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Los Angeles Report 6/9/68

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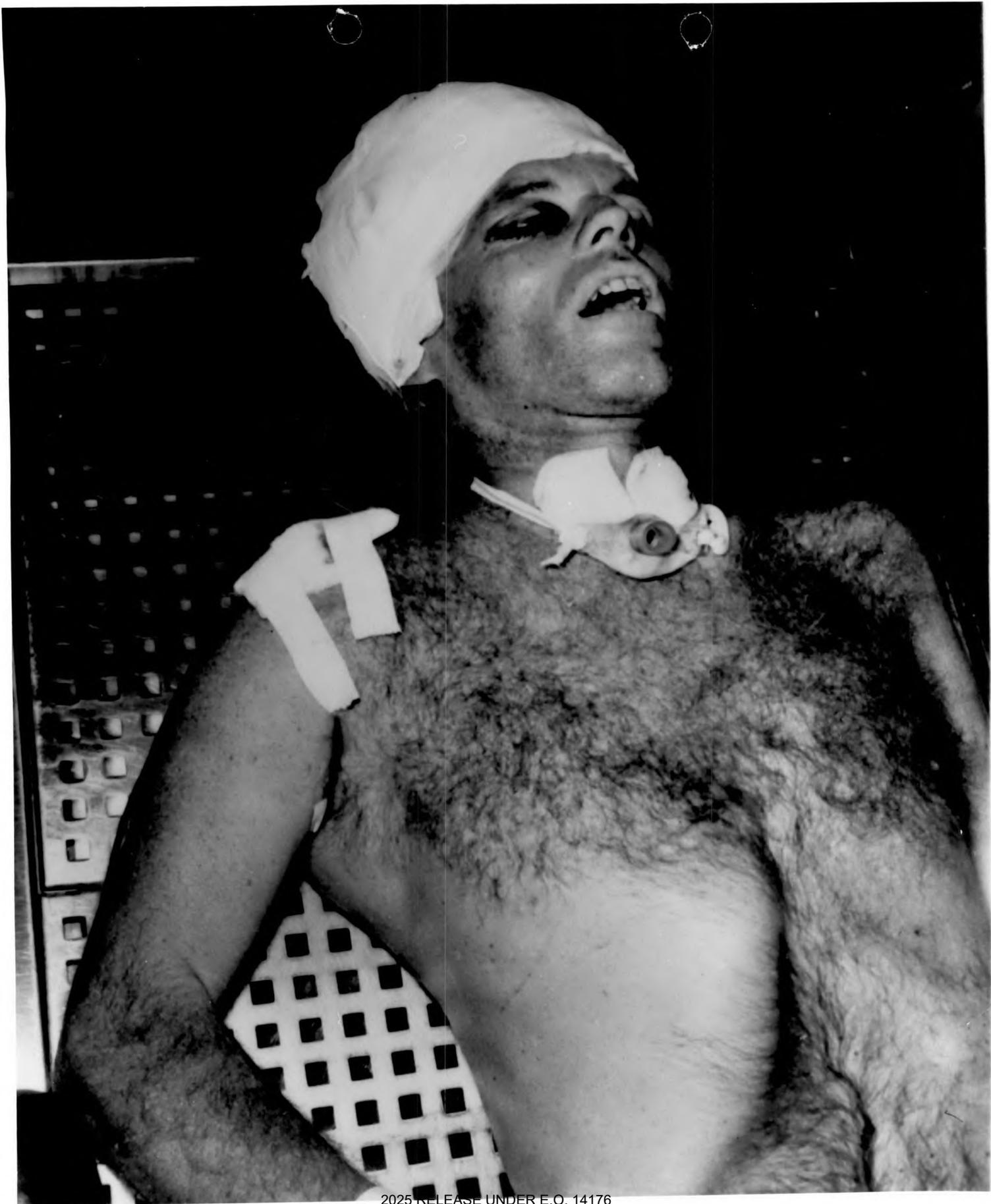
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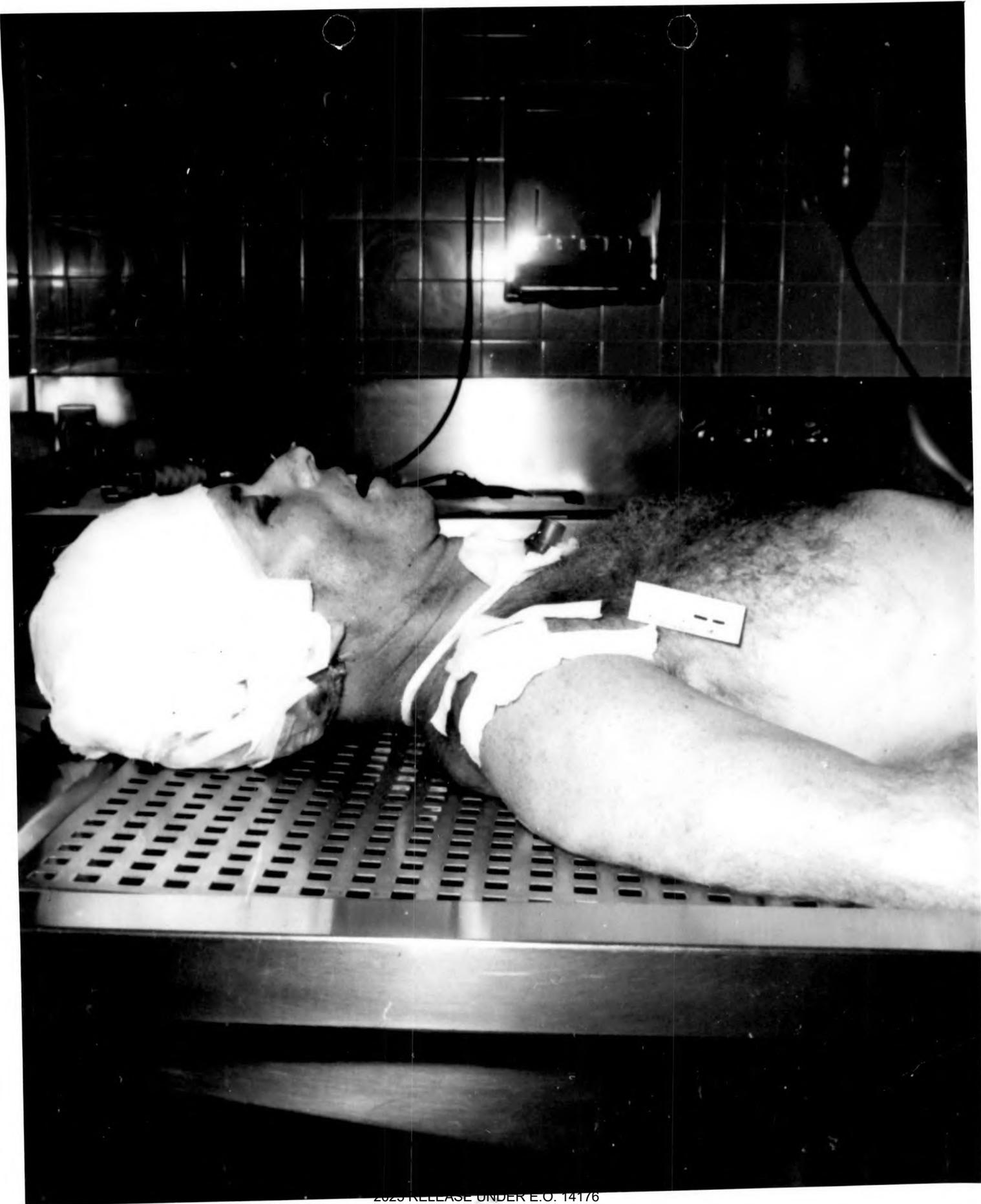
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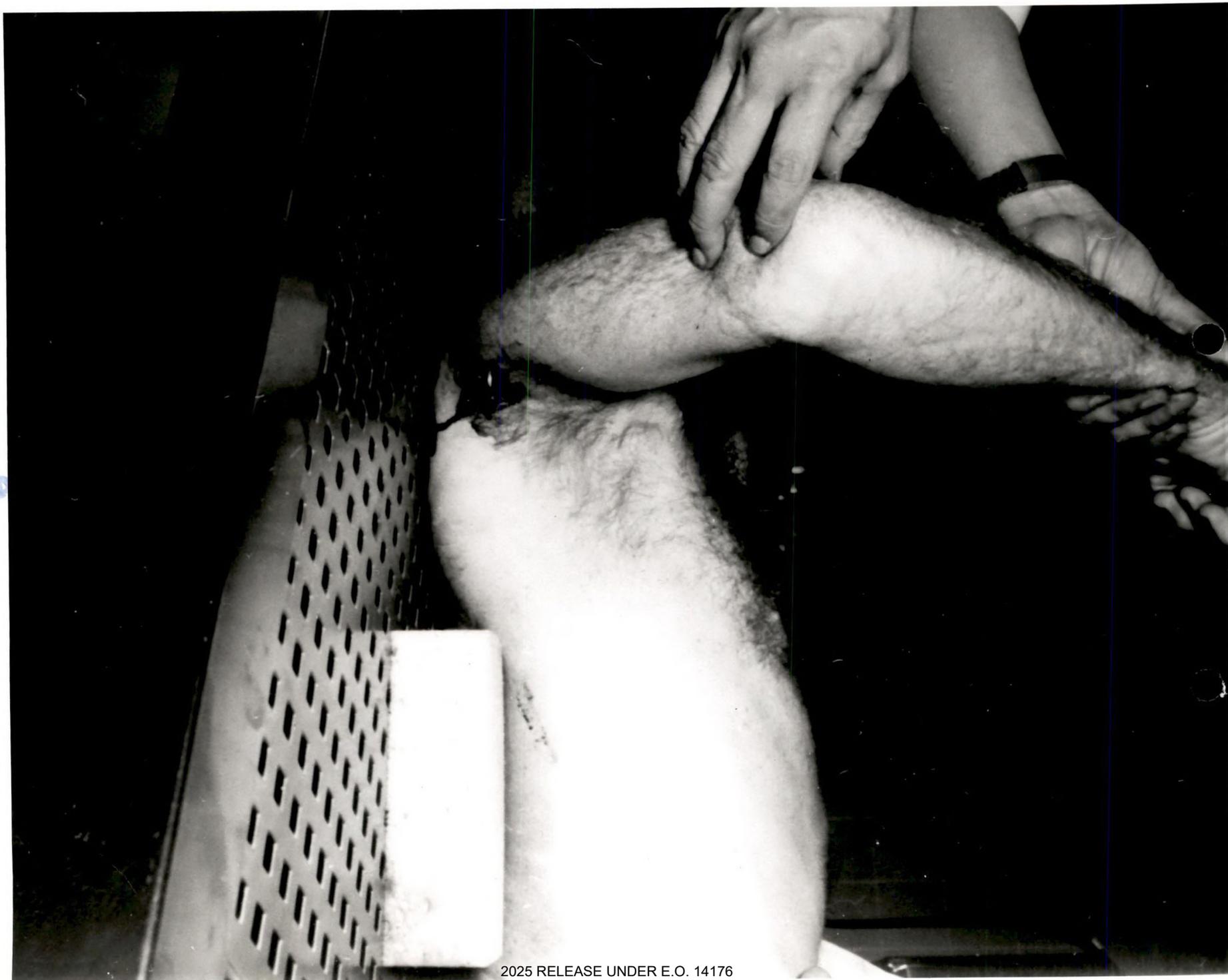
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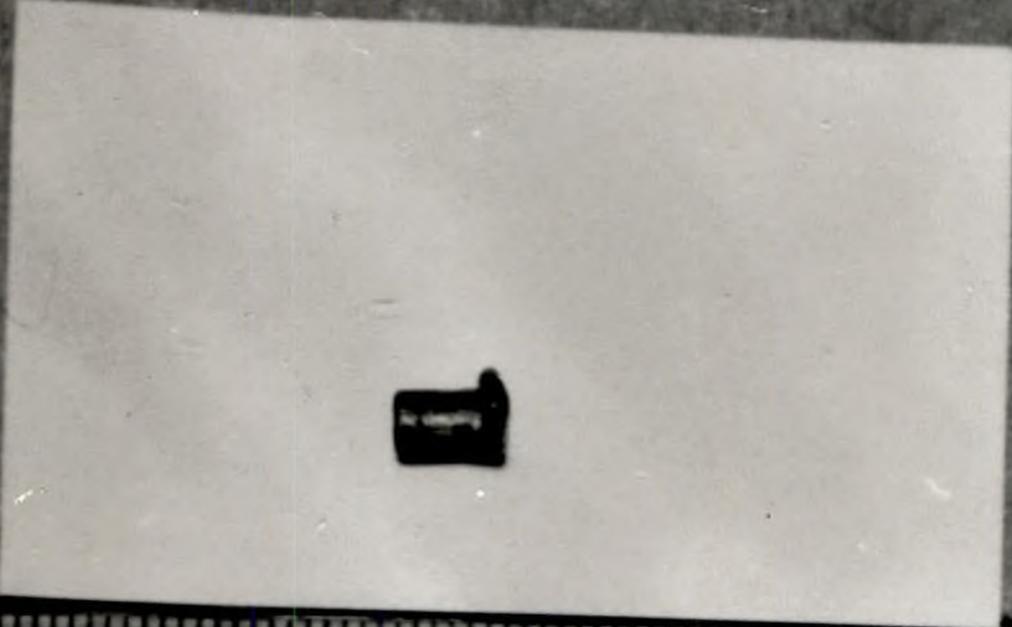
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Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

At approximately 12:15 a.m., 6/5/68, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY proclaimed victory in California primary election in crowded Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. As Senator KENNEDY and party were leaving Embassy Room through kitchen exit, a series of shots were fired by an unknown individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. Senator KENNEDY fell backward onto floor, critically wounded with bullet in brain. SIRHAN wrestled to floor, disarmed, and turned over to Los Angeles, California, Police Department (LAPD). SIRHAN refused to admit identity to the LAPD, carried no identification, and booked as "JOHN DOE" on charge of assault to commit murder. Senator KENNEDY taken to Los Angeles Central Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment, and thereafter transported to nearby Hospital of the Good Samaritan, 1212 Shatto Street, Los Angeles. Neurosurgeons operated on Senator KENNEDY for about four hours to remove fragmented .22 caliber bullet in right brain area. Senator KENNEDY succumbed to brain injuries at 1:44 a.m., 6/6/68. Autopsy conducted. Cause of death on Death Certificate shown as "gunshot wound of right mastoid penetrating brain." On 6/6/68, jet provided by the President of the United States left Los Angeles International Airport for New York City, transporting body of Senator KENNEDY and some members of family, friends, and staff. Other victims of shooting by SIRHAN were Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS, Saugus, California, leg wound and scalp laceration; IRA GOLDSTEIN, Encino, California, back and leg wounds; PAUL HERMAN SCHRADE, Los Angeles, scalp wound; WILLIAM

SWEET WEISEL, Washington, D. C., abdominal wound; and IRWIN NEIL STROLL, Los Angeles, foot wound. Five victims recovering satisfactorily. Room of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California, searched by LAPD after receiving oral consent from brother, ADEL SIRHAN. Among items found and seized by LAPD were numerous pages of handwriting. One page dated 5/18/68, contained numerous sentences among which were, "My determination to eliminate RFK is becoming more the more of an unshakeable obsession." "RFK must die - RFK must be killed. Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated." Near the bottom of this page is written, "Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated before 5 June 68." Other pages contain similar statements. Weapon taken from SIRHAN at time of shooting is .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol, Serial Number H53725. Pistol contained eight shots and all shots expended. Pistol sold in Pasadena, California, in 1965 to ALBERT LESLIE HERTZ, and subsequent ownership traced through several owners to MUNIR SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. MUNIR SIRHAN purchased weapon in mid-February 1968, at which time accompanied by SIRHAN, who loaned him six dollars toward purchase. LAPD advised one bullet removed from Senator KENNEDY's body definitely fired from this .22 caliber pistol. 1956 De Soto, registered to SIRHAN, located by FBI Agents 6/5/68, a few blocks from Ambassador Hotel. LAPD obtained search warrant and searched vehicle, locating two lead projectiles on front seat. An empty box for .22 caliber bullets found in glove compartment. Sales receipt in glove compartment revealed purchase 6/1/68, of four boxes of .22 caliber bullets in San Gabriel, California. Los Angeles County Grand Jury, 6/7/68, returned True Bill charging SIRHAN with one count murder and five counts assault with deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. Arraigned 6/7/68; date of plea set for 6/28/68. Judge issued court order restricting comment by any public official or anyone connected with case. SIRHAN confined Los Angeles County Central Jail under strict security measures. LAPD has attempted to interview SIRHAN but he refuses to discuss shooting. Investigation determined SIRHAN born 3/19/44; in Jerusalem. Entered U. S. in 1957 with parents and family. Attended junior high school, high school, and

junior college in Pasadena, California, 1957 to 1965. Mother and brothers living in Pasadena advise SIRHAN had no female associates and very few male friends. Has reputation of being "loner" who did not drink or smoke, always had great ambitions, but continually failed to reach his goals. SIRHAN reportedly had little communication with other members of family and read a great deal of books concerning history or politics. In September 1966, SIRHAN thrown from horse and reportedly injured head. Received \$2,000 settlement from insurance company for this injury. SIRHAN's mother advised in her opinion he was never the same person following this fall. GAYMOARD MISTRI, Pasadena, advised that shortly after 6:00 p.m., 6/4/68, SIRHAN joined him in local Pasadena restaurant. MISTRI talked with SIRHAN while SIRHAN ate dinner and then both walked across street to Pasadena City College. SIRHAN departed between 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., 6/4/69, without indicating any definite plans for evening after MISTRI indicated he did not want to play pool that evening. HUMPHREY CORDERO and ENRIQUE RABAGO advised had conversation with individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN, at approximately 9:30 p.m., 6/4/68, at the Ambassador Hotel. Both of opinion SIRHAN was at Ambassador alone, and no one appeared to be accompanying him during the ten minutes they talked. SIRHAN reportedly made derogatory comments regarding "rich people" in general and Senator KENNEDY in particular. SIRHAN told RABAGO that KENNEDY was going to "buy the Presidency" for personal reasons and referred to KENNEDY as an "S.O.B." Neither CORDERO nor RABAGO had further conversation with SIRHAN during the evening of 6/4/68, and neither had ever seen him before. SIRHAN reportedly vocal in support of Arab effort in Arab-Israeli conflict, and anti-Semitic.

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On June 6, 1968, Lieutenant C.F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), furnished SA EDWARD A. PLEVACK a set of fourteen photographs which had been made during the coroner's autopsy of the victim.

The photographs were taken by CHARLES COLLIER, Scientific Investigative Division, Photographic Laboratory, LAPD. The photographs are numbered in sequence by LAPD and are set out on the following pages (Exhibits 1 - 14):

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBITS

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|---------|---|
| 1 - 14  | Photographs made during coroner's autopsy of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY  |
| 15 - 17 | Colored photographs of bullet fragments, bone particles, and bits of tissue from the skull of ROBERT F. KENNEDY |

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PAUL WERTLAKE, M.D., Pathologist, Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, California, advised that after the surgery had been performed on Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, he personally, at approximately 6:30 AM on June 5, 1968, removed certain specimens from the Surgery Room to the Pathology Room. Dr. WERTLAKE identified these specimens as bullet fragments, bone particles and bits of tissue from the skull of the victim. Some of the bone particles have bullet fragments adhering to them. The largest bone particle is a bone flap with a burr hole on one side. This was removed to furnish the surgeons an entry into the interior of the head and to relieve intolerable pressure inside the skull. The specimens were all turned over to the coroner. Dr. WERTLAKE advised that a photographer of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) took photographs of these specimens. :

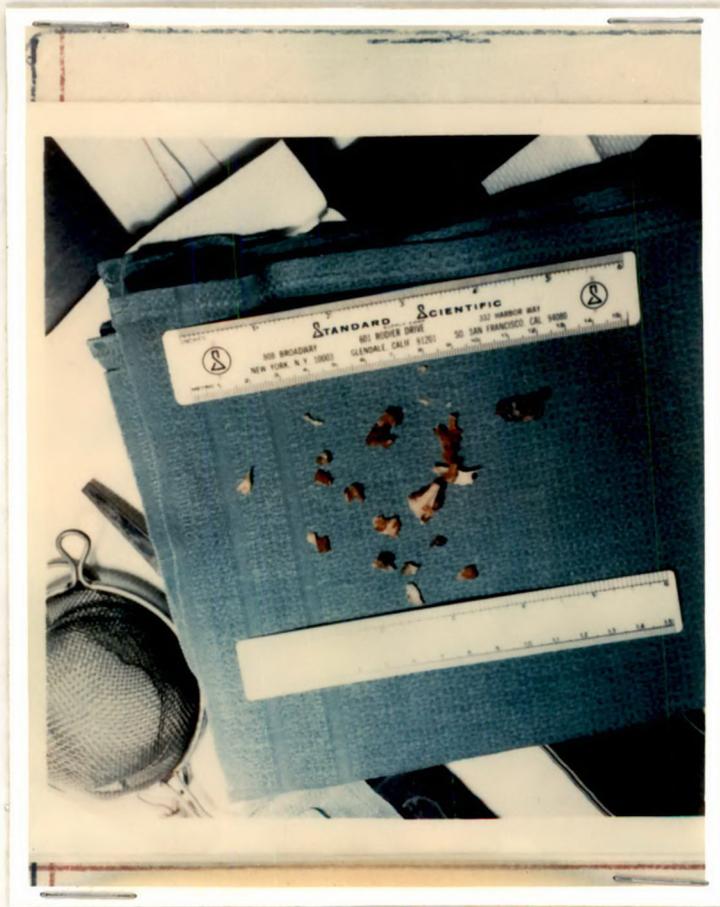
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On June 6, 1968, Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), made available to SA EDWARD A. PLEVACK three color photographs showing fragments taken from the head of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during an operation on June 5, 1968. See Exhibits 15 - 17.







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EXHIBIT 18

LOS ANGELES REPORT 6/9/68

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN CIVIL RIGHTS

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SUMMARY FROM RUSSIAN

Q7

Two-page Russian translation examination consisting of English-language questions which have been translated into Russian.

Page 2, reverse side, contains English, Arabic and Russian notations which read as follows:

(Russian) "This examination is very difficult."  
Followed by two lines of the  
Russian letter "YA" which is also  
the personal pronoun "I."

(Arabic) "Sirhan Sirhan, Junior  
"I am called Sirhan Sirhan II Junior  
This, this exam is very difficult  
Being away is very difficult, very difficult  
a short distance. This exam is very  
difficult."

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q5 - F

The Arab countries in Jordan  
Lebanon. The Arab countries  
Greater Egypt.  
The United States of America  
The United States of America  
The United Arab Republic  
The United Arab Republic  
Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Libya,  
Syria, Hashemite Kingdom of  
Jordan, Hashemite, Hashemite,  
Libya, Libya, Iraq, Syria,  
Syria, Syria, Iraq, Iraq,  
Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Syria.  
And Syria and Lebanon and Jordan  
in the hands of the United  
States of America  
In Brazil, and Iraq and  
Egypt and Yemen and  
Saudi Arabia and Kuwait  
and and and etc etc etc etc.

Love is affection and kindness and never  
has it been anything else. I have  
fallen in love with love's  
kindness and this not of my  
choosing or God's

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q5-E

Under words "drop all which":

It is a pity that  
that

that that

that is not so true

true

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q5 - E

Ar - Rashidiya

Sirhan    The greater, the greater, the greater

The Chinese, the Chinese the greater, the greater, the greater, the greater. The diety with whom we who do not have any political relationship. Al-Mostafa, Al-Mostafa, Al-Mostafa, Al-Mostafa.

Translator's Note: Al-Mostafa, if used as an adjective, could denote a person chosen by God for a specific holy task.

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q5 - B

Conflict

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q5 - A

Negro-American music originated here and not in  
Africa

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q3 - 124

Workers of the world unite for you have nothing  
to lose but your chains, and a world to win

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q3 - 65

Endearment and affection are the only ingredients for love. Gentleness can determine the course of love, increase it or harm it.

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q3 - 13

Irregular Verbs

1. Syllables ending in itj

to drink	to beat
I drink	to pour
You drink	to sew
He drinks	
We drink	
You drink	
They drink	

2. <u>ytj</u>	to howl
	I howl
<u>to wash</u>	
You wash	to cover
He washes	

to dig	to ache (or to whine)
I dig	I ache (or whine)

to give	
I give	
You give	I give you something.

to give

Isn't it true?

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q3 - 12

1. chj

k chj	to cook -	to cut	to flow
	I cook		I flow
	You cook		She flows
	He cooks		
	They cook		

2.

chj - zhj	to be able	to take care of	to die
	I am able		
	You are able		
	They are able		

to cut

to neglect

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q3 - 11

Regular Verbs - 1st conjugation

stj -sti zmi

d

to lead, to lay down, to steal, to fall

t

to sweep      to blossom      to invent

I sweep

to invent

s

to carry      to save      to shake

I carry      I save

z

to take (by conveyance)      to crawl

I take (by conveyance)      I crawl

b

to row      to scrub

I row      I scrub

n

to swear

I swear

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q3 - 10

THE TRAIN

I am standing on the platform - a ticket in my hand - a long train in front of me - cars comma (sic), locomotive - porters bring luggage - suitcases, trunks, baskets. They put all those into luggage cars - passengers take their places. I find a seat in a smoking compartment - conductor blows his whistle, the train begins to move, wheels rattle. Houses, factories, gardens, trees, vegetable gardens, run past. The train is going fast - tunnels, fields, woods, lakes, rivers, cities - are running to meet us - roofs, factory smokestacks, streets, squares, automobiles - and again fields and meadows.

(1. Translator's Note: the word below the above text - illegible.)

(2. Translator's Note: this is apparently a dictated text.)

SUMMARY FROM RUSSIAN

Q3-7

This is a list of Russian words with their equivalents in English which has been reviewed and found to be accurate.

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q3 - 6

zh, sh, ch, shch -- sibilants

k, g, kh -- gutturals

Mutations

d + z - to zh

s + kh - to sh

sk - st - shch

k - ch

t - ch shch

b, v, t, p, f - to l

to say - I will say

to sit - I sit

to let - I will let

to pour -

to lick - I lick

to scratch -

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q3 - 5

Line 2 from the top:

If...

Line 4 from the top:

Translator's Note: Correct translation of a Russian sentence on line 4 appears under it on line 5.

SUMMARY FROM RUSSIAN AND ARABIC

Q3-4

This is a list of Russian words and phrases with their equivalents in English and Arabic which have been reviewed and found to be accurate, with the following exceptions:

Line 12 from the top of page:

A Russian phrase meaning "well, so what?" or "And so what?"

The word in Arabic written on the same line means "God."

Line 17 from the top

A Russian word for "force" or "power"

SUMMARY FROM RUSSIAN AND ARABIC

Q3-3

Paris zh zh  
zh Paris  
Paris zh

Translator's Note:

This is a list of Russian words, with their English and Arabic equivalents, which has been reviewed and found to be accurate with the exception of the word "shlyapa," (4th from the bottom) which literally means "hat" and is also a slang for a "helpless and impractical person." It is translated into Arabic as "weakling."

The last word on the bottom of the page has not been translated; it means "precious."

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q2 - 28

My darling Tarametra

TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN

Q1-76

The Russian writing on this page reflects the grammatical declension of the adjectival form of the Russian word meaning "Russian."

TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC

Q1 - 76

Love is endearment and affection  
and nothing could take its place  
It is also gentle loyalty.

hotel

He is behaving like a philosopher  
She is behaving like a philosopher