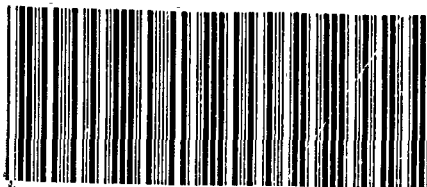


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Synopsis:

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 the United States left Los Angeles International Airport for New York City, transporting body of Senator KENNEDY and some members of family, friends, and staff. Other victims of shooting by SIRHAN were Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS, Seagus, California, leg wound and scalp laceration; IRA GOLDSSTEIN, Encino, California, back and leg wound; PAUL HERMAN SCHRADER, Los Angeles, scalp wound; WILLIAM

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

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

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Dr. CHARLES R. BELL, JR., Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 North Marengo Avenue, telephone SY 3-7164, home telephone SY 4-4441, was contacted at the Church where he advised the following:

He recalled the SIRHAN family as having attended his church in the early 1960s. He could not recall exactly when the family started to attend church, but stated that the mother and three or four of the children then appealed to the Church to bring two other children to the United States from their home country. The other two children were SHARIF and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN. He thought that the other members of the family had been brought to the United States by a Seventh Day Adventist group. The family attended church regularly including various club functions of the Church, but the family never officially joined the Church.

BELL got SHARIF SIRHAN an accounting job with the Southern California Baptist Convention in Los Angeles and SHARIF was employed there for over a year when he was dismissed due to his allegedly placing a bomb in his girl friend's car. The SIRHAN family felt that Pastor BELL had SHARIF dismissed from his job when, in fact, BELL had no connection with the dismissal. He stated he tried to reason with the family to no avail and shortly thereafter the family stopped coming to church.

Of all the members in the SIRHAN family BELL had the least contact with SIRHAN SIRHAN and believes when SIRHAN SIRHAN was coming to the Church he was in his mid-teens. BELL personally believed the entire family was unstable probably due to the fact that the father more or less cut all ties with the family and the youngsters had no fatherly guidance. BELL stated he knew of no present or past member of the Church who was close to the SIRHAN family and who could offer any information concerning them.

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When asked concerning a family by the name of MOKHTARIAN, BELL advised there was an ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN who attended the Church around the same time as the SIRHAN family. He said he was not familiar with anyone by the name of HECTOR MOKHTARIAN nor did he know if the MOKHTARIAN family lived on Elizabeth Street in Pasadena. He said that approximately five years ago one of the sons of ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN who was an alcoholic, took his own life. Shortly after this ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN were divorced and he believes that neither one still lives in the Pasadena area. He said there is a large clan of this family, but he believed that the children were by another man and, therefore, have another name which he could not recall.

BELL added that when hearing on the radio that SIRHAN SIRHAN was possibly involved with the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he immediately telephoned Captain CARL LINDHOLM, a personal friend who is a member of the Pasadena Police Department and told LINDHOLM that he knew the SIRHAN family in the event he could be of any help in dealing with members of the family.

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GEORGE A. MATAS, Business Administrator for the Southern California Baptist Convention, 116 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, telephone 623-0313, was contacted at his office where he advised the following:

SIRHAN SIRHAN is not now nor has he ever been associated with the Southern California Baptist Convention, however, his brother, SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN, was employed there for approximately 1½ years, leaving that employment in December, 1963. SHARIF had been doing accounting work, but his attitude toward his work and his accuracy had deteriorated a great deal and he left their employment by mutual agreement.

MATAS recalled that SHARIF was sponsored into the United States as a refugee by another family in Pasadena, California. This family was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 North Marengo Avenue, Pasadena and records concerning this family might possibly still be located at the church. His records reflect that the Social Worker connected with SHARIF was a Miss MILDRED CULTINGS, 623A Irving Street, Alhambra, California.

MATAS stated he knew that SHARIF had a younger brother by the name of SIRHAN, but he never met SIRHAN nor heard SHARIF or anyone else make any comments concerning SIRHAN. MATAS could not recall any statements by SHARIF that he or other members of his family were at all disenchanted with life in the United States or with the administration of the United States Government.

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GAYMOARD MISTRI, 825 East Delmar Street, Pasadena, California (Phone SY 6-7449), advised that he came to the United States from Bombay, India, five years ago. He related that he attended Pasadena City College (PCC), Pasadena, California, for two years after which he transferred to the Western State College of Engineering (WSC) at Inglewood, California. He studied there for two years and was graduated one week ago with a degree in Engineering. MISTRI explained that he is presently unemployed and in the process of seeking a job after obtaining his degree. He thereafter furnished information as follows:

In 1962 or 1963, MISTRI was attending PCC and belonged to a social club called the Foreign Students' Group. This club was for all foreign students on campus. Through the club, he developed speaking acquaintances with various other foreign students, one of whom was SIRHAN SIRHAN. MISTRI explained that their relationship was that of "casual acquaintances" and noted that he never knew SIRHAN by name until he was identified through the press as being the assassin of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He pointed out that their sole relationship was that of speaking to each other on campus or having coffee where other foreign students gathered. MISTRI recalled, however, that SIRHAN always called him "MISTRI."

MISTRI further explained that he continued to reside in Pasadena while attending WSC and would often eat or attend social functions on campus at PCC. On some occasions, he would see SIRHAN but estimates that in the last three years he has not seen him over four or five times.

In late March, 1968, MISTRI saw SIRHAN at the Santa Anita Racetrack, Arcadia, California. They talked for only a few minutes, and the conversation was mainly about the races. He recalled that SIRHAN asked about some mutual acquaintances and asked how MISTRI was doing. He noted that they talked for only three to five minutes.

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On June 4, 1968, at approximately 6:10 p.m., MISTRI entered Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, 1616 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena. The restaurant is adjacent to the campus at PCC. MISTRI sat at the counter for approximately ten minutes after which SIRHAN entered the restaurant, recognized him and joined him at the counter. After greeting him, SIRHAN asked MISTRI to join him for dinner and stated, "The meal is on me." After MISTRI declined the offer, SIRHAN took MISTRI's check for coffee. After a few minutes of non-specific conversation, MISTRI began reading a newspaper which carried a caption concerning the Israeli-Jordan situation. SIRHAN noted the caption and said words to the effect of "things are wrong there." However, MISTRI did not pursue the conversation, and SIRHAN made no further comments concerning Israel, Jordan, or any other political situation or figure. SIRHAN's meal was served, and the remainder of the conversation was of horse racing, about which both had a mutual interest.

When SIRHAN finished his meal and paid the checks, he asked MISTRI where he was going. When MISTRI informed him that he was going to the PCC campus, SIRHAN stated, "I think I'll come with you."

They then walked to the campus cafeteria, during which time they again talked of horse racing. Upon entering the cafeteria, SIRHAN observed four Arab students whom he immediately approached. He introduced himself and MISTRI, after which a conversation ensued in Arabic. MISTRI recognized one of the students to be MOROOF BADRAN (phonetic), whose address MISTRI furnished from an address book as 5733 Benner Street, Apartment 7, Highland Park, Los Angeles. He did not recognize the other students. BADRAN and the other students then departed the cafeteria to attend a 7:00 p.m. class, and MISTRI and SIRHAN sat at another table.

MISTRI initially stated that inasmuch as they had just left the restaurant, he did not care for coffee, but at SIRHAN's insistence he ordered hot chocolate. A casual and non-specific conversation then began, during

which time, SIRHAN began toying with a small metal object which he held in his hands. When MISTRI asked what the object was, SIRHAN advised that it was something connected with a gun or bullet. MISTRI explained that SIRHAN told him what the object was but noted that he cannot now recall exactly what it was. He noted, however, that he is sure that it was connected with guns or bullets and stated that his impression is that it was a spent slug of a bullet which had been fired from its casing and subsequently recovered.

A detailed interview with MISTRI and an examination of a .38 caliber bullet failed to clarify exactly what type of object MISTRI had seen. He concluded, however, that he feels that it was a spent slug of a smaller caliber than the .38 caliber bullet displayed for clarification purposes.

After MISTRI inquired about the above mentioned object, he asked SIRHAN if he was a hunter. SIRHAN replied that he had hunted on occasion but noted that he was just learning about the sport. However, MISTRI noted that he then asked SIRHAN an unrecalled question about rabbit hunting and pointed out that, judging from the conversation that followed, he formed the opinion that SIRHAN had little or no knowledge about hunting or firearms.

Shortly thereafter, they departed the cafeteria and began walking to a campus parking lot where each had a car parked. While walking toward the lot, SIRHAN observed a new campus building and noted that the new building stands on what was a vacant lot when they attended PCC. SIRHAN then, referring to the time when they attended PCC as students, said words to the effect of, "That was a beautiful time ... when the political situation was better." MISTRI noted that he felt that the statement was odd and did not exactly understand it; however, inasmuch as he did not wish to continue the conversation, he made no comment and neither did SIRHAN.

While walking toward the lot, they came to a newspaper rack, from which MISTRI purchased a Preview Edition of the "Los Angeles Times." When SIRHAN stated that he also wanted a paper, MISTRI told him not to purchase one inasmuch as he, MISTRI, wanted only the classified ad section for job hunting purposes. MISTRI then took the classified ad section and gave the remainder of the paper to SIRHAN. MISTRI does not recall seeing SIRHAN look at the paper.

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As they approached their vehicles in the parking lot, SIRHAN asked MISTRI if he wanted to shoot pool. After MISTRI declined, SIRHAN lingered for a few moments talking about mutual friends. MISTRI recalled that SIRHAN asked such questions as how former students were getting along and how many children they now have.

As they entered their respective vehicles, MISTRI recognized that SIRHAN entered the same vehicle which he had when they attended PCC. He described the vehicle as an older model Chrysler product which was pink in color. MISTRI departed the lot first and did not observe the direction in which SIRHAN drove away. MISTRI estimated the time to be 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

MISTRI could not recall the clothing worn by SIRHAN, other than he was not dressed in a coat or tie and wore a shirt and trousers.

MISTRI concluded by noting SIRHAN made no comment about Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the current political situation, or the primary election being held in California. Further, he stated that SIRHAN gave no indication of emotional instability or any type of contemplated violent act. MISTRI further noted that when SIRHAN asked him to go shoot pool, there was no time limit suggested. He further stated that it was his opinion that SIRHAN appeared to be lingering with nothing to do and was seeking his company. He noted, however, that no time limit was suggested about shooting pool, inasmuch as he refused SIRHAN's offer outright.

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ABDO JABRA MALKI, 356 South Waldo, Pasadena, telephone 792-3430, was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information:

He first met SIRHAN SIRHAN on June 4, 1968, in the cafeteria at the Pasadena City College (PCC). MALKI was at the campus center studying for an examination and at about ten minutes before 7:00 p.m., he left the center with MAROUF BADRAN and ANOUR SAIGH and went to the cafeteria on the campus to have a cup of coffee before going to a 7:00 class. Just after MALKI had obtained his coffee and was seated at the table, SIRHAN came in and walked over to their table and was introduced by BADRAN or introduced himself. MALKI could not recall if anyone came in with SIRHAN or after him, but did remember another person at the table, whom he could only describe as being "fat".

MALKI stated SIRHAN was engaged in conversation with ANOUR SAIGH about their travel to the United States and how they had come by plane and ship. He said they had both entered the United States about 12 years ago.

MALKI was only at the table between five and ten minutes when he and SAIGH left because they both had classes at 7:00 and it was about two minutes till 7:00 when they left.

MALKI said he could not recall anything specific about SIRHAN and that his first and only impression was that SIRHAN was a "small guy" who was laughing and smiling during the meeting.

MALKI did not recall SIRHAN until the following morning when he and MAROUF BADRAN were watching television and learned that SIRHAN had been accused of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. It was when BADRAN reminded MALKI of who SIRHAN was that he remembered meeting him the night before.

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MALKI stated he entered the United States at Seattle, Washington, on July 22, 1967, on a Jordanian passport, number [REDACTED]. He came to the United States as a permanent resident and is presently unemployed, being engaged as a full-time student at PCC.

MALKI reiterated he had never seen SIRHAN prior to their meeting in the cafeteria and would not have been able to identify him had it not been for the photograph on television the following morning. He did not remember what type or color of clothing that SIRHAN was wearing when they met, only that SIRHAN was dressed casually and it was not a suit or tie.

MALKI said he does not know where SAIGH lives but it is somewhere in the Pasadena area and his telephone number is 793-6768.

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MAROF MOHAMMAD BADRAN, also known as Maruf Muhammad Badran, 5733 Benner Street, Apartment 7, Highland Park section, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 254-0434, was interviewed at his apartment home.

BADRAN advised that he is a student at the Pasadena City College (PCC), Pasadena, California.

He stated that he was born on December 28, 1944, at Silwan, a suburb of Jerusalem, Jordan. He stated that he entered the United States at Los Angeles on August 25, 1965, on a non-immigrant visa dated August 6, 1965, at Valencia, Spain, as a student, passport number [REDACTED].

He stated that he enrolled at PCC in September 1965, and continues as a student as of the present time.

BADRAN advised that he is employed part-time as a "box boy" at Kory's Market, York Boulevard and Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California.

BADRAN advised that approximately one week after coming to the United States, he went with his brother, GHALEB BADRAN, to an Arab "Festival" in Glendale, California, the location of which he could not recall.

BADRAN advised that at this festival, he was introduced to SIRHAN SIRHAN, a Jordanian who was a sometimes student at PCC. He stated that following this festival, he saw SIRHAN in or around PCC. He advised that he does not think that SIRHAN was attending the college at the time but he got the impression that he was coming around the school because of his association with students and friends at the college.

BADRAN advised that SIRHAN was a rather quiet type of an individual and that he did not appear to have any real close friends.

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BADRAN advised that on two or three occasions, he had coffee with SIRHAN at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, which is located on Colorado Boulevard adjacent to PCC.

BADRAN advised that he has never been a close friend of SIRHAN, has never been in his company for any extended period and has only seen him and talked with him in casual meetings around the college.

He stated that he last saw SIRHAN on Tuesday evening, June 4, 1968, at approximately 7:00 PM. He stated that on this occasion, he had stayed at the school library to study for a test which he was having the next day. He stated that at about 7:00 PM, he went from the library to the college cafeteria for coffee with ANWAR SAOIG and ABDUE MALKI. He stated that shortly after they arrived at the cafeteria, SIRHAN and an Indian student, whose name is MISTIG (Last Name Unknown)(LNU), came in the cafeteria and over to the table which they were occupying. He stated that they engaged in general non-specific conversation, the text of which he could not recall. He stated that after one or two minutes after SIRHAN and MISTIG appeared, an Armenian girl, NURA (LNU), came by with some of her paintings and she asked him, MAROF, to help her carry the paintings to her classroom. Then, on his way back to the library, he saw SIRHAN and MISTIG leaving the cafeteria. BADRAN stated that the time interval between his arrival at the cafeteria and SIRHAN's appearance was not more than one or two minutes and that the interval from the time BADRAN left the cafeteria until he saw SIRHAN leaving the campus center was about ten minutes.

He stated that SIRHAN did not appear to be emotionally upset or disturbed in any manner but that he seemed in a "pleasant mood".

BADRAN advised that he does not recall specifically what SIRHAN was wearing but he believes that he was wearing casual clothes.

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BADRAN advised that he later went to his apartment with ABDUL MALKI and FARUK BADAWI to study for the final exam to be held the next morning.

BADRAN advised that he was not aware of the identity of the alleged assassin of Senator KENNEDY until around 11:00 AM on June 5, 1968. He stated that after the examination was over at the college, he and ABDUL MALKI went to MALKI's home and it was during the time they were having lunch that he learned, via television, that SIRHAN was identified as the alleged assassin. He stated that he was shocked as SIRHAN seemed like a quiet, pleasant individual whom he did not believe was capable of such a crime.

He stated that in his limited association with SIRHAN, he has never heard SIRHAN express any resentment or animosity towards either Senator KENNEDY or the United States Government.

BADRAN stated he was not sure of the exact spellings of any of the names he had given to the interviewing Agents other than his own and his brother's, but they were as close as he could recall. He said he did not know the address or telephone number for ANWAR SAOIG nor did he know the address for ABDUL MALKI, but MALKI's telephone number is 792-3430 and MALKI resided somewhere in the nearby Pasadena area.

BADRAN stated that he does not know of any girl friends or close associates or friends of SIRHAN.

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MARGARET LEE (PEGGY) OSTERKAMP contacted at her home, 8301 Archibald, in Corona. This is also the home of her father, JOSEPH OSTERKAMP, and the location of his dairy and ranch. PEGGY advised that she worked as an exercise girl for the Granja Vista Del Rio Farms from about Christmas of 1965 until about April of 1966. She has had frequent contact with that farm and with the employees there since that date. She said that she first met SIRHAN SIRHAN and was introduced to him as SOL SIRHAN by JANICE DUCY in the fall of 1966. JANICE DUCY resides at 2266 Hillside, Norco, California. JANICE had worked the summer of 1966 at the Granja Vista Del Rio Farms and had worked as an exercise girl in the same area as did SIRHAN. PEGGY advised that she only exchanged a few words of conversation with SIRHAN and that he talked mostly with JANICE on the day that she first met him. She advised that this meeting was at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, California, near the race track area where she and JANICE were watching the horses as they were being prepared for the race.

PEGGY advised that the only other meeting she ever had with SIRHAN was in a local restaurant in Corona when she and an unrecalled girl friend were having lunch, and he picked up her meal ticket and paid it at the cashier's. She advised that she never dated him, she never received any telephone calls from him and that she had never given him any thought. She advised that she did not recognize him on the television but was called by JANICE DUCY and told that she believed it was the same person that they had worked with in the summer of 1966.

PEGGY was asked if she could explain why her name appeared in several locations in the notebook or diary kept by SIRHAN. She said she was very surprised at this and had no idea as to why her name should appear in his book. She

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advised that he never made any approaches to her in anyway. She said there was another girl who had worked during the summer with SIRHAN and who was a good friend of her's. She said this was LINDA SEABOLT, who is presently employed as a clerk in the Senior High School in Norco, California.

She advised TERRY M. WELCH worked at Granja Vista-Del Rio Farms but she does not believe that he had anything to do with SIRHAN. She advised that she knew he did not live with STEVE GUERRERO or with RICK VALDEZ. She advised that RICK VALDEZ is presently with the Green Thumb Farms in Descancio, California, near San Diego, California. She advised that RICK was having family troubles at the time he was working at the farms and both RICK and STEVE were there when she was at the farms and not there when SIRHAN was so employed.

PEGGY advised that she did not know SIRHAN and have enough contacts with him to ever engage in any discussion other than just about horses. She said that she had no idea of his personality and that he had never been discussed to any extent when she was present by any of the other persons that worked there during the summer and fall of 1966. She advised that she had the distinct impression that he was just another employee and one that was not too popular or too well liked at the farm.

PEGGY advised that she believes that JANICE DUCY and LINDA SEABOLT would be able to furnish much more information than she, PEGGY, concerning SIRHAN. She advised that she never heard of any girl in this area dating SIRHAN and had no idea who he might have seen recently.

PEGGY is white female, 5'8", 120 pounds, born June 20, 1946, blond hair, blue eyes, fair skin, attractive.

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JANICE ELAINE DUCY was contacted at the Corona High School where she is a senior. She resides at 2266 Hillside Avenue in Norco, California. She stated that two years ago in the summer which would have been 1966, she worked for two and one half months at the Granja Vista Del Rio Farms as an exercise girl and as a groom. She knew a person there by the name of SIRHAN SIRHAN that she referred to as SOL SIRHAN. She observed his photograph on the television on June 5, 1968, as being the person who shot ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles.

She advised that she and LINDA SEABOLT had worked at the farms in the summer, along with TERRY WELCH, an unrecalled Mexican boy, and SIRHAN SIRHAN. She advised SIRHAN was no particular friend of anyone. He did not date any girls in the area, and he did not run around with the other employees. He lived near the corner of Fifth and Hamner in Norco, California. She believes that he lived alone or with someone who worked in the area. She said she was never at his residence but had seen his car parked on that corner several times and assumed that he lived right in that area. She said he did not like the Norco area and commented that he had traveled home most of the time on weekends to Pasadena and that he continually talked about how much better Pasadena was than Norco. She advised that she never heard him make any political type comments or enter into any discussions regarding politics. She said the only comment she had ever heard him make against anyone was that he had referred to Jewish people as "dirty Jews." She said that although he was well spoken and appeared to be well educated and had a good vocabulary, he was prone to use very foul language in the presence of both girls and boys. She said that he did not appear to be the type of person that was suited to handle horses and other animals, as he continuously treated them in a cruel manner and seemed to be quite a bit afraid of them. He seemed to have a chip on his shoulder due to this and because of his small size. She

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said that she heard him make comments that many of the great people in the world had been very small people, pointing out NAPOLEON and HITLER specifically. She said that he was very set in his ideas, and in any type of discussion, he was the type person that was unyielding in any form. She advised that the only school she ever heard him talk of was John Muir High School in Pasadena, California.

JANICE said that SIRHAN desired to be a jockey but she did not think he was a particularly good rider and that he seemed to be too afraid of the horses to ever make a good jockey. She advised that she heard later that he was fired, and she has never seen or heard anything about him since the fall of 1966. She said that she quit in September of 1966 to return to school but that she and a girl friend of hers, PEGGY OSTERKAMP had run into SIRHAN at the Pomona racetrack at the Los Angeles County Fair in the fall of 1966. She advised that she had introduced PEGGY to him at that time and that that was the first that PEGGY had ever seen this person. She said that PEGGY told her sometime later that she had observed SIRHAN in a local restaurant in Corona and that he had walked over, picked up her ticket and paid it at the cashiers without saying anything more than, "Hello. How are you?" She advised that she is sure that PEGGY never dated SIRHAN and believes that if PEGGY had ever received any phone calls or invitations from him that she, JANICE, would have heard of this.

JANICE says that she does not know of any girl friends or boy friends in the area at the present time who might know SIRHAN. She advised that she did not believe that he was acquainted with RICK VALDEZ or STEVE GUERRERO but that he did know TERRY WELCH. She said that WELCH had teased him quite often at the farms and did not believe that they were very good friends.

JANICE is white female, born May 11, 1950, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complected, 5'5", 115 pounds.

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On June 6, 1968, a neighborhood investigation was conducted on Hamner Avenue in Norco, California, in an effort to locate the prior residence of SIRHAN SIRHAN. The only motel located in that area is the Highlander Motel operated by a Mrs. VALENTINE. She made available the records for June through December of 1966. She stated she was not at this motel at that time. There was no registration shown for a SIRHAN SIRHAN. It was noted that in Apartment 3 (someone had commented they believed that SIRHAN stayed in Apartment 3) an EDWARD VAN ANTWERP resided here during June and part of July, 1966. Thereafter, it was occupied by PAUL PALOUS.

On June 6, 1968, Mrs. IDA ROWND at 1880 West Fifth Street, Norco, California, advised that she believed that SIRHAN SIRHAN had resided for about four or five months in one of the small houses that she rents at 1850 West Fifth Street in Norco. She advised that he had never paid the rent or rented this place in his name, but she believed that he lived there with EDWARD VAN ANTWERP who was the brother of Mrs. TAYLOR of Taylor Rentals, which was located on Hamner Avenue. Mrs. ROWND said she did not recall anything about SIRHAN.

On June 6, 1968, ORA TAYLOR of Taylor Rentals, 3336 Hamner Avenue in Norco, advised that his wife's brother was EDWARD VAN ANTWERP and that he had recently been residing at 1184 Fourth Street in Norco. He lives there with a JEANNE GREEN who is now using the last name of VAN ANTWERP. He advised that EDWARD was an alcoholic and that he had helped him on many occasions. He said he recalled that in the fall of 1966 and also in the late summer of 1966, EDWARD had lived in the small house owned by Mrs. ROWND. Just prior to that he had lived in the Highlander Motel. He said he did recall a young man known as SAUL, and he believes his last name was SIRHAN, living with EDWARD. He advised that EDWARD has been working for Thermal Chemergy in the Chino area for about six months. He advised that EDWARD had been "dry" for about six months, but that on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, after EDWARD had reported for work, that he had disappeared and his wife, Mrs. TAYLOR, and EDWARD's wife,

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Mrs. VAN ANTWERP were both of the opinion that he was probably beginning a week or month long drunk. He advised that his wife could be contacted at 2591 Hamner. He stated that he did not recall this SAUL SIRHAN and had no conversations with him.

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On June 6, 1968, ANNA JEANNE VAN ANTWERP was contacted at her home, 1184 Fourth Street in Norco, California. She advised that she and EDWARD VAN ANTWERP had been together since about February of 1967. She said he had never mentioned a SAUL SIRHAN or a SIRHAN SIRHAN. She advised that EDWARD was an alcoholic and had been "dry" for about six months. He had been working at Thermal Chemergy, phone number 628-1813 an Ontario number, and had gone to work on the morning of June 4, 1968. He worked for a Mr. DINWITTY and a BERT RILEY. He ran a skiploader and handled general repair work.

Mrs. VAN ANTWERP advised that she had called friends and relatives in the entire area and that she had not been able to locate EDWARD. She said she had called his employment and talked extensively to BERT RILEY who told her he had appeared for work on the morning of June 4, 1968, and that about nine or ten o'clock, he had sent him from one area of work to another and that he never showed up at the other place. He was driving his 1957 blue pickup with California license number unknown. She advised that he had been dry since December of 1967, and that she was afraid that he was starting on a drunk. She said that sometimes his drunken bouts lasted for as much as a month and that he ordinarily ended up in the hospital. She said that there was a trailer owned by some friends of theirs in the desert near Joshua Tree, California, and she would check this trailer out late this afternoon and tonight. She advised that if and when she located EDWARD, she would immediately contact the FBI.

She advised that EDWARD had never mentioned any type of politics and that he was not registered to vote. She advised that he had not been arrested at any time to her knowledge, and that he had never attended any meetings or organizations of any kind. She said that he probably did not even give it a thought that the liquor stores and bars would be closed on Election Day. She advised that he had not even had a drink of liquor of any kind since December and that he could not take one drink or he continued on and on.

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Mrs. GENEVIEVE TAYLOR, 2591 Hamner, Norco, California, advised that she was the sister of EDWARD VAN ANTWERP. She advised that in the summer of 1966, she had rented a motel room for her brother EDWARD at the Highlander Motel on Hamner. She advised that this was about May or the first of June, 1966. She said that he told her he was sitting on the front porch and SAUL SIRHAN came to the motel looking for a room as he had just begun work in this area. No rooms were available and as SIRHAN was leaving the motel, EDWARD invited him to stay with him as EDWARD was lonesome. Mrs. TAYLOR said EDWARD and SIRHAN lived at the motel for approximately six weeks then stayed at a small house rented from Mrs. ROWNDS. She said that SIRHAN continued to live with EDWARD until sometime about December of 1966. She said that SIRHAN was very polite and acted a complete gentleman at all times. She said that he was practically a nursemaid for EDWARD and would take care of him during his drunks and would call her whenever EDWARD became ill from his drinking or if he was in some place and could not get home. She said the only meetings or organizations that she recalls SIRHAN ever attending was when he took EDWARD to a couple of Alcoholic Anonymous meetings and attempted to get EDWARD straightened out regarding his drinking. She said she never had any political discussions and never heard him mention any particular gripes about any part of the Government or any part of the country.

Mrs. TAYLOR said that she had been calling various places and friends in an effort to locate EDWARD. She said that EDWARD went to work on the morning of June 4, 1968, but that a short time after being at work, he had disappeared and his wife, JEANNE GREEN VAN ANTWERP had not been able to locate him. She said that he had been working for Thermal Chemergy located on Helman Road just south of Chino, California. She said she did not know the address, but this place was located near what was known as the Chino Dung Farm.

She gave the full name of EDWARD as EDWARD SHIRLEY VAN ANTWERP. He is white, male, 5'6" or 5'7", 135 pounds, born August 10, 1923. Last known to be driving a 1956 or 1957 blue

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Chevrolet pickup. She advised that EDWARD had never been a member of any organization and had never had any political ideas or entered into any discussions of a political nature whatsoever. She said that he had never been arrested to her knowledge.

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On the morning of June 7, 1968, Mrs. VAN ANTWERP contacted SA LANFORD L. BLANTON by phone and advised that she had checked out the desert cabin and had not found EDWARD VAN ANTWERP. She advised that she had also called his brother, JACK VAN ANTWERP, at 877-2938 in San Bernardino County and that he had not seen EDWARD at any place. She said that EDWARD usually carried \$300 or \$400 in cash with him and that when he started on a drinking bout, he would go to a small motel somewhere, buy his liquor, and drink alone. She said he usually ended up in the hospital and that she would start to contact the hospitals. She again said that if she found EDWARD, she would immediately notify SA LANFORD L. BLANTON.

It is noted that the address listed for TERRY M. WELCH when he was with the Granja Vista Del Rio Farms was 392 Cota in Corona. On June 5, 1968, by observation, it was noted there was no 392 Cota, 1392 Cota, 293 Cota, 932 Cota, or 923 Cota in Corona. There was also no record regarding WELCH at the Corona Police Department.

There was a record located at the Riverside County Sheriff's Office regarding one TERRY MICKEY WELCH listed as a horse trainer and he was arrested on December 6, 1965. This arrest was for drunk in public. He has FBI Number 273 441 E. This arrest was the last contact in Riverside County. The arrest was made at the Long Branch Saloon in Temecula, California. At that time, he was employed by the Circle "W" Bar Ranch in the Temecula area. He gave his date of birth as December 1, 1940, height 5'9", 140 pounds. WELCH listed his nearest relative as ROLLIE WELCH, a brother, whose address he gave as the Sheriff's Department, Main Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He did list one other address for himself, as 428 River Street, Northville, Michigan.

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LINDA SEABOLT was contacted at the Norco High School where she is employed in a clerical position. Her home is 1288 Second Street in Norco. LINDA advised that she worked at the Granja Vista Del Rio Farms for about two and one half months in the summer of 1966. She advised that she and JANICE BUCY knew SIRHAN SIRHAN as SOL SIRHAN during this summer. He was employed as an exercise boy, along with TERRY WELCH, an unrecalled Mexican boy, and her and JANICE. She recalled he lived in some small apartments she believed to be near the corner of Fifth and Hamner in Norco. She believes that he lived alone most of this time. She said that he had no close friends at the farm, because he was very argumentative and seemed to be sullen and sarcastic in most of his comments. She recalled he was teased quite often by TERRY WELCH and by the Mexican boy, and that they did not associate with each other very much. She said SIRHAN made a good first impression, as he was neat and clean, had a good vocabulary, and used good English. She advised that after knowing him for awhile, it became apparent that he had a strong temper that he could not control it around animals, that he was egotistical in that he thought he was a good rider and was going to become a jockey, but he was not, in fact, a good rider. She advised that he was not a hard worker and appeared lazy to her. She said they had no particular discussions of a sociological or political nature, and she had very little information concerning his morals or his particular outlook on political life. She said that he did use foul language on many occasions in the presence of both girls and men, and that he was generally of a belligerent nature. She said that he did not have any girl friends that she knew of in this area and that he traveled to Pasadena on most weekends. She said he had an old model car, make unknown, when he was working in this area.

LINDA is certain that he was not well acquainted with PEGGY OSTERKAMP and that he never dated her. She advised that she has known PEGGY for several years and that she had

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never heard PEGGY mention this person. She said that she did recall that SIRHAN mentioned PEGGY on several occasions and believed that he was an admirer of hers because, as LINDA pointed out, PEGGY was a very attractive person.

LINDA is a white female, 5'3", 105 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes, born July 7, 1948.

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GHALEB MOHAMMAD BADRAN, also known as Ghaleb Muhd Ahmad Badran, Apartment 7, 5733 Benner Street, Highland Park section, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his apartment home.

BADRAN advised that he entered the United States at New York on January 31, 1961, on a non-immigrant visa as a student, passport number [REDACTED].

BADRAN stated that immediately after arriving in Los Angeles in February 1961, he enrolled as a student at Pacific College, Los Angeles, California. He stated that he subsequently attended Pasadena City College (PCC) from September 1961, until June 1963, and is currently enrolled as a student in Television Speech and Arts at Columbia College, 2328 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

BADRAN advised that he was employed part-time as a salesman for the Broadway Department Stores at the Pasadena and Crenshaw Stores, from September 1965, until February 1968. He stated he is now employed as a salesman by the Silwani Company, an import gift shop owned by his uncle, MUSTAFA SIAM, at 6519 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

BADRAN advised that he first met SIRHAN SIRHAN at FCC where they both were students. He stated he believes that he met SIRHAN in the fall of 1963. He stated that he does not recall who introduced him to SIRHAN but that he is sure that he met him at the International Club at the college, which club is an association of American and foreign students primarily established for social activities.

He stated that he has, on occasion, had coffee with SIRHAN at the college. He stated that he has never socialized with SIRHAN and has only been in his company by chance meetings at activities off the campus with one exception; that exception being a time, after learning that SIRHAN was interested

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in horses and horse racing, when he decided to go with SIRHAN to the Santa Anita Race Track at Arcadia, California. He stated that he has seen SIRHAN on a number of occasions at the Santa Anita Race Track.

He stated that he thought SIRHAN to be a very intelligent, quiet and nice mannered individual.

He stated that he discussed politics very little with SIRHAN and never discussed the Arabic - Israeli War with him. He stated that their conversations always were about horses.

BADRAN stated that he was watching television at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot, however, he did not learn who the alleged assassin was until sometime the next morning when he heard this news on television.

BADRAN stated that he was shocked upon learning that the alleged assassin was SIRHAN SIRHAN.

BADRAN stated that he last saw SIRHAN SIRHAN at the Santa Anita Race Track in February 1968.

BADRAN stated that in his limited association with SIRHAN, he has never heard SIRHAN express any resentment or animosity towards either Senator KENNEDY or the United States Government.

BADRAN stated that he does not know of any girl friends or close friends or associates of SIRHAN.

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CAROL FRANCIS NEAL was interviewed at her residence, 12252 Ellen, Garden Grove, California, telephone 636-1086, and she advised as follows:

SIRHAN SIRHAN is known to her in that he was a student in her third period social studies class, which consisted of politics and geography, and her fourth period English class at the Elliot Junior High School located on North Lake Street, Altadena, California. She and SIRHAN attended these classes from September 1959, to June 1960. Mr. SAM SOGOHOMIAN was the instructor of the third period class and Mrs. FITZGERALD was the instructor of the fourth period class. FITZGERALD's first name is unrecalled. There were about 30 to 35 pupils in both classes. She could only recall the following other students in these classes:

CAROL SPRUNG, address unknown. Her mother operates an upholstery shop on Woodbury at Los Robles in Pasadena.

ROGER ELLIOT, address unknown, however resided Altadena, California.

BONNIE BRABBS, address unknown.

The above students transferred to the John Muir High School, Pasadena, California.

She regarded SIRHAN as an odd person. SIRHAN did not associate with the other students. He did not go with any of the girls to her knowledge. He did not attend dances or school games. He is not believed to have held a student 'body' card and he did not obtain a school annual.

SIRHAN frequently argued with Mr. SOGOHOMIAN in class and if not called upon during discussions he would wave his hand and snap his fingers when he desired to express his views. She does not recall anything specific SIRHAN

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might have said against the United States and its government, however, when the United States was discussed SIRHAN was forever comparing his country with the United States, and as she recalled she thought his country was Syria. SIRHAN gave the impression he did not care about the United States, and she wondered why he did not go back to his own country.

She recalled that SIRHAN was considered quite intelligent. She stated that the students prepared term papers about countries and she believes SIRHAN wrote about his own country. She recalled that MR. SOGOHOMIAN kept SIRHAN's term paper to display to future students as an example. She said that SIRHAN was neat and meticulous about his homework.

She recalled that SIRHAN appeared to be very gentlemanly and that if a girl dropped her pencil he would immediately pick it up.

She stated that SIRHAN, during the third period sat in the first seat of the first row from the door of the room, and he sat in front because he could not see too well.

She stated that SIRHAN usually wore long sleeve plaid shirts rolled up a couple times, his shoes were always scuffed, his hair was uncombed and he gave the impression that he did not have access to a lot of money.

She stated that she transferred to the John Muir High School and attended this school from September 1960, to June 1961, and SIRHAN was also attending this school but she does not recall him being in any of her classes.

She was shown two photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, one being Los Angeles Police Department Number BK 495 139 taken June 5, 1968, and she stated this person is identical to the person mentioned herein.

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GWENDALEE GUM was interviewed at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN D. GUM, 1009 North Ninth Street, Arcadia, California. The telephone number at her residence is 447-3744. Miss GUM advised that she was born on January 2, 1946, at Long Beach, California, and that, although she was presently residing with her parents, this was only a temporary situation while she recovered from a knee operation. She advised her permanent address is 150 East Highland, Apartment E, Sierra Madre, California.

Miss GUM advised she did know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and that she met him in May 1964 when she was running for "Carnival Queen" at Pasadena City College. She stated that she was sitting in a booth on the campus collecting votes for the queen contest. She explained she got votes for each penny that was donated in her name in the contest, and that, while she was sitting in the booth, SIRHAN came up and put a \$10.00 bill in the collection jar. She stated that, after that time, she saw him periodically on the campus and they would sit together with another group of fellow students drinking coffee or just visiting and talking.

Miss GUM stated she never had any dates with SIRHAN although he asked her out on several occasions and called her several times at her home. She stated that, while at school, her impression of him was that he was very well mannered and treated everyone courteously and with respect. She stated he always had plenty of money and seemed to enjoy spending it on others. She said he was very quiet and did not to her recollection discuss politics during these visits with her and her friends, but that she got the general impression of his being anti-Jewish, although she could furnish no specific incidents which led her to thus believe. She stated he had not impressed her as someone who was very ill-tempered and that the only time she remembered him being upset or angry was when

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someone would say something bad about the country of Jordan.

Miss GUM advised she last saw SIRHAN approximately 1½ years ago at the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia, California, where he was apparently working as a groom and apprentice jockey. She said she believed that, prior to that time, he had worked at a gas station somewhere in the Arcadia area. Miss GUM advised, after this encounter and short visit with him at the Santa Anita Race Track, SIRHAN called her home numerous times to visit with her by phone and also to ask her for dates; however, she stated that she did not have any dates with him as she always had something else to do when he asked. She stated he also came by her house and drove around the block several times on numerous occasions but did not stop and come in. She recalls that she thought he had been driving an old model green-colored Cadillac.

Miss GUM advised she did not think SIRHAN to be a violent or dangerous individual when she knew him and that she only remembered him losing his temper on a few occasions when offended by someone else's bad manners or lack of social graces. In these instances, she felt that he responded more than was called for.

Miss GUM stated she could not remember any time when SIRHAN spoke to her or any of her friends concerning his political views and that she had been extremely shocked when she heard that he was a suspect in the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

Miss GUM advised that, if she recalled anything which she felt would be of importance, she would immediately contact the interviewing agents and furnish this information to them.

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Miss JANET NEILSON was interviewed at her place of employment, 3925 East Huntington Drive, Pasadena. She advised that she resides at 404 Harvard Drive, Arcadia, with her parents. The telephone number at her home is 447-4974. She stated she was born in Los Angeles, California on January 1, 1947.

JANET stated that she met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in 1964 while she was a Freshman at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California. She stated that they were both in a Freshman Biology class and that, on several occasions, SIRHAN asked her questions about the course or perhaps would borrow some information from her notes. She further stated that, during that semester of school, she saw him again several times when he would have a cup of coffee with her and some of her friends on the Pasadena City College campus. She stated that she did not know him at all on social basis as she never dated him or saw him on any occasion other than at school.

She advised that he always appeared to be a very quiet, well mannered individual, but that for some reason he gave the impression of being very troubled. She stated that she never heard him mention anything at all about politics or any dislike for any special group of people or individuals. She further added that he seemed to be very intelligent and well spoken and always treated her very courteously. She advised that she did not know what his nationality was and that she did not realize that he was an Arab until she heard his name announced on the television in connection with the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and she realized at that time that this was the individual she had known at school.

JANET advised that, after the first semester in 1964, the only contact she had with SIRHAN was to greet him cordially as they met on the Pasadena City College campus. She said that she graduated from that

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school in June of 1966 and that since that time she has neither seen nor heard of SIRHAN until she heard his name in the news.

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On June 6, 1968, DAVOR PEVEC, who stated he is known as DAVE PEVEC, was interviewed at his residence, 1126 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena. He stated he had been acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN since the summer of 1959. They had been close friends during their mutual attendance at George Washington Junior High School, Pasadena. PEVEC stated that they had also delivered newspapers for the Pasadena Independent newspaper at that time, resided approximately one block from each other, and visited each other in their homes. He stated at that time they were too young to be interested in politics or to discuss adult matters. He stated their close friendship ended when he attended St. Francis Catholic High School, Pasadena, and SIRHAN attended Muir High School. PEVEC again met SIRHAN when they took the same English course at Pasadena City College (PCC) in 1965; however, they did not resume a close association because of a difference in their interests and friends. He stated he had never discussed political, social, or economic matters with SIRHAN and did not know his feelings in this regard. PEVEC stated their relationship at PCC consisted of saying hello to each other when they met. He stated he had always considered SIRHAN an honest and thoughtful person during the time he knew him. He stated he and SIRHAN engaged in the normal number of fights with other boys during their early acquaintance and SIRHAN indicated he was frequently teased because he was a foreigner. SIRHAN told PEVEC that at first he did not fight back when teased and would allow himself to be beaten, but later on learned how to fight and usually won his fights. PEVEC stated SIRHAN was strong, of wiry build, and of average height during this period.

He stated SIRHAN was strongly nationalistic and had pride in his Arabic origin. He was sure SIRHAN had told him he was born in Egypt and was surprised when he read in the newspaper he had been born in Palestine.

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PEVEC could not think of any reason other than national pride to explain SIRHAN's alleged action in the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and stated he did not consider SIRHAN the type of person capable of killing anyone.

PEVEC stated he had just finished attending Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, California, and would reside one more week at 6763 Abrego, No. 15, Goleta, California, telephone No. 968-0097, after which he would reside at his parents' home during the summer.

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JOHN SHEAR, Paddock Guard, Hollywood Park Race Track, advised he lives at 526 West Huntington, Arcadia, California, telephone 446-5606. He was born in England and has been in the United States 20 years. He works at the race track during the season, now through July 22, 1968, from 11:00 AM to the last race.

He advised in 1965, he was working at Santa Anita Race Track and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN worked there as a hot-walker, one who cools down horses after a race or a workout. SHEAR knew SIRHAN all through the 1965 racing season at Santa Anita. SIRHAN, after that, went to work hot-walking horses at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. At this time, SHEAR was working for trainer GORDON BOWSHER, (phonetic) and SHEAR was BOWSHER's foreman with supervision over SIRHAN. BOWSHER would not have personally known SIRHAN. SHEAR states that SIRHAN wanted to be a jockey and SHEAR did not believe SIRHAN had the disposition, so recommended he become an exercise boy. SHEAR loaned SIRHAN books and tack to learn to be a rider and let SIRHAN work with a non-thoroughbred pony to learn to ride. SIRHAN was a poor rider, was constantly being thrown or would fall from various horses.

After this, SIRHAN went to work for REX ELLSWORTH, a horse owner, of 3985 Schaefer Avenue, Chino, California. SIRHAN then returned to the Los Angeles area and worked at Hollywood Park for LYNN WHEELER galloping horses during the 1966 season. WHEELER finally laid him off.

SHEAR saw SIRHAN at the track, as a customer, in March 1968, and did not talk to him.

SHEAR does not recall SIRHAN having any friends. He was driven to and picked up at Santa Anita by a brother. SHEAR recalled one discussion where SIRHAN became incensed during a discussion of Jews in the Arab countries. SIRHAN

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was well versed in American politics, knew names of members of Congress well. SIRHAN appeared very intelligent and may have had a degree in mathematics. He did not smoke, drink, swear, and apparently did not have many girl friends. SHEAR recalls SIRHAN as a very stable person.

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ROBERT LYNN WHEELER, Horse Trainer for PAUL PALMER and CAROL BOHM, residence 750 Oakdale, Monrovia, telephone 359-2719, was interviewed at Hollywood Park Race Track. He works with his father, ROBERT LAWRENCE WHEELER, 1101 Norumbega, Monrovia, telephone 357-2921.

WHEELER met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the "Grande Vista Horse Farm" in Corona, California, in 1966 when SIRHAN was working as an exercise boy. He knew SIRHAN for about five months, from September 1966, to January 1967. He described SIRHAN as a nice person, never smoked, drank, or swore, was well educated and was well informed on American politics. He believed SIRHAN was a real gentleman. He recalled one time, SIRHAN lost his temper when dealing with a horse. WHEELER explained he thought some horses were stupid and from time to time, persons working around horses lose their tempers. On this one occasion, he came upon SIRHAN who was kicking and hitting a horse with his fists. SIRHAN was in a rage of temper. WHEELER interceded and called SIRHAN, who immediately stopped and then said as way of explanation, "Mr. Wheeler, the horse provoked me". WHEELER felt this statement was a different way of putting the complaint against the horse's actions.

WHEELER states SIRHAN told him that SIRHAN came to the United States to study law and get into politics, but that SIRHAN became interested in horses and becoming a jockey. WHEELER said he could not keep SIRHAN because he kept falling off of horses and was not a good rider.

He has not seen SIRHAN since January 1967.

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JERRY NORRIS, Trainer of horses at Granja Vista Del Rio Farm, 13200 Citrus and Norco, and whose home address is 18211 Stover, Bloomington, California, was contacted at his work. He advised that he came to this job in October of 1966. He recalled SIRHAN SIRHAN being at the farm at this time, and knew him as SOL SIRHAN. SIRHAN was an exercise boy until about the middle of December of 1966. He recalled he lived somewhere in the local area of Norco or Corona, California. He does not recall exactly with whom he lived, if anyone. He does recall there was a TERRY WELCH who lives out of town and that they worked together quite often. He remembers that SIRHAN was discharged from his job here, and he went to the Santa Anita Race Track and worked for WARNER ROBERT LYNN WHEELER, who was a trainer at the Santa Anita Race Track at that time. He has not heard of SIRHAN's activity in at least a year. He advised that he has not heard or seen TERRY WELCH in at least a year. He said the last he heard the Sheriff of Riverside County was looking for TERRY WELCH.

Mr. NORRIS advised that he had no discussions with SIRHAN other than to give him instructions as an exercise boy. He said that SIRHAN desired to watch him as he worked. He stated that SIRHAN desired to be a jockey and that he, Mr. NORRIS did not believe he could be a jockey as he could not make the grade of a jockey as he was not good around horses, and seemed to be somewhat frightened of them. He advised that this certainly would not be a good disposition for a jockey.

Mr. NORRIS advised that he recalled that when he came here in October that SIRHAN had just returned to work after having been off a few days just after taking a fall from one of the horses. He advised that SIRHAN indicated that he was only scratched up painfully. He had no serious injuries at that time. Mr. NORRIS advised that he did not know of any close friend of SIRHAN and that he did not seem to have any girl friends or close buddies which were usually formed at the farm.

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Mrs. CONSTANCE PRESTWOOD, 13223 Corley Drive, La Mirada, California, was located at her place of employment, Ramyr, 6750 Caballero, Artesia, California, at which time she advised she met SIRHAN SIRHAN in early 1966. She said that when she met SIRHAN, he was employed as an exercise boy at Granja Vista Del Rio boarding and training stable for thoroughbred horses in Norco, California

Mrs. PRESTWOOD said that SIRHAN was introduced to her by the trainer, whose name she cannot recall, as SOL SIRHAN. She said SIRHAN later advised her his name was actually SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mrs. PRESTWOOD said that she took her thoroughbred horse, Jet Spec, to Granja Vista Del Rio for training, and SIRHAN exercised the horse. Mrs. PRESTWOOD said that SIRHAN was not paid by her but was paid by BURT ALTFILISH (phonetic), who is the owner of Granja Vista Del Rio. She said that she went to Granja Vista Del Rio about twice a week to check on her horse, and she would talk with SIRHAN each time. She said that SIRHAN was always courteous and polite and appeared not to be excitable. She said that her conversations with SIRHAN were always confined to her horse or horse racing in general. She said that SIRHAN never spoke of his political views, friends or associates. She stated that SIRHAN had mentioned that he resided in Pasadena, California, with his mother.

Mrs. PRESTWOOD stated that she had never seen or visited with any of SIRHAN's family.

Mrs. PRESTWOOD stated that the only additional information she has regarding SIRHAN is that she believes he drove a Volkswagen automobile on one occasion when he came to her home.

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RAYMOND SICHTER, 485 River Road, Apartment D, Corona, California, telephone 737-2977, telephonically advised at 9:30 a.m. as follows:

SICHTER advised that he was formerly employed as a gardener at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch in Corona and had known SIRHAN SIRHAN who was also employed there as an exercise boy. SICHTER stated that in his duties as a gardener, he would see SIRHAN at the ranch barn about twice a week and would engage in casual conversation with him. He said the conversations were generally about horses and cars and that SIRHAN never indicated to him any political ideas.

SICHTER related that on April 20, 1968, SIRHAN came to his present address and inquired about the whereabouts of FRANK (LNU) who used to be the headwaiter at the ranch. SICHTER stated he told SIRHAN he did not know where FRANK went to after he left the ranch. SIRHAN did not indicate to SICHTER the reason he was looking for FRANK.

SICHTER also related that he and SIRHAN had similar automobiles, 1956 Desoto two-door hardtop, pink and white in color, and that SIRHAN used to live with a married couple on Cota Street, which is around the corner from his, SICHTER's, address.

He said he did not know the couple's name SIRHAN lived with but that the wife is a waitress at the Pancake House in Corona, and the husband works at a ranch. SICHTER concluded he had no information other than what he related concerning SIRHAN about his habits, likes or dislikes, or girl friends.

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Mrs. BETTY EVELYN JOHNSTON, 295 South San Rafael, Pasadena, California, advised that she and her husband, ELWOOD B. JOHNSTON, own several race horses and also are owners of a ranch at 1550 East Locust, Ontario, California, which is managed by her son, BUD JOHNSTON.

Mrs. JOHNSTON was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, which she recognized from recent news reports regarding the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised, however, to her recollection that she had never seen the individual depicted on the photograph.

As an explanation as to how SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN knew of her name, she advised the Monday, June 3, 1968, issue of the "Daily Racing Form" published in Los Angeles, California, contained a photograph of her on the front page and an article regarding a horse owned by her and her husband, named "O' Lucky You, which had been victorious in races on Monday, June 3, 1968, at Golden Gate Fields Race Track, Albany, California. She was unable to explain how her name was referred to by SIRHAN, if he was referring to her, as Mrs. B. GALE JOHNSTON as that combination of names has never been used by her.

Mrs. JOHNSTON further advised that since recent news articles regarding KENNEDY's assassination and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, she and her husband had looked at photographs of SIRHAN on television and in the newspapers and discussed him because of his connection with horse racing. Mrs. JOHNSTON advised that her husband indicated that within the past year, SIRHAN may have been employed by a trainer who occupied a stable near the JOHNSTONS' stable at Hollywood Park Race Track. She could not recall the name of the trainer or owner whom he worked for.

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Mrs. JOHNSTON, during the course of the interview, telephonically contacted her son, BUD JOHNSTON, Manager of their ranch in Ontario, California, and inquired of him if SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had applied for or worked on the ranch. Her son, BUD, advised that he had not.

Mrs. JOHNSTON made available a copy of the above referred to racing form.

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MARIO VALENZUELA, 14151 Kelford, Whittier, California, telephone number WH 1-3144, was interviewed on this date and furnished the following information:

He is a jockey who makes a living working at various race tracks in this country. He said that when he saw a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspapers following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he recognized SIRHAN as an individual he had seen at Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia, California, approximately a year and a half ago. He did not know SIRHAN's name, but stated that SIRHAN was apparently working as an exercise boy at Santa Anita. He said that he had never spoken to SIRHAN, did not know the country of his origin although he suspected that he was a Latin American. VALENZUELA stated he had never seen SIRHAN prior to this occasion and has not seen him since.

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JERRY LEWIS LAMBERT, Professional Jockey, residence address 718 Winston Avenue, Bradbury, California, was interviewed at Hollywood Park Race Track, 1050 South Prairie Street, Inglewood, California.

LAMBERT was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that the photograph and name are totally unfamiliar to him.

LAMBERT advised that to the best of his recollection, he has never had any contact or association with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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