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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JUNE FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

AN ASSAILANT, AS YET UNIDENTIFIED BUT WHO IS IN
CUSTODY OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, ATTEMPTED THE
ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT TWELVE
FIFTEEN A.M., TODAY IN THE BALLROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR
HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE FBI IS RENDERING ALL
POSSIBLE INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES,
INCLUDING THE SERVICES OF THE FBI LABORATORY AND
IDENTIFICATION DIVISIONS. IF YOU RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS MATTER, THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES SHOULD
BE EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISED AND ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATION
IMMEDIATELY INITIATED. NO COMMENT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE
PRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF FBI JURISDICTION
EXCEPT THAT THE FBI IS RENDERING ASSISTANCE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,
male, Arab, born [REDACTED]
Jerusalem, 5'3", 120 #,
brown hair, brown eyes



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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, JUNE FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE BUREAU TEL TODAY CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. IN ORDER
TO FACILITATE HANDLING OF THIS INVESTIGATION THE FOLLOWING
CODE NAME SHOULD BE USED IN ALL TELETYPE AND AIRTEL
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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

KENSALT

RE BUREAU TEL ⁷⁰ ~~8~~ ALL SACS JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, AKA, SHIRHAN BISHARA
SHIRHAN, FORMER EXERCISE BOY SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK, CALIFORNIA,
IDENTIFIED AS SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSAILANT. SIRHAN DESCRIBED
AS FOLLOWS: DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
JERUSALEM, JORDAN, WHITE, MALE, FIVE FEET TWO INCHES TALL,
ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES. FIRST NAMES OF
FAMILY-FATHER BISHARA, MOTHER MARY, BROTHERS SHARIEF,
SAIDALLH, MUNIR, ADEL. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS SIX NINE SIX EAST
HOWARD STREET, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. FAMILY ENTERED US FROM
JORDAN IN ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN. /

ALL OFFICES CHECK INDICES AND MAJOR PDS. SUTEL
POSITIVE RESULTS ONLY. ANY INFORMATION BEARING UPON SIRHAN'S
ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO INSTANT ASSAULT SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY
DEVELOPED AND FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES IMMEDIATELY.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: HONOLULU (62-674)

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MR. EVERTT CUSKADEN, ONE ZERO THREE SEVEN THIRTEENTH AVENUE, HONOLULU, TELEPHONE SEVEN SEVEN SIX FIVE NINE SEVEN, ADVISED THAT DOCTOR REIJI TSUBAKI, A TEACHER OF CHRISTIANITY, AFFILIATED WITH NO CERTAIN RELIGION, FEELS THAT HE CAN HELP SENATOR KENNEDY TOWARD RECOVERY. HE REQUESTED CUSKADEN TO CONTACT MRS. ^{Robert} ~~ETHEL~~ KENNEDY OR ANY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY TELEPHONICALLY TO VOLUNTEER HIS SERVICES. DOCTOR TSUBAKI CURRENTLY STAYING AT FOSTER TOWER, LEAVING FOR SAN FRANCISCO JUNE SEVEN, NEXT AND RETURNING TO HONOLULU IN SEVEN DAYS AND RETURNING TO JAPAN JUNE FIFTEEN, NEXT.

CUSKADEN INTENDS TO CALL GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, TO VOLUNTEER SERVICES OF DR. TSUBAKI.

INDICES NEGATIVE RE CUSKADEN AND TSUBAKI. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

RMG:esn
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HPD checked by RMT Nelson. 6/5/68 PM
No Record on Tsubaki's,
1958 Drunk Driving record on Cuskaden. Discharged.
Was Toxic Driver for Frodo's toxic at that time.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

5:00 PM to WA
5:50 PM to LA

Per

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(62-new)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA John F. Wiltgen

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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On 6/5/68 determined from the following individuals that there is no record in any of the listed PD's for SIRAN BISHARA SIRHAN aka SHIRHAN BISHARA SHIRHAN:

Honolulu PD
Kauai PD
Hawaii PD
Maui PD

Mavis Uchimura
Ted Asahi
Lt. Sato
Lt. Gushiken

As no record of subject in Police records or Honolulu indicies, matter should be RUC on this memo as Bureau instructed only positive information be submitted.

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FROM DIRECTOR (62-587) 1P

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KENSALT.

REVIEW OF MATERIAL FOUND IN ROOM OF SIRHAN BISHARA
SIRHAN, ASSAILANT OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, INDICATES HE MAY HAVE
USED THE ALIAS "GHATTAS." MAKE APPROPRIATE INDICIES AND CRIMINAL
CHECKS. SUTEL POSITIVE INFORMATION. NO RECORD BUFILES.

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HPP sent + al to
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to check indices.

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TO HONOLULU (P L A I N T E X T)

VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHARLOTTE (176-1)

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KENSALT.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO LA ET AL, JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

FOR INFO HONOLULU MRS. BRENDA BURT, CHARLOTTE WAS ABOARD
DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT FIVE ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES, JUNE FOUR
LAST. A PASSENGER ABOARD THIS FLIGHT REPORTEDLY OVERHEARD WHITE
FEMALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, DARK HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, LATE
TWENTIES, COMMENT TO ANOTHER WOMAN THAT SHE WAS GOING TO LOS
ANGELES QUOTE TO BE THERE WHEN THE BULLETS FLY ABOUT KENNEDY
UNQUOTE. INVESTIGATION AT CHARLOTTE REFLECTS MRS. BURT IS
STUDENT AT JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY, CHARLOTTE AND WAS
ENROUTE TO HONOLULU TO VISIT HER HUSBAND AT ARMY REST AND
RECREATION CENTER. HUSBAND DESCRIBED AS BENNIE BURT, NEGRO
MALE, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO MEET WIFE AT R AND R
CENTER HONOLULU.

HONOLULU WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MRS. BURT THROUGH HUSBAND
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sent in form which
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FOR ANY INFORMATION RE HER RECOLLECTION OF UNKNOWN FEMALE ON
DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT FIVE DESCRIBED AND QUOTED ABOVE.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.

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TO CHARLOTTE
FROM HONOLULU
KENSALT.

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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO HONOLULU JUNE SEVEN LAST.

MRS. BRENDA BURT OF CHARLOTTE, GUEST AT REEF TOWER
HOTEL, HONOLULU, HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF UNKNOWN FEMALE ON DELTA
FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT FIVE DESCRIBED AND QUOTED IN RETEL.

AM COPY TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.

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1-LA
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Special Agent in ChargeSent 7 41 PM M Per J. R. S.

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TO HONOLULU
 FROM RICHMOND
 KENSALT.

RE COLUMBIA TEL TO RICHMOND JUNE EIGHT INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION HONOLULU, COLUMBIA FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION: PASSENGER ABOARD DELTA FLIGHT 885, ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES, 6/4/68, REPORTEDLY OVERHEARD WHITE FEMALE, 5'6", DARK HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, LATE TWENTIES, COMMENT TO ANOTHER WOMAN THAT SHE WAS GOING TO LA TO BE THERE WHEN THE BULLETS FLY ABOUT KENNEDY.

REVIEW OF DELTA COMPUTER RECORDS REVEAL THAT MISS CANDY ANNE MCKAY, CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 254-9555, COLUMBIA, S.C., AND MISS JANE VENDOLA, CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER 254-9555, COLUMBIA, S.C., WERE ABOARD FLIGHT.

INVESTIGATION AT COLUMBIA ~~REVEALS~~ REVEALS MISS JANE VENDOLA, BORN [REDACTED] RESIDES WADE HAMPTON DORMITORY, ROOM 208, UNIVERSITY OF S.C., HOME ADDRESS MAJOR LOUIS A. VENDOLA, 7728 DONNYBROOK COURT, ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA. NO INFORMATION ON MCKAY AVAILABLE.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

ON 6/8/68, RICHMOND DETERMINED LOUIS A. VENDOLA MOVED FROM DONNY BROOK COURT ON AUGUST 7, 1967 WITH FORWARDING ADDRESS OF HQ, NSAPAC, BOX 210, FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

BUREAU LIAISON DETERMINED ADDRESS TO BE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, PACIFIC. VENDOLA CURRENTLY RESIDING 355 AUWINALLA RD., KAILUA, HAWAII, PHONE 261-2863.

HONOLULU INTERVIEW PARENTS OF VENDOLA CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF DAUGHTERS. DETERMINE IF MCKAY KNOWN TO THEM.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND LOS ANGELES
FROM HONOLULU (62-674)
KENSALT.

RE RICHMOND RAD TO HONOLULU AND LOS ANGELES INSTANT.

JANE VENDOLA, DAUGHTER OF MAJOR LOUIS A. VENDOLA,
THREE FIVE FIVE AUWINALA ROAD, KAILUA, HAWAII ADVISED ON
SIX EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT AS FOLLOWS:

ON SIX FOUR SIXTYEIGHT SHE AND CANDY MAC KAY WERE SEATED
IN FIRST CLASS SECTION OF DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT EIVETTFIVE FROM
ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES. THEIR SEATS WERE IN THIRD OR FOURTH
ROW IN FRONT OF LAVATORY AND ON LEFT FOR A PERSON FACING
COCKPIT.

JANE VENDOLA ADVISED SHE MADE NO STATEMENT WHICH COULD
HAVE BEEN INTERPRETATED TO MEAN SHE WASGOING TO LA TO BE THEIR
WHEN THE BULLETS FLY AROUND KENNEDY AND CANDY MADE NO SUCH
STATEMENT IN HER PRESENTE. SHE HEARD NO ONE MAKE ANY SUCH
STATEMENT.

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SHE AND CANDY HAD ONE HOUR AT LA AIRPORT TO MAKE CONNECTIONS
FOR THEIR FLIGHT TO HAWAII. MAC KAYS PARENTS LIVE NEAR CALCUTTA,
INDIA. CANDY CONTINUED TO THE FAR EAST TO JOIN HER PARENTS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per *Shuler*

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MAC KAY'S FATHER'S FIRST NAME UNKNOWN TO VENDOLA. ONLY ADDRESS SHE HAS FOR MAC KAY IS TWO FOUR NINE SUMMERS AVE., ORANGEBURG, S.C. FROM WHICH ADDRESS WILL BE FORWARDED MAIL TO MAC KAY IN INDIA.

BOTH GIRLS WERE STUDENTS AND USC.

VENDOLA IS AGE EIGHTEEN, FIVE FOOT FOUR INCHES, ONE ONE FIVE LBS., HAS BLOND HAIR AND WORE ORANGE CULOTTES ON THE FLIGHT. SHE DESCRIBED MACKAY AS AGE TWENTY, FIVE FOOT THREE INCHES, ONE ZERO FIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR AND WORE GREEN PRINT DRESS ON FLIGHT.

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Sirhan Had Few Friends, No Close Ties

WASHINGTON — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the 24-year-old accused assassin of Robert F. Kennedy, is a Jordanian by descent, a Greek Orthodox Christian by religion, a Palestinian by birth, and a resident of the United States by choice.

He appears to be a man of no nationality.

Five feet five inches tall, 120 pounds in weight, curly-haired, swarthy, speaking with a slight continental accent, Sirhan was described yesterday by a former employer as "opposed to the Vietnam war, in favor of riots — but not a member of any group. He was a very proud man. He wanted to be recognized by the world."

The employer, John H. Weidner, owner of the Or-

ganic Health Food store in Pasadena, Calif., for whom Sirhan worked as a 2-dollar-an-hour stockboy from Sept. 24, 1967, to March 7, described Sirhan as "very ambitious and well-spoken." He said that the 24-year-old immigrant whom he described as a friend, as well as an employe, appeared to have no close friends, either male or female.

None of the legions of journalists and policemen who have been turned loose on the accused — has been able to unearth close friends or associates. Apart from Sirhan's immediate family, Weidner is — to date — the best disinterested witness.

He said that Sirhan hated Jews, an apparent legacy from the 1948 Palestine war when Sirhan said he saw Arabs killed by Israelis. Weidner said that Sirhan "liked the law — and the courts." He gave this account of a dispute with Sirhan which ended in termination of employment:

The dispute arose over a delivery schedule. Weidner had one opinion, Sirhan another, and it ended when Sirhan called his boss a "liar." Then he quit. Shortly thereafter, Sirhan demanded \$300 severance pay, which Weidner refused.

Sirhan insisted on taking the matter before a California labor commissioner. Weidner agreed, and on April 24 Los Angeles Labor Commis-

sioner M. A. Myers heard the case. He found for Weidner.

Sirhan's supposed fascination for law and the courts is partially substantiated by his attitude with Los Angeles police. When first arrested, he steadfastly refused a lawyer — apparently on the assumption that he would make his own defense. He spoke amicably — "very cool, very calm, very stable, and quite lucid," according to Police Chief Thomas Reddin — but would not speak of the shooting, nor of the events that led up to it.

According to Lt. Jack Eberhardt, an aide to Reddin, Sirhan spoke enthusiastically about a sensational local murder case last year, in which a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney was convicted of killing his wife and her lover. Sirhan brought up the matter several times, according to Eberhardt, and was interested in whether the convicted murderer, Jack Kirshke, would win freedom in his appeal.

Apparently at the urging of Al Wirin, the chief counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union in southern California, Sirhan has now agreed to retain a lawyer.

But the picture that has emerged of Sirhan is far from definitive. The known facts are meager enough:

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service give his birth date as March 19, 1944, in Jordan. He arrived in New York City, with his father, Bishara Salameh Ghatas Sirhan, and his mother, Mary Bishara Sirhan, three brothers and a sister, on Jan. 12, 1957.

The family apparently moved shortly thereafter to Pasadena, where Sirhan attended the John Muir High School. He is said to have been a good student, a member of both the junior and senior counsels, and a member of the ROTC. A classmate has described him as "polite, clean, and an A-1 student."



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The classmate, Christian Ek, 23, a Swede, said in Stockholm that he "dreamed of being something big in Jordan." In Saigon, another classmate, Lt. William A. Spaniard, 24, of Pasadena, described Sirhan as "brilliant. He was studying Russian while everyone else was barely getting by in Spanish and English."

The charge of pro-Communism has been made, but not proved. Weidner said that Sirhan spoke of America as "not really the place of freedom." Was it better in Russia or China, Weidner asked? "One day, maybe." Weidner said Sirhan replied, Los Angeles police have said publicly and privately there is no evidence to support a charge that Sirhan was a Communist.

That he hated Jews there is little doubt. "He was violently pro-Jordan and anti-Israel," said John Shear, who worked with Sirhan at Hollywood Park race track (where Sirhan was an exercise boy). "When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed." Shear's statement is confirmed by Weidner.

And there is the matter of the now-famous r books, quoted by the Los Angeles mayor, Sam Yorty. Yorty said that Sirhan's diary contained an entry last month that "Kennedy has to be assassinated before June 5, 1968." That is the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war.

Mary Sirhan, the mother, and Bishara Salameh Ghatas Sirhan, the father, are separated. The mother still lives in Pasadena, the father returned to Jordan.

"My son — it can't be. No. Oh, no," Mrs. Sirhan was quoted as saying when she learned her son had been arrested for the shooting of Senator Kennedy.

Sirhan With 2 Others, Says Gun Salesman

By GEORGE LARDNER JR.
AND NIESON HIMMEL
Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES — The Saturday before the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, his alleged killer, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, walked into the Lock, Stock 'n Barrel Shop in suburban San Gabriel.

The proprietors of the gun shop, Ben and Dona Herrick, say there were two men with him.

"There were three guys, all dark and small," Herrick, 42, declared. "Three dried up, little ---s."

Clerk Larry Arnot said he waited on them.

The receipt from the sale that afternoon — \$3.99, including tax, for four boxes of .22-caliber bullets — was found in Sirhan's car near the Ambassador Hotel after the shooting.

The recollections at the gun shop built up after that.

"When I saw the picture in the paper, I had the feeling that I had seen him somewhere, but it didn't dawn on me at the time that he was the one I had sold the bullets to," Arnot said.

"A day later — or maybe it was a couple of days later, I can't remember — the owners got the information that we had sold the ammunition.

"I said then, to my employer's wife, Dona, and Ben, 'By golly, I waited on that guy.' The bell rang just like that. Before that, I had halfway discharged it from my mind that I had seen this guy somewhere before."

Hundreds of Tips

What police make of all this is not clear. They have, inevitably, received hundreds of tips, rumors and reports that a conspiracy may have been involved. Yet days have passed and no one appears to have unearthed any close friends or associates of the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant indicted for the slaying.

If any is found, it remains to be seen what, if anything, Sirhan told his friends of his interest in guns or of Senator Kennedy.

It may take months, perhaps years to sort out the facts.

At the gun shop, nestled in a shopping center with a Wild West motif, the Herricks, who said they have talked to police twice, and Arnot, who said he has not been questioned at all, were quite firm about Sirhan being accompanied by two other men.

Mrs. Herrick declared that she also remembered an earlier visit to the store, about a month and a half ago, by Sirhan — again, she said, with the same two men.

There was no sale on the first trip, she said. Mrs. Herrick said the men asked whether the shop carried armor-piercing .357-magnum ammunition such as California highway patrolmen use for their .38-caliber revolvers.

Her husband said they asked the same question that Saturday, June 1, before buying the .22-calibers.

"We carry it," Herrick said, "but I told them we didn't have it because I don't want to sell that kind of stuff to guys like that." Herrick said he stocks the ammunition for police officers and makes it a practice not to

sell it to anyone else. "I figure they had no business having that stuff," he said.

According to the receipt that was found in Sirhan's car, two of the boxes of .22s were "mini-mags." Some gun buffs still call them "hollow points." They usually split off in different directions upon impact.

At Gun Club

Three days later, Sirhan was seen practicing rapid-fire shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club in Fish Canyon about 10 miles from the gun shop.

One witness, Henry A. Carreon, told the Los Angeles County Grand Jury that he and a companion, David Montellano, both noticed Sirhan "shooting very rapidly on the range with a revolver" — a .22-caliber Iver Johnson.

Sirhan, the grand jury was told, also had with him a box of "mini-mag" bullets set aside from the rest of his ammunition. A similar box was found in his car after the assassination.

In still other testimony, the grand jury heard Vincent Di-pierro, a 19-year-old college freshman, tell of seeing a shapely girl in a polka-dot dress standing next to Sirhan

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and apparently chatting. The two were smiling at each other just before Kennedy was gunned down, DiPierro said.

And at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, one of the habitues insisted that he, too, had seen Sirhan there — with a girl, and "another guy." He did not say when.

Asked at first by a reporter if he remembered seeing Sirhan at the practice range, the club member loudly professed a determination to keep his mouth shut.

But as customers and spectators moved away, he said: "If you ask me who was here talking to me, the police or the FBI, I guess I'd have to tell you: Both of them."

He said he's been warned that if he says anything about the case, he could get six months in jail — presumably for violating a court order restricting comment. But then he turned more loquacious.

"I know a lot more than I'm telling you — a dozen times more than you think I do," he said, adding softly: "I saw them all together."

"You mean Sirhan?"

"Yes, him, a woman and another guy. Remember, I said t-h-e-m."

He refused to elaborate on the cryptic remarks. A customer drew near and the club member said noisily, "I told you I can't say anything."

Lloyd Hager, manager of the National Rifle Association-sponsored gun club, said he knows of no girl or any other companions with Sirhan. As far as he could tell, he said Sirhan had been at the range only once, alone, in the early afternoon before the assassination.

"I can't even recall him being here that day," Hager said. "But he must have been because his name is on the log." Generally, those who use the practice range are supposed to sign in.

Gun club members say a driver's license is a standard requisite for identification. Spectators, however, apparently need not sign the log.

Asked if there were any indications that Sirhan had been at the gun club before his appearance on the eve of the assassination, Hager replied: "None whatsoever."

Los Angeles police and FBI agents, however, are said to be checking out every lead they get.

"You can imagine how many irrelevant contacts will be made," said Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, "but we're not going to ignore any of them. We know there will be people in the next 50 years who'll be saying: 'Why didn't the police do this? Why didn't the police do that?'"

Among these other reports, investigators reportedly have been told that Sirhan and several male companions were seen, within a few days before the assassination at some of the many topless nightclubs in Los Angeles.

In Alhambra, a few miles west of San Gabriel, FBI agents reportedly have been also checking into a coffee shop and a go-go club Sirhan is said to have frequented. The Alhambra Post-Advocate reported earlier that Sirhan, perhaps accompanied by others, is supposed to have visited a coffee shop on Main Street in the daylight hours before the assassination.

Other, less credible, reports have come from everyone from the chief of a

group of Cuban exiles, who claims to have scuffled with Sirhan at a Peace and Freedom party meeting last month, to a belly dancer in blonde wig, one of three to present themselves to police as "The Girl in the Polka-Dot Dress."

Some headway is being made. Mayor Sam Yorty said last week, before he was hushed by court order, that Sirhan's car had been spotted parked near a building where the radical left-wing W. E. B. Dubois Club was meeting.

"He was inflamed by contacts with the Communist party of Communist-infiltrated organizations," Yorty declared.

The mayor appears to have been swinging wildly.

Sirhan was never seen inside the Dubois Club. It may have been a brother's car, anyway. In any event, Sirhan and perhaps most other Arabs of any extraction in Los Angeles have no doubt parked near the building

The Fez, a Middle Eastern belly dance place—for the whole family—is right down the street.

Sirhan's 29-year-old brother, Del, used to strum a guitar-like instrument called the oud there. Sirhan himself, says Fez co-owner Lou Shelby, dropped in occasionally, too, "with his mother or one of his brothers."

Bartender Bob Slaven said he last saw Sirhan in the Fez

about seven weeks ago, accompanied by either his brother Munir, or "Joe," or his brother Sharif.

Adds Slaven: "I don't think Sirhan had anything to drink."

Investigators also appear to have discounted a report from a Arabic-speaking Water geologist who said he overheard three men talking in a Jordanian dialect at Kennedy campaign headquarters a day or two before the assassination.

According to initial published reports, the geologist, W. J. Wood, 43, told police the conversation struck him as suspicious, particularly since he thought later one of the three might have been Sirhan.

By at least one account, the conversation took place the Sunday before the assassination. Wood purportedly overheard them say: "He won't be in the hotel tomorrow (Monday) night but we can get him there the next night (Tuesday)."

Wood himself could not be found for comment.

Police Inspector Peter Hagen told the Washington Post—before the court order restricting comment on the case—that Wood told of overhearing the trio, on Monday, say "he's not here now but we can catch him tonight."

Finally, Hagen reported, Wood said Sirhan was definitely not one of the three, a

distinction that makes a difference.

"His (Wood's) story just doesn't jibe," said another source. "He's constantly changing it."

Assassinations seem to have that kind of chemistry. Even the county coroner, Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, seems to have felt a bit of it. At a press conference June 6 after the autopsy, Dr. Noguchi was widely understood as saying only two bullets had struck Kennedy. The next day, he told the Los Angeles County Grand Jury that the senator had been struck three times—once behind the right ear and twice in the right armpit.

Asked about the discrepancy, Dr. Noguchi said he never actually said only "two" bullets hit Kennedy but added that the information supplied him "by the hospital" apparently failed to take account of a final armpit wound where the bullet passed through the body completely.

Dr. Noguchi said the autopsy turned up the three wounds. But when someone at the press conference asked him about "a back wound," he said, he replied in the singular.

"At the time of the press conference," the doctor explained, "I definitely knew there were three bullets. But I did not refer to these because I was not asked that question."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 6/13/68, Bureau authority granted to furnish all continental offices with a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to assist in covering leads.

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- 1 - Each Continental Office (Enc. 1)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/19/68

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According to JUSTICE, while this couple was in the serving area the man made a phone call which was about fifteen minutes in length, and after completing this call the couple disappeared through the serving area and this was the last time that JUSTICE had seen them.

JUSTICE described this couple as follows:

On 6/18/68 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # Honolulu 62-674 - 14
by SAs HERBERT E. SHRIDER and RICHARD J. DOBENS:ROD/lfj Date dictated 6/19/68

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Number 1:

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Age:	Late 20's
Build:	Light to medium
Eyes:	Dark
Hair:	Dark
Dress:	Light coat, cannot recall color; Dark pants, cannot recall color.
Accent:	None

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Sex:	Female
Characteristics:	Attractive
Height:	Average
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Hair:	Short, dark
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Date 10-14-68

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (62-674) (P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
(OO: Los Angeles)

Enclosed for the Bureau is one (1) copy of an FD-302 setting forth results of interview with JOHN RODMAN JUSTICE, who worked on the staff of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and who was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, the night of 6/4/68 when Senator KENNEDY was shot.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are eight (8) copies of this FD-302.

On 6/18/68, JERRY JENKINS, 710th Military Intelligence Detachment (MID), Honolulu, Hawaii, telephonically advised that he had learned that day from a Sergeant HICKS of the Mililani Recruiting Station, Honolulu, that one JOHN RODNEY JUSTICE, Skylane Inn, 2628 Waiwai Loop, Room 260, Telephone 814-251, was in the process of enlisting in the U.S. Army. JUSTICE, according to JENKINS' information, was a witness to the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles and had either been an aid or on the staff of the KENNEDY party. JENKINS related that he had been informed that JUSTICE had been interviewed by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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It is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin as to whether or not any available photographs be shown to JUSTICE relating to the unknown female wearing a polka-dot dress at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of 6/4/68. It is to be noted that JUSTICE will probably be in the Honolulu area for only about two weeks while being processed for enlistment in the Army.

It is further being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin as to whether or not RICK ROSEN, mentioned in enclosed FD-302, be interviewed and to further identify the girl, (FNU) O'SULLIVAN, for possible interview.

JUSTICE is presently residing with his father, RICHARD J. JUSTICE, Skylane Inn; and his dad is currently employed by B. G. Marine Services, 1375 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 201.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/17/68

JANE VENDOLA, daughter of Major LOUIS A. VENDOLA, 355 Auwinala Road, Kailua, furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, she and CANDY MACKAY traveled from Atlanta, Georgia, to Los Angeles, California, aboard Delta Airlines Flight 855. Their seats were in the third or fourth row in front of the lavatory and were on the left side of the plane for a person facing the cockpit.

Miss VENDOLA stated she made no statement which could have been interpreted to mean she was going to Los Angeles to be there "when the bullets fly around KENNEDY." Miss MACKAY made no such statement in her presence, and she heard no one else make any such statement.

She and Miss MACKAY had one hour at the Los Angeles Airport to make connection for their flight to Hawaii.

MACKAY's parents live near Calcutta, India, and CANDY continued to the Far East to join her parents. MACKAY's father's first name is unknown to VENDOLA. The only address she has for MACKAY is 249 Summers Avenue, Orangeburg, South Carolina. She stated mail sent to that address will be forwarded to MACKAY in India.

Both girls were students at the University of South Carolina.

VENDOLA is 18 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, has blond hair, and wore orange culottes.

VENDOLA described MACKAY as being age 20, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighing 105 pounds, and having brown hair, and she wore a green print dress on the flight.

On 6/8/68 at Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii File # Honolulu 62-674-16
by SA HERBERT E. SHRIDER/lfj Date dictated 6/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 19, 1968

Mrs. BRENDA BURT, resident of Charlotte, North Carolina, who is presently a guest at the Reef Tower Hotel in Honolulu, advised as follows:

She was a passenger aboard Delta Airlines flight 885 from Atlanta to Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. While on this flight, she sat by herself and had no conversation with any other passenger on the plane. She overheard no conversation by any other passenger. She failed to recall a passenger described as a white female, 5'6" tall, with dark hair, a slender build and in her late twenties.

Mrs. BURT explained she was in Honolulu visiting her husband, BENNY BURT, who is presently on rest and recuperation leave in Honolulu from his military assignment in Vietnam.

If there is any need to recontact Mrs. BURT on the U.S. Mainland, she advised she can be reached at the Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she is a student.

On 6/8/68 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 62-674 - 17
by SA JOHN F. WILTGEN /sbt Date dictated 6/13/68

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6/20/68

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KENSALT

OO: Los Angeles

Re Honolulu radiograms to Bureau and Los Angeles (2), dated 6/8/68.

There is being enclosed for the Los Angeles Office 9 copies each covering FD-302s with Mrs. BRENDA BURT and JANE VENDOLA.

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1-Honolulu
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6/24/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: *Wld* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Butel to Phoenix dated 6/20/68.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, this is a criminal investigation and as such, unless unusual circumstances prevail, results should be forwarded on 302 Form for inclusion in investigating report by Los Angeles.

Los Angeles prepares 30 copies of each report in this matter. Each office should either forward stencils to Los Angeles, in which case an original 302 will be returned, or forward 30 copies of respective FD-302.

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Date: 6/21/68

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TO: SAC, HONOLULU (62-674)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
 RE: KENSALT

Reurairtel to Bureau dated 6/19/68.

Enclosed herewith are six photographs of the crowd near the podium in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, taken prior to and after the shooting of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Honolulu is requested to show the above photographs to JOHN RODMAN JUSTICE to determine if he may be able to select the unknown woman in the polka-dot dress from the crowd, set out in reairtel. Also determine if anyone in the photographs wearing the polka-dot dress appears in any way similiar to woman seen by him, such as her hair style, etc. Furthermore, can he identify anyone near the woman wearing the polka-dot dress in the photographs in order that that person might be interviewed and further details obtained.

It is noted a woman wearing a white dress with black polka-dots appears in the photographs, as well as a woman with a black dress with white polka-dots.

Photographs may be retained by Honolulu.

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 27, 1968

Date _____

JOHN RODMAN JUSTICE, Skyline Inn, Room 620, 628 Waiwai Loop, Honolulu, viewed six photographs which have been numbered on the back side, depicting the crowd near the podium in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, taken prior to and after the shooting of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He was unable to identify anyone in any of these photographs who appeared to be identical with a woman he had noted wearing a white dress with black polka-dots.

He commented that in photographs 1 and 2, the lady wearing a black dress with white polka-dots is not the individual he had in mind as the dress is the wrong color and her hair is too long.

With respect to photograph # 3, he commented that the woman wearing the white dress with black polka-dots is not the female he had in mind as her hair is too curly, the collar of the dress is too high, and the polka-dots on the dress are too small.

On 6/26/68 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 62-674 - 21
by SA JOHN F. WILTGEN /sbt Date dictated 6/27/68

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

6/28/68

SAC, HONOLULU (62-674)-RUC

KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to Honolulu, 6/21/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 30 copies of a self-explanatory FD-302 reflecting interview with JOHN RODMAN JUSTICE, plus the 6 photographs forwarded to Honolulu with referenced airtel.

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1-Honolulu
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TO : SY/PRS

DATE: June 19, 1968

FROM : RSO - LONDON

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SUBJECT: Alleged Accusations made against Kennedy Family.

On June 12, 1968, Mrs. Naomi Gross, 13 Russel St., Toorak, Australia, (presently vacationing in London, England) appeared voluntarily at the American Embassy London, and furnished the following information:

Mrs. Gross stated she boarded Qantas flight 530 in Sydney, Australia at 7:00 PM, June 5, 1968, in route to London. Further, she said she was traveling first class and had sat next to a man who said his name was Clifford Flitty, an American industrialist with Amerada Petroleum Co. in Queensland, Australia, (the company is supposedly an American Canadian venture) who worked out of the company's head office in Brisbane. Mrs. Gross said Flitty also stated he was soon to become the new Vice-President of Union Carbide. Source described Flitty as a man of about 40 to 47 (he told her he was born in 1924), 5 feet 10 inches tall weight about 170 pounds, Gray hair, medium build, and wore glasses. Source reported the flight en route to London stopped at Fiji Island, Honolulu, San Francisco, New York, then London. She said before the plane landed at Fiji Island, Flitty stated "I wish someone would put a bullet between Bobby Kennedy's eyes, and I would wish I could pull the trigger myself." Further, source stated that prior to their landing at Honolulu, the announcement of the Kennedy shooting was announced to the passengers by the captain.

Source advised that when the plane landed in San Francisco, there was to be a four hour layover, and it was at this time the death of Robert Kennedy was announced. Further, she said Flitty stated he was going to send a telegram to Ted Kennedy which was to read "After Two how about you?" and said he may even sign it, and further stated "we will be rid of this trash forever." According to source Flitty talked about ordering champagne to celebrate the tragedy. (attached as exhibit #1 is the alleged note to be sent to Ted Kennedy in Flitty's own handwriting).

Mrs. Gross reported Flitty disembarked at New York. She said he was traveling alone, and appeared to be in complete control of his faculties during the flight.

Mrs. Gross declined to give her London address, stating she did not wish to involve the people with whom she was staying.

It is the opinion of the reporting agent, that Mrs. Gross is a completely stable individual, was articulate in her speech, and gave every indication of being a highly intelligent woman.

RSO:TMGaffney/cjj

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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

KERSALT

Attached is a copy of a communication received through Bureau Liaison from the Department of State, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

New York should immediately identify and set forth leads to locate Clifford Flitty through Union Carbide.

Expedite.

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7/5/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-567)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 7/1/68.

Enclosed for Honolulu is copy of re airtel and letter of RSO-London, 6/19/68.

On 7/3/68, Miss MARJORIE NODINE, Personnel Director, Union Carbide Corporation (UCC), 270 Park Avenue, New York City, advised there was no such vice-president or employee named CLIFFORD FLITTY with UCC nor any such name or similar name scheduled for employment.

Mr. G.A. RANSON, Assistant Secretary, UCC, advised that UCC employed no one named CLIFFORD FLITTY nor did he recognize the name. He pointed out that there was no central list of employees throughout the whole country and only the New York Group would be listed here. He added that Mr. T.P. DRAINE would be familiar with any employee of the International Group.

Mr. THOMAS P. DRAINE, Manager of Compensation, International Personnel, 270 Park Avenue, advised that

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there was no CLIFFORD FLITTY working for his UCC group. He pointed out that UCC has 60,000-90,000 employees with no central location listing all of them. If FLITTY worked in New York or for International, he and personnel would have a knowledge of him, however, this was not the case. Mr. DRAINE will contact the NYO should he hear of any FLITTY.

On 7/3/68, Miss SUZANNE HENRY, ticket agent, Qantas Airways, 542 5th Avenue, New York City, advised that she would wire her Sydney, Australia office to determine if a CLIFFORD FLITTY was a passenger on their Sydney to London flight 530 on June 5, 1968 or if a similar named individual was a passenger. Miss HENRY stated that the record would take several days to obtain and would not necessarily include any address or background. She pointed out that the flight stopped at John F. Kennedy Airport and deplaning passengers would use the BOAC Terminal.

On 7/3/68, Mr. CARL ESPOSITO, Assistant Customs Agent In Charge, Enforcement Division, 201 Varick, New York City, advised that international passengers would have to make a customs declaration and undergo an INS check, however, this would be done at the first U.S. port which in this case, would be Honolulu. He suggested that Customs Agent In Charge ARMSTRONG, Honolulu, be contacted.

On 7/5/68, Mr. BOB LUNNON, Ticket Manager, Qantas, advised that a Mr. CLIFFORD FLITTIE did travel on flight 530 from Sydney to New York, first class, on June 5, 1968, arriving at New York on June 6, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. No address was available for him. The booking was made at Brisbane Office, Australia. He explained that the only information required from the passenger would have been a contact point at Brisbane where the reservation was made. He will attempt to obtain this information, but pointed out no New York address would have been taken.

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On 7/5/68, MARJORIE NODINE, UCC, advised that she had originally checked the name FLITTY under several variations and upon rechecking under FLITTIE she finds there is no such employee or officer of UCC.

NY indices negative on FLITTY and FLITTIE. Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Nassau, Westchester, Rockland and Suffolk telephone directories negative.

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AT HONOLULU, HAWAII: Contact Mr. ARMSTRONG, U.S. Customs, and INS officials, re entry of CLIFFORD FLITTIE, aka Flitty, into U.S.A. on Qantas Flight 530, Sydney to London, 6/5/68, to ascertain U.S. address and proceed per Bureau instructions in enclosed airtel.

NYO will maintain contact with Qantas and advise Bureau of Australian addresses uncovered.