufficient information to connect the defendant with the evidence.

It is noted that there were three individuals in the vehicle at the time the plastic bag allegedly containing the marijuana was thrown from the vehicle driven by SAIDALLAH SIRHAN.



DIRECTOR, FBI

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Because subject and his mother have returned to Los Angeles and no investigation is outstanding in the NYO, this case is being closed in the NYO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
October 15, 1970

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

An arrest report of the Sierra Madre Police Department dated September 23, 1970, shows that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, had been arrested on September 23, 1970, by the Sierra Madre Police Department, in charges of suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Arrest report of the Sierra Madre Police Department dated September 23, 1970, shows that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan was arrested at Lime and Sierra Madre Boulevard and charged with violations of Sections 11530 (Possession of Marijuana), and 11910 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs) of the California Health and Safety Code. The address of Saidallah Sirhan was listed in this report as 1659 North Lake, Number seven, Pasadena, California.

According to the arrest report Saidallah Sirhan and two other suspects were in a vehicle when an attempt was made by a Sierra Madre police officer to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation. While attempting to stop the vehicle, a plastic bag containing a green leafy substance resembling marijuana, was thrown from the vehicle. During the inventory of Saidallah Sirhan's property additional contraband was found.

According to the crime report of this incident, the arresting officer observed a vehicle driven by Saidallah Sirhan on which the license plate light was inoperative. The vehicle was being driven erratically and while attempting to halt the vehicle, the arresting officer observed a plastic bag expelled from the left front window of the car. This was later retrieved and found to contain a green leafy substance resembling marijuana.

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The three suspects were arrested and transported to the Sierra Madre Police Department for booking. While removing personal belongings from Saidallah Sirhan a tin foil wrapper containing five blue-green capsules of a white powdery substance were observed to fall from his folded up shirt sleeve.

Saidallah Sirhan was arraigned on September 23, 1970, in Division Two, Pasadena Municipal Court. A preliminary hearing was set for October 2, 1970, in Division One of the same court.

On October 2, 1970, the case against Saidallah Sirhan was dismissed as there was insufficient information to link the defendant with the evidence.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 10/15/70

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a Letterhead Memorandum regarding the arrest of SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN by the Sierra Madre Police Department.

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On 9/23/70, Mr. CARROLL H. SEELEY, Assistant Chief, Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, informed SA KENNETH J. HASER that CHARLES LUKE McKISSACK filed an application for a new passport at Los Angeles, Calif., on 9/18/70, stating in a certificate on 9/17/70 that his previous passport, revoked at Kennedy Airport in NYC, had been lost, probably in Manhattan. He stated that it apparently fell out of his jacket pocket.

The application shows that McKISSACK plans to depart by air about 10/1/70 for two weeks' pleasure travel to Morocco, Tunisia, Kenya and "Tanzania (?)." He stated that he had made one trip abroad in the previous 12 months and expected to take another trip abroad within the next two years.

McKISSACK, born [REDACTED] at Thomasville, Ga., gave his permanent residence as 3201 Nichols Cyn. Rd., Los Angeles, Calif., and his mailing address as 6430 Sunset Blvd., Suite 521, Hollywood, Calif. In the event of death or accident, he

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requested that NANCY McKISSACK, his wife, be notified at his permanent residence. He listed his occupation as attorney.

Mr. SEELEY advised that the Passport Office is forwarding this passport application to the Deputy Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State, who ordered revocation of McKISSACK's passport at Kennedy Airport as the latter was about to depart.

WFO maintaining contact with Passport Office re issuance. Copy of McKISSACK's photo enclosed for Los Angeles.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

On May 5, 1969, Pete Noyes, Managing Editor, KNXT-TV, a CBS affiliation, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, advised that he had learned information from an extremely confidential source who he characterized as the "ex-head" of the Black Panthers in Los Angeles. He stated that his source was present at a Black Panther meeting on Central Avenue in Los Angeles, one month prior to the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. According to Noyes, his source told him that Sirhan was present at the meeting. The source specifically stated to Noyes that he recalled Sirhan because Sirhan gave his name at that time as "Sirhan Sirhan", which the source thought was unusual. Noyes further characterized the former Black Panther member as a college graduate who is in hiding because of suspected reprisals he believes will befall him by his former Black Panther associates. Noyes has attempted to obtain employment for his source at the KNXT studio but has been unsuccessful in doing so.

On May 12, 1969, Noyes again telephonically advised on an extremely confidential basis that he had spoken with Robert Kaiser, an investigator for the defense team who represented Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Kaiser is also writing a book concerning the assassination and has advised Noyes that he has seven reasons which he considers valid to suspect that a conspiracy actually did exist in the assassination. Noyes proposed to Kaiser that Kaiser contact Sirhan and specifically ask him whether he, Sirhan, had actually attended a meeting of the Black Panthers in Los Angeles prior to the assassination of the late Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968.

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Kaiser subsequently contacted Noyes and advised that he had interviewed Sirhan, which interview was recorded on tape. When Kaiser asked Sirhan whether he had ever attended a Black Panther meeting, Sirhan became considerably upset; denied he had ever attended such a meeting, but told Kaiser that he had in fact visited the Black Muslim Temple in Los Angeles.

On May 5, 1969, Kaiser furnished information which he alleged came from a source whom he described as a former officer in the Black Panther organization in Los Angeles. That information was to the effect that Sirhan had been observed by the aforementioned former member of the Black Panther Party (BPP) at a meeting of that organization approximately one month prior to June 5, 1968. Pete Noyes advised on May 12, 1969, again on a confidential basis, that his former Black Panther source is Shermont Banks. He stated that Banks is no longer affiliated with the BPP because he refused to use a gun on one previous occasion. Noyes alleges that Banks is currently "hiding out" in the CBS facility in fear of his life. Noyes explained he could make Banks available for interview by FBI Agents.

On May 16, 1969, Shermont Banks was interviewed at 6162 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, by representatives of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

Banks explained that on one occasion prior to the assassination of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy he, Banks, was in attendance at a meeting of the Black Congress (BC), which was opened to the public. During the course of that meeting, which was held at 7228 South Broadway, and which he recalls took place sometime in April or May 1968, a man who bore a strong resemblance to Sirhan and who was accompanied by two other individuals came into the meeting. Banks specifically recalls that he heard a "commotion" during the course of the meeting, which was attended by approximately 50 to 60 people. Just prior to the commotion, Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter (now deceased) had been speaking. The individual whom Banks felt resembled Sirhan got up and spoke about the "Muslims" somewhat in opposition to Carter's remarks.

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During the conversation, Banks did not recall that the name of Sirhan Sirhan was mentioned. In connection with the meeting at the BC, Banks stated that at no time did he hear the name Sirhan Sirhan. Subsequent to the assassination of the late Senator Kennedy, Banks alleged that he spoke with one Steve Bartholemew (now deceased) about the incident at the Black Panther meeting at the BC Hall. Banks indicated he expected that the FBI would contact him regarding the incident which allegedly occurred during the meeting.

Photographs of Sirhan were exhibited to Banks who said that they are now familiar because of the recent publicity given the case during the trial of Sirhan. He stated he could not be absolutely certain that the individual he saw at the meeting was Sirhan. He could only state that it resembled him.

Confidential source of the Los Angeles Office advised by way of background that the BC during the period from January to June of 1968, was composed of 44 named organizations. Some of these organizations were the Afro-American Cultural Association, Black Anti-Draft Union, Black Student Union Alliance, Black Youth Conference, Congress of Racial Equality, Los Angeles County Welfare Rights Commission, Urban League, Operation Bootstrap, Southwest Anti-Crime League, Police Malpractice Center, US (a black Nationalist organization led by Ron Karenga), and the BPP for Self-Defense). The names included are among the more well known groups that made up the BC. Walter Bremond, then Head of the BC, described the BC as a coalition of community organizations of many and varied political persuasions whose objective is to liberate black people from the shackles of oppression.

Additional confidential source of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised that on February 18, 1968, a black power rally was sponsored by the BC and held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. The purpose of the rally was to raise funds for the defense of Huey P. Newton, who had been arrested in Oakland, California, and who was the leader of the BPP. Speakers at this rally represented many viewpoints and included James Foreman, Caesar Chavez,

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H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, Bobby Seale, and others. As a result of this rally, a dispute arose over the division of the funds collected. The BPP wanted all of the proceeds of the meeting and the BC wanted a portion of the proceeds. Bremond was quoted to have said that he would rather die than give the BPP all of the funds. The BPP believed that "US" had taken a portion of the funds and was attempting to control all of the black groups in the BC.

A source of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised that the arguments which evolved from this rally finally erupted on February 26, 1968, when BPP members and US members had an armed confrontation at the BC Office at 7228 South Broadway. No injuries occurred at this time; however, later that night a BPP member was shot by members of US. Following this, the tensions between these two groups ran high and they continued to the present time.

Following this, it was reported by a source of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI that BC meetings had been curtailed because of police interest about the BC and more security was established at the meetings which had become more irregular and were attended by fewer people.

Also at this time, the local BPP was undergoing a change in that the original BPP in Los Angeles was called the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, Incorporated. This group was infiltrated by persons aligned with the Oakland based BPP. In March 1968, Shermont Banks became leader. Following the hostilities in February of 1968, the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and outside law enforcement agencies received no reports of the BPP holding meetings at the BC Office although it continued to be the mailing address for the BPP.

In late July 1968, the BPP officially moved into a building at 4115 South Central Avenue, where they remained until January 1, 1970.

Shermont Banks during his association with the BPP while it revolved around the BC Office also worked for American Airlines on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift.

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His last period of employment was from February 1967, to April 2, 1968. It is noted that in connection with another investigation being conducted by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI that Shermont Banks was interviewed by representatives of this office on August 13, 1968, and did not mention anything regarding Sirhan Sirhan. It is noted that at this time, there was still considerable public attention on the Sirhan case as the assassination had occurred on June 5, 1968.

During the period preceding the assassination of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, racial informants of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office had no reports on any Black Panther meetings as such at the BC Office although organizational activity did occur. No public type meetings were known to be held as none were reported.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN concerning the alleged appearance of SIRHAN at a Black Panther meeting.

Interview of SHERMONT BANKS on 5/16/69, was conducted by SAs R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. and NORBERT R. LINKER. Background information concerning Black Congress was furnished by CSLA 3184-S. Information concerning Black Power rally at Los Angeles Sports Arena was furnished by LA 5045-R and LA 4490-S. Information regarding armed confrontation by the Black Panther Party members and US members was furnished by CSLA 3184-S. Information concerning the curtailment of BC meetings was furnished by LA 4992-R. Information regarding the move of the BPP to 4115 South Central Avenue was furnished by NATHAN GOLDEN, 915 North Main Street, Los Angeles. Interview of SHERMONT BANKS conducted on 8/13/68, was conducted by SAs THEODORE M. GARDNER and E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR.

The enclosed memorandum is marked Confidential to protect the identity of confidential sources and informants of continuing value to this office.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 11/12/70

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Supervisor HENRY SHUTZ, SOG, telephonically contacted the office at 9:33 A.M. this date and requested the following information to be furnished the Bureau by teletype by close of business 11/12/70:

Were copies of all Bureau reports made available to the defense in the SIRHAN case?

If so, (1) was the defense permitted to inspect reports? (2) Was the defense furnished a set of duplicate reports? (3) What conditions were imposed by the FBI in furnishing the reports to local authorities? (4) Were there any conditions imposed by the Court or prosecution regarding the use of reports?

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

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RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO LA NOVEMBER TWELVE INSTANT.
 COPIES OF BUREAU REPORTS IN THIS MATTER WERE NOT MADE
 AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE BY FBI, LA. PURSUANT TO BUREAU
 AUTHORITY, ALL COPIES OF FBI, LA REPORTS WERE MADE AVAILABLE
 TO THE LA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO PROSECUTED THIS CASE.
 BUREAU AIRTEL TO LA DATED JUNE SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT,
 ENCLOSED ORIGINAL AND COPY OF TRANSMITTAL FORM FIVE DASH ONE
 FOUR ONE DIRECTED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVELLE J. YOUNGER,
 TRANSMITTING TWO COPIES OF LA REPORT DATED JUNE NINE,
 NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, THE FIRST REPORT IN THIS MATTER. CONTENT
 OF TRANSMITTAL FORM REQUESTED THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT
 NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THAT AGENCY. EACH SUBSEQUENT
 REPORT WAS DISSEMINATED AFTER RECEIPT OF BUREAU AUTHORITY,
 AND BUREAU WAS ADVISED IN EACH CASE WHEN DISSEMINATION WAS MADE.

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CHIEF DEPUTY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JOHN HOWARD, WHO WAS ONE OF THE PROSECUTIVE ATTORNEYS IN THIS MATTER, ADVISED TODAY THAT THE DEFENSE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO INSPECT LA FBI REPORTS AND WERE NOT FURNISHED A DUPLICATE SET OF THESE REPORTS.

BY LA AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, BUREAU WAS ADVISED THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAD TAKEN THE POSITION THAT NOTHING WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE EXCEPT THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS OF THE COURT.

BY LA AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, LA, ENCLOSED ONE COPY EACH OF THREE LEGAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY RUSSELL E. PARSONS. THESE DOCUMENTS LAID BASIS OF MOTION OF DISCOVERY CONCERNING INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE AND ON OCTOBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, ALL REQUESTS WERE GRANTED BY THE COURT. AT THIS TIME, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STILL MAINTAINS POSITION THAT NOTHING WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE EXCEPT THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS OF THE COURT AND THAT THE REVIEW OF MATERIAL BY THE DEFENSE WOULD BE MADE AT THE OFFICE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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BY LA AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER TWENTY FOUR,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, BUREAU WAS ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL LIST
OF SIXTEEN ITEMS REQUESTED BY DEFENSE, WHICH REQUEST WAS
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FURNISHED LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITH REQUEST
REPORTS NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THAT OFFICE. DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ADVISED NOVEMBER TWELVE LAST DEFENSE NOT
PERMITTED TO INSPECT LOS ANGELES FBI REPORTS AND WERE NOT
FURNISHED DUPLICATE SET OF REPORTS.

JOHN HOWARD, CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NOT AVAILABLE
FOR RECONTACT THIS DATE. HE IS ONLY REMAINING MEMBER OF
PROSECUTION TEAM CONVERSANT WITH INTRICACIES OF CASE. HOWARD
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 11/13/70

FROM : SUPERVISOR #1

SUBJECT: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Supervisor HENRY SHUTZ, SOG, telephonically contacted the office at 2:45 P.M. today and requested that the following be furnished to the Bureau by teletype today:

"Your advice is requested whether all of the Bureau's reports were made available to the defense in the SIRHAN case, and, if so, whether the defense

"(1) was permitted only to inspect the reports, or

"(2) was actually furnished a set of duplicate reports.

"Please also advise whether any conditions were imposed, either by the Court or by the prosecution, concerning the use which could be made of such material."

The Bureau wants to know what actually happened. If the defense did review Bureau reports, who reviewed them?

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Two things are almost certain beyond a doubt: 1) that Sirhan Sirhan did not kill Bobby and 2) that a lot of information and evidence has been deliberately ignored, suppressed and covered up in the RFK assassination.

It is interesting to note, too, that the big, daily newspapers have reported almost nothing of the recent press conferences held by Theodore Charach and attorney Godfrey Issac, during which sensational new information on the killing of RFK was divulged.

What Charach has come up with, after interviewing many witnesses over the past two years, is this: Sirhan Sirhan was never closer than three feet from Sen Kennedy and was at all times IN FRONT OF HIM. He fired two shots at Kennedy--not three, but two-- before he was overpowered and disarmed, neither of these shots caused a fatal wound. Kennedy, according to witnesses, did not at any time turn his back to Sirhan during the time he was firing. Yet, the fatal wound was inflicted FROM BEHIND, by a bullet fired about ONE INCH from Kennedy's head.

So it would seem almost impossible for Sirhan to have done it.

Here are transcripts of the actual tapes of Charach's interviews, compiled over the past two years:

KARL DECKER

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"No, the Embassy room was much too full and we never had in mind to bring him through the Embassy ballroom to the front doors. We had in mind--it was my order to bring him down to the Ambassador ballroom, downstairs, which was the next floor down, and it was behind the stage to the left. We came from the stage and we tried making the left, somebody stopped us and said--talked to Senator Kennedy and then somebody told me that we were going to go to the press room which is to the right instead of the the left. This is the way towards the kitchen pantry. Right from the beginning I said he was supposed to be going downstairs. Somebody was waiting downstairs in front of the Ambassador ballroom.

I saw Sirhan shooting Kennedy--he was right in front of me. The first shot-- I didn't think it was a shot--I thought it was a firecracker, and after the second shot I lost Kennedy's hand. He pulled his hand to his head. I told the Grand Jury that Sirhan moved around me, that is around my body from the steam table on the left side to the right, and as New York Post writer Pete Hamill, told police, Sirhan had an intense look on his face, holding the gun in his right hand, stretched out and not in a down-toup position as Dr. Noguchi discovered in the autopsy--and I was not asked into the trial, but it is a fact that Sirhan never at any time--and I was the closest to Senator Kennedy, besides Cesar behind me--Sirhan at no time was firing from behind Senator Robert Kennedy.. No! No! Not and INCH from Kennedy's head--I don't believe that it was Sirhan's gun firing from back to front in an upward direction. I think I would have seen it. I was the closest one.

In order for Sirhan to get that close to Senator Kennedy from behind he would have had to pass me and he didn't pass me at that point. I had him very tight, pushed against the steam table while Senator Kennedy staggered back and Mr. Schrade dropped to the floor first. So this does not fit in with what Mr. Fitts told the jury.

There was a superficial wound on Kennedy's forehead that the Los Angeles Herald Examiner reporter stated at the time. The second shot of Sirhan's own gun missed Senator Kennedy and then I stopped him and we pushed him against serving tables, so he could not be firing anymore shots in the direction of Mr. Kennedy.

We had his hand twisted toward the right wall. Mr. Bill Barry, Kennedy's bodyguard, was not there at the exact moment of the early shots--neither was Roosevelt Gier and Raefel Johnson. Witnesses screamed and ducked so there was too much confusion to see what Mr. Minisian and Vincent DiPierro saw at the time.

This is why, while concentrating on the short suspect Sirhan, many witnesses missed the guard behind me pull up his weapon and drop to the floor. I did see a guard with a drawn gun and told them he must be crazy to brandish a weapon in the kitchen chaos.

Afterwards, a guard told me he pulled his weapon and I saw a guard return his gun to his holster. The police did not conduct interviews with me with regard to these aspects but Mr. Charach did continually during the past two years. When the police made the demonstration how everything happened in the kitchen in about November, 1969--the way I showed him the way the shots were fired exactly and the way I grabbed the guy, Sirhan, and then all of a sudden Buck Compton came over and said, pretty fresh, "You couldn't have acted that fast. It's impossible."

So I looked at him because I was there and he wasn't and I was going to ask him, "Who are you?" I wasn't going to stand around for continual shots--and we heard at least five, another three after the pause--while the suspect Sirhan was threatening our lives.

I blinded Sirhan with a headlock and my own physical body, so he couldn't see where he was shooting and Senator Kennedy was staggering back in the opposite direction from where we pushed Sirhan.

Afterwards I found out it was Mr. Compton, the Chief Prosecutor from the DA's office, and this is the same man Governor Reagan recently appointed to the Appellate Court, who will now have the judicial authority, we understand, to review the Sirhan case when Mr. McKissack files his appeal. That's why Mr. Fitts who was also elevated, to Superior Court position, since the Sirhan trial--said that Karl Decker was mistaken, that it couldn't have been after the second shot that I stopped Sirhan; it was after the fourth shot.

And I still say today it was after the second shot I grabbed him. I have a witness who backed me up in the Grand Jury testimony, Edward Minisian. Sirhan was never that close with his gun to Senator--Sirhan absolutely was never firing from behind Senator Kennedy and it would have been impossible for him to inflict contact wounds, as Dr. Noguchi's autopsy proves."

THEODORE CHARACH

"Karl Uecker saved the life of Senator Kennedy before the intervention of the second weapon from behind, which never underwent ballistics tests by the LAPD... Sirhan's .22 caliber cadet Iver-Johnson revolver was in evidence. It was used, all those months, for positive ballistics testing, but Uecker used another model and Mini-Mag ammunition bought from the Luck, Stock and Barrel store in San Gabriel where Sirhan and two others, according to Donna and Ben Herrick, the gun store owners, told Theodore Charach exclusively that Sirhan was never alone but was with two darkhaired and olive-complected males in informal clothes, who were with Sirhan, and

and during the assassination, the similar description given to LAPD investigators by victim Betty Dryer. Furthermore, in the Sirhan trial, Golfer testified, "I have looked at the fatal bullet and in my opinion this bullet has cerlands and grooves from the barrel and when it was projected down in the valley, which projected upward, they grab the muzzle and twist it." Amazingly, Golfer, the ballistics expert, told the Sirhan jury there was a fatal bullet and Sirhan was convicted on this point when Dr. Noguchi had 100% confirmed that there could be no fatal bullet because it completely disintegrated and fragmented in Kennedy's head."

DONNA AND BEN HERRICK
(of the Lock Stock and Barrel Gun Store in San Gabriel)

DONNA: I gave a statement to the FBI and the LAPD. They had been in my gun store six weeks earlier--Sirhan and two others.

BEN: I don't like the way the trial's been handled--like the Arnot testimony. Contradictions. They asked him, my sales employee, if he sold the ammunition, and he said yes, and they said he failed a lie detector test and they had him identify the sales slip, and the sales slip definitely proved the fact that he was telling the truth, and then they say the lie detector said he was telling a lie and he was thrown off the witness stand. It just discredited the man's testimony and made a fool out of him! and for no reason, because he was a prosecution witness to begin with! and it was the prosecution that did it to him. and I don't like the smell of it.

Mrs. Herrick said the police harassed her and tried to get her to change her story. "They didn't even want her to testify because she wouldn't change her story," her husband said.

LARRY ARNOT (the gun store salesman who tried to tell the court, on the Witness stand, that Sirhan was never alone when he purchased his ammunition): "I was betrayed on the witness stand. I was stabbed in the back by the prosecution. On the day Sirhan was taken to the gas chamber, my wife

and family took a vote. We agreed that as a result of our personal nightmare and inability to get the truth out, the next time, we would talk. It would only be to Senator Teddy Kennedy or his direct, authoritative representatives from Washington.

THEODORE CHURCH

"Nothing in the Kennedy assassination case is more bizarre than the attempt to destroy the credibility of Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi. We are told if Noguchi defends publicly the Kennedy autopsy report--by Los Angeles County Counsel Martin Weeks, after communications with the D.A.'s office, there will be international repercussions. Suddenly, Mr. Weeks approached the hearings. Mr. Isaac is consulted and the bizarre RFK autopsy charges are dropped. What did Dr. Noguchi discover? Medical evidence that differed substantially from what the witnesses agree they saw inside the kitchen pantry.

DR. THOMAS T. NOGUCHI

We were able to determine the muzzle distance based on the powder deposite in the right ear, powder deposits in the scalp behind the right ear--that powder was imbedded so deeply that it did not come out. The fatal wound was contact distance.

THEODORE CHURCH

How close was the weapon that killed Senator Kennedy?

DR. THOMAS T. NOGUCHI

One inch and no more than three inches from the surface of behind the right ear.

(The bullet that struck Kennedy's brain fragmented. Dr. Noguchi could not tell us what caliber bullet it was. But remember the bullet direction was from back to front, right to left, down to up, in an upward trajectory. Completely different, from where and how the witnesses observed Sirhan's gun)

THEODORE CHARACH

Dr. Noguchi, are you aware that there is not one witness and the prosecution could not produce one witness that saw Sirhan fire his gun at contact range, one, two or three inches from behind Kennedy's right ear?

DR. THOMAS NOGUCHI

Well, I'm aware of it, but it does not change my scientific testimony.

ATTORNEY GODFREY ISAAC

The District Attorney's office of Los Angeles County founded a murder prosecution on the findings of that autopsy. John Liner, Deputy District Attorney, acknowledged it was a splendid autopsy as do many of the nation's leading pathologists. Obviously, the District Attorney's office was endorsing the findings of that autopsy or they would not so proceed in the Sirhan trial.

DR. NOGUCHI

It's ridiculous; it's ridiculous indeed, to destroy the reputation of a scientist and physician. There may be more of this story to be told than we know.

THEODORE CHARACH

In the trial, do you think all the important questions concerning Kennedy's wounds were brought out?

DR. NOGUCHI

I did not testify and I was not asked. I was told the details would be too gory and I was interrupted on the witness stand. Judge Walker, the prosecution and defense did not go into complete examination. There were questions that could have been asked in the Sirhan trial that were not asked-- a number which could have been asked. Senator Robert F. Kennedy had three gunshot wounds. Gunshot wound number one was in the back of the head which was the gunshot wound in the right mastoid--behind the right ear. The wound

track was from back to front and upward and the wound track entered into the brain tissue--and scattered bullet fragments were found in the right hemisphere of the brain. Round number two and three were found under the right armpit, also almost contact wounds--so close-- on inch apart and in a very upward direction. Kennedy most certainly during these inflictions, had to have his arm stretched out or at least heading up in an angle toward his face.

DON SCHULMAN (Formerly with CBS News): "I was standing behind Kennedy as he was taking his assigned route into the kitchen. A Caucasian gentleman stepped out and fired. The security guard hit Kennedy all three times. Kennedy slumped to the floor. The security fired back and I saw the man who shot Kennedy in the leg, he--before they could get him, he shot a--it looked like he shot a woman and he shot two other men. They then proceeded to carry Kennedy into the kitchen and I don't know how his condition is now...he had--was definitely hit three times. The thing happened so quickly that--there was another eyewitness standing next to me--and she is in shock and very fuzzy, as I am, because it happened so quickly. I was about six people behind the Senator. I heard about six or seven shots in succession." Question: Is this the security guard firing? DON SCHULMAN: "Yes."

THEODORE CHARLCH

Don, where was this man in uniform whom you observed firing a gun?

DON SCHULMAN

He wasn't very far from Kennedy. He was just behind Mr. Uecker and on Kennedy's right side, but there was another guard in front of Senator Kennedy and one on Kennedy's left side in the very crowded sardine-like conditions. Everything happened so fast but I saw what I saw. I thought at the time there were bodyguards, but I was alone, and they only had Sirhan in custody. Even the police in their book admit it was a case unparalleled

in the history of Los Angeles--with extreme confusion, chaos, noise and everyone started to fight with each other in hysteria and duck, with the guard dropping to the floor, then getting up and then getting out, no wonder so many witnesses missed seeing what what I saw, but I understand that during the Noguchi hearings many persons, including a woman corroborating my testimony, called Geoffrey Isaac and there was a woman next to me in shock.

THEODORE CHARACH

Did the LAPD ever conduct an in-depth recorded interview with you? The Houghton report identified everyone in the kitchen and ~~interviewed~~ interviewed almost 5,000 persons.

DON SCHULMAN

No, the Los Angeles Police Department never did interview me despite the fact that I gave interviews to Newman Jeff Brent and CBS news personnel. I believe my interview with Brent was among the earliest about 10 minutes after we both escaped the kitchen pantry trauma.

THEODORE CHARACH

"Eyewitness Richard Lubie confirms that there certainly were security guards surrounding Kennedy, including Thane Eugene Cesar identified by LAPD diagram and Charach's documentation placing accurately Cesar close to RFK on the right side and behind Uecker with a drawn gun in his hand before he dropped down against the ice machine and scrambled out of the kitchen pantry within minutes of the assassination. The FBI, Charach says, has in its possession a misleading false and inaccurate report stating--without foundation--that Cesar drew his gun only after scrambling to his feet from the kitchen floor, the LAPD reports acknowledges Cesar was a George Wallace supporter, opposed to the Kennedy family, who stated that he was definitely opposed to President John and Senator Robert Kennedy. This same man, in uniform with a weapon, was escorting Kennedy through the kitchen and was trusted with Kennedy's life."

THEODORE CHARACH

Who is the mysterious girl in the black and white polkadot dress? No less than Sirhan's Chief Defense Counsel Grant Cooper observes that the description given the Grand Jury by Vincent DiPierro did not match that of Valerie Schulte. Valerie Schulte is a blond.

A girl on crutches in a green and yellow dress who approached news documentation Theodore Charach inside the kitchen crying, within five minutes of the assassination, and Charach introduced the Schulte girl to newsman Carl George with an ABC camera hooked up and the Schulte girl obviously could not be running anywhere.

All the witnesses we talked with gave the same description as DiPierro originally testified: "a girl with a good figure, a lousy dress with a bib, white with black or dark, purple polkadots. KGFJ newsman Booker Griffin heard ten or twelve shots and told police "There are two guns being fired."

BOOKER GRIFFIN

(Replying to the DI--"before the DI's May 1969 Press Conference, preserved secretly on the Charach discs.) As an eyewitness to the assassination, it is very interesting to note that I was not subpoenaed to testify in the Sirhan trial. I saw Sirhan and a lady and another gentleman consistently throughout the evening. Upon the shooting, inside the kitchen pantry, I followed the course through the kitchen to the back all the way up to the ground level of the ambassador leading to the parking lot in pursuit of two individuals fleeing at the time of the shooting. There was a girl in a black and white--some type of a dress--that was involved with Sirhan. I do recall seeing Sirhan as early as around 10:30 that evening. I do recall eye-ball-eyeball contact with him. I do recall seeing him several times in the corridor of the kitchen pantry prior to the assassination. There were several people of pretty much determined Arabic or Latin-like dark complected, swarty nature--these types of genetic features--who were in very--like placed areas in doors

throughout certain areas inside the embassy and ambassador ballrooms, upstairs and downstairs, and there had been no doubt in my mind from the beginning, nor my good friend Bud Schulberg as I told him, and as Louise Carter told him, and witness George Green told Mr. Charach on the morning of the assassination: THAT THIS WAS NOT THE ACT OF ONE INDIVIDUAL.

THEODORE CHARACH

Booker, is Valerie the girl you saw with Sirhan? The girl on crutches that made the surprise the surprise appearance on the witness stand as the girl in the polkadot dress?

BOLEER GRIFFIN

Unalterably, and impossibly she is not the same girl. The Schulte girl is a Nordic type, highly Anglo. The girl that I saw was a swarthy type, Mediterranean type, her hair was dark, very dark, it was not blond in any manner and she did not have the clean-cut vivacious look of the Schulte girl. I was very unhappy with the police department when I went down to the administration. I was very much struck by their desire to fabricate a story and by their effort to strongarm me mentally, stating that there were things that I did not agree with. I feel the police department is making every effort and the city fathers of this city are making every effort to save the face of the City of Los Angeles.

THEODORE CHARACH

George Green jumped on top of a serving table in the kitchen pantry. Green, the Chairman of the New Image Committee for Kennedy, is another witness not called to testify in the Sirhan trial.

GEORGE GREEN

There were three people. I remember seeing these people in the kitchen area the first time I went upstairs and this is when I noticed the three individuals--one of them was peeping through a door or glass. They were looking in it and interview. This was Sirhan Sirhan and others. I do remember seeing a short, dark complected individual, a tall dark complected

individual and a girl. She was tall, statuesque and dark hair--well built. I did notice that. I remember that she had on a polkadot dress.

THEODORE CHARACH

When you saw Rosie Grier in the kitchen grappling with Sirhan, did you recognize him as the same individual with the others?

GEORGE GREEN

I did. I am sure. There was no question in my mind. I recognized him immediately.

(SPECIAL NOTE: Uno Timanson, former Ambassador Hotel official, walking in front of Mr. Uecker, informed Mr. Charach he is very critical, agitated and very disturbed that the police failed completely to disclose and look deeply into the many reports of Sirhan's confederates and other suspicious suspects in this case)

THEODORE CHARACH

George, what did the stranger with Sirhan look like?

GEORGE GREEN

He was tall; he was dark complected, black hair, Thin.

THEODORE CHARACH

In the kitchen we both saw Valarie on crutches. You're looking at her photos now, George. Is this the girl with Sirhan and the second stranger?

GEORGE GREEN

No, it is not. The young lady was standing on the outside with two other individuals so that if there were crutches they would have been in view. It is a conspiracy by whomever, to destroy certain factions of our leadership. And these people, like Senator Kennedy, are pinpointed and assassinated with precision.

RICHARD LUBIC

(eyewitness) I feel that Sirhan Sirhan did not act alone. The DA said that I did not testify. And the police report claimed I was a liar. But I did most certainly DID testify in the Sirhan trial! Called by the defense to report that I had heard Sirhan say "Son-of-a-bitch," which

which psychiatrist Dr. Bernard Diamond and Seymore Pollock verify in their taped recordings of Sirhan under hypnosis inside his jail cell.

I think it's very peculiar that Sirhan Sirhan, the horse trainer, would have ended up with the walking bible minister, Jerry Owen, the horse owner. The same minister, the DI said, had a criminal record over many years over several states. And Mayor Sam Yorty, who made frequent anti-Kennedy statements before the campaign and linked Sirhan to Communist and leftist causes and released unconstitutionally Sirhan's notebooks to create the impression that this was a left-ring assassination--this same Mayor Sam appeared with Minister Owen on his television show in the early summer of 1969 and the Doughton Report admitted that Owen DID know members of the Minutemen.

I feel that Sirhan was a hired gun, and the Los Angeles police don't have anything to worry about. They got a man that shot Kennedy. That's all they wanted to worry about. A conspiracy would blow their minds... I assume the defense knows more about the Sirhan than the prosecution...and I think there's more to this story than will ever be known, and I think it will be hushed up permanently... America's been shot down.

MICHELLE BARR

It's just called the press room of the Ambassador Hotel. And we were there viewing the election returns on TV, my friend and I, and it was there my friend George, and I first saw Sirhan. There was another young man with him. And this man was slim and taller than Sirhan. He definitely looked Latin. That attracted our attention to them was their manner of dress. He was definitely slender and taller but I would say in the same age bracket, swarthy. It seemed that at that time Sirhan looked up at this guy for some sort of acknowledgement like "should we go into the next room or let's not stay here." There was a girl next to him and we did spot tennis shoes. Why tennis shoes? A heavy man with tennis shoes making a peculiar looking

gadget, talking into it and flashing a signal while Senator Kennedy talked on the podium, was observed suspiciously by us. There was a girl in a polka-dot dress and bib talking through a strange gadget in front of the stage.

THEODORE CHARACH

"Phone call death threats were made to Godfrey Isaacs, the attorney. He was compelled to engage private security men for his family and round-the-clock protection for me as well."

Chief of Police Ed Davis told KABC Radio News that Godfrey Isaacs should quit law and start writing fiction, inflaming the wave of fear and intimidation instead of keeping the promise to the public that every new thread of evidence would prompt a reopening of the case. Deputy Chief of Police Robert A. Doughton, in his book, said there were absolutely no rightwingers in the kitchen pantry, and the district attorney told newsmen over the air it was untrue that there were security guards inside the kitchen pantry when there is ample evidence in LAPD and FBI files that this is untrue. Senator Kennedy's office has the affidavits now in this matter.

The intruders who assaulted Betty Dwyer in her home in the middle of the night desired new evidence, which would indicate there were others involved in the assassination besides Sirhan--which the Doughton report denied.

The DA informed the world in May, 1969, based on SUS files, that there was no credible evidence to support the conspiracy theory in the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. Younger promised the Sirhan case records would be made available--and they have not been. The LAPD refuses to show them to the public--yet, at the time, Younger said the LAPD has agreed without reservation that the interests of the public are best served by full disclosure. DA Younger said Deputy Police Chief Roger Murdick would make the Sirhan case records available.

MR. DAVIS FITTS

interrogating DR. WYNNE GOLFER, LAPD ballistics expert

Q: Based then on your comparison of this experiment with the evidence with respect to the Senator, did you form an opinion, Sir, as to the muzzle

range of the pistol at the time the shot was fired in the senator's head?

A: I did.

Q: Would you state your opinion?

A: The weapon was held approximately one inch away from the Senator's ear at the time it was fired, based upon the exemplar in People's 56 and 57 and the pattern formed in the People's Exhibit Number 58.

Charach also interviewed Cesar himself:

CESAR: Well, I did pull my gun as soon as the shots were fired.

Q: What are your political views?

CESAR: Well the white man's gonna get tired of it, and the minority groups aren't going like what's comin' up. Me as an individual, I'm fed up. And I know a lotta people I work with have the same feelings. We haven't had it shoved down our throat enough, but one of these days, we're gonna fight back. And I know a lotta people that have the same feeling...the black man for the last four or five years has been crammin' this integration idea down our throat, and so you learn to hate 'em...I think John Kennedy sold the country down the road. He gave it to the Commies; he literally gave it to the minority. He said, "Here, you take over, you run the white man..." One of these days, it's going too far.

(Cesar is now employed with the plumbing department of the Lockheed Aircraft Company, in Burbank, Calif.)

CHARACH: Sirhan was in front of Kennedy at all times, and was never less than three feet away from him. Kennedy did not turn his back to Sirhan at any time.

DONALD SCHULMAN

(former KNXT newspan) I felt that some of the people testifying are also in danger. I don't know how many people want to say this, but I'm afraid that some of these witnesses may not live to testify.

(Schulman was never interviewed by the L.A.D.)

Documentarian Ted Charach says he has positive evidence locked in safes, that the tie on Kennedy's right

Times historical photos and other photos taken by Charach's own staff belongs to the right-wing guard, Cesar, and is definitely not the clip on tie from Senator Kennedy.

More interesting, only Cesar who tells LAPD Sirhan's gun was two feet away from Senator Kennedy--only Cesar at the time of the shoottimes got gun powder residue in his eyes and was seen rubbing his eyes from the discharge at the moments of assassination. None of these facts revealed in the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Charach Probe are contained in the Houghton Report which reported there was no security at the double kitchen pantry doors when there is and FBI report proving Cesar was the guard in front of the kitchen doors and is identified at those critical doors which Kennedy passed through, by an LAPD artist layout of the crime scene. Security was breached and infiltrated on the night of the Kennedy extermination.

EPILOGUE

What does it all mean? You really should get the point by now, because the same thing keeps happening over and over again.

Whenever a genuine anti-war, anti-Facist presidential candidate appears on the scene, and it looks as though he has a good chance of getting elected, suddenly he is shot to death. And we are always told that it was a lone misfit who wanted attention, recognition. We are always told that he acted alone, that there was no conspiracy.

The allegation that President John F. Kennedy- OR - his brother Bobby was killed by a lone assassination is so absurd, and so thoroughly disproven that it hardly need be discussed here.

The same can be said for the killings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Fred Hampton, and a good many others.

You might as well face the fact that there is little or no chance that a genuine liberal president will take office again in America.

The word liberal has become a term of ridicule and opprobrium in our time; yet there is such a thing as a genuine liberal-not to be confused

with the phony liberal or the Hubert Humphrey variety.

The genuine liberal, if nothing else, at least seeks to bring about gradual progress within the framework of the system. But not if he's shot dead.

You might as well face the fact that military-corporate fascism has prevailed in America--that gradually, degree by degree, we will be allowed less and less freedom of expression and dissent, as the military-corporate clique consolidates its power.

The question that remains, hanging over our heads is: what can we do about it--or more specifically: what are YOU willing to do?

NAME	YEAR OF REPLY	YEAR INTEREST.	INTL.	NEUTRAL	NOT INTL.	NO RESPONSE
<u>SENATORS:</u>						
Bayh, Birch (D)	1970		X			
Brooke, Edward (R)	1970					X
Church, Frank (D)	1970					X
Cranston, Alan (D)	1969		X			
Dominick, Peter (R)	1967	X				
Fulbright, J. William (D)	1970					X
Goldwater, Barry, Sr. (R)	1970					X
Goodell, Charles (R)	1970					X
Gore, Albert (D)	1970					X
Harris, Fred (D)	1970			X*		
Hart, Phillip (D)	1970					X
Hatfield, Mark (R)	1970	X				
Holland, Spessard (D)	1967	X				
Hughes, Harold (D)	1970					X
Javitz, Jacob (R)	1970			X		
Kennedy, Edward (D)	1970					X
Long, Russell (D)	1967	X				
McCarthy, Eugene (D)	1970			X		
McGovern, George (D)	1970				X	
Murphy, George (R)	1970	X*				
Muskie, Edmund (D)	1970			X*		
Percy, Charles (R)	1970			X		
Prennise, William (D)	1970		X			
Ribicoff, Abraham (D)	1966	X				
Talmadge, Herman (D)	1967	X				
Tower, John (R)	1967		X			
Warbrough, Ralph (D)	1970					X
Young, Stephen (D)	1970					X

CONGRESSMEN:

Brown, George (D)	1970	X				
Corman, James (D)	1970				X	
Goldwater, Barry, Jr. (R)	1970					X
Rees, Thomas (D)	1970					X
Tunney, John (D)	1970			X		
Udall, Morris (D)	1970		X			

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE:

Douglas, William O.	1970					X
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