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WILLIE (no middle initial) FRANKLIN, Maintenance Man; Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at the Hotel Ohio, 1104½ West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, California.

FRANKLIN advised that he was on duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968. At approximately 12:20 a.m. that date, he was at the guard post at the entrance by the employees time clock, when he saw a large number of people running around in a frantic manner. He heard some of these people say, "A man is shot". Also, he heard some say, "KENNEDY's shot". FRANKLIN advised that this was the first he knew of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, and saw nothing concerning the actual shooting, and to his knowledge, he had not seen the individual who allegedly shot Senator KENNEDY.

FRANKLIN furnished the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Birth Data	October 1, 1912, Houma, Louisiana
Height	5'6"
Weight	136 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark brown
Build	Slight
Marital Status	Single
Social Security Number	

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ACQUELINE SULLIVAN was contacted at 4630 West Santa Barbara, Apartment Number 34, advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the interview was concerning the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SULLIVAN stated that at approximately 12:10 a.m., June 5, 1968, she and another "Kennedy girl" named CAROL BRESHEARS, left the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel where KENNEDY was speaking and went into an adjoining kitchen area, in order to stop getting pushed and shoved by the newsmen. SULLIVAN stated that since people had not been allowed out of the front door of the ballroom while they were waiting for KENNEDY to arrive, some people had used the adjoining hallway and kitchen as a means of getting drinks and as a means for getting to a restroom. SULLIVAN stated that she noted at that time that the kitchen doors were wide open because it was hot in the Embassy Room. SULLIVAN stated that the only persons she noticed in the hallway and kitchen were hotel employees in their white uniforms and some men dressed in suits and ladies with dresses who were grouped around a monitor in the hallway.

SULLIVAN stated that she was next to a refrigerator (on the left side of the hallway as one faced the kitchen) when KENNEDY passed by at approximately 12:15 a.m. and was proceeding to shake hands with the kitchen help who had lined up on the left side of the hallway to greet him. SULLIVAN stated that an unidentified man then asked her if KENNEDY had passed by yet. SULLIVAN then replied "yes" to the unidentified man and then pointed to where KENNEDY was standing. At that instant she heard sounds like "pop, pop, pop, pop" in a rapid succession and she saw KENNEDY and another man fall to the ground. SULLIVAN stated that she did not see who shot KENNEDY and that she did not see any gun that may have been used to shoot KENNEDY.

SULLIVAN stated that pandemonium broke loose and that her primary concern was for her safety because people were pushing and shoving. SULLIVAN stated that she did see an

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unidentified male completely surrounded by some of the men of the KENNEDY entourage, but she has no idea as to his description or identity.

SULLIVAN stated that she had seen pictures of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on TV and in newspapers but that she could not recall seeing him at the hotel at any time prior to the shooting of KENNEDY and she could not recall seeing him at any of the prior KENNEDY rallies which she attended as a "Kennedy girl".

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GEORGE GREEN, a KENNEDY campaigner, was contacted at 3801 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and that the interview was concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

GREEN stated that he was in attendance when KENNEDY was speaking at 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968 at the Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. GREEN stated that just as KENNEDY finished speaking, GREEN left the Embassy Room, went down stairs to a lower kitchen and was headed for the upper kitchen area adjoining the Embassy Room.

GREEN stated that just before he came through the upper kitchen area doorway he heard popping sounds which seemed to GREEN to be firecrackers. GREEN stated that the sound continued as he came through the doorway.

GREEN stated that once inside the kitchen door, he noticed a woman in her 20's with long blond free flowing hair in a polka dot dress and a light colored sweater and a man 5'11", thin build, black hair and in his 20's. GREEN stated that this man and woman were running with their backs toward him and they were attempting to get out of the kitchen area. GREEN stated that the reason he noticed them was that they were the only ones who seemed to be trying to get out of the kitchen area while everyone else seemed to be trying to get into the kitchen area.

GREEN stated that he then jumped up on top of a food preparation table to try to assist RAUFER JOHNSON and ROOSEVELT GRIER who were subduing the male who had a gun in his hand. GREEN stated that after the male had been subdued, GREEN was still on the food preparation table and that he then saw KENNEDY lying on the floor and GREEN realized that KENNEDY had been shot.

GREEN stated that he had not actually seen the shooting of KENNEDY and that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any of the prior KENNEDY rallies that GREEN had attended.

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Miss SUSANNE LOCKE, 6545 South Victoria Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information:

She was a volunteer worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during his campaign and was attending the election returns party in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968. While Senator KENNEDY was speaking, she was stationed at a position near the rear of the stage on the right side as one faces the stage, with a friend, ACQUILINE SULLIVAN, who had hurt her foot. It was late in the evening and when Senator KENNEDY finished speaking, she and ACQUILINE had moved into the kitchen area where Senator KENNEDY was subsequently shot. She and ACQUILINE had stepped onto a shelf-like ledge about four feet off the floor on the west side of the kitchen area. Also present in this area at the time were about four or five white jacketed hotel employees. As Senator KENNEDY passed by with his party, he was surrounded by friends and newspapermen. She turned to ACQUILINE and commented about how happy Mr. KENNEDY looked. After the KENNEDY party had passed, she heard cracking noises which sounded like exploding fire-crackers. She immediately realized, however, that the sounds were gunshot sounds and they were in rapid succession; a total of about eight or ten shots. At this specific time, she had lost sight of Senator KENNEDY. The gun sounds appeared to come from her left and she immediately jumped to the floor. She does not recall seeing anyone with a gun; and people immediately began pushing into the kitchen area from the Embassy Room, apparently attracted by the noise and excitement. Her friend, ACQUILINE, was having difficulty trying to get to the floor and she attempted to grab hold of her.

LOCKE noticed several men lying on the floor, one with blood on his forehead--his eyes open and staring, but she did not recognize any of these individuals on the floor as Senator KENNEDY. Another individual in her immediate vicinity, a woman whom she did not know, had blood on her head and appeared to be stumbling backwards. She was attempting to get help from her friend ACQUILINE but had lost sight of her and her other thought was to attempt to reach the gunman who had done the

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shooting. Somehow, she got turned around as people were pushing in all directions and was headed back toward the Embassy Room. Someone was apparently trying to close the double doors leading to the Embassy Room, but she was successful in getting out of the kitchen area and into a room behind the stage. She sat down and someone gave her a cigarette.

She does not recall seeing Senator KENNEDY after the shooting but believes that she may have seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the hotel earlier in the evening; however, she is not sure of this. She recalls seeing a girl in the Embassy Room, just before Senator KENNEDY entered to speak, stationed near her immediate vicinity wearing a white shift with blue polka dots. She observed that the girl was not wearing a yellow press badge and thought that this to be very unusual since it was necessary to have such a badge to gain entry into the Embassy Room. She mentioned this to CAROL BRESHEARS who is in charge of the KENNEDY girls and Mrs. BRESHEARS pointed her out to a guard nearby. The girl was expressionless and seemed somewhat out of place where she was standing. She was a Caucasian in her early twenties, well proportioned, with long brown hair pulled back and tied behind her head. Her hair appeared to be dried out similar in appearance to hair of a girl who does a lot of swimming.

LOCKE is not acquainted with SIRHAN or his family and has no knowledge of any motive for shooting Senator KENNEDY. She realizes that many people were opposed to Senator KENNEDY as a presidential candidate, but does not consider this to be unusual.

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HERB CARTER, Los Angeles County Human Relations Supervisor, Room 1184, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple, Los Angeles, California, advised SAs ROBERT H. MORNEAU, Jr. and IRVIN B. WELLS, III, on June 6, 1968, that one of his field workers, DARNELL JOHNSON, had witnessed the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, and had seen a woman in a polka-dot dress at the scene. CARTER had JOHNSON come to his office for interview.

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DARNELL JOHNSON, employee, Los Angeles County Human Relations, Room 1184, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple, telephone MA 8-9211, extension 1184, advised he lives at 9225 Holmes, Los Angeles, California, telephone 566-4746, and works 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He was interviewed at his office. Also present was Sergeant R. JOHNSON, Rampart Detective Division, Los Angeles Police Department.

DARNELL JOHNSON advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel the night that Senator KENNEDY was shot. He saw KENNEDY complete his speech just before the shooting and start off the back side of the platform where the speech was made. JOHNSON walked around the platform to the narrow space in the serving area where the shooting took place and got there before KENNEDY. Already present in this area were five people described as follows:

- (1) A white female wearing a white dress, with 25¢ size black pokadots; the dress was fitted, was not miniskirt but was above the knees; was not a loose shift but was fashionable for the time. She was 23-25 years of age, tall, 5'8", medium build, well built, 145 pounds, long light brown hair, carrying an all white sweater or jacket, pretty full face, stubby heel shoes in the fashion of the time.
- (2) A person whom JOHNSON identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN from photographs shown at the time of this interview and further as the person he saw who was seized immediately following the shooting by persons in the area.
- (3) A white male, wearing a light blue washable sport coat, white shirt and tie, 6'1", tall, slim, 30-35 years, blond hair parted far over on the left side with the right side long and hanging towards his face like a surfer haircut, outdoor type.

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- (4) A white male, 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, trim, 24-25 years of age, brown, long hair but not hippie, dark coat, darker trousers, white shirt and tie.
- (5) A white male, 6'1", tall, slim, darkish brown hair, shiny brown sport coat made of hopsacking, white shirt and tie.

These people were standing in a group between JOHNSON and the door through which KENNEDY came to make his way to the next ballroom for another speech. This is the same area where he was shot.

JOHNSON states these people were standing in proximity to each other; he says they were "together" but he states he has no knowledge they knew each other, were talking to each other or were members of the same party.

As the KENNEDY party entered this area, balloons were being broken, some small firecrackers were being set off and JOHNSON was not aware of any difficulties or any trouble until he saw a woman slump against the wall and say, "Oh my God, Oh my God." JOHNSON still did not realize what had happened but saw a furor around the KENNEDY party. At this time a photographer with lights on his camera took a picture of someone on the floor, who turned out to be KENNEDY. This photographer then put the lights up to take a picture of the persons standing and when his lights showed on SIRHAN, the photographer said, "Grab him, that dude has a gun." This was the first time that JOHNSON realized there had been a shooting.

Just at this point, the woman in the polka dot dress and the three men in her area left and walked toward the ballroom from where the KENNEDY party had just come. Several people seized SIRHAN and began beating on him. The crowd pressed around him and hit at him whenever they could. While SIRHAN was being held and before police arrived, the girl in the polka dot dress and the one man in the light blue washable sport coat came back and looked, then both left again. JOHNSON followed the persons who took SIRHAN out of this area and when

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he got back to the ballroom, he saw the girl in the polka dot dress talking to a white female Mexican near the podium where KENNEDY had just been speaking. This white female Mexican was 19 to 20 years of age, plump, 5'2"-5'5", long black hair, full pleated dress, avocado color, part of the KENNEDY group; JOHNSON assumed she was a Youth Campaign Manager.

JOHNSON did not see any of the others again and did not see the girl in the polka dot dress again after seeing her on the podium.

JOHNSON was shown a photograph by Sergeant JOHNSON of a white female, CHERYL WESSELS, Los Angeles Police Department DR 68-521466, and could not positively identify her as the girl he saw in the polka dot dress, although he felt the profile looked similar. DARNELL JOHNSON then said he believed he could identify photographs of the girl in the polka dot dress and the man in the light blue sport coat.

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Mr. BILL HILL, Executive Producer, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised on June 5, 1968, that NBC had filmed and had broadcasted the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968. Mr. HILL said that no NBC personnel assigned to the coverage of this activity witnessed the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and no film of the actual shooting was made by NBC.

Mr. HILL said NBC personnel filmed the activities prior to the shooting, KENNEDY's speech, and KENNEDY's departure from the speaker's rostrum. After the shooting, the NBC personnel followed into the corridor behind the rostrum and filmed activity involved in the aftermath of the shooting.

Mr. HILL said NBC currently had only the original news film which was then being aired as part of NBC's continuing news coverage of the event. He said NBC would make a copy of the film for the FBI and would make it available on June 6, 1968.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. HILL made available a copy of the above-mentioned NBC film. Mr. HILL additionally identified NBC personnel who participated in making the news film as follows:

PIERS ANDERTON, News Commentator;
JAMES P. WATT, JR., Cameraman;
EUGENE COFFEE, Soundman;
CHRISTOPHER MICHON, Coordinator.

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Mr. PIERS ANDERTON, News Commentator, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised as follows:

He resides at 2329 Wayne Avenue, Hollywood, California, and is employed by NBC, Los Angeles, California, as a news commentator. He was the news commentator assigned the NBC coverage of the California election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968 and the morning of June 5, 1968.

Mr. ANDERTON said that neither he nor the other members of the NBC crew at the hotel observed the actual shooting. He commented that KENNEDY departed through a door behind the rostrum, and it was then observed that a commotion of some sort was taking place. He and the camera crew followed into the corridor behind the rostrum. By the time he and the crew had arrived, Senator KENNEDY had been shot and was on the floor of the corridor.

ANDERTON said he and the crew concentrated on KENNEDY and he did not notice or observe the individual suspected as having shot KENNEDY. ANDERTON said he noted nothing significant or unusual and could furnish no additional information pertinent to this inquiry.

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Mr. JAMES P. WATT, JR., Cameraman, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised as follows:

He resides at 15822 Rinaldi, Granada Hills, California, telephone 361-6379, and is employed as a cameraman by NBC News. He was the news cameraman who filmed the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, which took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968.

Mr. WATT said that neither he nor the other personnel assigned the NBC News team were in a position to observe the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY. WATT said that the camera crew anticipated that KENNEDY would depart the Embassy room via the same door through which he entered, and were setting up in anticipation of this departure. However, rather than using this door, the Senator departed the room by using a doorway directly behind the speaker's rostrum. Shortly after the Senator departed the doorway and was out of the view of NBC personnel, it was noted that some activity was taking place beyond the doorway. He and the other NBC personnel rushed into the area and observed that the Senator was on the floor of the corridor and was bleeding from the head. The crew and the camera concentrated on the Senator. WATT does not recall seeing the suspect who shot KENNEDY.

WATT said he could furnish no additional, pertinent information concerning the shooting.

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On June 8, 1968, THOMAS PEREZ furnished the following information including this signed statement:

"I, Thomas Perez, make the free and voluntary statement to Bernard M. Connors who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I live at 538 South Lorena, Los Angeles, home phone AN 9-4387 and am a Security Guard at the Ambassador Hotel 3400 Wilshire Blvd. LA. On the night of 6/4/68 I came to work at 5:50 PM and punched out about 2:48 AM 6/5/68. I was assigned to the Embassy room during Senator Kennedy's speech. My post was the first swinging door to the left of the stage as Senator Kennedy faced the guests in the Embassy room. It was my understanding that when the Senator finished his speech he was to come through the door I was on and turn left down the hallway behind the stage. As soon as the Senator finished his speech a superior of mine, whom I don't recall, told me to close my door and keep the people out. About a minute after the senator finished his speech I heard about seven shots all in a row, all in about three seconds. The crowd was starting to force there way through my door before the shots and I was busy keeping them back and did not see which way the Senator went after his speech nor did I see the shooting or the suspect.

"When I heard the shots I turned toward the swinging doors leading into the Pantry and saw a women bleeding from the head. She was still standing at these swinging doors and I helped her back into the Embassy room and a doctor, whom I don't know, asked me to get some ice, which I did. I did not go into the Pantry until about fifteen minutes later and everything was over with in there except the Los Angeles Police Officers were interviewing people in there.

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"As I said above I didn't see the shooting as I was too busy keeping the crowd from coming through my post.

"I have readed the above and it is true to the bast of my knowlodge


"S/ Thomas Perez

"Witness:

S/ Bernard M. Connors, Special Agent FBI Los Angeles
S/ John H. Borgman, Special Agent FBI, La 6/8/68"

PEREZ advised that the woman whom he helped into the Embassy Room was named Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS. He stated, after he got her ice, he went and found her shoes and purse and brought them to her.

He furnished the following information on himself:

Date of Birth	March 6, 1907
Place of Birth	El Paso, Texas
Height	5'11"
Weight	165
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Number	

He stated he has been a Security Guard at the Ambassador Hotel since November, 1967.

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Mr. UNO TIMANSON, Vice President, Banquet and Sales, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the hotel and furnished the following information:

Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY arrived back at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, and went immediately to the Royal Suite. At approximately 11:45 p.m., he instructed EDDIE MANASIAN, one of the assistant maitre d's, to hold the north elevator so that Senator KENNEDY could go down to the Embassy Room to make his victory statement.

He was escorting the Senator to the elevator and when they were only two or three feet from the elevator, the Senator decided not to go through the crowds that were in the hallways but to use the service elevator.

They took the service elevator to the kitchen level and he, TIMANSON, led the way for the Senator into the Embassy Room.

The Embassy Room was completely crowded at the time and he, TIMANSON, was concerned that too many people might get up on the platform and cause it to collapse.

After the Senator had completed his victory speech in the Embassy Room, he was preparing to lead the Senator down to the Ambassador Room through the enclosed stairway. Just before the Senator's speech was completed, FRED DUTTON, one of the Senator's aides, asked TIMANSON if there were television sets in the Ambassador Room, and TIMANSON told him there were. It was then decided that the Senator would visit the Press Room to make a press release. TIMANSON escorted the Senator and his party through the hallway behind the Embassy Room and into the pantry area.

TIMANSON stated that he was approximately six feet ahead of the Senator when he heard what sounded like a fire cracker. He heard the sound three or four times in quick order and he thought it was some sort of celebration.

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Immediately, however, TIMANSON observed that Senator KENNEDY was down on the floor in front of the big ice machine located in the pantry. At this time, there were numerous screams and pandemonium broke out in the immediate area.

Mr. MURPHY, one of the hotel security guards, told TIMANSON that he had called an ambulance but TIMANSON wanted to make sure and he ran into the Colonial Room in an effort to contact the operator but was unsuccessful. He was assured by the people present that an ambulance had been called and was on the way. Mr. TIMANSON stated that from the time of the shots to this time when he was inquiring about an ambulance was just a matter of seconds.

He ran immediately to the kitchen steps and took the steps down to the Casino level and out to the back ramp to the outside of the hotel to await the arrival of the ambulance. The ambulance arrived in a very few minutes and he escorted the ambulance attendants to the area where Senator KENNEDY was lying.

Senator KENNEDY was taken by the ambulance attendants to the ambulance almost immediately. TIMANSON attempted to ride in the ambulance but was not allowed. He rode on the back of a motorcycle following the ambulance to the hospital.

Mr. TIMANSON advised that he did not see the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and he did not observe the individual holding the gun at the time of the shooting.

He did observe the individual who was being held down by several people following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and has seen photographs in the newspapers and appearances on television of the individual accused of the crime. The individual he observed in the newspapers and on television is the same individual he observed being held down following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Mr. ANGELO DI PIERRO, 1635 South Beverly Glen Boulevard, Los Angeles, telephone Number 279-1411, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as the maitre d' hotel.

He furnished the following information, including the signed statement set out below:

"June 7, 1968
Los Angeles, California

"I, Angelo Di Pierro, hereby furnish the following voluntary statement to Robert F. Pickard, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I could be required to testify in court regarding this matter.

"I was born 10/27/21, Furci Province of Chieti, Italy. I have been in the United States since May 7, 1936. I received my naturalization papers in May of 1954. I am the Maitre D' Hotel at the Ambassador Hotel. I have had this position approximately two years.

"At approximately 12:10 am, 6/5/68, I was in the Embassy Room at the hotel. Senator Robert F. Kennedy was on the platform talking to the people in the room.

"Senator completed his talk a few minutes later. Just prior to the time he completed his talk, I moved out of the Embassy Room to the hallway at the rear of the room.

"The Senator was suppose to come through the door located immediately next to the platform and into the hallway where I was located.

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"The Senator went out a door located immediately behind the platform, turned right and walked down the hallway to the pantry.

"As Senator Kennedy passed by me in the hallway he was being escorted by Mr. UNO TIMANSON, a vice president of the hotel, and two of my assistants, Karl UECKER and Edward MINASIAN. Mr. UNO TIMANSON was leading the way.

"As soon as Senator Kennedy passed, Mrs. Kennedy came out into the hallway where I was standing. She was being accompanied by Mr. Roosevelt Grier. Grier was behind Mrs. Kennedy and to her left. I took a similar position to her right. We followed behind the people following Senator Kennedy.

"Shortly after Senator Kennedy entered the pantry, while we were still in the hallway, two shots rang out. A few seconds later several shots rang out as in rapid fire.

"At this time we were at the doorway to the pantry. One door was opened (the left door) and a lady was partially blocking the door. I began to push the lady out of the way to allow Mrs. Kennedy to pass. The lady crumbled to the floor and I assumed she had been shot. I immediately pushed Mrs. Kennedy to the floor behind the closed door and I got down next to her. I did this because I thought there might be more gunfire. However, there was no more gunfire.

"I immediately got up and ran into the pantry and I noticed two men lying down on the floor and one of them was Senator Kennedy.

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"I ran into the kitchen to telephone for an ambulance. I was told the call had already been made.

"I returned to the shooting scene to control the people. Camerman were taking pictures.

"I noticed that a man was held down on the heating table in the pantry. I did not see this man's face as I was busy attempting to control the people.

"After a few minutes, approximately 8 minutes, Senator Kennedy and the other wounded were taken out of the hotel by ambulance attendants.

"I have seen newspaper photographs and TV shows showing the individual accused of shooting Senator Kennedy. I do not recall having seen this individual before.

"I have read this statement of this page and 3 other pages. It is true and correct.

"/s/ Angelo Di Pierro

"Witness:

"Robert F. Pickard, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/7/68"

Mr. DI PIERRO began work at approximately 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968.

The Embassy Room, Ambassador Room, Sunset Room, North Room, and Colonial Room (used as a Press Room) were set aside for Senator KENNEDY. The Venetian Room was set up for Mr. MAX RAFFERTY, and the Palm Court Room was set up for Mr. ALAN CRANSTON.

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DI PIERRO's duties require him to move throughout the hotel during the day.

The rooms assigned to Senator KENNEDY began filling up with people at approximately 6:00 p.m. At first the people were allowed in only if they had a badge for the particular candidate. About 7:00 p.m. word was received to allow anyone in that so desired. This was later revoked and only those with proper press credentials were allowed into the rooms. A security guard was stationed at the entrance to the Embassy Ballroom and later in the evening a security guard was stationed at the kitchen entrance. DI PIERRO could not recall the times that these guards took up their specific stations. There was also a security guard located inside the fire escape door on the level which houses the Ambassador Room. There was no security guard on the fire escape staircase that leads from the Ambassador Room level to the Embassy Room level. He believes that the fire escape door on the Embassy Room level was open the latter part of the evening of June 4, 1968.

Senator KENNEDY was supposed to leave the platform in the Embassy Room and go into the hallway behind the Embassy Room and down an enclosed stairway to the Ambassador Room level to speak to people in the Ambassador Room. Someone changed the plans and decided that Senator KENNEDY would proceed to the Press Room to make a press release.

This route would require him to pass through the pantry area of the hotel.

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ROSS-MATTHEW MILLER, JR., M.D., a surgeon with offices at 537 West Compton Boulevard, telephone number 639-5515, residence at 1319 Atlantic Drive, Compton, California, telephone number 636-7518, was interviewed at his office.

He advised that he is also a Compton City councilman and is president of the Compton Union High School Board and that he and his wife IRIS head up the Compton KENNEDY Headquarters, and he is a member of the Democratic delegation.

Doctor MILLER stated that on June 4, 1968, he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m., accompanied by his wife. They visited with democratic delegate members and Mrs. CRANSTON and other persons during the evening, mostly on the floor level below the Embassy Room.

During the victory speech made by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he was with his wife and numerous other persons watching the speech on television in a small dining room located one floor below the Embassy Room. He stated that after the speech and almost simultaneously with the television announcement that someone had been shot, someone ran past the room he was in and shouted "KENNEDY has been shot". He stated that he then asked some persons just outside that dining room if they had been upstairs and what the situation was, but could learn nothing.

He then went upstairs to the Embassy Room level by the nearest stairway and attempted to go into the Press Room next to the Embassy Room. However, a security guard would not let him enter the Press Room. He stated that an unknown individual was permitted by the guard to

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enter the Press Room, and he pushed his way in with this individual.

He said the attention of people in the Press Room was directed to the doorway leading to a kitchen access hallway and at that time he saw uniformed policemen and men dressed in plain clothes who may or may not have been policemen, bringing a man forcefully out of this hallway into the Press Room and whom he now believes looks like the photographs he later saw of the suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN.

He stated that he then pushed his way through that doorway from the Press Room into the kitchen access hallway behind the Embassy Room, and there he saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY lying on the floor on his back being attended by some unidentified people.

He stated that he took Mr. KENNEDY's pulse, which he estimated was 130 beats per minute and did not consider this to be critical and by the fact he was being attended by someone, he left to attend to another man, PAUL SCHRADE, who was lying on the floor closer to the Press Room door and also checked his pulse. SCHRADE's pulse was good, and he then examined the wound high above the forehead in the hair line area at the center of the head and checked the back of the head to see if there was an exit wound and found none. He stated that the blood on Mr. SCHRADE's face and wound was clotting and bleeding had apparently stopped, so he directed his attention back to Mr. KENNEDY.

He stated that he asked the man who was attending Mr. KENNEDY if he was a physician and either that man or someone else attending KENNEDY affirmed he was a physician, and Doctor MILLER believing Mr. KENNEDY was as well attended as circumstances permitted, returned to Mr. SCHRADE.

He stated he does not know the identity of the physician who was then attending Mr. KENNEDY and does not believe he could identify him if he should meet him face to face because of the turmoil, excitement, and the fleeting seconds he was there.

He stated that a stretcher was brought in, upon which Mr. KENNEDY was placed and removed from the kitchen.

access hallway, and he went back to Mr. SCHRADE and then quickly looked at a young boy 18 or 19 years of age who had a non-critical wound in the thigh and also a grown man who was more critically wounded in the stomach, but not in danger of expiring immediately. He said he then went back to Mr. SCHRADE and helped put him into a stretcher, which had been brought in and accompanied him in the ambulance to Central Receiving Hospital, where upon arrival he directed an unknown doctor and nurses to the immediate attention of Mr. SCHRADE's wound.

Doctor MILLER said he then went to Mr. KENNEDY's room which was either adjoining Mr. SCHRADE's room or next to a service room which did adjoin Mr. SCHRADE's room and saw Senator KENNEDY being attended and noticed that Mrs. KENNEDY was also there holding her husband by the arm. He overheard hospital people discussing whether or not to remove Mrs. KENNEDY, but a nurse stated that she was not causing any disruption in his treatment and permitted her to remain.

He said Mr. KENNEDY was placed in a respirator and that he helped the other doctors administer Dextran intravenously this being a blood replacement to keep volume up until whole blood could be administered. Albumen was also being administered along with the Dextran fluid by insertion of a needle permitting the albumen to flow into the same tubing by which the Dextran was being administered. He stated that the albumen needle had come out of the Dextran tubing whereupon he cleaned this needle and replaced it into the Dextran tubing.

He stated that shortly thereafter he assisted in lifting Senator KENNEDY into a stretcher as he was being transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital and continued assisting until he was placed into an ambulance for this transfer.

He stated that he then returned to Mr. SCHRADE's room and saw that he was being well attended, whereupon he departed the hospital and upon coming out the front entrance he saw numerous news men and asked for a ride back to the Ambassador Hotel and was invited to ride with two unidentified men.

Doctor MILLER stated that he did not notice anyone or anything at the hotel prior to the shooting whom he now would suspect had anything whatever to do with the shooting. He said he has no information whatever regarding the suspect who is now in custody and did not notice him or anyone resembling him prior to the shooting, and saw no one fleeing the shooting area whom he would connect with the shooting.

Doctor MILLER further stated that there were numerous persons whom he can identify, members of the delegation and others whom he knows by name who were at the Ambassador Hotel and that he and his wife could prepare an extensive list of these persons which he would furnish when completed.

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PETER SPENCER BERKSON, age 19½, residence, 5200 Mecca Road, telephone Number DI 3-5753, was interviewed at his residence. BERKSON advised he is a student at Pierce Junior College, Woodland Hills, California, and is employed as a box boy, part time, at the Food Fair Market, Tarzana, California. He further added that he is a professional free-lance photographer, as are his father, ALBERT BERKSON, of the same address, and his brother, DENNIS BERKSON, who resides at 5422 Quakertown, Apartment 211, Woodland Hills, California, telephone Number 884-0669. BERKSON advised that he went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at approximately 10:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, to photograph Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory celebration. He advised he carried a 35 millimeter still camera with a "strobe light" flash attachment and was shooting color film.

BERKSON advised he took some general photographs of the Embassy Room at the hotel prior to Senator KENNEDY's arrival in the room and also took photographs of KENNEDY during his victory speech.

BERKSON advised that he followed KENNEDY and his group as they left the stage and was approximately twenty feet from him as they approached the doors to a kitchen located off the Embassy Room.

BERKSON advised that he could not recall exactly the next few minutes of activity; however, he recalled that as KENNEDY was about to enter the kitchen, he observed a female Caucasian run hurriedly away from the hallway or possibly out of the kitchen and heard her yell, "fire". He advised that the woman appeared to be in her late twenties or early thirties, was huskily built, had reddish brown hair, and was wearing a navy blue dress. He advised the woman appeared panicky as she ran from the area of the kitchen door. He could not recall her to be wearing any hat or glasses or any political campaign paraphernalia. BERKSON advised he did not further observe this woman; however, he believed that she was possibly photographed by the television and movie cameras which were following Senator KENNEDY's movements as he left the Embassy Room.

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BERKSON advised that about this time, he heard what sounded like two gunshots from the area outside the kitchen door. He could not recall if there were additional gunshots as there was loud screaming and yelling from the approximately 25 - 50 people located in the area from which the shots were fired. BERKSON stated that after hearing the shots, he immediately held the camera over his head and took several photographs of the area from which the shots came. He stated that he did not observe the individual who fired the shots nor did he observe the alleged assassin, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, or his apprehension following the attack; however, he indicated he may have possibly photographed him in the series of photographs he took. BERKSON stated that he did not observe Senator KENNEDY at the time he was shot; however, he did observe and photograph him while he was lying on the floor. He advised that he observed Senator KENNEDY moving his mouth but could not discern what Senator KENNEDY was saying.

He advised that he observed another man who was apparently a victim of the same attack which felled Senator KENNEDY. He observed this man lying on the floor near the kitchen and observed that this man was bleeding profusely from the back of his head.

BERKSON advised that he remained at the hotel until approximately 1:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968. He advised that after shooting all of his film, he assisted his brother, DENNIS, who was, in turn, working as an assistant to one of the NBC newsreel photographers covering the event.

BERKSON advised that he returned home and his father called the Time-Life Magazine in New York City, New York, regarding the film taken by him, PETER BERKSON.

BERKSON advised that his father then delivered the film to the Life Magazine office in Beverly Hills, California, where the film was developed. BERKSON advised he was paid \$750

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by Life Magazine for the film and that the film was subsequently forwarded to Time-Life Magazine, New York City, New York. He advised the film was sent to RICHARD POLLARD, Life Photo Editor, Time and Life Building, New York, and that this individual would have copies or knowledge of the film.

BERKSON advised that his father left the Ambassador Hotel prior to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY; however, his brother, DENNIS, was present at the hotel at the time and could possibly furnish information concerning events relating to the assassination.

BERKSON advised that the film he shot in connection with Senator KENNEDY's assassination was now the property of Time-Life Magazine and that he presently had no photographs, prints, or negatives of the film he shot.

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RALPH ELMORE, 4238 Mary Ellen Street, Apartment 3, North Hollywood, California, furnished the following information:

He is employed as a television engineer for the American Broadcasting Company and was on duty on the evening of June 4, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, covering the election program involving ROBERT KENNEDY. He was situated most of the evening in the vicinity of the podium in what he believed to be the Embassy Room, and KENNEDY talked to the crowd shortly before midnight that evening.

Following KENNEDY's talk, he followed the KENNEDY party to the rear of the podium. The group turned right into a kitchen area located at the right rear of the podium, and he followed the group, carrying a microphone in one hand and wearing an ear piece in his ear. He was aware that the eventual destination of the party was the downstairs Ambassador Room but was not aware of the intended route the group planned to take to get to this room. He was of the impression that ROBERT KENNEDY was directly in front of him but found out later that it was actually PAUL SCHRADE. When the group entered the kitchen, he estimated that there were approximately twenty people in the kitchen, which included the KENNEDY party and several hotel employees. He then heard four sounds in rapid succession that sounded like Chinese firecrackers exploding. The next thing he knew, a man was lying on the floor directly beneath him on his back and the man's face was covered with blood. He thought at the instant this man was ROBERT KENNEDY and immediately linked elbows with several individuals in the immediate vicinity in an attempt to hold back the crowds that had been attracted by the noise to the kitchen area and were attempting to enter the kitchen. A fellow worker, an electrician, was successful in getting GOLDSTEIN and WILLIAM WEISEL out of the way so that they would not be trampled by the crowds. GOLDSTEIN had been struck in the leg, and WEISEL in the abdomen by bullets.

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He then became aware that the crowd was giving most of their attention to a man lying on the floor in front of the ice machine and then realized that this person must be ROBERT KENNEDY. He had the impression that about 25 or 30 feet in front of him there was a hand resting on a serving table holding a small barreled gun pointed directly at him and that it was "spitting flame". He lost sight of the hand and the gun and does not recall actually seeing the individual holding the gun.

He and several others had continued to attempt to hold back the crowd from the kitchen area by linking elbows, and he remembers one of these individuals as being a large Negro. He also recalls that about this time some man came charging toward him swinging his arms, and shortly thereafter several of KENNEDY's assistants arrived on the scene to render assistance to Mr. KENNEDY. He then realized that the man on the floor at his feet was PAUL SCHRADE, and he was subsequently successful in transporting SCHRADE and WEISEL down the freight elevator to an ambulance.

He does not know and has no recollection of seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel. He saw SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper later in the day.

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JODIE SAMS, Steward's Assistant, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with residence at 187 East 36th Place, Apartment 6, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was working at the conveyor at the coffee shop in the basement of the hotel on Monday night, June 3, 1968. Sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on that date an individual walking in the corridor adjacent to the conveyor asked SAMS how he could get out of the building. SAMS told this individual if he was a guest in the hotel he could proceed on down to the main lobby and then out of the building. However, if he was an employee or a tradesman he should turn around and continue through the corridor to the rear parking lot. The individual mumbled something to the effect, "I'll go this way" and proceeded in the direction of the main lobby of the hotel.

SAMS stated the individual did not appear to be a guest as he was dressed shabbily and had dirty gray trousers. SAMS particularly noted that the seat of the trousers were unusually dirty. SAMS stated he took this individual to be a Mexican because he was swarthy and had what at the time SAMS thought was a Mexican accent but definitely an accent of some type.

SAMS stated that on Wednesday evening, June 5, 1968, after the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he saw a picture of the alleged assailant in one of the Los Angeles newspapers and recognized this individual as looking very much like the individual who had questioned him as to directions in the basement of the hotel on Monday night, June 3, 1968.

SAMS described the individual to whom he had given directions on Monday night, June 3, 1968 as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Possibly Mexican
Age	Mid 20's
Build	Slight
Height	Short of stature

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Complexion
Hair

Swarthy
Bushy black hair

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