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To: SAC, Los Angeles (62-156)

✓ From: Director, FBI (62-587)

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11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024
December 7, 1977

Mr. Harry L. Hufford
Chief Administrative Officer
County of Los Angeles
713 Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Mr. Robert H. Jackson, Investigator

Dear Mr. Hufford:

Reference is made to your letter, dated November 2, 1977, concerning a request for information involving the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Enclosed please find a memorandum, dated November 30, 1977, stating the official position of the FBI relative to questions raised by your letter of November 2, 1977. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

TED L. GUNDERSON
Special Agent in Charge

By:

RONALD G. PERKERSON
Supervisory Special Agent

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Mobile (44-1955)

Date: June 11, 1968

Re: KENSALT

FBI File No. 62-587

Lab. No. D-680606071 AT

Specimens received 6/6/68

Qc15 Photocopy of typewritten document entitled "Biblegram (telegram) to McCarthy," bearing handwritten address, "Departement of Imigration, Mobile, Alabama," and postmarked "Los Angeles, Calif. PM 31 May 1968"

Result of examination:

The typewritten message on Qc15 is a photocopy reproduction. The photocopy was folded and the address and stamp were then added. The address on the front of Qc15 consists of original handwriting which was written with blue-black ink.

The typewriting corresponds to the standard for Underwood pica style of type, having a horizontal spacing of ten letters to the inch. This typewriting was compared with the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies are being added thereto.

The typewritten name "Merle M. Matteson" is included in the questioned typewriting. Based on the name mentioned, a search was made in the files of the Identification Division. The handwriting on Qc15 was compared with signatures on the fingerprint cards located. No identification was made.

Qc15 is being returned separately. This specimen has been photographed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/25/75

ERNEST H. HORNSBY, Attorney at Law, Dothan, Alabama, advised that on July 18, 1975, he was appointed to represent DAVID LYNN SLOAN on an error coram-nobis petition. He advised that SLOAN is a white male, age 30, and is currently lodged in the Alabama State Penitentiary, Holman Station, Atmore, Alabama, Prison Number 111925. He advised that SLOAN had been convicted of four counts of burglary and received a ten year sentence. He advised that his first hearing was during the latter part of August, 1975, and that was the first time he had talked to SLOAN in person.

HORNSBY stated that while waiting for his hearing SLOAN voluntarily told him about a second gun used in the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HORNSBY stated that SLOAN told him that he was in California, during the time KENNEDY was assassinated or shortly thereafter and purchased a gun, not further described, from an individual in California, who told SLOAN that this gun was used in the ROBERT F. KENNEDY shooting. He further advised that SLOAN told him that he also had other information, not further revealed to HORNSBY, that the gun SLOAN had in his possession was the one used in the KENNEDY assassination. He stated that SLOAN told him that the gun was buried in Northern Alabama, but did not state if he buried it or how he had this information.

HORNSBY advised that he did not feel obligated to furnish this information at the time he received it due to the attorney-client relationship, however, received a letter from SLOAN on 9/24/75, in which SLOAN indicated it to be all right to release this information.

HORNSBY made available a copy of the letter from DAVID SLOAN, which he received September 24, 1975, which had attached to it a three page letter signed TED CHARACH. These letters are as follows:

LA 56-156-3254

Interviewed on 9/25/75 at Dothan, Alabama File # MO 44-1955-50
by SA MICHAEL H. WALTERS
SA DANIEL R. STANKOSKI :lpw Date dictated 9/25/75

Dear Mr. Hornsby,

Do you remember me telling you about the other gun that was supposed to be used in the Robert Kennedy murder? Well here enclosed a letter from Mr. Charach, the investigator that talked to me while I was in Dethaw. I've already written Bill Baxley, the Atty. Gen. of Arkansas and the professor mentioned in the letter. I would also appreciate it very much if you could do anything on that end to help me get out on some kind of a bond. Maybe if you would write Bill Baxley, or even if the court would hurry and give me a new trial if they even are any way, I thought you might be interested in the letter and if it's not too much trouble I'd like to have it back. Do you have any idea as to whether or not I'll get out on a bond?

Yours truly,
Darin Sloan



✓ mail to: ✓ TELEPHONE: 213-403-1007
(messages)

Ted Charach
4133 Laurelgrove Ave.
Studio City, Cal. 91604

Sheraton-
Chateau LeMoyne
Hotel
SHERATON HOTELS AND MOTOR INNS, WORLDWIDE
301 RUE DAUPHINE
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70112
TELEPHONE (504) 581-1300

David Sloan
Rt. 2 Box 38
Holman Station,
Alabama 36502

September 16, 1975

Dear David,

I want to thank you sincerely for your gracious interest in this important matter! I have been traveling across America to get help in locating that article.

I lost your first letter, David in my rush east - and sure was pleased to hear from you and get your mailing address.

After I left you I went to see the judge, Fletcher Adams, who was very considerate and wanted to help but it was out of his hands. It is between the states of Alabama and Arkansas -



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the Attorney General Offices or even an appeal to the Governors, in the interest of justice.

Write a letter explaining that I visited you, and you want to be released, under bond and custody of Arkansas State - be sincere and frank that you may be able to locate the gun needed for ballistics tests in this major case, now being reopened with big interest by the Nation and Press! I am sure they will want to help you in good time.

✓ write to:

(1) # Jim Guy Tucker
Attorney-General,
Justice Building
Little Rock, Ark.

(2) # Attorney: Godfrey
Isaac, 9454-
Wilshire Blvd. - Beverly Hills
Calif. 90210
R.F.K. - JIRHAN Case

Refused
by
T. CHARNEY
INVESTIGATIONS

✓ note: I already
talked to Mr. Tucker
about transferring you
and he wants your request
in writing and how important

(over)

page 3:

*3.

David, also write Governor George Wallace
Montgomery, Alabama - State Capital Building
tell Governor Wallace that you want to
help justice in the R. F. K. National case
and Investigative Reporter Ted Charach, of
Los Angeles California discover the truth!

Professor Herbert L. Mac Donell,
P.O. Box 1111, Corning, New York would
be happy to send an investigator to
see you - as he is the expert who would
conduct the tests on the missing "Yoder
Gun", taken October, 1969 - nine-shot
N & R - N-1 3332! Write Mac Donell too -
referred by Ted Charach!

I offered a ^{reward} ~~an award~~ in the Fort Smith
newspaper, and I visited Billy Franklin
at his home in Booneville, Arkansas.
Billy said he would lead me to the
whereabouts of that little gun - if
David Sloan would write personally
and ask to help me directly. Write Billy

I will continue to work on and on in
this case, and hope it can work out
for you, myself and everyone that
needs to know! Its in the news, David
weekly! Please write me soon your
thoughts and I will be trying again back
in California ^{2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176}! Regards and Best in
J.P.A.

MO 44-1955

HORNSBY requested that he not be identified to SLOAN as having furnished this information and also requested that SLOAN not be shown the letters.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LA (56-156)

DATE: 12/23/77

FROM : SAC, MO 44-1955

RE: FILE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM

SUBJECT: Kensalt
(Title)

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. DO NOT BLOCK STAMP.

Enclosed are 5 items of evidentiary nature. These items are forwarded your office since you were OO at the time our case was RUC'd. Enclosures are described as follows:

1 302 interviews
3 1A exhibits
1 Lab reports

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 18, 1968

Mr. JAMES MC MANUS, 410 Conduitt Drive, Mooresville, Indiana, advised that he went to Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, May 29, 1968, from Oregon where he was working on the KENNEDY primary. MC MANUS said he accompanied the motorcade to downtown Los Angeles where he stopped at the Ambassador Hotel for the assignment in the California primaries. MC MANUS said that he was assigned to make arrangements for a working press room which was the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel and a press distribution center which was the North Room of the Ambassador Hotel. MC MANUS stated that he was assisted by ROY RINGER of Malibu, California, and that in addition to making arrangements for the above-mentioned rooms, he and RINGER took over the registration desk of the hotel from approximately 6:00 PM, May 29, 1968, to 1:00 AM, May 30, 1968.

MC MANUS said that sometime between 9:45 and 10:30 PM, RINGER suggested that they take a break by going for a drink to a free bar which was set up near the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. MC MANUS said while sitting at a table near the free bar, a young man described as 5'3", 120 pounds, dark complexion, with heavy well-groomed black hair, wearing a sport coat with blue stripes and contrasting trousers and a dark tie open at the neck, approached him and asked for the schedule of Senator KENNEDY for the two following days, May 30 and 31, 1968. MC MANUS said his first thought was "what's a Mexican American reporter doing here in Oregon", but then he recalled he was in California. MC MANUS answered that he did not have the schedule but that the individual could obtain the same by going to 5615 Wilshire Boulevard or calling there. MC MANUS stated that the individual then asked what time the Senator would be in that evening, to which MC MANUS answered 11:00 PM. MC MANUS said he then assumed that the individual worked for a radio station in that radio stations send young people who are inexperienced whereas newspaper media are more apt to send older, more experienced personnel. MC MANUS stated that the individual had a Wednesday schedule in his right coat pocket and that he said, "I have today's schedule".

MC MANUS advised that he went back to the registration desk of the hotel at approximately 11:00 PM, whereupon the press contingent came up the stairs. MC MANUS said that he thought the Senator was back in the hotel at this time because of the return of the press contingent.

On 6/15/68 at Mooresville, IndianaFile # LA 56-156 - 3256
IP 62-1957 - //by SA LEROY C. LINGENFELTER :ndvDate dictated 6/17/68

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MC MANUS said he checked people in until approximately 1:00 AM, May 30, 1968.

MC MANUS recalled that he saw the individual the second time between 11:00 and 12:00 during a short trip to the North Room at which time the individual again asked the question regarding the Senator's schedule, whereupon MC MANUS informed him that he must go to 5615 Wilshire Boulevard to obtain the same.

MC MANUS further stated that sometime after he saw the first individual (probably Wednesday morning or early afternoon) two Latin types described as well dressed, olive skin, thin faced, well-groomed dark hair with long sideburns, and wearing dark business suits, also asked for the schedule. MC MANUS added that these two individuals looked enough alike to be cousins.

MC MANUS advised that he left on Thursday afternoon to go to New York City for campaign arrangements there.

Upon being exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, MC MANUS said that the face on view looked like the first individual, but that he could not be positive. He, MC MANUS added that the photograph looked a little messed up and that he had the impression that the first individual mentioned above may have had longer sideburns; however, he added the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN seemed to him to not be totally unfamiliar. MC MANUS said that the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN did not in any way resemble the two Latin types mentioned above.

MC MANUS recalled that his first reaction after seeing news media photographs was that he vaguely remembered seeing someone very similar to SIRHAN SIRHAN.

MC MANUS further stated that he could not be certain if it was the first individual in the Ambassador Hotel the night of May 29, 1968, but someone was wearing a pair of dark brown buckle loafers, with a sheen, made of large grain leather with the buckle across the instep. MC MANUS added that he appreciates good shoes, and that for some reason these stood out in his mind, perhaps because they were uncared for.

MC MANUS finally stated that it was possible that ROY RINGER of Malibu, California, may have seen and could recall the first individual mentioned above. MC MANUS added that he did not know

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what RINGER's address was; however, he was sure that he, RINGER, could be contacted through PAT BROWN's Law Office, in Los Angeles, California.

MC MANUS further added that either LISA GWIRTZMAN and/or CONSTANCE CHANCELLOR were present when the two Latin types asked for the Senator's schedule of May 30, 1968. According to MC MANUS, LISA GWIRTZMAN lives in New York City and could be contacted through her husband MILTON GWIRTZMAN of Dutton, Gwirtzman, and Wise (phonetic) Law Firm of New York City; and that CONSTANCE CHANCELLOR could be readily found in the Washington, D. C. telephone book, although her address at that time was unknown to him.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 5, 1969

JOHN PUETZ, home address 402 East 6th Street, Fowler, Indiana, Indiana University (IU) Campus address Room 105, Willkie South, stated he had just transferred to IU from St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana.

PUETZ recalled that he had been with a group of students from St. Meinrad, who accompanied Senator ROBERT KENNEDY to Portland, Oregon, and to Los Angeles, California. At the time of the assault on Senator KENNEDY, PUETZ was in the vestibule at the main entrance to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He stated he did not hear of the assault until he got downstairs to the room, where their group were to meet with Senator KENNEDY. He then heard of the assault from the news media.

He advised he never saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time and advised he had no knowledge of any conspiracy upon the life of Senator KENNEDY.

He stated the only person he knew who had actually been in the Embassy Room prior to the assault was LARRY DAKER, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois, and who transferred from St. Meinrad College to Dayton University, Dayton, Ohio.

He had not seen DAKER subsequent to the tragedy and had no information concerning DAKER's exact location at the time of the assault. He stated he knew DAKER had been in the Embassy Room, because he observed him on one of the television monitors, during the meeting prior to the assault.

On 2/3/69 at Bloomington, Indiana File # LA 56-156 3257
IP 62-1957 34
by SA GEORGE H. ASDELL -plp Date dictated 2/4/69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1969

CHARLES D. WHITE, home address 127 Queen Street, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that he is presently a senior at St. Meinrad College and was very active as a student coordinator for the primary campaign to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He became very active during the primary campaign in Southern Indiana and subsequently went with Senator KENNEDY to Oregon and California.

He recalls being in the Ambassador Hotel Ballroom at Los Angeles, California, the night Senator KENNEDY was shot. WHITE stated that he stood at the lower left hand corner of the platform, facing the platform, during Senator KENNEDY's victory speech and at the time was with a friend ANDY T. EZZELL, 537 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, telephone number 283-6470. He and EZZELL were together the major part of the evening.

Towards the end of KENNEDY's speech, WHITE moved over to the right corner of the platform to be close to the Senator when he left the stage. It had been generally believed by the KENNEDY people that Senator KENNEDY would come off stage and enter the crowd but a sudden change in plans occurred and the Senator did not enter the crowd but proceeded towards the passage way into the kitchen area. Senator KENNEDY was approximately 25 feet in front of WHITE at the time he was shot. WHITE stated that people began screaming, mass confusion set in, and he didn't hear the shots or see anything. WHITE admitted that at the time of the shooting, when he realized what had happened, he became hysterical, began crying and fell in the passageway bumping his head on a corner of a door. He received a slight cut over his left eye and a friend, STEVE BANET, another student at St. Meinrad College, helped him out of the Ballroom into the Ambassador Hotel Lobby.

On 4/11/69 at Saint Meinrad, Indiana File #

LA 56-156
IP 62-1957-3

by SA RICHARD J. EISGRUBER *RJE* -cdl

Date dictated 4/14/69

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Some KENNEDY aides, JOE HIGDEN being one in particular, inquired regarding WHITE's injury and when it was found out he had simply a cut, he received medical attention and remained in the lobby area. Later on he saw the police bringing Sirhan Sirhan out of the lobby. He stated he had never seen Sirhan before this. WHITE noted no unusual activity in the Ballroom area prior to the shooting incident and stated he had passed through the kitchen area of the Ambassador Hotel earlier that evening but noted nothing in particular.

WHITE furnished the following list of names of individuals from Saint Meinrad College who were very active in the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and who were at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, the evening that he was shot:

STEVE BANET
MARK SULLIVAN
CHARLIE EDER
STEVE CHURCHWELL
BOB COTTER
JIM NICO

WHITE stated that he was closest to the scene and doesn't believe that any of the above individuals could furnish any additional information. WHITE stated that other individuals, who were very active in Senator KENNEDY's campaign but not from Saint Meinrad College were:

JOE HIGDEN, 3400 16th Street, Apartment 621
Washington D.C., telephone number area code
202-726-2825;

WALTER SHERIDAN, 20th and "L" Street, Wash-
ington D.C.;

RUSS DAVIS, 3939 West 82nd Street, Chicago,
Illinois;

KATHY CWIK, 7042 West 64th Place, Chicago,
Illinois;

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KENNETH F. FUSSELL, JR., 1650 Harvard Street, Northwest Washington D.C. (graduated from Saint Meinrad College, 1968, presently a teacher at Laurel Junior High School, Laurel, Maryland).

WHITE also furnished the January 17, 1969, issue of Life Magazine, which carried a picture on Page Number 22 (with an arrow) which indicated that the person pointed to by the arrow is Sirhan Sirhan. WHITE stated that he feels this is a picture of himself and also feels he recognizes the back of a head of his friend ANDY EZZELL as being also part of the picture. He knows this to be his photograph because he can place himself at the approximate position, to the left side of the platform upon which Senator KENNEDY was giving his victory speech, and can identify his friend ANDY EZZELL.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1969

JAMES D. NICO, home address 4233 Apple Tree Lane, Lansing, Michigan, advised that he was a sophomore at Saint Meinrad College, Saint Meinrad, Indiana, and was a supporter and organizer for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during the primary campaign in 1968. He was in Los Angeles, California, with Senator KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel the evening he was shot. NICO stated he was waiting in the Ballroom for approximately an hour and one-half at the Ambassador Hotel with DAN KING, upper Mount Vernon Road, Evansville, Indiana, who is presently a student at the Indiana State University Extension at Evansville, for Senator KENNEDY's victory speech.

NICO stated he and KING stayed for approximately half of the victory speech and went inside when he left and went to the Cave Bar at the Ambassador to see the Righteous Brothers. NICO stated he had no recall of ever seeing Sirhan Sirhan that evening before or after the shooting.

NICO stated that he next recalled a man rushed into the Cave Bar and asked for a doctor. NICO then went to the Ballroom and just observed a lot of confusion but couldn't really tell what happened. He next observed Senator KENNEDY being placed in an ambulance and also observed CHUCK WHITE, KATHY Cwik and her fiance RUSS DAVIS.

NICO then walked around alone for a while around the main floor area where the Ballroom was and proceeded to the Rafferty Headquarters where he called his parents in Lansing, Michigan, and advised them of what had happened. It was then approximately 5 am in Lansing, Michigan.

Later on that same morning, NICO stated he went to a room where an alleged KENNEDY aide who seemed to have more information on the shooting than anyone else there, was eating and drinking and making merry. He did not know the in-

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by SA RICHARD J. EISGRUBER *RS* -cd1

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dividual's name. The individual stated, "Senator Kennedy's aides did not know he was to proceed through the kitchen and that if they had known, they would have been in front of him." This individual further stated that the plans had been changed suddenly at the last minute, and that had he known plans, he could have been in front of KENNEDY. This individual further stated he was with KENNEDY when he was shot, he grabbed at the fellow with the gun, and helped WAYFORD JOHNSON disarm the individual and later hit a cameraman who got in the way. NICO stated this individual, who indicated he was a close KENNEDY aide, was well dresses and had an Eastern accent, from New York or Boston, and appeared to be very nervous. The big question in NICO's mind was if he was the KENNEDY aide, why was he there at the Ambassador Hotel with the low ratio on aides and organizers and workers and if he was not an aide, if he was a phony, what was his true identity. NICO stated that he had no particular reason to think that this individual was involved in any sort of conspiracy, however, he was acting in a very aloof and unmessed manner in the situation when everyone else was hysterical and very saddened and this perplexed NICO along with quite a few of the other KENNEDY workers.

He described this individual was being a white, male, age approximately 30 to 32, 6'2" tall, 195 pounds, medium build, black hair (straight and short), dark eyes, very well dresses, characteristics - stuttered and blushed very noticeably.

NICO stated that other individuals who noticed this person were JIM C. BAILEY, 6039 Northeast 30th Street, Portland, Oregon, telephone number 284-2954, and JOHN PUTZ, of Fowler, Indiana.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

May 2, 1969

Date _____

JOHN PUETZ, Indiana University, campus residence Room 105, Willkie South, residence address Fowler, Indiana, advised he was in the vestibule of the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, when he was told that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He recalled that several hours later he was in the Press Room of the Ambassador Hotel, possibly Room 109, with JAMES D. NICO, a student at Saint Meinrad College, Saint Meinrad, Indiana.

He recalled there were two men in the room who said they were KENNEDY aides.

He stated he believed the name of one of these men was GARY (phonetic) and he believed GARY was the one who stated he believed he could have saved the life of Senator KENNEDY if he had jumped between the Senator and the assailant who had a gun.

He stated he believed the other individual who stated he was a KENNEDY aide had the charge number and charged for food and drinks for other individuals in the room, so that these charges were placed on the KENNEDY bill.

He recalled that both of these individuals were white males, however, he could not specifically describe them further.

On 4/29/69 at Bloomington, Indiana

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SA GEORGE H. ASDELL *[Signature]* -jbb

4/30/69

by

Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 22, 1969

DANIEL P. KING, 4300 Upper Mount Vernon Road,
advised as follows:

He is presently a student at Indiana State University, Evansville Extension, and formerly was a student at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana. During the summer of 1968, he worked as an organizer and field worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, when the Senator was shot. KING stated that he had no indication at the time of any conspiracy and saw or heard nothing in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting indicating conspiracy.

On 5/12/69 at Evansville, Indiana

LA 56-156 -3261
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by SA RICHARD J. EISGRUBER *RE*-css

Date dictated 5/16/69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 22, 1969

STEPHEN J. BANET, home address Rural Route 1, Box 40, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, advised he is a sophomore at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana, and that he worked as an organizer and a field worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during the summer and spring of 1968. He was in the Embassy ballroom in the Ambassador Hotel the night Senator KENNEDY was shot. He stated there was no evidence of conspiracy and he heard or saw nothing to indicate such.

On 5/12/69 at St. Meinrad, Indiana

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by SA RICHARD J. EISGRUBER *ME* -css.

Date dictated 5/16/69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 22, 1969

MARK L. SULLIVAN, 1920 South Union Street, Kokomo, Indiana, advised that he is presently a sophomore at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana. During the spring and summer of 1968, he was a precinct worker in the Primary campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SULLIVAN stated that he was in the Embassy ballroom at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, the night of June 5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was shot, that there was no evidence of any conspiracy, and that he neither saw nor heard anything to indicate a conspiracy.

On 5/12/69 at St. Meinrad, Indiana File # LA 56-156 3263
IP 62-1957-49
by SA RICHARD J. EISGRUBER *RE*-css Date dictated 5/16/69

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Date May 22, 1969

CHARLES R. EDER, home address Rfd. Number 4, North Vernon, Indiana, advised that he is a sophomore at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana, and was a worker and an organizer in the Primary campaign the spring and summer of 1968 for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stood at the podium in the Embassy ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, the night of June 5, 1968, when the Senator was shot and waited for four hours to hear the Senator's speech. He stated he had no evidence that there was a conspiracy to murder the Senator and he neither saw nor heard anything which would indicate there was a conspiracy.

On 5/12/69 at St. Meinrad, IndianaLA 56-156 **3264**
File # IP 62-1957-50by SA RICHARD J. EISGRUBER *RE* -cssDate dictated 5/16/69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 22, 1969

STEPHEN T. CHURCHWELL, home address 200 North Staley Street, Carmi, Illinois, advised that he is presently a sophomore at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana. He worked as an organizer and worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during the Primary campaigns in the spring and summer of 1968. He stated he was in Los Angeles in the Ambassador Hotel on the evening the Senator was shot, and that he saw nothing nor heard nothing which would indicate a conspiracy. He stated that there was only mass confusion and that he knows of no one that does have any proof of a conspiracy.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 27, 1969

ANDREW TIPTON EZZELL, 537 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, now employed by the Trans-Century Corporation, Washington, D.C., advised he graduated from St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana, on May 16, 1968. He stated he attended St. Mary's Seminary, 5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, from September, 1968, to May 19, 1969, and will return to the seminary at St. Mary's in the Fall of 1969.

EZZELL stated after he graduated from St. Meinrad College in May, 1968, he went to Portland, Oregon, where he campaigned for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and about May 25, 1968, he went to Los Angeles, California, where he stayed at the Sky Villa Motel in the western part of Los Angeles. He recalled on the night of Senator KENNEDY's assassination at the Ambassador Hotel, he attended Mr. KENNEDY's speech in the Press Room at the hotel and he and others were permitted to go to the kitchen area near the Press Room by DON DOWD, KENNEDY's campaign manager in Los Angeles. He stated after he and many others were in the kitchen area, he recalled Senator KENNEDY came to that area near the Press Room after his speech about midnight, June 5, 1968, and it was very noisy and people were milling all over the room. He advised he did not hear any shot or shots, but heard from people around him that four or five people had been shot. He inquired if Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he was informed he had not been shot, so he left the room to look for one of his friends.

EZZELL stated he later heard Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he was very saddened about the occasion.

EZZELL commented at no time did he have any indication of any possible conspiracy or did he see or hear anything in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting indicating conspiracy.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 27, 1969

ROBERT J. COTTER, 10249 Ronald Court, Indianapolis, Indiana, employed during the Summer of 1969 at the Stark Wetzel Company, Inc., Indianapolis, advised he will be a Senior at St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana, in September, 1969.

COTTER stated that on May 17, 1968, he left Evansville, Indiana, for the State of Oregon at Portland, where he worked in ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign there. He advised on May 29, 1968, he left Portland, Oregon, for Los Angeles, California, and upon his arrival at Los Angeles, he stayed at the Sky Villa Motel. At about 9:00 P.M. or 10:00 P.M., June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech at the Embassy Room of the hotel. COTTER advised he was not permitted to enter the Embassy Room, so he went to a room one floor under above named room and watched the speech on a television set. He recalled the program went off the television set and then it came back on and he saw people trying to go everywhere and there was mass confusion. He stated someone yelled for a doctor and it sounded like a number of people had been shot. He advised he did not know Senator KENNEDY had been shot until they announced it on television.

COTTER stated he walked around the hotel for a while looking for some of his friends, they then went to their car and returned to their motel at about 2:30 A.M., June 5, 1968.

COTTER advised at no time did he have any indication of any conspiracy in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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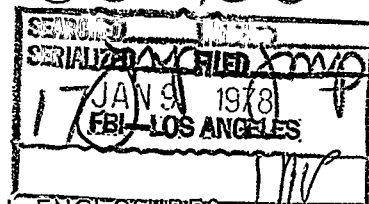
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 20, 1968

Miss CHARLENE LEWIS was interviewed at the residence of her parents, 601 Fourth Avenue, where she arrived on December 19, 1968, to recuperate from an illness. She stated her residence address is care of ROBERTSHAW, 52 West 71st Street, New York, New York, and her employer is "Sports Illustrated" magazine, Time-Life Building, New York. She stated she could be reached at her employer's, telephone number 556-2917.

Miss LEWIS advised that between May 20, 1968, and July 7, 1968, she was staying with relatives in Los Angeles, California, while she worked as a volunteer for the Speeches and Issues Bureau of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Staff. She stated that in connection with this work she entered the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, between 8:30 and 9:00 P.M., June 4, 1968. She said that Senator KENNEDY came into this room about midnight and talked for about ten to fifteen minutes to the group assembled there. She said that when he finished his talk he left this room and went through a hall to the kitchen or pantry area adjacent to this room. Miss LEWIS advised she remained in the Embassy Room and learned about one or two minutes later from some KENNEDY Girls that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot. She stated she, herself, did not observe the shooting, and at no time did she see SIRHAN SIRHAN at the hotel. She stated that as a matter of fact, she never saw this man at any time or any place. She stated she was shocked when she learned Senator KENNEDY had been shot and had absolutely no idea whether a conspiracy was involved.

On 12/19/68 at Troy, New York File # Albany 175-12-12
Los Angeles 56-156-3269
by SA EDWARD P. NASSIF/das Date dictated 12/20/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

GERALD BRUNO, 210 Lansdowne Road, advised he was acting as an advance representative for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during the primary election campaigns and had acted in the capacity during the California primaries.

On June 4, 1968, he left the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, about 10:30 p.m. and proceeded by taxi to the Los Angeles Airport. He boarded an 11:30 p.m. flight enroute to Buffalo, New York. During the flight, he was informed that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he made arrangements to leave the flight at Cleveland, Ohio, and return to Los Angeles. He arrived back in Los Angeles about 10:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968.

He said he knew nothing of the itinerary or plans Senator KENNEDY had on June 4 or 5, 1968, as another advance representative was handling those details in Los Angeles.

On 6/14/68 at Dewitt, New York File # AL 175-12
LA 56-156-3270
by SA JOHN L. KELLY/cjc Date dictated 6/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/8/68

GERALD BRUNO, Upstate Representative of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Room 374, Federal Building, Syracuse, New York, advised he was appointed to his present position by the late Senator KENNEDY in 1965. He said that shortly after he arrived in Syracuse, New York, to set up his office, GARY DEDELL introduced himself and advised BRUNO that he, DEDELL, had also applied to Senator KENNEDY for the position of Upstate Representative. DEDELL thereafter offered his help in finding a residence for BRUNO and his family. BRUNO said DEDELL's family operates a printing business in Syracuse, N.Y. and DEDELL came to the office frequently to pass out advertising items such as pens, pencils and the like. BRUNO said he soon came to realize that DEDELL was a name dropper and hanger-on and he avoided him as much as he could and finally he told DEDELL that he should stay away from the office.

BRUNO said that on June 5, 1968, he was at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, California, where Senator KENNEDY was taken after he was shot. Sometime during that day DEDELL called the hospital and asked for BRUNO. The call was answered by PETER SMITH, an advance man for Senator KENNEDY's campaign. DEDELL told SMITH that he was a friend of BRUNO and asked SMITH to find out from BRUNO whether BRUNO wanted DEDELL to bring Mrs. BRUNO and BRUNO's daughter to Los Angeles. BRUNO said this was the first time in about two years that DEDELL had tried to contact him. When SMITH delivered DEDELL's message, BRUNO told SMITH that DEDELL was a name dropper and just a hanger on and to ignore the call.

BRUNO said that his contacts with DEDELL were only casual and he had considered DEDELL to be a pest.

On 7/1/68 at Syracuse, New York File # AL 175-12 - 20
by SA JOHN L. KELLY:mjh *[signature]* Date dictated 7/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 22, 1968

Mrs. ALICE HOCH, 1006 Brayton Park Place, advised that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, she had been a registered guest in a second floor hotel room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, that she had no pertinent personal knowledge or information regarding the June 5, 1968, shooting of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, at the hotel.

Mrs. HOCH stated that she had registered at the above hotel as a member of a group of individuals being part of a Greyhound tour. She stated the only other individual there from Utica, N.Y., was Miss BETTY BESIG, who resides at 1607 Whitesboro St., Utica, N.Y., and during the evening and night of June 4, 1968, they sat together in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel.

She stated that they had observed literally thousands of people in the hotel lobby on the above occasion and had returned to their respective rooms possibly around midnight.

She continued that on the following morning she was joined by Miss BESIG and they both went downstairs to breakfast and it was at this time they learned of the shooting of former Senator KENNEDY.

Mrs. HOCH stated she recalled that after she retired, she did hear a noise which could have been a shot or shots but at the time had dismissed it as thinking it was probably backfire from a car. She believed that likely these were the shots that were fired in the shooting.

She stated she has observed newspaper photographs of the individual who has been charged with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and cannot say whether or not she

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never saw this individual in the lobby of the Ambassador
Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/69

JAMES C. BAILEY, residence address 260 South 156th Street, was interviewed at his place of employment, Ben Bridges Jewelers, Fourth and Pike Streets.

Mr. BAILEY advised that to the very best of his recollection he did not see JAMES NICO on the night that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mr. BAILEY advised that on the night of the assassination, possibly four or five hours after the assassination occurred, he and approximately six other persons slept in a room which had been obtained for them at the Ambassador Hotel and he said that this was a sleeping room only and there were no eats or drinks consumed by anyone in this room. He said that the campaign workers who were staying in this particular room were all from Indiana or Oregon.

Mr. BAILEY recalled that there was a room used by the campaign workers and the aides of KENNEDY in the press room on the main floor of the Ambassador Hotel but he has no memory whatsoever of any person being in this press room who answered the description as given by JAMES NICO who did not seem to be concerned about KENNEDY's assassination.

Mr. BAILEY advised that during the campaign he had met another young man whom he knows only by the first name of "JIM" and this young man was a bonafide friend and close associate of the KENNEDY family and had acted as a "front man" during the campaign. BAILEY said that this young man would usually be in the party close to ETHYL KENNEDY.

According to BAILEY, he assumes that this was the young man of whom JAMES NICO was speaking as this young man whom he knew only as "JIM" did have short black hair and was approximately 28 years of age, with a medium build; and this young man had black hair which was straight and short. BAILEY said that the only difference he can tell in the description as given by NICO and his own recollection is that this particular person was no more than six feet tall. BAILEY advised that it was his recollection that this young man came from the East Coast, possibly from near Boston, and this young man did have a tendency to grope for his words but he did not actually stutter.

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Continuing, BAILEY advised that he has no memory of ever seeing this "JIM" on the night of the assassination.

In conclusion, BAILEY advised that he has no knowledge whatsoever of anyone being associated with the KENNEDY family or the KENNEDY campaign who was not shocked and horrified about the events that occurred on the night of the assassination.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/27/68

JAMES CHARLES BAILEY, 260 South 156th Street, Apartment 36, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his place of employment, Snelling and Snelling Employment Service, 144 S.W. 153rd Street, Seattle, regarding his possible knowledge of the conspiracy upon the life of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. BAILEY advised as follows:

He was a volunteer campaign worker for Senator KENNEDY and worked in the Portland, Oregon, office starting about one month before the Oregon primary elections. He worked in a liaison capacity between the campaign headquarters and the different celebrities who would come to town to give campaign speeches. After the Oregon primaries, he went to Los Angeles, California, to help with the California primaries.

While in Los Angeles, he lived in a motel across the street from the Ford Motor Assembly Plant in East Los Angeles. About 25 campaign workers were staying in the motel.

On the evening of June 5, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel for the victory celebration held in the Embassy Ballroom. He was standing near to and was talking with Mrs. SARGEANT SHRIVER and her body guards at the time it was announced that there had been an accident. He then learned that KENNEDY had been shot.

BAILEY affirms that he has never seen or known SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

During the day he was not allowed to work and, therefore, he stayed at the motel and went swimming and visited with other campaign workers. The night of the shooting, he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in a room on the third floor which had been set aside by an unknown person for the campaign workers.

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by SA JOHN C. KAMMERMAN/msw

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BAILEY stated he knows nothing concerning the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY other than what he has read in the newspapers or discussed with other campaign workers.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/68

WILLIAM H. BEAR was located at the residence of one SHARON GIDICAN, 608-South 220th, Des Moines, Washington.

WILLIAM H. BEAR advised that at the present time he is not employed and does not have a permanent address but it is his intention to take up residence with his brother JOHN BEAR at 614-South 220th.

Mr. WILLIAM BEAR affirmed that he had formerly been the director of the Indian Center at San Francisco.

Mr. BEAR viewed the colored photograph showing Senator ROBERT KENNEDY standing between Mrs. STELLA LEACH, Mrs. MARION RAWLINSON, and Mrs. MARION BEAUCHAMP, plus other persons in the background, including a partial photograph of a face of a male person peering from the rear between Mrs. LEACH and Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. BEAR said he had viewed this particular photograph before, including a blowup of this same photograph and he said he cannot identify the male individual whose face was partially photographed, peering between Mrs. LEACH and Senator Kennedy.

Mr. BEAR said further that he definitely has never told any person that SIRHAN SIRHAN had been present at the meeting where this photograph was taken.

Mr. BEAR also said that SIRHAN SIRHAN is unknown to him, and he has no knowledge that SIRHAN was present at a United States Senate Subcommittee Hearing on Indian Education held at San Francisco in or about January 1968, when the aforementioned group photograph was taken.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 25, 1968

Mr. HAROLD MANSFIELD, 8606 - 24th Avenue, East, Tacoma, Washington, advised that he in the company of another Tacoma couple, Mr. and Mrs. WAYNE LA CHAPELLE, arrived in Los Angeles on June 6, 1968, and checked into the Ambassador Hotel on that afternoon, which was after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. MANSFIELD stated he has no information to furnish concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN or the circumstances of this matter.

On 9/20/68 at Tacoma, Washington File # SE 89-62 -96 2450 3277
by SA ELGIN E. OLROGG/dks Date dictated 9/20/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 24, 1968

Mr. LOUIS BELL, residence address 17129 Northeast Fifth Street, Bellevue, Washington, residence phone SH6-2472, was interviewed on the premises of the Olympic Hotel in Seattle.

Mr. BELL advised that he is a representative of the Bulova Watch Company and he had been in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, attending a sales representative meeting which was being held at the Ambassador Hotel. He said he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel that date and had attended sales meetings at the hotel not only on June 4, 1968, but also on the next day, June 5, 1968.

Mr. BELL advised that he and other Bulova Watch representatives were among the crowd in the Ambassador Hotel who were present during the time that Senator KENNEDY was speaking. He said that he and the rest of his crowd remained in the same room where they were standing when KENNEDY left the room and thereafter he heard a commotion coming from the direction that KENNEDY had left and subsequently he saw a woman being carried out through this same room in which he was standing, and then one other person came through this room who had been shot.

Mr. BELL advised that all this information subsequent to the instant that KENNEDY left the room came from watching television monitors in the room where the crowd was assembled and to the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and has no information whatsoever concerning any possible conspiracy.

On 9/24/68 at Seattle, Washington

SA VERNON P. COYNE :asd

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 30, 1968

G. G. (Jerry) BRABANT, Executive Vice President of the Nebar Supply Company, Incorporated, 430 Minor Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, was contacted at his place of business. Mr. BRABANT acknowledged that he had been a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

Mr. BRABANT said that he had arrived back at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, approximately twenty minutes before Senator KENNEDY finished giving his speech. BRABANT said that he went into the Palm Garden Cocktail Lounge and purchased a cocktail. He said that he sat there watching television and just before Senator Kennedy's speech ended a bartender came up and said he was closing the bar. BRABANT said thereafter he moved closer to a TV set and began finishing his drink. He said also immediately thereafter a man came to the bar and said KENNEDY had been shot. BRABANT thought this man had a distorted sense of humor until another man came in and spread the same word. BRABANT said he stayed around for approximately 15 more minutes before going to his room, and when he found he could not call his wife in Seattle from his room he went to the basement and used a public phone.

BRABANT said he has never seen SIRHAN and has no knowledge concerning any possible conspiracy.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

Mr. JAMES H. KNOWLES, residence address 1717 - 150th SE, Bellevue, Washington, a representative of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, with offices at 330 - 2nd Avenue West, in Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his place of business.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he had been in Los Angeles, on a business trip for his company and had checked into the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on June 3, 1968, and had checked out on June 6, 1968.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he had been in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, and was in his hotel room when he first heard of the assassination over the T.V.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he did not hear or see anything personally and all his knowledge was gained through the news media.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that to the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and he has no knowledge of any information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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SA JAMES P. MALOY VPC/vao Date dictated 9/30/68 -99

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

Mr. GERALD KNITTLE, residence address 7556 - 34th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Washington, advised that he is a representative of the Bulova Watch Company and was in the Los Angeles area for conferences and meetings in the first part of June, 1968.

Mr. KNITTLE advised that he had been at a conference early in the evening of June 4, 1968, in Beverly Hills, and had returned back to the hotel in the late evening of that same night. He said that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, and this was the hotel that he returned to.

Mr. KNITTLE said that he was with other representatives of the Bulova Watch Company that night in the Ambassador Hotel and he was not in the room where Senator KENNEDY was speaking and he did not personally see any thing at all on that evening.

Mr. KNITTLE said that he gained all the information he had that evening from the news media, and he pointed out that the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and he has no knowledge concerning any possible conspiracy.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/25/68

Mr. WAYNE LA CHAPELLE, 18105 38th Avenue East, Tacoma, Washington, advised he traveled to Los Angeles in the company of his wife and HAROLD MANSFIELD of Tacoma, and all arrived in Los Angeles on the afternoon of June 6, 1968. They checked into the Ambassador Hotel about the middle of that afternoon, which was several days after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. LA CHAPELLE stated he had no information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN, and could furnish no information that might be pertinent to this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/25/681

Mrs. WAYNE LA CHAPELLE, 18105 38th Avenue East, Tacoma, Washington, advised she traveled to Los Angeles in the company of her husband and HAROLD MANSFIELD of Tacoma, and all arrived in Los Angeles on the afternoon of June 6, 1968. They checked into the Ambassador Hotel about the middle of that afternoon, which was several days after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mrs. LA CHAPELLE stated she had no information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN and could furnish no information that might be pertinent to this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 25, 1968

Mrs. HAROLD MANSFIELD, 8606 - 24th Avenue East, Tacoma, Washington, advised that she, her husband, and another Tacoma couple by the name Mr. and Mrs. LA CHAPELLE travelled to Los Angeles by air on June 6, 1968, arriving at the Ambassador Hotel in the middle of the afternoon on that date. By that time the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had taken place and she could furnish no information pertinent to this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

7/3/68

Date _____

VERONICA DEEMS, 4114 Aurora Avenue North, Marco Polo Motel, Seattle, Washington, advised that on June 6, 1968, she was employed at the Boutique Shop at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, California, and was also employed as a cocktail waitress in the same hotel at that time. She recalled that in the confusion in the aftermath of the slaying of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, public notices were put out regarding a "missing girl". She stated that an appeal was made to all citizens to report any information possibly connected with the "missing girl".

In this connection, Miss DEEMS stated she noticed three separate incidents, in no way connected with each other, which she thought might be of value in locating the "missing girl". These incidents were all reported by her to Detective LLOYD HILAIEL of the Santa Monica, California, Police Department.

She recounted these incidents as follows:

Incident No. 1

Miss DEEMS stated that a hotel guest at the Miramar Hotel registered under the name of MARGARET E. PETTE, Manhattan, New York. This person occupied Room 239 from June 5 to 9, 1968. Miss DEEMS stated she had received information from one of the hotel bellboys, PETER KALVODA, that this same woman had previously been a guest at the hotel for about two weeks total, having stayed in another room as an unregistered guest. Miss DEEMS stated that KALVODA told her that when food and merchandise was ordered by PETTE from the hotel or the Boutique Shop, PETTE would never show her face when the items were delivered. She merely stuck her hand out the door to receive the items. According to KALVODA, PETTE became a topic of conversation among hotel employees who all noticed they never saw PETTE's face during her two week stay at the hotel.

Miss DEEMS stated PETTE allegedly had a wig styled at the Miramar Hotel Beauty Shop so that the wig would cover

On 6/22/68 at Seattle, Washington File # 50-150-3285
by SA H. EDWARD MC NULTY SA CHARLES R. ST. JOHN/CRS:pla Date dictated 6/27/68
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part of her face. Miss DEEMS stated she talked to PETTE on the telephone and noticed PETTE's voice sounded like that of a young woman with no accent. PETTE ordered panty-hose from the Boutique Shop indicating her height was 5'6". The registration card at the Miramar Hotel indicated PETTE left the hotel on June 9, 1968.

Miss DEEMS stated she reported PETTE only on the basis that public reports indicated at that time the Los Angeles Police Department was looking for an unknown woman in connection with the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY, and she had no reason to connect PETTE with that matter except for the activities noted above.

Incident No. 2

Miss DEEMS stated that on June 3, 1968, an unknown male left a suitcase at the door of the Miramar Hotel Beauty Shop stating he would return for it later and asked attendants to look after the suitcase. She stated no one came for the suitcase as of June 7, 1968. She heard from beauty shop employees that the suitcase contained mens clothing. She understood the matter was reported to authorities and two men, believed to be FBI agents, took the suitcase away on June 7, 1968. She said she had no reason to believe this incident was connected with the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY.

Incident No. 3

PETER KALVODA, Supra, left some papers at Miss DEEMS apartment, 852B Tenth Street, Santa Monica, California, on June 8, 1968. Among these papers Miss DEEMS stated she noticed one piece of paper carried the notation, "TAMARA KOROVICH" and thereafter followed a notation about departure on an American Airlines flight scheduled to arrive at Kennedy Airport, New York, about midnight. Miss DEEMS at this time stated she believed the flight was for June 8 or 9, 1968. At that time she stated she made inquiries through American Airlines in Los Angeles and was unable to ascertain if TAMARA KOROVICH was a passenger or a crew member aboard any American Airlines flight that day. Miss DEEMS stated she knew of no reason why PETER KALVODA would have the name of TAMARA KOROVICH in his possession and the thought crossed her mind that KOROVICH might be the "missing girl". She had this thought because