

1 TRANSCRIPT OF TAPES RECORDED
2 INTERVIEW OF WALTER COTTE
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7 (*) INDICATES UNINTELLIGIBLE CONVERSATION

8 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: ...has a tendency to psycho-
9 logically affect you in a way that you think you're going to
10 get shocked or something. The fact of the matter is that,
11 needless to say, this investigation of Sirhan and the tragedy
12 of the assassination will go down in history as probably one
13 of the worst things that happened in this famous town of ours,
14 you know, and we have created a special task force to inves-
15 tigate this thing, and these fellows are working and I have
16 been assigned the responsibility for talking and doing any
17 interviews or post interrogations and lie detector testing on
18 any of the people that have been coming up, not because they
19 think they are necessarily involved in the thing, but they
20 don't want to risk the possibility of not discovering infor-
21 mation that might be relevant to the assassination. So, what
22 we'll do first, with your permission, I'll talk to you and
23 then we'll find the reason as to why, in your mind, they want
24 me to give you a lie detector test. Apparently you know some-
25 thing or you talked to somebody, you were present, and saw
26 certain things that occurred, you know. Were you at the
Ambassador Hotel the night of the assassination? Did you have
any--well, what's--what's your connection here, if any? Do

1 you know Sirhan or do you know Kennedy or what's--what's the--

2 A Yeah, I know Sirhan.

3 Q You know Sirhan. Well, that's, that's probably the
4 thing there, then. So, did you know him socially, academical-
5 ly, or out of school, or--

6 A Socially in school.

7 Q Well, why, in your mind, do they want you to take a
8 lie detector test?

9 A They want me and they want to find out about--I
10 think, you know, the political nature of--to what extent this
11 could be political to what extent (*)

12 Q Do you know or do you have some idea?

13 A I have ideas.

14 Q What is your idea?

15 A I think that politics, I mean, is, you know, his
16 Arab nationalism, was a--a rationalization, you know, more
17 than, you know--yeah, more than a motive for the act. It's
18 very hard to tell. I didn't see him for two and a half years
19 except for, you know, briefly one night and at that time I,
20 you know, form very few opinions about him, so the whole thing
21 has been my just mulling over, you know, what happened, and
22 obviously I was looking for a--an explanation, and I am
23 looking, you know, trying to figure out what was going on in
24 his mind, you know.

25 Q Did he ever tell you in any of the conversations you
26 had with him about anything regarding plans or intentions or

1 even thinking along the lines of assassinating anyone?

2 A No. I have been trying to remember if he mentioned
3 Kennedy and I don't--I don't know, you know, if he did that
4 night. I--I can't recall him mentioning Kennedy, but you
5 know, but I am not sure, maybe he did. He might have said
6 something.

7 Q Did he--is it possible he mentioned someone else
8 other than Kennedy?

9 A No, he didn't--I mean, no, he didn't talk about
10 assassinating anybody, things like that.

11 Q Did he talk about desires or motives that he had or
12 feelings that he had against, strongly against anyone in
13 political office?

14 A Johnson.

15 Q What was the strongest statement he made against
16 him?

17 A Hmm. I can't recall any statement, but I can't say
18 that Johnson was--trying to think of something. I can't re-
19 call any statement.

20 Q Well, you see, I've heard comments on the street,
21 in the office here, police officers come in and they bring a
22 person in for whatever reason, there is idle conversation that
23 maybe is not meaningful to the men that are making it, but
24 it's some feeling or--or at least they have a tendency to feel
25 a certain way regarding a person and rash statements that are
26 made that are not really, on the surface aren't anything except

1 that they're kind of drastic if you really stop and analyze
2 what they're saying, and I know that probably you have heard
3 people say, "Well, you know, that s.o.b., I'd like to do him
4 in," or, you know, and "he should be hung," or statements like
5 this. Did Sirhan ever make any statements like this that
6 maybe you thought were just passing remarks that not really
7 had any deep seated foundation to them?

8 A Well, uh, he could have. He was that kind of a guy.
9 I can't--I can't recall, I mean, I can't quote, I don't have a
10 quote.

11 Q Uh huh.

12 A But he, you know, he was that kind of guy.

13 Q Well, this is the thing here, is if you believe one
14 thing with the polygraph, that's the amazing thing about this
15 instrument, it's not--it's a piece of instrument, it's cold,
16 it's a machine--

17 A Uh huh.

18 Q --but it records physiological responses which occur
19 within a person's autonomic nervous system, and it's what you
20 really, sincerely believe that will show, and right now in
21 just discussing this thing, you say that he could have. If I
22 were to ask you a question, to the best of your knowledge, did
23 Sirhan ever make a statement about shooting Kennedy, and right
24 now within your mind, you know either way whether he did or he
25 didn't, you know, you can't say, well, he might have because
26 you know when you say he might have, when you really don't

1 know, it will show that you don't know, but if you say, he
2 might have, and in truth you actually do know, as a matter of
3 fact, that he made any statement along these lines, of course,
4 you would respond--I'll get--I'll get into this, the responses
5 and deceptive--or indicative of deception, responses that are
6 what we call truthful patterns, you know, I'll get into that
7 with you. First of all, let me do this. Let me begin with
8 the first step here.

9 A Sir? What are my rights?

10 Q Well, you have every right to refuse to take the lie
11 detector.

12 A What were to happen if I was to refuse?

13 Q Well, like I tried to explain to you, these fellows
14 out here are investigating any possible avenue that has--we
15 cannot afford--we cannot afford--and I'm talking about we, my
16 responsibility is to talk to people like I'm talking to you.
17 Sgt. Alexander out there is one of the investigators assigned
18 to the case, and they're going down here and when something
19 comes up that has to be checked out, and names, like your name
20 obviously is in file already, in connection with this. And I
21 have talked to--

22 A Uh--

23 Q Pardon me?

24 A Uh--

25 Q I've talked to many people in here that really were
26 at a--at a cocktail lounge and were seen talking to Sirhan,

1 but they had no knowledge about the man's political life or
2 his feelings or anything else, but the fact is that they were
3 seen there. So naturally, they come and they talk to the
4 fellows and they find out from the extent of their conversation
5 whether this was it or whether there was something else, you
6 see.

7 A Yeah.

8 Q But this is completely confidential in here. We are
9 trying to determine one thing and that is what, if any, con-
10 nection you might have had with Sirhan.

11 A Okay, I'll take it. I'll take the test.

12 Q Now, let me say this, in all fairness to you, if at
13 any time that you're in the room that you are wondering or
14 concerned about something, just feel free and ask a question,
15 and I'll answer you truthfully to the best of my ability.

16 A Well, I--I was told to get a lawyer. I was told
17 that if people came again, that I should see him in the pro-
18 sence of a lawyer because, you know, I don't know how your
19 reports going to come out.

20 Q You mean as far as what?

21 A I don't know how you're going to interpret what I'm
22 saying. Hell, I don't--

23 Q Okay, okay, fine. Well, this is a very--this is a
24 very intelligent question that you're asking here. You don't
25 know. In other words, you don't know whether if you answer
26 me truthfully, I'm going to think that you're lying to me.

1 A No.

2 Q The only fair way for me to proceed in here is to
3 show you and give you a control test.

4 A Uh huh.

5 Q You see? And this control test has to be composed
6 of something that you, yourself, know, you see? Something
7 that you know about.

8 A To be true.

9 Q To be true. And then I want you--but let me--let me
10 get into the areas first, you know, but, first, I want you--
11 I have to show you that in all fairness to you, I don't want
12 you to be psyched out to the point that you're going to say,
13 well, even if I say the truth, he might think that I'm lying
14 to him, you see?

15 A Uh huh.

16 Q So I have to prove to you what happens in here. In
17 other words, I have to prove to you that if you tell me the
18 truth, I'll know you're telling me the truth.

19 A Uh huh.

20 Q And the only way I can do this is by giving you a
21 control test, and I'll explain that to you later. First of
22 all, what is your last name, sir?

23 A Crowe, C-r-o-w-e.

24 Q C-r-o-w-e. And your first name?

25 A Walter.

26 Q Okay, now, just answer yes or no. Don't tell me,

1 but just answer yes or no.

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. Walter is your first name. Today is the 8th.

4 A Yeah. What time is it?

5 Q Nine-ten.

6 A Will this take an hour or--

7 Q An hour, maybe, at the most. Or I won't say at the
8 most. At the most, an hour and a half. Do you have something
9 that you have that's bothering you at this present that you
10 have to take care of?

11 A Well, you know, I left my little brother at home.

12 Q Has he been told?

13 A Yeah. Yeah.

14 Q Well, it's 9:10, but--

15 A Yeah.

16 Q How old is he?

17 A He's 9. Nine. I'll get somebody.

18 Q Well, would you feel better if somebody went down
19 there and picked him up and brought him down here?

20 A No. I'm not--my mom will be home.

21 Q Oh.

22 A (*)

23 Q Do you live in Los Angeles?

24 A Both Pasadena and Los Angeles.

25 Q See, the reason there's some of these things open,
26 I'm leaving open, so--because we can make these tests with

1 this information that we have here then. Are you married
2 right now?

3 A No.

4 Q And how old are you?

5 A Twenty-two.

6 Q Okay. I'm going to give you a piece of paper here,
7 Walter. What I'd like you to do, first of all in this control
8 test here, is I want you to write, if you will, five, six names
9 which could be your middle name. Any six. You select them
10 yourself. One of the times I want you to write in here your
11 true middle name. The true name that you have as your middle
12 name. The five other times I want you to use a fictitious
13 name. Now, they don't have to be in sequence. Any one of the
14 six names that you desire, I want you to write your true mid-
15 dle name. Don't let me know which one it is when you give the
16 card back to me. You understand?

17 A Uh huh.

18 Q In other words, five of these will be fictitious,
19 one will be a true middle name, which is your middle name.
20 You understand?

21 A Uh huh.

22 Q Okay. Would you do that for me please while I am
23 writing. Okay. If you will write, you say you live both in
24 Pasadena and Los Angeles. Give me six street names, any of
25 which could be your address in Pasadena, let's use Pasadena,
26 and one of the times I want you to write the true street where

1 you do, in fact, live. But, again, don't let me know which
2 one it is.

3 A Okay. Now, I mean, you're going to clue me in on as
4 to how this is going?

5 A Oh, yes. I'll tell you very definitely, yeah. Okay,
6 here's the thing now. Before I start, I want to get into a
7 little further depth here as far as your knowledge of Sirhan.
8 Were you--where did you first know this man?

9 A Uh, first time I saw him was in elementary school.

10 Q What school is this?

11 A Uh, Longfellow.

12 Q Okay, and then did you attend--well, did you live
13 close to each other?

14 A Uh, well, I don't know where he lived at that time,
15 but the first address, but he lived, yeah, about three blocks
16 away from me the first time I realized where he was living.

17 Q And then did you continue going through school with
18 him?

19 A Yeah. He went to Elliott. I didn't see much of him
20 there. That was junior high school.

21 Q Uh huh.

22 A And then in Mair.

23 Q Mair did you say?

24 A Yeah. High School.

25 Q And what about Pasadena City College? Did you go
26 there?

1 A Yeah.

2 Q Did you attend school there at Pasadena City College
3 with him?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q Did you have any courses with him there?

6 A Yeah.

7 Q What courses did you attend with him?

8 A Uh, basic history, I guess, 1A, or something.

9 Q Uh huh. Remember the professor's name there that
10 you had?

11 A Mr. Shearer (phonetic).

12 Q Shearer is it?

13 A Shearer. Mr. Shearer.

14 Q I've heard and I've never talked to Sixhan, but I've
15 heard that through his high school years, that he had a fairly
16 good scholastic record through elementary, junior high and
17 senior high schools, and then I've heard also that at P.C.C.
18 his grades just fell to the complete extreme, where he had
19 very good grades previous to junior college, and once he
20 entered P.C.C., that his grades for some reason switched right
21 around and were completely the opposite. Do you know anything
22 about that?

23 A Well, that's my impression. I remember him in high
24 school also. He was a good student. And at P.C.C., I guess
25 later on, last year there, they did fall down.

26 Q Did you ever talk with him about that or--

1 A No. In fact, I'm not even sure of the source.
2 Maybe I did, maybe I did.

3 Q Did you have more--did you have more than this
4 history class with him that you both had the same--the same
5 course that you were taking there, other than history?

6 A At P.C.C.? Well, I can't recall any.

7 Q You can't recall any. You do remember this history
8 class though?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q Okay, but did you attend later any other schools
11 with him?

12 A No.

13 Q Okay. Did you pursue your education from there,
14 yourself?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q Well, here's another--Did you go locally to some--

17 A UCLA.

18 Q Well, I wasn't going to ask you that because this
19 could be another good control test, you see? So anyway, you
20 told me UCLA. Okay, now, from the time that you attended
21 school with him at P.C.C., what year was this, to the best of
22 your recollection?

23 A Oh, I graduated in '63 and so it was '63 when I
24 started, I guess, to it was '65.

25 Q Okay, '63, so then after '65 you went--or '63, did
26 you go to UCLA or when did you go to UCLA?

1 A Uh, in '65.

2 Q '65. Okay. After you left P.C.C. in '65, did you

3 continue to see Sirhan either socially or otherwise?

4 A Well, I saw him once driving down Colorado Street.

5 Q He was driving?

6 A Yeah. Uh huh. And we didn't speak. I hadn't seen

7 him for awhile so I just made a note of it and then about two

8 months ago, I saw him.

9 Q Two months ago?

10 A Uh huh.

11 Q Now, this is maybe what it seems to be important to

12 the investigators.

13 A Right. Exactly.

14 Q Okay, how--what is the circumstance there? What

15 happened two months ago?

16 A Well, my mother and his mother go over to the same

17 church. My mother said that Mrs. Sirhan said that Sirhan would

18 like to see me. So one night when I wasn't doing anything, I

19 called him up. And went over there.

20 Q Where did you get his number from, his phone number?

21 A Phone book.

22 Q Listed in the phone book?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Okay, and then you called him up on the phone?

25 A Right.

26 Q And what happened, if you will, and go into as much

1 detail as you can remember. Do you smoke, Walter?

2 A Uh huh.

3 Q Care for a cigarette?

4 A No. Well, you want what? You want me to describe
5 the meeting or what?

6 Q Just from the time that--you hadn't seen him for
7 sometime, right? Then your mother told you that Mrs. Sirhan
8 told her that Sirhan wanted to see you, so you called him on
9 the phone?

10 A Right.

11 Q Okay. You call and he picked up the phone. What
12 happened?

13 A Uh, he came to the phone, you know, "Hi," "Hi," "It
14 has been a long time." He started to be asking me. Then he
15 asked me, "Why don't you come over for a date?" Well, I didn't
16 have a car so it ended up he borrowed his brother's car and
17 I've forgotten whether originally we were going to go to his
18 house or not, but we went down to Dob's in Pasadena and had
19 coffee. And we were there about 45 minutes and two friends of
20 his, you know, came--that I didn't know, people that he knew--
21 came in, you know, and we all got together and we went out and
22 had some beers.

23 Q So how many people went to have some beer?

24 A Four.

25 Q Four of you? Now, the 45 minutes that you were at
26 the--at the restaurant there, at the drive-in, whatever it is--

1 it's Bob's hamburgers, is it? Right by the school there at
2 P.C.C.?

3 A Right, uh huh.

4 Q What was the conversation relative to at that time?

5 A Well, you know, jobs versus school. The Arab Israeli
6 war, my political activities. I described them to him.

7 Q Is there anything about your political activities
8 that you wouldn't want to discuss with me for some reason or
9 other?

10 A It's all out now.

11 Q Pardon me?

12 A It's all out now so--

13 Q Okay, go ahead and discuss it with me.

14 A Uh, after I graduated from P.C.C.--

15 Q Uh huh.

16 A --you know, I joined the DuBois Club and was in that
17 for, oh, I don't know, through '66 and '67, and that fell
18 apart and then I joined the Party. And this was in the period
19 I didn't--hadn't seen Sirhan.

20 Q When did you join the Communist Party, in what, '66?

21 A Uh, '67. Uh, and anyway that night, you know, I
22 told him that. So--

23 Q Well, did he ask you if you were a member or--

24 A No, I came out and told him. I told him I had been
25 in DuBois Club and then I joined the Party.

26 Q Why or how was it that the conversation turned to

1 this? I mean, he must have been asking you questions about
2 yourself or sounding you out, wasn't he, or was he, or--

3 A Uh, gee, I don't know. I think I volunteered the
4 information. I don't remember exactly.

5 Q Did you ask him to join or--

6 A No.

7 Q Did you infer to him that why didn't he join or in
8 any way lead him to believe that he could probably be a good
9 member of--

10 A Yeah, well (*) what did I say--I don't know. I may
11 have tried to interest him and just talk about the thing, but
12 he was so turned off that we dropped it. We dropped the
13 subject.

14 Q What do you mean, he was turned off?

15 A Well, he told me that, you know, he wasn't going
16 back to school. He said that he didn't want to be involved in
17 politics and that he wanted to become a millionaire. And plus
18 that, he asked me, he said, you know, why did you--why did you
19 join? And I--I just wasn't ready to go into it. At that time.

20 Q Did he tell you how he intended becoming a million-
21 aire or what he was thinking of or any ideas that he had?

22 A He mentioned about racing, horse racing.

23 Q Uh huh.

24 A I don't remember if he mentioned it in that context,
25 but he mentioned that that is what he had been doing. He told
26 me about his fall. He told me he was unemployed and that he

1 had sold his car, I believe. This is one other thing because
2 at the time I saw a picture of the--his DeSoto at the, you
3 know, the picture of it outside the Ambassador and I--you see,
4 we had to take Adel's VW to go out, I think. I think he said
5 that he had sold the car. So this makes sense. And he was so
6 erratic, I mean, you know, racist attitudes were coming
7 through.

8 Q Like what? What was he saying?

9 A Against Jews.

10 Q Against the Jews.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q What was he saying?

13 A He said that Hitler was a hero, I mean, fine, I don't
14 know if he was racist in terms of black people. I suspect he
15 said something, you know, uh, then he said later on after he
16 had, you know, said that, you know, he just, you know, he
17 wanted to make money--oh, yeah, that's right, he asked me, you
18 know, the nature of my activity, what I was doing, and as I
19 said, I mean, I just wasn't ready to--to go in with--to go into
20 it and I said, well, I'm not doing anything. You know. You
21 know, very little, and then he said--he made, you know, a kind
22 of a brief speech, saying that politics are part of his whole
23 commitment in life and--and then he just completely contra-
24 dicted everything he said before. I mean, you know, at the
25 time I wondered what (*)

26 Q Like (*) was he rational to you as having the faculty

1 to make any statement--did he sound like he was all there or--

2 A Well, I mean, the person, you know, just contradicted
3 himself in the course of maybe ten minutes.

4 Q Like in what?

5 A In the--well, in terms at first he is telling me
6 that he's going to be a millionaire.

7 Q Uh Huh.

8 A And then he's saying that politics requires a total
9 commitment.

10 Q Uh huh.

11 A (*) really trying to give it everything you have,
12 and then he--as far as I know (*) not since high school and he
13 was, you know, just it was too unreal.

14 Q What about in high school, did he ever discuss with
15 you anything about his beliefs, politically, or--

16 A Yeah, that's, you know, that's another one of the
17 deals that one night, you know, he was, you know, commu--you
18 know, communist, you know, his whole (*), you know, kind of
19 deals to overstate (sic) something like this and then he would
20 say that, you know, living in a capitalist society you have to
21 got along with anyone try to succeed in it, and, you know, he
22 was very inconsistent. I didn't take him seriously.

23 Q What--did you have many courses with him in high
24 school that you took together?

25 A Well, I remember English and social studies (*)

26 Q What about language courses?

1 A Well, I was taking--no, that wasn't high school.
2 No, I didn't have any language courses with him in high school.

3 Q Well, where was--where did you have your conversa-
4 tions with him relative to his philosophies or his political
5 views?

6 A When?

7 Q In high school?

8 A Uh, you know, just chumming around on campus. I
9 think about 11th, maybe 12th grade, we started going to his
10 home.

11 Q Did you have many mutual friends?

12 A Oh, yeah.

13 Q Who, for example?

14 A Uh, Tom Good (phonetic).

15 Q Tom who?

16 A Good.

17 Q Good. Is he a member of the Communist Party to your
18 knowledge?

19 A No, he is not.

20 Q And who else?

21 A Tom Good. Charles Krill (phonetic). Lou Bennett.

22 Q Charles who?

23 A Krill.

24 Q Krill.

25 A (*) Lots of acquaintances we would see in class,
26 you know, but I'm thinking in terms of the people that would

1 go over to his house sometimes.

2 Q What about girl friends, Walter, did you--

3 A Well, he had--I remember one girl he dated. And he
4 was--he was not no wall flower or anything like this.

5 Q Uh huh.

6 A But he had some funny attitudes.

7 Q He had which?

8 A You know, funny--funny (*)

9 Q Yeah, well, like you're not saying in public unless
10 you intend to have serious intentions to marry or something
11 like this (*)

12 A Well, you know, male chauvinism (*)

13 Q So then going back to Bob's when--did he make any
14 statements regarding--or the Israeli conflict?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q What did he say about that?

17 A He said that Israel couldn't be militarily defeated.

18 Q Could not?

19 A Could not. And then I told him that--that (*) had
20 created a political movement within Israel.

21 Q Uh huh.

22 A Among Arab people so that they would have a political
23 voice. In other words, (*) you know, (*) you know to deZionize
24 the state and make it a political community in which two equal
25 communities--

26 Q Uh huh.

1 A And that that was the way that the change would come.

2 Q Is this very much along the parallel of the Communist

3 Party philosophy here in this country, is it not?

4 A Yeah, right.

5 Q Well, what about violence, any acts of violence?

6 That he--did he mention anything about--there was another

7 avenue possibly to exterminate people in certain positions?

8 A Oh, no, no.

9 Q He made no remark like this. Did he mention Kennedy

10 to your knowledge at that meeting you had with him?

11 A Well, I'm, you know, I have been trying to remember.

12 As I said, you know, I can't think of a quote, you know. He

13 might have. He might have, I don't know, but--see, I'm trying

14 to, you know, paint the real picture. He might have. I can't

15 recall anything. I mean, he did this thing, you know, two

16 months later and, you know, five weeks later.

17 Q Yeah.

18 A And there was something on his mind. Yeah, he might

19 have said something.

20 Q But you don't remember.

21 A No, I don't.

22 Q You see, if--if--it's very easy for someone to draw

23 conclusions or inferences or inject innuendos and say, well,

24 here is a young man who is a member of the Community Party,

25 yourself--

26 A Uh huh.

1 Q --there's a meeting in Bob's drive-in--

2 A Uh huh.

3 Q --and during this meeting, there's conversation
4 relative to, you know--

5 A Uh huh.

6 Q --political--

7 A Right. See, there's a red scare and I'm up shit
8 creek and--

9 Q Yeah--

10 A --but I'll--and the left gets hurt.

11 Q Pardon me?

12 A And the left gets hurt.

13 Q So the fact is that if he did act by himself, but if
14 somebody else had knowledge about what he's doing, even the
15 family, now you see, it's--if you know something and somebody
16 makes statements--if I were to make a statement to you that
17 I'm going to dispose of Johnson in my own way, in my own time,
18 this is something that certainly wouldn't obligate you in any
19 way for my actions, you know, but if--what they're trying to
20 determine is whether he did make any statements like this to
21 you or anyone else. And you have told me, to the best of your
22 knowledge, you don't remember him making any state--but he
23 could have mentioned Kennedy.

24 A He could have mentioned Johnson.

25 Q He could have mentioned Johnson. Could he have
26 mentioned anyone else? Moshe Dayan, for example?

1 A No. I don't think so, but (?) it's a thing about
2 recall that I have in--you know, I have images where I recall,
3 I am recreating him saying something, you know.

4 Q Well, have you, yourself, ever made any statement
5 about certain people should be eradicated?

6 A No.

7 Q Have you ever done this in talking to someone else
8 in your own views or over a beer or something that--

9 A No. No. Uh, I mean, if I ever did, you know, it
10 was not above a joke, if I ever did.

11 Q Uh huh, uh huh. But as far as any serious state-
12 ments by you to anyone else about eradicating anyone in govern-
13 ment or anyone holding political office, there is nothing to--
14 you or making anything in a serious vein to anyone.

15 A No.

16 Q Okay, is there anything, again I'll ask you, as far
17 as Sirhan in your contact with him, where he, in a serious
18 vein, discussed eradicating, assassinating, shooting, bombing,
19 or anything like this, anyone in political office, to the best
20 of your knowledge?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay, now, so you had this conversation, you and he
23 are talking, and sometime later, two other people came in?

24 A Right.

25 Q And from there you left somewhere else, you said?

26 A Right.

1 Q You went for dinner, did you, is that what you said?

2 A We went to have tacos.

3 Q A taco place?

4 A Yeah, we went--two of them, and we ended up, went to
5 a Mexican cafe.

6 Q Okay, now, during the course of the evening, was
7 there any other conversation between the other two people,
8 yourself and Sirhan regarding political--

9 A No, none. There was no political discussion. Maybe--
10 maybe later on--I don't think so. I could have mentioned
11 Latin America. I could have mentioned Latin America, that
12 would be, you know, (*) off the cuff.

13 Q Did you discuss anything relative to the National
14 Liberation Front?

15 A Where?

16 Q With Sirhan that day. Either Latin America,
17 Vietnam--

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Who brought this up?

20 A I probably did.

21 Q You did.

22 A I think he also mentioned, he said that they were
23 winning or something like that.

24 Q Pardon me?

25 A He said that the Viet Cong were going to win
26 militarily.

1 Q How about yourself, did you bring anything relevant
2 to Latin America and the National Liberation Front and Latin
3 America?

4 A Uh, I don't think so. In terms of the Near East
5 though, I mean, I also said that--they got in now and the
6 balance of--excuse me--force would be (*) population-wise in
7 Israel. That, you know, we wouldn't, you know, I wouldn't
8 expect, you know, like a position of war in the Near East that,
9 you know, we would expect in Havana, guerilla movement (*)
10 that would be more possible, and then another Cuban war.

11 Q Are you registered as a member of the Communist
12 Party, Walter? Not that it's important. I'm just wondering.

13 A Nobody registers.

14 Q Well, I notice that here in Chicago, was it, or
15 somewhere they just had a meeting.

16 A No, I don't really even pay my dues.

17 Q You don't.

18 A And they don't have membership cards either.

19 Q Uh huh.

20 A I mean, it's just--what it is, it's a group of
21 people, ex-students like myself, about every two weeks we get
22 together and discuss political subjects and discuss the
23 people's activity. And right now, I'm just kind of in limbo
24 because I'm not, you know, I'm working. I'm not active in
25 anything.

26 Q Uh huh.

1 A And (*)

2 Q Is there any other members that knew Sirhan to your
3 knowledge?

4 A No.

5 Q You're the only one?

6 A Right.

7 Q And you have known him for many years since elemen-
8 tary school actually?

9 A Right.

10 Q (*)

11 A (*)

12 Q Now, the big question is, why--why did Sirhan want
13 to see you? Why did Sirhan tell your mother, or his mother
14 tell your mother that Sirhan wanted to see you?

15 A Well, I have no explanation except that that's what
16 my mom told me. I just, you know, we're old friends.

17 Q Did you ask him, "I hear that you want to talk to
18 me," or words to that effect when--when you called him on the
19 phone?

20 A Uh-hm, I don't think so. I don't--no, I mean, I
21 called up, "Hi, Sirhan," and so on (*)

22 Q Deducing the conversation later that took place, why,
23 in your mind, did he want to talk to you?

24 A This man, he didn't--he didn't know what I had been
25 doing or anything. He had no knowledge that I was in anything,
26 you know. So, you know, it was, you know, we're friends.

1 Q But, I mean, subsequent to the conversations you had,
2 in your mind right now, why do you think that he wanted to see
3 you?

4 A Uh, because he hadn't seen me for two and a half
5 years.

6 Q Just as a friend?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q He just wanted to see you and talk to you.

9 A (*)

10 Q Have a beer with you possibly?

11 A Well, no, I think that was my idea.

12 Q What was your idea?

13 A To have a beer.

14 Q Oh, you mean, the topless place after?

15 A Right, uh huh.

16 Q Uh huh. Okay, now, this was about five weeks ago.
17 Five weeks prior to Kennedy being shot?

18 A Right, about five weeks.

19 Q And if there was a conversation relative to
20 Kennedy which, you say, and I think you are being truthful with
21 me, you say that there could have been mention of Kennedy,
22 but there definitely was no mention about shooting or
23 assassinating Kennedy at that time, is that a fair statement?

24 A This thing scares me. Uh, all right, I mean,
25 empirically I cannot recall. Subjectively, I have mixed
26 feelings, you know, God, maybe he did say something. You know,

1 I mean, (*) like I say, I have an image of him sitting there,
2 you know, that I rebuilt in my mind.

3 Q So ultimately that evening, did he drive you home?

4 A Sirhan?

5 Q Sirhan.

6 A Yeah.

7 Q He took you home. Then did he call you after that
8 date, did he ever call you again?

9 A No.

10 Q He never called you again?

11 A Huh uh. I mean, we had--there was a real lack of
12 communication, you know, between us.

13 Q Of course, you--you--your course of studies were
14 deeper now. You probably--did you graduate from UCLA?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q And so here he is, he goes to P.C.C. and he doesn't
17 do too well at all. And he quits school--

18 A Yeah.

19 Q --shortly thereafter, you know, so you have--
20 actually the rapport is not there because you're in a differ-
21 ent plateau than he is and, you know--

22 A Right, and I felt, you know, I--I felt this; that--
23 that he was a little frustrated and that, I mean, I had to be
24 sensitive to that, you know, and that's why I was saying,
25 telling people that in school, that's (*)

26 Q What was your major in school?

1 A History.

2 Q Okay, now, so you didn't see him after that day or
3 that evening.

4 A No.

5 Q And he never called you to the best of your recol-
6 lection?

7 A No, I mean, he definitely didn't call me.

8 Q Okay, so then, all of a sudden, here it is the 4th
9 of June.

10 A Right.

11 Q How did you hear about the tragedy of Sirhan being
12 involved or being a suspect in the shooting of Kennedy?

13 A Uh, I was at home drinking beer and it came over
14 the--oh, that Sirhan--right. Okay, well, at the time, you
15 know, it was on television that somebody has been shot and the
16 whole bit; that Kennedy was shot. And me and my dad went to
17 bed. The next morning when I was at the office where I work,
18 this fellow came up to me and said, you know, the guy that
19 shot Kennedy was from Pasadena. And I said, really? And he
20 said, yeah, his name was Sure-an Sure-an (phonetic) or some-
21 thing like that. I said, oh, God, Sirhan Sirhan. Not saying
22 I know him, and the guy said, keep it quiet because this could
23 --someone might want to come in on you. And, you know, I
24 didn't keep quiet, I was so upset. I had to talk to some
25 people.

26 Q Who did you talk with?

1 A Well, my friend Bill at the co-op called me up and
2 he said, wow.

3 Q Bill where?

4 A Bill, the guy that lives at the co-op.

5 Q (?)

6 A (?)

7 Q And you told him that you had known this fellow
8 Sirhan?

9 A Well, when Bill--Bill was in New York at a school
10 and he came back the night--he came back, I went over to his
11 place, his parents' house where he was at, and I, you know,
12 we were talking about, you know, education, and I said, you
13 know, I mentioned to him that I had seen Sirhan; that I felt
14 there was this real barrier that had--where we couldn't
15 communicate. I was put in the position of playing games with
16 the guy and I think he was, you know, playing some games with
17 me, too. I mentioned it to Bill and then Bill called up my
18 dad after he heard about the news and he told my dad, he said,
19 "Now, I didn't think he was that crazy."

20 Q Did Bill know him?

21 A No.

22 Q Did Sirhan ask you about how he could get into or
23 become a member of the Communist Party at any time?

24 A No. No.

25 Q He never showed any desire to get into the Communist
26 Party?

1 A No. As I said, he seemed very turned off.

2 Q Uh huh.

3 A Not turned off, but just not basically interested.

4 And I wasn't interested in him.

5 Q Would you say that any of the conversation there
6 was--could be--could have been interpreted by him as you trying
7 to get him into the Party?

8 A Sure. Telling him about the Party. Could have been.
9 Now, you know, I hate to, you know, uh, to mess up the picture,
10 you know, I don't recall inviting him to anything, but I know
11 myself, I might have, I don't think I would have though, but
12 because when he was active he was racist attitudes, very in-
13 consistent, and just not--

14 Q Is it possible that you could have asked him to
15 attend a meeting with you?

16 A Is it possible? Uh, I don't remember myself saying
17 and asking him to come to a meeting, but it is possible.

18 Q But you don't remember it?

19 A And I don't--I don't think I did. Now, I'm sure
20 that I had on my mind, you know, is this guy potential recruit,
21 but, I mean, the way the whole thing developed, it was pretty
22 obvious that he wasn't. I mean, that was--that was probably
23 on my mind.

24 Q When you were a member of the DuBois Club, was he a
25 member of the DuBois at any time?

26 A No, he wasn't a member of anything except the

1 Organisation of Arab Students, and he didn't go any times to
2 DuBois Club. And to my--to my knowledge, he was never at a
3 meeting of the DuBois Club.

4 Q Okay, Walter, I appreciate the fact that you are
5 being sincere with me. I think you're being sincere.

6 A All right.

7 Q I have talked to many, many people. That's all I do,
8 you see. If you'll take off your jacket for me, just--you
9 can hang it up there on a hanger, and I'll explain to you what
10 happens, the procedure we follow in here. Now, first of all,
11 I know that under these circumstances psychologically you might
12 be nervous right now.

13 A I'm scared.

14 Q Yeah, so don't be concerned with that because that
15 really has no effect on the test. It doesn't influence the
16 test either way.

17 A Uh huh.

18 Q What we work with in here is a psychology--do you
19 know what the autonomic nervous system is?

20 A Um, that's the thing you have no control over.

21 Q Very true. And that's what we work with in here,
22 and people, long before I ever came into this world, learned
23 that there are certain responses that occur, physiological
24 responses that take place inside our bodies and we have no
25 control over it.

26 A See, the thing is that, I mean, I know what's key,

1 you know, to this and the questions scare me, you know.

2 Q I'll review the questions with you. So you'll know
3 what is going to be asked. Can I have your hand like this,
4 please? Again, I'll tell nothing will hurt you, you won't
5 feel--

6 A No.

7 Q --no shock or any pain of any kind. Have you ever
8 taken a polygraph test before?

9 A What is a polygraph?

10 Q This is it. A lie detector test.

11 A No.

12 Q You notice I'm placing your arm inside this channel
13 here. That's to help keep you from moving once we get into
14 the testing.

15 A (*) yeah. I will be able to go home, eventually.

16 Q Oh, yeah, yeah. Don't worry about it. You know,
17 if--the thing is this, Walter, if you're telling the truth, if
18 you know for a fact that Sirhan never told you, "Look I'm
19 planning to do this guy in," if he did, I can understand, sure,
20 you know, he could have told many people, but I'd rather you
21 be truthful with me before we even get into the test and I've
22 asked you whether he made any statements. You said, no, he
23 didn't. I believe when you're telling me this, I believe that
24 he didn't because I don't have any reason to think that you're
25 deliberately trying to mislead me, see. Now, this goes
26 around your chest here. If I get it on too tight, just let me

1 know and I'll loosen it. Is that too tight there, Walter?

2 A No, I mean (*) do all right.

3 Q I mean, is that too tight right now?

4 A It's tight but--

5 Q I can loosen it if you want me to. Is that
6 comfortable?

7 A There, that's okay.

8 Q Okay, now, the first thing I want to do is attempt
9 to gain insight into how you're physiologically feeling in
10 this room right now. Are you responding right now. I'm not
11 going to ask you any questions right now. I want you to sit
12 there, be perfectly quiet, and look straight ahead at the black
13 box on the wall. I'm not going to ask you any questions what-
14 soever. If I make any noises, I'm not trying to scare you,
15 I'm trying to determine how you respond to the noise. If you
16 look at the black box on the wall, try not to move your feet,
17 your head, or any part of your body. (Pause) Will you close
18 your eyes for me, please, and just keep them closed? (Pause)
19 I'm going to touch your left hand. I'm not going to hurt you.
20 Just keep your eyes closed. (Noise) Okay. That's exactly
21 the way you'll feel, Walter. The first thing I'm going to do
22 here is change the paper because I'm running out. So we won't
23 have to change in the middle of the stream here, I'll just
24 change it now. But, anyway, you have some inside knowledge as
25 to how you'll feel. Of course, the next time I'll be asking
26 questions. Now, the first thing, remember I told you that in

1 order to be as fair as I could possibly be with you, I have
2 to show you because, truthfully, Walter, there are people that
3 are capable of taking an examination of this type, lying to
4 the examiner, and not being found out. There is not many
5 people that can do this, but there are people. In fact, for
6 statistical purposes, every four years the American Polygraph
7 Association of which I am a member, we have our surveys and we
8 have these surveys in major cities throughout the country. We
9 examine people just to find out how many people there are that
10 we call "nonresponders." In 1964 we learned that out of a
11 thousand people that were examined at that time, there were 33
12 out of the thousand that were able to lie and not be found out
13 with the instrument. There is not many people that can do this,
14 but we know that there are some people. Therefore, we have
15 made certain--certain rules within the organization and that
16 is, that before we test someone, we have to give and adminis-
17 ter a control test and that's the purpose for the control test
18 now. I asked you a few minutes ago, I told you that--to write
19 certain information down on this paper.

20 A Right.

21 Q And one thing I think we have here some names. Now
22 the names that you wrote here, and I'll ask you with the in-
23 strument, and every time that I ask you, is your true middle
24 name such and such, I want you to answer "no" every time.

25 A Right.

26 Q Now, the reason that I'm asking you to answer "no"

1 is because referring back to the autonomic nervous system,
2 when you hear a name that, in fact, is not your true middle
3 name, you're going to answer "no," you're going to answer
4 truthfully because it isn't your true middle name. But when
5 you hear the name that, in fact, is your middle name, when you
6 say "no" to that particular name, you should respond to me
7 with deceptive responses to show me that you're lying to that
8 particular name.

9 A So, in other words, you want me to lie.

10 Q I want you to answer "no" every time.

11 A Okay.

12 Q When I get through here, if you are capable of res-
13 ponding to stimuli, and the stimuli in this case is in the form
14 of your middle name, when I get through here, I should be able
15 to tell you which of these is, in fact, your middle name even
16 though you answer "no" every time. Okay, Walter, if you will
17 look straight ahead now at the black box on the wall. Just
18 concentrate on my questions. Answer "no" every time. Now,
19 let me start the test now. Walter, is your true middle name
20 Riley?

21 A No.

22 Q Is your true middle name Lee?

23 A No.

24 Q Is your true middle name Carol?

25 A No.

26 Q Is your true middle name Sherriil?

1 A No.

2 Q Is your true middle name Eugene?

3 A No.

4 Q Is your true middle name Lasa?

5 A No.

6 Q Okay, now, I believe that I know which is your true
7 middle name. What I'm going to do now is ask you each one
8 over again and I'll tell you the way you're responding to each
9 question.

10 A All right.

11 Q Just answer "no" every time. Is your true middle
12 name Riley?

13 A No.

14 Q I say that is a truthful response. I don't believe
15 that your middle name is Riley. Is your true middle name Lee?

16 A No.

17 Q That also is a truthful response. Is your true
18 middle name Carol?

19 A No.

20 Q That also is a truthful response. Is your true
21 middle name Sherri?

22 A No.

23 Q Okay, that's the first time that you're responding
24 here untruthfully and you did this the same time before, so
25 what--in essence what you're telling me is, that is the name
26 right there. The fourth one right there.

1 A Uh huh. Right.

2 Q Now, let's do this. These are street names in Los
3 Angeles; right?

4 A Uh huh.

5 Q These here.

6 A No, Pasadena.

7 Q Oh. Pasadena street names. Okay. I'm going to do
8 the same here. Now, this time I'm going to tell you the way
9 you're responding the first time through.

10 A All right.

11 Q I'm going to ask you each one of these names here.
12 And this is where you reside in Pasadena; right?

13 A Uh huh.

14 Q Okay. In other words, what I'm trying to impress
15 you with here is the fact that if you tell me something that
16 you know to the best of your belief is a truthful answer,
17 there is no way now I know that there is no way that I can
18 say, "Hey, wait a minute," you know. In other words, if you
19 tell me the truth, I'll know you're telling me the truth.
20 Here we go. We're going to start it now. If you look
21 straight ahead at the black box, please.

22 A Okay.

23 Q I'm going to start the test. Walter, do you live on
24 Washington Street in Pasadena?

25 A No.

26 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live on Howard

1 Street in Pasadena?

2 A No.

3 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live in New
4 York Street in Pasadena?

5 A No.

6 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live in Rio
7 Grande Street in Pasadena?

8 A No.

9 Q That is a truthful response. Do you live in Topoka
10 Street in Pasadena?

11 A No.

12 Q Yes, you do. Topoka. Is that correct; Topoka?

13 A Right.

14 Q Okay. Okay, now, is there anything at this time
15 that you're concerned with, that we should discuss before we
16 get into the actual testing? Anything at all?

17 A I'm just so, you know, scared about the whole thing
18 that--I'm afraid it won't come out right.

19 Q How is that?

20 A Well, I mean, I just might freak out, you know--

21 Q Well, here's the thing--

22 A --implications.

23 Q --you're--you're an intelligent person, and I know
24 that I don't have to get into the minor details like I would
25 with someone else because I've explained to you here the whole
26 end of the matter is, and I've had people tell me, "Well, you

1 know, I mean, what if this or what if that," and this is all I
2 do is talk to people.

3 A (*)

4 Q When a woman--if you ask a woman, are you pregnant?
5 Either she knows that she's pregnant or she doesn't know that
6 she's pregnant. There is no way in the world because she had
7 intercourse three weeks ago, if she believes that she's
8 pregnant, she's going to answer, she should say "yes." You
9 see. If she believes that she's pregnant, she should answer
10 "yes." And it's what you know, it's not what I know or what
11 anyone else knows, it's what you, yourself, know within your-
12 self.

13 A Uh, okay, I mean, if this--yeah, if this machine
14 bugs out on me, I'll know what to discuss.

15 Q Okay, well, we'll talk about it. But the machine
16 won't. This is--this is you right here. This is your heart,
17 this is your breathing, this is your (*) skin responses and
18 nobody else's.

19 A Yeah.

20 Q And we've done this. In fact, you're--I think you're
21 going to be a real good subject in here.

22 A Right.

23 Q I can tell you this right now. You're 22 years old?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay, Walter, now, if you just concentrate on my
26 questions.

1 A Fine.

2 Q Concentrate on my questions and now I want you to
3 answer truthfully with one word to the best of your ability.

4 A Just one word?

5 Q Just one word. Answer "yes" or "no."

6 A Okay.

7 Q If you don't understand a question, disregard the
8 question and we'll discuss it later.

9 A All right.

10 Q If you understand the question, answer with one
11 word, "yes" or "no" and answer truthfully to the best of your
12 ability.

13 A Okay.

14 Q We're going to start the test now. Just look
15 straight ahead. Is your true first name Walter?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is your true last name Crowe?

18 A Yes.

19 Q If I ask you questions about Sirhan, will you tell
20 me the truth?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Do you believe that I will be completely fair with
23 you throughout this examination?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Between the ages of 20 and 21--

26 (End of tape) (Reverse side of tape)

1 Q Did Sirhan tell you that he was planning to shoot
2 Kennedy?

3 A No.

4 Q Is there some other question that you are afraid I
5 will ask you during this test?

6 A Yes.

7 Q In the last 24 hours have you taken any strong
8 medication or pills?

9 A (*)

10 Q Do you know why Kennedy was shot?

11 A No.

12 Q To your knowledge was Sirhan a member of the
13 Communist Party?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. That's it. You can relax for a little bit
16 now. Let's review some of these questions here now, Walter.
17 Let me tell you at this time there is nothing in any Penal
18 Code--oops--there's nothing in any Penal Code in this State or
19 any other state that says that if you know something, that you
20 have to do something about it. In other words, I can talk to
21 you and tell you that I'm going to do this and I'm going to
22 burn the Hall of Justice and that I'm going to do the other,
23 and it's no crime unless I do something to further the act,
24 either to give you the matches or carry the gasoline out
25 there, light the thing, or something. This is what a
26 conspiracy is.

1 A Uh huh.

2 Q Now, if you tell me something that you know
3 physiologically, you tell me something that you know about and
4 orally you're--you don't want to discuss it with me, the only
5 inference there is that maybe there's something deeper, you
6 know, there's deeper water somewhere. And I think in all
7 fairness to you that we should really exploit these things and
8 find out what, in fact, it is that you're afraid of.

9 A Why?

10 Q Well, you see, I've got responses here and I would
11 never--I would never render an opinion based on one test. I
12 would--I would go ahead and ask you some other--you know, a
13 series of questions here again, but the reason I want to dis-
14 cuss this with you before I get into the same questions that I
15 just asked you right now. For example, I asked you, "Is there
16 some other question that you're afraid I will ask you during
17 this test?" This was quite traumatic. Now, what it is, I
18 don't know.

19 A I do.

20 Q But--so let's discuss that right now before we go
21 any further with the other test. Now be aware of one thing,
22 and I'm being sincere and truthful with you. The only thing
23 that I'm here attempting to determine is whether, in fact,
24 Sirhan was a member of the Communist Party. Now, you know the
25 answer there. Now, that--that is no problem in there; right?

26 A How is my response?

1 Q Your response is good. To that particular question.

2 A And that's honest, you know, I mean, you know.

3 Q Yeah.

4 A I don't want to find out a month from that, you know.

5 I mean, I want--I want to see the report.

6 Q Right. Yeah, well, I'll tell you what I've found
7 out in here before I walk out of this room. I'll tell you
8 because that's the only way to be, you know. I have to look
9 at myself in the morning when I shave.

10 A Yeah, uh huh.

11 Q You see? So, okay, now, there's one. Number six.
12 I told you when you talked with Sirhan, did he tell you that
13 he was planning to shoot Senator Kennedy?

14 A Uh huh.

15 Q Now, I want you to think hard now and you said,
16 "Well, it's possible that I could have, or it's possible that,
17 you know, that there was conversation, but I don't remember
18 it." Tell me what you do remember so we can sort this thing
19 out. Whatever you remember, what is the most that could have
20 been said if there was conversation about Kennedy?

21 A Yes, there was conversation about Kennedy. God, I
22 mean, you know, he could have--he could have said something,
23 you know, "Well, Walt," you know, "Walter, if somebody should
24 shoot that bastard," he could have said that and I would have--
25 I would have, you know, I mean, that's the way the guy is. I
26 would have found out.

1 Q But now in retrospect, in looking back, we know that
2 he did it, yes?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q And that's why it's important here, you know, that--
5 In other words, I want to be able to walk out of this room
6 now--before we go any further now, what is this that you're
7 concerned with?

8 A What?

9 Q This question. Is there some other question that
10 you're afraid I will ask you during this test?

11 A Oh, uh, you know, I'm afraid you'll ask me if--if
12 I was, you know, fat--fat enough how--to what degree I
13 influenced a person.

14 Q Let's discuss that. How do you think, if you did,
15 how do you think that you influenced him?

16 A Well, I mean, our group was political and, you know,
17 we know him and this gave him a political orientation. Maybe
18 it didn't give it to him, but it crystal--it crystallized and
19 he had a political--he recognized political problems and he
20 was, you know, very bitter about what happened to his country.
21 And yet he wasn't politically active, and so when he--you know,
22 he dealt with these problems in a stupid way. Well, but the
23 thing, I--I--you know, I feel guilty. I--suppose he had never
24 met, you know, Tom and I, suppose we hadn't been there, what--
25 would he have--would his frustrations have come out on a--to--
26 on a political level.

1 Q Okay, now, who--who is Tom that you are referring
2 to now?

3 A Tom Good.

4 Q Tom Good.

5 A Right.

6 Q Now, was Tom Good at this--present at this meeting
7 that you had with Sirhan?

8 A No.

9 Q Okay, now, you say "our group was political--"

10 A Right.

11 Q "--and we could have influenced him." How do you
12 mean that?

13 A Well, talking up, you know, I mean, when we were in
14 junior college, we were involved in civil rights, we are in
15 the Young Democrats, we are Socialists, Socialist Party,
16 Socialists of like.

17 Q I know, but this is P.C.C. and we're talking about
18 1968.

19 A Well, that--how could we have influenced him?

20 Q Uh huh.

21 A Uh, because something made him political, that's how
22 we could have influenced him. Some--see, some--something made
23 him decide that this, you know, this political act was
24 meaningful and that it was important to act politically in
25 that, you know, all these things. Now what I'm saying is
26 that suppose he had never come in contact, you know, with them

1 few people, political people. Suppose they had never been
2 there in his life. He would have just been like his mother,
3 a very bitter woman who wouldn't--with no orientation, you
4 know, inclination towards being just an average young guy that
5 grumbles about politics, and that's it.

6 Q Do you feel that his mother is a bitter woman?

7 A Oh, yeah. She sure is.

8 Q As far as--in what way? Regarding what or connected
9 with which or--

10 A On the whole Arab Israeli deal, she is very, very
11 bitter and she's very--she has a lot of hate in her.

12 Q This is Mary Sirhan you're talking about now?

13 A I--you mean--that's my feeling.

14 Q Yeah, sure. This is--I--I--I know this is--we're
15 discussing this. I'm sure you're entitled to your own, you
16 know, you may be completely wrong, but you have to--you have
17 to base this, you have to have something to base what your
18 feeling is.

19 A (u)

20 Q Did she ever discuss anything about that with you?

21 A What? The Arab Israeli war?

22 Q Yeah.

23 A Oh, yeah. Sure. She mentioned it. She would--she
24 was a racist.

25 Q Is that a fact?

26 A Once she said to me, "Have you ever smelled a Jew?"

1 Just (*) you know, it's too bad.

2 Q Okay, so do you believe if I were to ask you a
3 question here--and it's good that we're discussing these things
4 right now before we get down here with this--this thing that
5 has no feeling, you see.

6 A Uh huh.

7 Q If I were to ask you a question and I have this
8 question here, do you believe that you, yourself, in any way
9 contributed to Kennedy's shooting, how would you honestly
10 answer that?

11 A I would say that I have to share the guilt. That I--
12 what I told you again--if I had never met the person, or even
13 if I had been there in his political development and had gone,
14 you know, on, then it would have been a different story. I'm
15 sure. Sure, I mean--

16 Q What is the most major or the greatest thing that
17 you did in the conversation, in your mind, with Sirhan that
18 could have aided or abetted or in any way influenced his
19 thinking or to the point that he committed this act, if he did
20 commit the act?

21 A I said that the struggle in inside Israel was going
22 to be a long, long thing. And that it was akin to a liberatic
23 struggle. I said that it would not be resolved by a war. I
24 said that Al, you know, Al Fatah (phonetic) had given, you
25 know, their people a new morale; that that (*) was the impor-
26 tant thing (*) that I don't know what's going on inside of him

1 head.

2 Q Well, did you make anything, or any conversation
3 relative to the assistance--that without the aid of this
4 country in arms and munition and so forth, that the Israelis
5 probably could not have withstood the counterattacks or what
6 have you of the Arab people, Nasser, and so forth?

7 A No, I don't think so.

8 Q Well, I mean, we're discussing this now without the--
9 any polygraph here.

10 A Right.

11 Q But I can see from your responses here that there
12 are--that you do share some feeling about, you know, and I'd
13 like to exploit this thing to the fullest before I get back on
14 the instrument again. And not--I want you to think about this,
15 you know.

16 A Yeah, well, I mean, I do, I certainly do share some
17 of the guilt.

18 Q I think--

19 A I and others, yeah.

20 Q Well, like who? Which others? Tom Good?

21 A Yeah, Tommy.

22 Q Who else?

23 A Oh, people (*) people in the (*) east.

24 Q Well, like who, for example, Walter?

25 A You know, Walter Hahn, Gordon Haxx (*) I could go
26 on and on.

1 Q But these people, did they know Sirhan personally?

2 A They knew him as an acquaintance, as a school
3 acquaintance.

4 Q From where? F.C.C.?

5 A F.C.C., a little bit in high school, but--yeah, I
6 mean, I saw him five weeks before the thing, you know.

7 Q Did any of them see him five weeks before the
8 thing?

9 A No, not to my knowledge.

10 Q Okay, now, when he--when he wanted to talk to you
11 five weeks before this thing went down, again is there some-
12 thing that you're overlooking? In other words, if I were to
13 ask you a question other than what you have told me about a
14 conversation at Bob's--

15 A Right.

16 Q --is there anything that you discussed, discussed
17 with Sirhan that could have been something that induced him or
18 helped him to do the deed that he did do?

19 A I'm--I'm sure there must have been. That's very
20 important, isn't it? Right. You know, revolutionary, you
21 know, plain revolutionary influence. (*) even involved in it,
22 I was right there, changed his roles, stepped into the shoes
23 of a revolutionary.

24 Q Well, how did you do this?

25 A Well, as I told you, he said that in politics, you
26 know, you have to be total commitment in this whole thing, you