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Report of: AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.
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Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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

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

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

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Miss [REDACTED], [REDACTED] telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent as an agent of the FBI. At this time, in the presence of her mother, Mrs. BEATRICE CASDEN, Miss [REDACTED] furnished the following information relative to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

She is a fan of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and, accompanied by three of her friends, went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, in order to hear Senator KENNEDY's speech. She was accompanied to the Ambassador Hotel by her girl friend, CORKY MC MAHON, who resides at 4334 Oaklane Drive, Encino, California, CORKY's boy friend, SCOTT HOWARD, telephone number 349-2401, and LAURIE PORTER, telephone number 789-3230. CORKY does not have a telephone connected at the present time.

Miss [REDACTED] recalled that she and her friends arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:30 p.m., and went to the ballroom. They arrived at the doors of the ballroom at approximately 8:35 p.m., but did not go in. They were unable to get into the ballroom inasmuch as there were people at the door checking for press cards. She and the others in her group, at this point, saw LAURIE's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. JERRY PORTER. JERRY PORTER was recently elected a California State Senator. Mr. and Mrs. JERRY PORTER were also outside the ballroom attempting to get in. Inasmuch as they were unable to get into the ballroom, she, CORKY and LAURIE went to the kitchen area and slipped in and went straight through the kitchen. SCOTT also accompanied them. No one checked them in the kitchen or at the kitchen door leading to the ballroom.

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She did not recall seeing any guards in the kitchen or at the kitchen door. She actually entered the ballroom about 8:45 to 8:50 p.m. There were several hundred people milling around in the room. She noticed a small group of singers and musicians on the platform. This group also moved around the ballroom entertaining the people. When Miss [REDACTED] and her friends actually got into the ballroom, they met IRA GOLDSTEIN and had a short conversation with him. IRA then walked on mingling with other people. CORKY and SCOTT decided to stay in one place and wait for the speech of ROBERT KENNEDY.

LAURIE and [REDACTED] just walked around and talked to various people. Later, LAURIE and [REDACTED] separated. Miss [REDACTED] noticed that although people were checking the other doors to the ballroom, she did not see anyone guarding or checking people entering from the kitchen door and many people came through the kitchen into the ballroom.

She recalled that Senator KENNEDY came into the ballroom about 11:45 p.m. CORKY and SCOTT were still sitting in chairs close to the news telephones. Miss CASDEN kept going back and forth to talk with CORKY and SCOTT. She met IRA GOLDSTEIN again and began wandering around with him observing the activities. Miss [REDACTED] did not see Senator KENNEDY come into the ballroom. She saw him first on the speakers' platform. During Senator KENNEDY's speech she and IRA went back to the kitchen to get a sandwich, as some man who passed her mentioned that there were sandwiches in the kitchen. They decided to make a quick trip to the kitchen to get a sandwich and come back and listen to the rest of Senator KENNEDY's speech. Miss [REDACTED] and IRA went to the kitchen; they observed no sandwiches. She recalled that there were several people in the kitchen in addition to hotel employees. She recalled seeing two waiters and another employee cleaning tables. She recalled seeing a person in the rear of the kitchen area who may possibly have been the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN. At that time, she was just vaguely aware of this individual in the rear of

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the kitchen. She recalled this person as having dark hair and appearing to be of Mexican extraction. She recalled that he was not wearing a suit; however, she could not remember the type of clothing this person actually was wearing. She stated that she had seen a photograph of the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN, but was unable to state definitely that the person in the rear of the kitchen was or was not identical to SIRHAN SIRHAN.

She also noted there were several men in suits in the kitchen area and one or two women. She was unable to recall any specific details or descriptive data on these individuals. Her impression is that this all occurred in two or three minutes. Then Senator KENNEDY came into the kitchen from the ballroom with his party. She and IRA GOLDSTEIN stepped back out of his path. Senator KENNEDY was shaking hands with people. He shook hands with a waiter near Miss [REDACTED] and then approached her. He smiled and shook her hand and passed on, taking about three steps. At this point, Miss [REDACTED] heard two separate consecutive noises, resembling a cap gun shot. Someone fell against Miss [REDACTED] at this point and then she heard the rest of the shots. The shots came in a jerky, but rapid manner. She realized that they were shots after the person fell against her. She recalled that there was a lull between the first two shots and the remainder of the shots. During this lull, the individual who fell against her continued to the floor. The lull appeared to her as only four or five seconds. The shots commenced again and she heard a woman scream. Miss [REDACTED] moved to the side toward the wall to avoid the shots and then continued her movement to leave the kitchen area. Later, after reflection of the circumstances, she thought perhaps the person who fell against her after the first two shots and then fell on the floor may have been Senator KENNEDY. At any rate, it was positively the person who was struck by the first two bullets.

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Miss [REDACTED] stated that she did not observe the person who actually did the shooting. She made her way out of the kitchen into the ballroom in a matter of a few seconds. She was hysterical, but recognized her friends, CORKY and SCOTT, who tried to calm her. SCOTT left to see what happened and CORKY stayed with Miss [REDACTED] and attempted to calm her and wipe some blood off her face. A plain-clothes man with a badge in his wallet came up and displayed the badge to Miss [REDACTED] and CORKY. This man seeing CORKY wiping the blood from Miss [REDACTED] face asked if she had been shot. She told him no. He asked if she wanted a doctor and CORKY said yes inasmuch as Miss [REDACTED] was still hysterical. The man immediately went and obtained something for Miss [REDACTED] to drink. She does not recall what it was. At this point, SCOTT came back and Miss [REDACTED] had calmed down by this time. The man with the badge had asked them to move out of the area, so they left. On the way out they saw LAURIE and another girl with her. LAURIE and this girl also left together.

Miss [REDACTED] stated that at the time of the shooting she was wearing a white sheer dress, with a white on white flower design. She recalled that the dress had several blood spots on it. She stated that she still has the dress but that it was washed and the spots removed.

Miss [REDACTED] described herself as 5'3", 120 pounds, hazel eyes, long brown hair, born June 1, 1952. She was observed to be Caucasian. Miss [REDACTED] stated that on the night of the KENNEDY shooting she was wearing her hair long in the back with a ponytail on top, with a white bow in front of her hair.

She recalled that the actual shooting took place at approximately 12:15 a.m., on the morning of June 5, 1968.

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She was unable to recall any further details of this matter at this time; however, she stated that sometime after the shooting, date, place or time unrecalled, LAURIE told her something to the effect that she (LAURIE) had possibly seen the suspect prior to the shooting and perhaps talking to a guard. Miss [REDACTED] was unable to say if LAURIE was kidding or just hysterical.

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Mrs. CAROL ANN BRESHEARS, 5709 Ewing Canyon, La Canada, California, was interviewed at Kennedy For President Campaign Headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and she furnished the following information.

She has been a volunteer campaign worker for the KENNEDY Group for the past four months, and was in attendance at the election returns party at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. One of her paramount duties as a campaign worker involved taking charge of the KENNEDY Girls.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, she was in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel and had a number of the KENNEDY Girls stationed near the stage. Near midnight, awaiting the arrival of Senator KENNEDY, on the right side of the stage as one faces the stage, she noticed a girl on an elevated section which had been prepared for a television camera. This girl was seemingly out of place since she was wearing a white dress with MC CARTHY written over the dress in blue letters. She also noticed that the girl was not wearing a yellow press badge which was required of most of the individuals present in the Embassy Room. This girl was in her early 20s, between 125 to 130 pounds, and had shoulder length, dark hair.

Following his speech, which ended shortly after midnight, Senator KENNEDY exited from the stage through a curtained entrance in the rear of the stage and proceeded with his party toward the double doors leading to the kitchen area on the right rear section of the stage. She estimated that there were about ten persons in Senator KENNEDY's party which included his bodyguards, newspaper men, and ROOSEVELT GRIER.

She was standing between the stage and the entrance to the double doors leading to the kitchen, about six or eight feet from these double doors. She spoke briefly to Senator KENNEDY as he passed with his party and shortly after that, after he had passed through the double doors, she heard shots. The first two sounded like popping balloons, but the next eight

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shots sounded like gun shots and they all sounded similar. She ran forward toward the kitchen area and believed that she saw Senator KENNEDY falling to the floor. There were about 20 people in the kitchen at the time and she did not see anyone holding a gun or shooting a gun. She did notice three or four people who appeared to be scuffling in the kitchen area. She did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and does not know anything about this individual.

There was a lot of shooting and yelling going on in the room and one woman came out of the kitchen area with blood on her head. She heard someone calling for a doctor and immediately proceeded to the press area on the other side of the stage in an attempt to find a telephone to call for a doctor. Several doctors were subsequently located in attendance and went back to the kitchen area to treat the injured. Later, she returned to the press area and obtained some ice to be used in treating the injured. Because of the crowd, she was unable to get into the kitchen area but managed to pass the ice through the crowd into the kitchen area. She did recall seeing Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor with a lot of blood around his head. Another boy who had apparently been injured was seated in a chair in the kitchen area and was being treated.

She has no knowledge of why anyone would want to shoot ROBERT F. KENNEDY except that apparently someone did not wish to see him become President of the United States.

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On June 5, 1968, Mr. ENRIQUE ~~RABAGO~~ ^{BORN Sept 25, 26 San Antonio Texas} 6652 Naomi Street, Buena Park, California, accompanied by HUMPHREY CORDERO, 912 South Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, California, voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to furnish information they believed pertinent to the assault of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968.

Mr. RABAGO and Mr. CORDERO requested that they be interviewed together and this interview was conducted by PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR., who identified himself to them as a Special Agent of the FBI.

Mr. ENRIQUE RABAGO advised that on the Fourth of June 1968, he traveled to the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, accompanied by his friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, to observe activities at the KENNEDY Election Headquarters. RABAGO stated that he and CORDERO arrived at the Ambassador Hotel in his, RABAGO's, panel truck at some time between the hours of 9 and 9:30 PM. Mr. RABAGO advised that he parked his panel truck several blocks from the Ambassador Hotel in that no closer parking spaces were available and he and CORDERO then proceeded to the front door of the Ambassador Hotel.

RABAGO advised that he and CORDERO were both dressed in casual clothing and because of this he hesitated to enter the main lobby of the hotel. He stated, however, that he and CORDERO did enter at CORDERO's urging, but became separated due to the large crowd approximately ten minutes after their arrival.

RABAGO stated that since he could not locate CORDERO, he returned to the porch area at the main entrance to the hotel where he hoped to locate him. RABAGO advised that upon arriving at the front porch, he noticed a great many people standing and talking about the election and RABAGO disclosed that he entered into a general conversation with a number of people standing there. Mr. RABAGO advised that it was at this time

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that he first observed an individual whom he later recognized to be identical with the individual whose picture appeared on the front page of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner on June 5, 1968. RABAGO advised that the local newspapers identified the individual in question as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. RABAGO advised that this individual was standing on the porch alone sipping from a drink and he stated that at this time he engaged this man in conversation concerning the election. RABAGO advised that he said to the individual, whom he later learned to be named SIRHAN, "Are we going to win?", and to this SIRHAN replied, "I think we're going to win." RABAGO said that he replied to SIRHAN, "I don't know, MC CARTHY is ahead now", to which SIRHAN replied, "Don't worry about him if he doesn't win, the son of a bitch, he is a millionaire and he doesn't need to win. He just wants to go to the White House but even if he wins he's not going to do anything for you or for me or for any of the poor people." RABAGO advised that this man continued talking to him and told him that "KENNEDY did not care about any poor people and merely sought to gain the Presidency for personal reasons." RABAGO advised also that this individual was apparently becoming very disgusted with Mr. KENNEDY and told him that "KENNEDY was going to buy the Presidency."

RABAGO stated at this point in the conversation, he was about to leave in disgust when his friend HUMPHREY CORDERO located him on the front porch. RABAGO stated CORDERO asked him where he had been and after explaining, CORDERO said to him, "Let's go back into the lobby". RABAGO stated that he replied to CORDERO in the negative in that his clothes were not adequate to which CORDERO replied, by turning to the individual, whom he later learned to be identical to SIRHAN and saying, "Look at my friend, he doesn't want to go in because of his clothing. What do you think of that?" RABAGO

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advised that to this comment the individual in question, replied, "We're voters. I can go in there like this. I just returned from the RAFFERTY Headquarters." RABAGO stated that SIRHAN then proceeded to relate an incident to HUMPHREY CORDERO that had occurred to him inside the RAFFERTY Campaign room. RABAGO disclosed that SIRHAN told CORDERO that he had gone in to order a drink and that the people in there had stared at him and obviously disliked him because of his clothing. RABAGO advised that he continued by telling CORDERO that the "big wheels" stared at him while he ordered a drink from the hostess and that he "showed them" by paying for his drink with a \$20 bill and leaving the change for the hostess. RABAGO stated further that SIRHAN told HUMPHREY that "It's the money you have got that counts, not the way you look".

RABAGO stated that at this point in the conversation, he walked towards the television monitor and that this was the last time in the evening that he saw this individual whom he later learned to be identical with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

RABAGO advised again that the individual in question was positively alone when he observed him and at no time did he ever see this man speaking with anyone but himself or HUMPHREY CORDERO.

RABAGO stated that from his conversation with this man he definitely obtained the impression that he, SIRHAN, did not like Mr. KENNEDY personally due to the fact that he was a millionaire.

RABAGO stated that he had never seen the individual, identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, before and that the length of his conversation with him was approximately five minutes long.

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RABAGO advised that he and CORDERO stayed at the campaign headquarters watching the election results until approximately 10:15 to 10:30 PM, at which time they left for their homes in his panel truck.

RABAGO advised that later that evening, possibly in the early hours of the following morning, he heard the news of the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY on his radio. He stated, however, that it was not until the following day that he first saw a television picture of the man accused of shooting Mr. KENNEDY. RABAGO advised that he positively recognized this individual to be the same as the man he had spoken to at the Ambassador Hotel on the previous evening, June 4, 1968. RABAGO advised further that on the afternoon of June 5, 1968, he again saw this individual's picture on the front page of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner in which he was identified as the accused assaulter of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He disclosed that he saw this picture in the Herald Examiner when HUMPHREY CORDERO purchased the afternoon paper and brought it to him.

RABAGO advised that immediately after seeing this picture he and his friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, drove to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI where they arrived shortly after 5 o'clock and were interviewed by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR.

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On June 6, 1968, Mr. ENRIQUE RABAGO, 6652 Naomi Street, Buena Park, California, voluntarily returned to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation accompanied by HUMPHREY CORDERO, 912 South Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, and furnished the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. and Special Agent THOMAS J. BEVANS who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI.

"Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1968

"I, ENRIQUE RABAGO, make the following free and voluntary statement to PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. and THOMAS J. BEVANS, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.

"I am an American citizen born in San Antonio, Texas, September 25, 1926 and have attended two years of high school in Mexico. I can read and write in the English language.

"On June 4, 1968, I travelled to the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles to observe the activities at the KENNEDY election headquarters. I was accompanied on this trip by my friend, HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO. We arrived in the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 9:00 - 9:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, parked several blocks from the hotel and walked to the main entrance to the KENNEDY headquarters.

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"I did not feel like going in to the building in that I was not dressed in a suit, but was wearing casual clothing, however, my friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, urged me to go in with him. We entered the main lobby of the hotel and after approximately ten minutes I became separated from CORDERO due to the large number of people standing around.

"I could not see HUMPHREY CORDERO and I, therefore walked to the porch area at the front of the main entrance on Seventh Street hoping that he would find me there. Upon arriving on the front porch, I noticed a great many people standing there talking. I started talking to several of these people in a general conversation concerning the election returns and it was at this time that I first observed an individual whom I later learned to be identical with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from pictures in the 'Los Angeles Herald Examiner' as well as local television programs. This individual was standing on the porch alone sipping from a drink and I engaged him in conversation concerning the election. I said to him 'Are we going to win?' and he answered 'I think we are going to win.' At this time I said to him 'I don't know MC CARTHY is ahead now' and he replied 'Don't worry about him if he doesn't win, the son of a bitch, he's a millionaire and he doesn't need to win. He just wants to go to the White House, but even if he wins he's not going to do anything for you or for me or for any of the poor people.' This man continued talking to me and he told me that 'KENNEDY did not care about any poor people and merely sought to gain the Presidency for personal reasons'. I feel that this man was becoming very disgusted with Mr. KENNEDY and at this time told me that 'KENNEDY was going to buy the Presidency'.

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"At this point I became disgusted with this individual's opinions and was about to walk away when my friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, arrived. HUMPHREY CORDERO asked me where I had been and I told him I had become lost in the crowd and had come to the porch to wait for him. HUMPHREY said to me 'Let's go back into the lobby' and I told him that I did not want to return because my clothes were not good enough. At this point HUMPHREY turned to the man I later recognized from the 'Los Angeles Herald Examiner' to be the man accused of assaulting ROBERT KENNEDY and beckoned to me saying 'Look at my friend, he doesn't want to go in because of his clothing. What do you think of that?' To this comment the man in question replied 'We're voters. We can go in there like this. I just returned from the RAFFERTY / headquarters.' At this time he told HUMPHREY CORDERO about an incident that occurred to him inside the RAFFERTY campaign room. He told HUMPHREY that he had gone in to order a drink and that the people in there stared at him and obviously did not like him because of his clothing. He also told HUMPHREY that these 'big wheels' watched him as he ordered a drink from the hostess and he continued by telling CORDERO that he 'showed them' by paying for his drink with a \$20.00 bill and leaving the change for the hostess. He told HUMPHREY, at this point, that 'it is the money you have got that counts, not the way you look.' I cannot positively quote the above conversation between CORDERO and this man because at the same time I was watching a television monitor concerning the election results.

"At this point I walked into the main lobby to be closer to the television set and this was the last time I saw the man in question. This individual was

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"positively alone when I saw him and at no time did I see him talking with anyone but HUMPHREY CORDERO or myself. I definitely got the impression from talking with this man that he did not like Mr. KENNEDY personally because of the fact that he was a millionaire.

"The entire length of my conversation with this man was approximately five minutes.

"HUMPHREY CORDERO and I stayed at the campaign headquarters until approximately 10:15 or 10:30 p.m. at which time we left going in my panel truck to our homes.

"Later that evening I first heard of the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY on the radio, but it was not until the next day that I first saw a television picture of the man who is accused of shooting Mr. KENNEDY. I recognized this man to be the same as the man I had spoken to at the Ambassador Hotel on the previous evening. Later this same day, June 5, 1968, I again saw this man's picture on the front page of the 'Los Angeles Herald Examiner' identified as the individual accused of assaulting ROBERT KENNEDY. I first saw this paper when HUMPHREY CORDERO purchased it and brought it to my truck. Immediately after seeing this picture and discussing the situation, HUMPHREY CORDERO and I drove to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, arriving at approximately 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. where we were interviewed by Special Agent PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR.

"Special Agent CHAMBERLAIN has shown me photographs of six male Caucasians and from these pictures I picked the photograph of an individual whom I am certain was the individual that I had talked to on the night of June 4, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel.

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"To the best of my memory the man I talked with at the Ambassador Hotel can be described as:

"Male
Caucasian
Height - between 5'4" - 5'5"
Weight - 120 - 130 lbs.
Complexion - dark
Hair - dark, very kinky
Age - early 20s
Characteristics - appeared to be of Mexican origin;
appeared to be educated,
but arrogant

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and five others and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialled all corrections.

"/s/ ENRIQUE RABAGO
6652 Naomi St.
Buena Park, Calif

"Witness:

/s/ SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR., FBI, LA, 6/6/68
/s/ SA THOMAS J. BEVANS, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/6/68."

After furnishing the above signed statement, RABAGO added further that in his opinion the individual he identified from photographs as being identical with the man he had conversation with on the evening of June 4, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel was there alone. RABAGO stated he based this only on an impression.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. RABAGO picked the photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from among photographs of six individuals which were exhibited to him by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. as being

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the individual he had observed and spoken to at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 9:30 PM, on the evening of June 4, 1968.

The following is a description obtained through observation and interview of ENRIQUE RABAGO:

Residence	6652 Naomi Buena Park, California (no telephone)
Occupation	Auto mechanic - unemployed
Marital status	Married
Wife	INDOLECIA, employed as sewing machine operator C. Martini Company 308 East Ninth Street Los Angeles, California
Sex	Male
Race	White - Mexican extraction
Date of Birth	September 25, 1926
Place of Birth	San Antonio, Texas
Height	5'8"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Military Service	United States Navy 1944
Admitted Arrests	Arrested on suspicion of theft El Paso, Texas, date unknown, disposition - released; arrested Los Angeles, California 1966 - 1967 as being an illegal alien, disposition - released

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On June 5, 1968, Mr. HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO, 912 South Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, California, accompanied by ENRIQUE RABAGO, 6652 Naomi Street, Buena Park, California, voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to furnish information they believed pertinent to the assault of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968.

On June 5, 1968, Mr. CORDERO and Mr. RABAGO were interviewed together by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. who identified himself to them as a Special Agent of the FBI.

Mr. CORDERO advised that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he traveled with his friend, ENRIQUE RABAGO in his, RABAGO's, panel truck to the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard. He stated that they went to the Ambassador to observe the activities in connection with the campaign activities of ROBERT KENNEDY. He advised that they arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 9 - 9:30 PM, after parking some two blocks away.

CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO entered the front entrance of the Ambassador Hotel into the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, after a small delay, due to the reluctance on the part of his friend, RABAGO, to enter the room due to the casual nature of his clothes. CORDERO advised that after approximately ten minutes he became separated from his friend, RABAGO, due to the nature and size of the crowd.

CORDERO advised that after looking for RABAGO for approximately five minutes he walked to the porch area at the front entrance of the hotel where he saw RABAGO speaking to another individual who was sipping from a drink. He advised that he walked up to RABAGO and asked him where he had been. CORDERO advised that after a short conversation with RABAGO's, he told him, RABAGO, to return to the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel. CORDERO stated that RABAGO objected saying that he was not dressed properly to which he, CORDERO,

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replied, "Look at the guy standing next to you, he's dressed in the same manner that we are." CORDERO disclosed that the individual he had used as an example replied to him, "Why shouldn't we go in there, we're putting them in office. I just came from the RAFFERTY Campaign Center and Lounge. As I walked in the hostess looked down at me because they were dressed like millionaires and I was dressed like this. I took out a \$20 bill, bought a drink and left her the change. Then she was all smiles. It goes to show you that its not how you look, its what you got." CORDERO stated that this individual, appeared to be extremely aggravated by the fact that he was looked down upon by rich people and CORDERO advised that he said to him that these "Rich people looked at me as if I was dirt". CORDERO stated that this individual told him that he had "showed them", indicating the rich people, by his actions involving the \$20 bill.

CORDERO advised that he definitely received the impression from his conversation with this individual that he was particularly discontented and disgruntled with "rich people", particularly because of the incident occurring at the RAFFERTY Lounge.

CORDERO stated that his conversation with this individual lasted only a few minutes and terminated when ENRIQUE RABAGO walked away from the group and was followed closely by himself, CORDERO.

CORDERO advised that at no time did he observe this individual speak to anyone but himself or RABAGO. He stated also that he has never seen this man before and after the termination of his conversation with him on the night of June 4, 1968, never saw him again during that evening.

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CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO remained at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 10:15 or 10:30 PM, at which time they left for their homes in RABAGO's panel truck.

CORDERO stated that the first he heard of the attack upon Senator KENNEDY was late in that same evening on the radio. He advised that the following day, June 5, 1968, he met ENRIQUE RABAGO in downtown Los Angeles, at which time RABAGO told him that he had seen the picture of the individual accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY and was positive that this was the same man that they had conversed with on the previous evening to the Ambassador Hotel.

CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO waited until the late edition of the Herald Examiner came on the stands at which time he, CORDERO, purchased the paper and immediately recognized the photograph of the individual appearing on the front page, who was accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY, as being the same man he had spoken to on the previous evening at the Ambassador Hotel. CORDERO stated positively that the man he had spoken to at the Ambassador Hotel was identical with the individual, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, whose name and photograph appeared in various Los Angeles newspapers.

CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO immediately traveled to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI where they were interviewed by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR.

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On June 6, 1968, Mr. ~~HUMPHREY~~ CORDERO, 912 South Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, California, voluntarily returned to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation accompanied by ENRIQUE RABAGO, 6652 Naomi Street, Buena Park, California, and furnished the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. and Special Agent THOMAS J. BEVANS who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. Sec Sec # [REDACTED]

"Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1968

"I, HUMPHREY OTTO ~~CORDERO~~, make the following free and voluntary statement to PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. and THOMAS J. BEVANS who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.

"I was born in New York City, New York, April 4, 1934 and have attended three years of high school at Dewitt Clinton High School, New York, New York. I am able to read and write English fluently.

"On the evening of June 4, 1968, I travelled with my friend, ENRIQUE RABAGO, in his panel truck to the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard. We went to the Ambassador to observe the activities there in connection with the election returns concerning ROBERT KENNEDY. We arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. after parking some two blocks away. We entered the front entrance to the KENNEDY campaign headquarters.

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"and after approximately ten minutes I became separated from my friend, ENRIQUE RABAGO, because of the large number of people in the crowd. I looked for ENRIQUE for about five minutes at which time I walked to the porch area at the front entrance where I saw ENRIQUE talking to another individual who was sipping a drink. I walked up to ENRIQUE and asked him where he had been. He told me had become separated by the crowd and had walked to the front door to see if he could find me.

"I told ENRIQUE to come with me and we would go back into the lobby, but he objected saying that he was not properly dressed to return inside in that he was only wearing casual clothes. I told him 'Look at the guy standing next to you, he's dressed in the same manner that we are.' At this time this individual said words to the effect that 'why shouldn't we go in there, we're putting them in office.' He also said 'I just came from the RAFFERTY campaign center and lounge. As I walked in the hostess looked down at me because they were dressed like millionaires and I was dressed like this. I took out a \$20.00 bill, bought a drink (indicating the one in his hand) and left her the change.'" At this point he said 'Then she was all smiles. It goes to show you, it's not how you look, it's what you got.' He appeared to me to be very aggravated by the fact that he was looked down upon by these 'rich people' and he said that these 'rich people looked at me as if I was dirt.' He implied that although everyone in there looked to be a millionaire, he had 'showed them' by his actions involving the \$20.00 bill.

"I got the impression during my conversation with this man that he was discontented and especially disgruntled with 'rich people', particularly involving the incident at the RAFFERTY lounge.

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"My conversation with this man lasted only a few minutes and the conversation ended when ENRIQUE RABAGO and I followed by this man returned into the lobby of the 'Ambassador to watch' the election results on the television monitor. I, at no time, observed this man speaking to anyone but myself and RABAGO. After parting with this individual I did not see him again during the evening. RABAGO and I stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 10:15 - 10:30 p.m. at which time we left for our homes in RABAGO's panel truck.

"The first that I had heard of the attack upon ROBERT KENNEDY was later that evening on the radio. The following day, June 5, 1968, ENRIQUE RABAGO met me in downtown Los Angeles and told me that he believed the individual we had talked to on the previous evening was the man accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY. We waited until the late edition of the 'Herald Examiner' came out at which time I looked at the photograph of the man on the front page who was accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY and I positively recognized him as being the man that I had spoken to on the previous evening at the Ambassador Hotel.

"Immediately after viewing this paper RABAGO and I drove to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI where we were interviewed by Special Agent PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR.

"On June 6, 1968, Special Agent CHAMBERLAIN showed me the photographs of six male caucasians and from these photographs I positively identified one man as being identical with the individual I had seen at the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

"To the best of my memory I would describe this individual, that I saw at the Ambassador Hotel as follows:

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The following is a description obtained through observation and interview of HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO:

Residence	912 South Maple Street Apartment 11 Los Angeles, California telephone 688-9545
Occupation	Mechinist - unemployed
Sex	Male
Race	White - Puerto Rican extraction
Date of Birth	April 4, 1934
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Admitted Arrests	Admits several drunk arrests

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The following investigation was conducted on June 8, 1968 at Los Angeles, California by SA PHILLIP B. DIELY:

ALICE WAY, Clerk, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California, advised that she was unable to locate any record for HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO and ENRIQUE RABAGO.

MICHAEL LINDSEY, Clerk, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, advised that he was unable to locate a record for ENRIQUE RABAGO. LINDSEY made available a file for HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO which shows a Municipal Court warrant number E 091273 was issued at Oceanside, California on May 1, 1967 for HUMPHREY O. CORDERO, 535 Wall Street, Los Angeles, California, charging a violation of Section 23122 of the California Vehicle Code, possession of opened container - alcoholic beverage and Section 40503 A of the Vehicle Code failure to appear.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department reflected that ENRIQUE RABAGO, Los Angeles Police Department number 345549 R, residence 6652 Naomi Street, Buena Park, California, described as a male Mexican, born September 5, 1926 in Texas, 5'5", 160 pounds, was arrested June 14, 1967 on a charge of illegal entry. No disposition to this arrest was shown in the file which reflected RABAGO spoke poor English and had no passport or immigration papers.

Records at the Los Angeles Police Department, reflected that HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO, Los Angeles Police Department number 788713 C, FBI number 93245 C, has a criminal record dating to 1955 including arrests for possession and sale of heroin and intoxication. His last arrest was shown as May 10, 1968 by the Los Angeles Police Department on a charge of a Vehicle Code violation, at which time his address was 912 Maple Street, Los Angeles, California. Prior residences were shown as 725 South Wall, Los Angeles, California and 7021 Pacific Boulevard, Huntington Park, California. His most recent occupation was shown

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as machinist for FCM Corporation and former employments include a machinist at North American and waiter for the Statler Hotel. CORDERO's aliases included Humphrey Otto Cordero, Humphrey Gardero Hernandez, Humpares Cordero and Humphrey R. Cordero. His Social Security Number is shown as [REDACTED]

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1Date 6/8/68

On June 7, 1968, the office of Mr. ROBERT MC GHEE, Campaign Manager, Rafferty For Senator Committee, located in the Republican State Central Committee Headquarters, was telephonically contacted by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR.

Mr. MC GHEE advised that, to the best of his knowledge, only male bartenders and waiters were in the Rafferty Campaign Headquarters located in the Venetian Room at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968. Mr. MC GHEE advised further that, to the best of his knowledge, there were no "hostesses" serving drinks in the Rafferty Campaign area; however, he stated that there were several female party workers working in the Venetian Room on the night in question.

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Mr. BLAISE MINNS, 3007 West Fifth Street, Apartment 2, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was employed in the Venetian Room at the Ambassador Hotel as a waiter on the evening of June 4, 1968.

Mr. MINNS advised that he did not hear that any of the employees received a \$20 tip for a drink on the night of June 4-5, 1968. MINNS advised that although there were no female employees working in the Venetian Room on the night of June 4-5, 1968, there were several female RAFFERTY campaign employees who might have been able to order and deliver drinks to customers.

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Date June 7, 1968

SEROUS A. MASHAYEKHI, employee, Chandler Shoe Store, 360 South Lake Avenue, was interviewed at the Chandler Shoe Store at which time he furnished the following information:

On the night of June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, with his friends, LONNY and JANET WORTHEY, to await the election returns and to participate in the anticipated victory celebration for Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He and the WORTHEYs arrived at the hotel at about 8:30 P.M. and went to the Embassy Room. They found that they could not gain admittance to this room because it was apparently reserved for the press. He and the WORTHEYs then went to the first floor of the hotel and to a room which had been reserved for the use of the KENNEDY campaign workers' victory celebration.

At about 9:30 P.M., while still in this room, he went to one of the two bars in the room, which he described as the larger bar. He noticed an individual standing against a wall adjacent to the bar. This person appeared to be out of place inasmuch as he did not seem to be joining in the apparent festivity nor was he wearing any campaign buttons or any tother items indicating his affiliation with the KENNEDY campaign.

Since having seen newspaper photographs of the alleged assassin of Senator KENNEDY, he believes this individual to be identical with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He carried oneno conversation with this individual and never saw him again during that evening. This individual was wearing a sport shirt and slacks, light in color. He observed no individuals standing near this person. As WORTHEY's wife was pregnant and not feeling well, MASHAYEKHI and the WORTHEYs left the hotel about 11:30 P.M. and returned to Pasadena.

MASHAYEKHI furnished the following descriptive information regarding himself:

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by SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD/JRP/mak/met Date dictated 6/7/68

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SERIOUS A ~~X~~ MASHAYEKHI

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Tehran, Iran
Marital status	Married
Height	5'10"
Weight	160 pounds
Citizenship	Iranian
Occupation	Shoe salesman
Address	252 South Mentor Apartment 8 Pasadena, California

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LONNY L. WORTHEY, employee, Chandler Shoe Store, 360 South Lake Avenue, was interviewed at the Chandler Shoe Store, at which time he furnished the following information:

On the night of June 4, 1968, he and his wife accompanied a friend, SEROUS A. MASHAYEKHI, to the Ambassador Hotel to await the election returns and participate in the anticipated KENNEDY victory celebration. They arrived at the hotel at about 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. and after finding that they could not enter the Embassy Room, went to the first floor of the hotel and to a room which had apparently been reserved for KENNEDY campaign workers' victory celebration. At about 10:00 p.m., when going to the bar to get a coke for his wife, he accidentally bumped into an individual at the end of this bar. After seeing newspaper photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, he believes the individual he bumped into was SIRHAN SIRHAN. WORTHEY apologized for bumping into this person to which this individual made no reply. A few minutes later WORTHEY observed a female standing along side this individual, but he did not observe them talking with each other. With the large number of persons being in the room, he was not sure that this female was in company with this individual. He did not see this individual or the female at any time later in the evening. He and his wife and MASHAYEKHI left the hotel about 11:30 p.m. and returned directly to Pasadena.

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Miss SANDRA SERRANO, 2212 North Marengo Street, Altadena, (794-6514), advised she was co-chairman of the Youth for KENNEDY Committee for the Pasadena-Altadena area. SERRANO advised she is 20 years old and employed by United Insurance Company of America, 727 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, (627-9134) as a key punch operator. Miss SERRANO advised she lives with her aunt and uncle, HERMAN and CECELIA MAGDALENO, at the above address. Her parents are MANUEL and AMPARO SERRANO, 1949 West 27th Street, Lorain, Ohio (216-282-9048).

Miss SERRANO advised that at approximately 8:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, she left the Youth for KENNEDY Pasadena Headquarters with four other committee workers to go to the Ambassador to await the primary results. This group went in a car belonging to GREG ABBOTT, 1009 Arcadia Street, Arcadia. MICHAEL FRANCHEK, 3556 Milton Street, Pasadena, (795-2865), GEORGE FREDERICKS, JR., 281 Crescent Drive, (681-2180), and IRENE CHAVEZ, a friend who rooms with Miss SERRANO's aunt and uncle at the North Marengo address, were included in the group.

Miss SERRANO advised that while at the Ambassador waiting for the primary returns, she had someone buy her a drink, a screwdriver. According to SERRANO, at approximately 11:30 p.m., she walked out of the ballroom area to an outdoor terrace stairway because it had become too warm and crowded in the ballroom. She sat on the fifth or six step of the stairway which lead to an upstairs area. Miss SERRANO could not describe what this upper area was. Two or three minutes later, which SERRANO estimated to be approximately 11:35 p.m., three individuals approached her on the stairway, a woman and two men, and walked past her up the stairs. As the woman got to her, this woman said, "Excuse us" and Miss SERRANO moved to the side so they could pass. SERRANO said she felt these three people were together since they were walking together up the stairs and the woman had said, "Excuse us."

After approximately 20 to 25 minutes, which Miss SERRANO believed was shortly after midnight, she heard what she thought was six back fires from a car. Four or five were

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real close together. During this 20 or 25 minutes, no other person went up or down this stairway past her. Approximately 30 seconds after hearing what she thought was back fire, this same woman who had gone up the stairs came running down the stairs toward her, followed by one of the men who had gone up the stairs with her. Miss SERRANO stated that as this woman ran down the stairs toward her, the woman shouted, "We shot him - we shot him." Miss SERRANO said, "Who did you shoot?" to which this woman replied, "Senator KENNEDY." Miss SERRANO was asked if this woman could have said, "He shot him" or "They shot him" rather than "We shot him." SERRANO insisted the word was "We" but volunteered that she realized that "we" could have meant we, meaning we as a group of KENNEDY supporters or as we as society in general.

Miss SERRANO did not notice in which direction these people went after they passed her on the stairs since she looked up the stairs behind her and immediately left and walked back just inside the hallway area. She met a gray uniformed security officer just inside the door and said to him, "Is it true they shot him?" This uniformed officer replied, "Shot who?" and she replied, "Senator KENNEDY." Miss SERRANO said at this point the uniformed officer told her she must have had too much to drink. SERRANO commented she still held her drink glass. A few minutes later a group of five or six people came towards her from the ballroom area and SERRANO said to them, "They have shot him." These people did not answer her but she heard one comment from the group, "Oh she's crazy" and another comment, "Oh my God."

At this point, Miss SERRANO advised she looked for a public phone so she could call her parents in Ohio. She said at about 12:15 p.m., she found a public phone. Miss SERRANO said she knows she had \$3.00 in change and thinks she tried to pay for the toll charge but had trouble with the phone and believes she ended up reversing the charges to her parents' phone. While SERRANO was talking to her mother trying to explain to her that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, people started to pound on the door of the phone booth trying to get in. One of these people

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was (first name unknown) FRANKSTEIN, a KENNEDY co-worker, and she asked him if it was true that Senator KENNEDY was shot. He replied, "Yes." SERRANO then tried to explain to her mother that it was true but felt she did not really get it across to her mother and hung up the phone. Miss SERRANO stated she was crying and near complete hysteria and did not know what to do.

SERRANO was asked to explain why she would call her parents long distance in Ohio before she had confirmed the fact that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She said, "If you could have seen the expression in the face and heard the way she said, 'We shot him,' you would have believed her too."

After leaving the telephone, SERRANO walked back towards the ballroom area and recalls meeting GREG ABBOTT. She tried to tell ABBOTT what she had seen but could not get him to understand. She then met DAVE HAINES, another co-worker for the Youth for KENNEDY Campaign, and could not get him to understand since he had a girl with him who was crying and completely hysterical. SERRANO then sat in front of a television set and said aloud, "I saw these people come down the stairs, what am I going to do?" A person in the area told her she should find a police officer to tell her story to. SERRANO walked out of the ballroom area and met her friend, IRENE CHAVEZ. She tried to explain her story to IRENE but could not get her to completely understand. They walked out of the hotel area towards the parking lot but found they could not leave the parking area and started to return to the hotel. As they returned to the hotel, SERRANO walked up to a man and said, "I saw them run down the stairs, what can I do?" This man identified himself as Mr. AMBROSE, a District Attorney from Beverly Hills, (836-5685), and told her to come with him and he would find a police officer to tell her story to. SERRANO said they found two uniformed police officers and these officers took her to an area inside the hotel where they were keeping witnesses. While she was sitting in this area, a person asked her if she was a witness. She briefly told this person what she had seen and before she realized it, she was being interviewed on television at which time she gave her story the best she could.

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Miss SERRANO said after this television interview, she was taken to the Rampart Substation of the Los Angeles Police Department and interviewed and then taken to the Homicide Division of the Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters and reinterviewed.

Miss SERRANO described the woman she saw on the stairway as being a white female, 23 to 27 years of age, 5'6" tall, medium build, 125 pounds. She had dark brown hair, ear length (bouffant style) and wore a white voile cloth dress with black quarter inch polkadots. The dots were about 1½ to 2" apart. This dress had three quarter length sleeves, a bib collar with a small black bow and was A-lined style. (SERRANO said she took special note of the dress since she had a friend with one just like it). This woman wore black shoes and no purse. SERRANO said this woman did not wear glasses and had a "funny nose" which she described as a "BOB HOPE" type. SERRANO said she felt she could identify this individual again.

SERRANO described the male individual whom she saw go both up and down the stairs with this woman as being a white male (Latin extraction), 5'5" tall, 21 to 23 years, olive complexion, black hair, long - straight, hanging over his forehead and needed a haircut. He wore dark pants, light shirt, and a gold or yellow cardigan type sweater and had nothing in his hands. SERRANO said she was not sure if she could identify this person again.

Miss SERRANO described the other male individual who she saw only go up the stairs with this woman as being a white male (Mexican-American), about 23 years of age, 5' 3" tall, curly, bushy hair and wore light colored clothes. She said after seeing the picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspaper, she felt certain this was the same person she saw go up the stairs with this woman.

Miss SERRANO was asked if she was certain of the events as described above. She said she realizes she was near hysteria over the shooting, but was sure of the events she described. SERRANO said she had only the one drink and was not taking any type of medication or pills.

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On June 7, 1968, SERRANO was taken to the Ambassador Hotel and asked to locate and reenact the incident described by her above.

She had difficulty in locating the stairway she described but once she found the stairway, she was able to orientate and describe the events as she recalled them. This stairway is located on the south side of the Ambassador Ballroom and is used for emergency fire stairs. Large double doors open onto the stairway from a hallway adjacent to the Ambassador Room. From this doorway, the stairs go down to ground level and up to double fire doors leading into the Embassy Room which is located directly above the Ambassador Room. It is noted that Senator KENNEDY gave his speech in the Embassy Room and the Ambassador Room below was used to accomodate the overflow crowd. Television sets had been set up throughout the Ambassador Room in order to witness the events taking place upstairs.

Miss SERRANO advised that she had gone to another exit door before finding the exit to these stairs but could not get out because a uniformed guard told her she was not allowed to go out the doors. She said there was no guard at the double doors she went out to this stairway and the doors were closed. She noted that a uniformed guard whom she described as a white male, approximately 27 years of age, with dark hair, wearing a gray uniform, was inside the door when she went back into the hallway area. This is the guard she asked if it was true that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

SERRANO located a bank of public telephones located in the hallway leading to the main entrance of the Ambassador Room as being the bank of telephones she found to make the call to her mother. She said that there are five public phones in this bank and she identified telephones 386-0824 or 386-9837 as the phone she used.

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This same date, Miss SERRANO was taken to the NBC Studios, Burbank, California, and all film coverage taken by NBC at the KENNEDY primary celebration was reviewed by Miss SERRANO. She was unable to locate anyone in this film she thought might be identical to the woman or the men she had seen on the stairway.

Los Angeles Police Department Detectives C. J. HUGHES, C. A. CALVERT, L. L. SANDLIN, TOM STRONG, and U. S. Secret Service Agent ANTHONY SHERMAN, Jr. accompanied SA RICHARD C. BURRIS and SERRANO at NBC and at the Ambassador Hotel.

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Detective C. J. HUGHES (7313), Rampart Division, LAPD, accompanied SA RICHARD C. BURRIS and SANDRA SERRANO when SERRANO reenacted the incident described by her in which she claimed to have heard some backfires or shots at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot.

HUGHES stated that he was aware of the kitchen location of the Embassy Ballroom where KENNEDY was shot, and it was his opinion that it would have been impossible for SERRANO to hear .22 shots on her location on a stairway described by her. He said this was especially true because of the crowded conditions of the Embassy Room, and he knew that many people much closer than SERRANO who were inside the building did not hear the shots.

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Miss IRENE CHAVEZ, 2212 North Marengo Street, Altadena (794-6514), age twenty-one, advised she was a worker in the Youth for Kennedy campaign. She said she lives in the home of her friend SANDRA SERRANO and went with SERRANO to the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, 1968, to await the primary results.

Miss CHAVEZ advised that about five minutes after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, she met SERRANO in a hallway outside the ballroom. She said SERRANO was crying and near hysteria and told her about seeing two people, a man and a woman, run down the stairway where she had been sitting and the woman had said something about they had shot Senator KENNEDY. Miss CHAVEZ said she understood from SERRANO that she thought these people had shot Senator KENNEDY and not just the fact that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

Miss CHAVEZ said that after trying to calm SERRANO down, they met a man who claimed to be a district attorney and took SERRANO to the police for interview.

Miss CHAVEZ said she considered SERRANO to be a stable person and never knew her to imagine things or make up stories.

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On June 5, 1968, the Los Angeles Police Department issued the following All Points Bulletin describing the unidentified female wearing a white polka dot dress:

T.T. KENNEDY SHOOTING JUNE 5, 1968

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ASSULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER - IN CUSTODY

SUSPECT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN - AKA SIRHAN SHARIF BISHARA, LAPD BLG.

NO. 495-139, MALE, JORDANIAN, DATE OF BIRTH 3-12-44, 5-2, 115, BLK, BRN,

SUSPECT SHOT SENATOR KENNEDY AND FIVE OTHERS, 3400 WILSHIRE BLVD.,

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. USING A 8 SHOT, 22 CALIBER REVOLVER, BLUE STEEL,

IVER JOHNSON, 2 INCH GUN WENT THROUGH SEVERAL HANDS TO BROTHER OF SUSPECT.

PRIOR TO SHOOTING, SUSPECT OBSERVED WITH A FEMALE CAUC, 23/27, 5-6,

WEARING A WHITE VIOLE DRESS, 3/4 INCH SLEEVES, WITH SMALL BLACK POLKA

DOT'S, DARK SHOES, BOUFFANT TYPE HAIR. THIS FEMALE NOT IDENTIFIED OR

IN CUSTODY.

SUSPECT OBTAINED LICENSE CALIF. 1965 EXERCISE BOY AND IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT
RACE TRACKS HE HAS WORKED.

SUSPECT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN JAIL, PASADENA, CALIF. 12-18-63, ATTEMPT
MURDER

ANY INFORMATION ON SUSPECT AND DESCRIBED FEMALE CAUC, RUSH
RAMPART DETS.

.....ATTN.....ALL HOMICIDE DETAILS

.....ATTN.....LAPD CENTRAL HOMICIDE

.....ATTN.....FBI. LOS ANGELES

.....ATTN.....CII, SACRAMENTO

.....ATTN.....PASADENA PD

REFER RAMPART DETS. LT. HUGHES/MELENDRES DR 68 521 466

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On June 8, 1968, Lieutenant CHARLES HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, advised that several women classified by his department as "psychos" came to the police claiming they were the unidentified "woman in the white polka dot dress" and were so obviously not connected, their names were not even taken. Lieutenant HUGHES said one woman, CATHY SUE FULMER, was questioned and released.

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CATHY SUE FULMER, age 19, 3322 Breeze, West Covina, California, employed by RUDY QUNTANIA at a new beer bar, yet unnamed, at 3215 Sunset Boulevard, advised as follows:

She stated she had gone to the KENNEDY primary celebration at the Ambassador Hotel with a boy friend named DENNIS (last name unknown) and they were able to "gate crash" the reception held in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. FULMER claimed she had been able to get near the podium where Senator KENNEDY gave his speech and standing near her was an individual she described as a short male Mexican, about 20 years of age, whom she recognized from newspaper photographs as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

FULMER stated that after the shooting, she ran out of the main entrance of the ballroom yelling words to the effect, "He shot him - he shot him." FULMER said she did not actually see the shooting but was coming forward to give her story since she thought she had been confused with a woman she had read about in the papers as having worn a white polkadot dress and was heard to yell, "We shot him - we shot him."

FULMER said she was not wearing a white polkadot dress but did wear an orange and white polkadot scarf tucked in around her collar and wore a dark green suit.

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