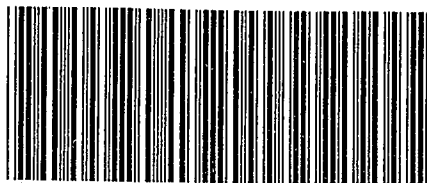


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Mrs. DONALD BOYKO (ELSIE) resides with her family at 1545 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, California. She is 42 years of age. She is nominal Vice President of D.B. Electronics Company, a firm which her husband previously owned and now manages. Mrs. BOYKO was born in Lodi, California, attended College of the Pacific and Walla Walla College in that city. She is active in the affairs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and has been a member of this church since childhood. Mrs. BOYKO has lived at the above address for six years, and previously resided at 15½ El Dorado Place in Arcadia, California.

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. BOYKO met a Jordanian student named ABDUL MJED DOBASS, a visitor to the United States who was sponsored for study here by some neighbors. She had known DOBASS as a student, but has not seen him during the past four or five years. He has remained in the United States, married, and become a United States citizen. She does not know his present whereabouts.

Mrs. BOYKO first met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN shortly after Christmas of 1967, when she went to work as a saleslady in a health foods store owned by JOHN WEIDNER at 1380 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena. SIRHAN, whom she referred to as SAUL, was already working in the store as stock clerk and delivery boy. WEIDNER owns two other health food stores, one in Monterey Park which is known as "Monterey Nutrition" and another in Downey, California, on Florence Avenue (name unrecalled). In addition to his duties as a store clerk, SAUL would drive WEIDNER's station wagon to make deliveries between the stores. She knew SIRHAN from December 1967 to March 1968, when he left WEIDNER's employ because of daily differences between them. When he was at the store, she would talk to him during slack business times and found him to be a serious, sensitive person and one with strong feelings. From the beginning of their association, she made it clear that she would not and could not discuss the politics of his country and

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that of the Near East because she did not wish to and was not sufficiently versed in this subject, but told him that she would talk to him about religion and he very eagerly accepted this arrangement. He told her that he was very much interested in religion - all religions and was making a comparative study of religion. In this connection, Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN's mother had been attending her church (Seventh Day Adventist) in Pasadena for a couple of months prior to her meeting SIRHAN, but she did not know her until some time later when SIRHAN attended this church with his mother. He did not attend often, perhaps three or four times, then dropped out. His mother ceased attendance about a month after (February 1968). Mrs. BOYKO has never met any other members of the SIRHAN family.

Mrs. BOYKO said she understood that during part of the time that SIRHAN worked for WEIDNER, he took some religious instruction from a relative of WEIDNER's who was living in Pasadena at the time with his wife and was visiting the West Coast. This person's name was _____ PETERS, an older man who originally came out to California from Wisconsin and has since returned. The instruction Mr. PETERS gave to SIRHAN was in Bible Study. Mr. PETERS is a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wisconsin (place unrecalled).

It is Mrs. BOYKO's further reflection that Mr. PETERS was highly incensed at JOHN WEIDNER's alleged harsh treatment of SIRHAN. He indicated to Mrs. BOYKO that WEIDNER's treatment of SIRHAN was undoing any good effort he could make with the boy, from the standpoint of religious instruction.

Mrs. BOYKO feels she had a good relationship with SIRHAN and he seemed to like her. They talked of many things - nothing of a serious nature - none of a political nature. Through these conversations and other events that transpired in the store (his relationship with WEIDNER), Mrs. BOYKO gained something of an insight into his character. For example, she soon learned that he harbored a great envy for the good fortunes of others. He said he did not like wealthy people. She cited as an example of his dislike NELSON ROCKEFELLER who he said had too much wealth. He did not mention ROBERT KENNEDY in this connection and never mentioned his name to Mrs. BOYKO's knowledge. It was in this connection - in his comments about wealth and his dislike for

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wealthy people-that he mentioned, inferentially, his dislike for Jews. He did not mention these things with any discernible emotion, but she remembers them from parts of his conversations.

SIRHAN's relationship with JOHN WEIDNER, in Mrs. BOYKO's opinion, was never good, and as nearly as she and others in the store could judge, SIRHAN was really not at fault in this. WEIDNER is domineering, harsh and rude with his employees, she said. He seemed particularly harsh with SIRHAN at times. He insisted on strict compliance with his orders, i.e. "SAUL come here at once!" SIRHAN might have had a box of groceries in his arms and would deposit them in a car or whatever before complying. This would infuriate WEIDNER. He would regard this as a challenge to his authority. He would berate SIRHAN and accuse him of laziness and insubordination. SIRHAN would defend himself shouting as loud "You just don't talk to me like that" "You have to treat me like a man", and he would stand his ground; then walk away in desperation and frustration. Mrs. BOYKO tried to be the mediator, but the arguments and flashes of temper on both sides became an almost daily occurrence.. SIRHAN wanted WEIDNER to fire him so he could get some severance pay, but WEIDNER sensed this and would not fire him.

After these outbursts, SIRHAN would calm down and talk to Mrs. BOYKO about his abiding interests. He indicated he was interested in spiritual things. He definitely was interested in horses. He spoke about his desire to be a jockey and talked about his weight problems. He was also interested in the gambling aspect. He went to the track frequently; every Saturday (at Santa Anita) and apparently was a consistent loser. This bothered him because he was interested in money and wanted money. He was very conscious of his size. Being a little person, he felt disadvantaged. He felt this very strongly and had a defensive complex about it. He felt it was a handicap, even though he had aspirations to be a jockey.

He showed no interest in, or interest in talking about, girls. He indicated that dating girls was a waste of time, and did not wish to discuss the subject. Mrs. BOYKO doubts that he did date girls during this time.

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Finally SIRHAN left the shop, sometime in March 1968, and subsequently either sued or filed charges against WEIDNER for back pay. Mrs. BOYKO does not know the particulars about this.

Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN was strong in his beliefs - strong in his convictions. With regard to other aspects of his activity as known to her, Mrs. BOYKO said no one ever came to the shop to visit him. He received no mail at the shop. He received no telephone calls at the shop. He never waited on customers except to carry groceries to waiting cars. He was polite. He was respectful. He never expressed any strong hatred even after his heated exchanges with WEIDNER.

He never came back to the store after he left and Mrs. BOYKO last talked to him sometime in March.

He did complain about the poor condition of WEIDNER's delivery station wagon.

Mrs. BOYKO said she has seen newspaper accounts datelined Washington, D.C. which have quoted her as saying, "SIRHAN was a religious fanatic." Mrs. BOYKO said she never said any such thing.

Mrs. BOYKO said the only Jordanians she has ever met were ABDUL DOBASS (mentioned initially), SIRHAN and a local barber named SIMON SHARU. Mrs. BOYKO recalls asking SIRHAN if he knew DOBASS (above) and he acknowledged that he did, but said no more, so that Mrs. BOYKO could not determine what the degree of association was.

After the news of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and SIRHAN's picture was published in the morning newspaper, all the persons at the store knew who it was, but could not believe it. Mr. WEIDNER's reaction was electric. He walked around the store beating his fists to his head saying, "it's him, it's him - it's got to be him;" and then to a customer who had been friendly to SIRHAN in the past, he said "you see I was right about him. I don't know why he didn't kill me - he hated me so."

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Mrs. BOYKO said she has no explanation for SIRHAN's terrible act. She is shocked and unable to fit it with her recollection of him. It is her opinion that she never did see him except for some surface manifestations, and these were, to say the least, contradictory.

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Date 6/18/68

RETTA DRAKE 2516 Strathmore, Rosemead, California, telephone 573-3897, advised that she was employed at the Organic-Pasadena Health Food Store, 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, as manager from December 15, 1967 until March 7, 1968, when she resigned. During this period of time SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was also employed at this store as a general stock clerk and delivery boy. He had been so employed both part time and full time since prior to Mrs. DRAKE beginning her employment. She advised that she did not know him and had never seen him prior to her employment at this store.

Approximately one and one-half weeks prior to her quitting on March 7, 1968, she submitted her letter of resignation to the owner of the health food store, JOHN WEIDNER. She advised that she left the employment at the above store on the same date that SIRHAN was fired. On the morning of March 7, 1968, she overheard WEIDNER tell SIRHAN that he may leave the store, meaning that he was fired. SIRHAN then proceeded to sit down in the store waiting to be paid his wages due. Mrs. DRAKE said the situation at the store at this time was tense after WEIDNER had fired SIRHAN, and to ease this situation she made a statement to SIRHAN just in general conversation. When she spoke to him WEIDNER then came up to her and told her that she was not to speak to SIRHAN since he was no longer working there. Mrs. DRAKE advised that this infuriated her to the extent that she quit her job on the spot.

WEIDNER eventually called the police on SIRHAN to evict him from the store since SIRHAN would not leave until he was paid.

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WEIDNER refused to pay either SIRHAN or Mrs. DRAKE and they both eventually filed claims for wages due before the Industrial Relations Board. She advised that they did not file these claims together but the cases were held together on the same date before the Industrial Relations Board, 107 South Broadway, Room 5015, Los Angeles, California, on or about April 23, 1968. Her claim was eventually honored but she has no idea whether SIRHAN received his money or not.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she saw SIRHAN twice after they terminated their employment at the health food store. She once went over to his house to receive his help in filling out her claim for wages due, and she met his mother. She also saw SIRHAN on the date of his being fired from the health food store in Katies Place Restaurant just down from the health food store. She advised she was in there having coffee on this date and he came in and joined her.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she never saw SIRHAN either before or after working hours while they were employed. The last she saw of him was on the date that the claims were held before the Industrial Relations Board.

In addition she did talk with him once or twice over the telephone after leaving the health food store's employment and prior to the claims being submitted before the Industrial Relations Board.

She stated that SIRHAN never did talk very much and what little conversation they did have at the store was just general conversation. They never had any political conversations and she cannot recall him talking of any of his personal interests. On the one occasion that she was at SIRHAN's house they talked only of Mr. WEIDNER and his health food store.

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Other than his mother, Mrs. DRAKE never met any of his friends or relatives, and has no idea what he did on his off hours. It was her understanding, however, that SIRHAN was taking Bible lessons from Mr. WEIDNER's uncle.

She advised she has not seen nor heard from SIRHAN since the claims were presented before the Industrial Relations Board on April 23, 1968.

Her opinion of SIRHAN is that he was an extremely nice person and that he did not seem bitter over being fired by Mr. WEIDNER.

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Date 6/14/68

Mrs. CAROL BURGESS, wife of Lance Corporal BERNARD BURGESS, U. S. Marine Corps (USMC) USMC Quarters, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Washington an employee of the restaurant at the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, advised on June 14, 1968, that she had known SIRHAN SIRHAN while she was employed from about November 1967 to about January 1968, at the Organic-Pacific Health Food Store owned by Mr. JOHN WIEDNER, Pasadena, California. She said SIRHAN, known generally by the nickname "SOL", told her he had changed his name to SIRHAN SIRHAN so he could have two similar names; however, he did not say what his name had been before the change.

She said SIRHAN was a produce boy and took produce from the above store to the Monterey Park store and the Downey store. She said SIRHAN lived about a block and one-half to two blocks from the store and that she had dropped him off at his residence in her car a few times. She said this residence was one block off Lake Avenue, but she did not know the address. She said she understood SIRHAN lived with his mother and brother, but she had not met them. She said SIRHAN stated he was "close" to his brother and he had "nice" parents. She said she believed SIRHAN had an automobile at home, but it was not in running condition.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN told her he was attending night school at Pasadena City College and that he liked history. She said one day SIRHAN came back from lunch with whiskey on his breath and made some remark that he would have to stay away from the boss that afternoon. She said she therefore assumed he drank a little.

She said SIRHAN was always by himself, that he came to work and left by himself and he had lunch by himself. She said he never spoke of having a girl friend and said at one time he had "bad luck" with girls, which remark he did not explain. She said no one visited him at the store.

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She said SIRHAN believed in what he called "Witchcraft" and believed he had power to do greater things than did others. She said he had indicated in words not now recalled, that he "could do anything that God could do". She said he seemed not to "understand our religion", however, he never explained what his religion was. She added he said, "There are lots of things you can do if you put your mind to it."

Mrs. BURGESS said that Mr. WIEDNER had been in the "Underground" in France and had helped Jews escape from Germany and SIRHAN could not understand why he would help the Jews escape. She said SIRHAN and Mr. WIEDNER had some discussions concerning Jews but she could not recall the details of these conversations except that SIRHAN and WIEDNER argued about Jews. She said SIRHAN sometimes waved his hands when he got somewhat excited in these conversations.

She said SIRHAN did not smoke and she assumed he did not use drugs or narcotics. She did not know him to have a gun and never talked about guns. She said he did not seem to be the violent type and although he occasionally got mad - usually at the boss who expected his employees to work diligently, he "cooled off" quickly.

She said SIRHAN never talked about politics and he was generally very quiet, polite, and likeable. She said he appeared to be quite intelligent and had an extensive vocabulary, often using words she did not understand. She said SIRHAN also spoke "some other language" besides English and would interject some foreign phrases into conversation. She added he was a good worker.

She said SIRHAN was interested in horses and had been an exercise boy. She said he used to go to horse races on weekends and that he "loved horses". She said he had hurt his back in a fall falling off a filly and was going to a doctor about his back. She said SIRHAN a small individual, wanted people to think he was strong, but he complained about his back when picking up

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boxes. She said SIRHAN would also bet on horses at the track and would win and lose bets based on information given him by jockeys. She remembers on one occasion he won \$30. She said he wanted to be a jockey some day.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN had once given her a paperback book, title and author not recalled, concerning "Witchcraft", for her to read. She said she took it home, did not read it, and brought back the book the next day. She said SIRHAN had said he read by candlelight from candles on a table. She said she asked him, in connection with his Witchcraft, what he did, would he lift tables by Witchcraft.

SIRHAN said he did. She said she told him he could not be serious and SIRHAN remarked that he was. She said he came back from lunch one day with two red candles and two blue candles, apparently to read by or to use in his "Witchcraft".

Mrs. BURGESS said she was training one RITA or RETA to be manager at the store about a month before she, Mrs. BURGESS, left and RITA or RETA would also know SIRHAN.

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Date 6/15/68

MARGARET V. ROLEN, 11005 Stockwell Drive, Lynwood, California, telephone 631-7112, telephonically furnished the following information:

ROLEN advised that she is presently employed as sales personnel for one of JOHN H. WEIDNER's health food stores, located at 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, California.

She said the only thing she could recall regarding SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is that he made deliveries to her store from their main store approximately three times a week and would remain in their store for approximately ten to fifteen minutes on each delivery. She believed he first started making deliveries around Christmas 1967 until about February or March 1968.

During these deliveries, she recalled SIRHAN to be a very polite, cooperative young man. She said he seemed to be very nice and could not think of anything derogatory regarding his conduct. She knew of nothing regarding his personal life or beliefs and actually she did not know his full name. She recalled when she first saw him that she and her co-worker, LOIS PALMER, asked him his name. He replied, "Call me SAUL".

She concluded that she was very shocked by the incident involving SIRHAN and if there is any further information concerning this matter, she would be more than willing to furnish the same.

Mrs. ROLEN is leaving the city for a visit at a relative's home in San Bernardino, California and will be on vacation for approximately two weeks.

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Mrs. LOIS V. PALMER, 7847 East Blandwood Road, Downey, California, telephone 869-8126, manager, Nutri-Ville, a health food store located at 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, telephone 869-8026, advised she is employed by Mr. JOHN WEIDNER, who also owns the Organic Health Food Store in Pasadena, California, and the Monterey Nutrition Health Food Store in Monterey Park, California. She then furnished the following information:

Mrs. PALMER knew SIRHAN SIRHAN as SOL SIRHAN who was employed by Mr. WEIDNER as a delivery boy for about six to seven weeks during February and March of 1968. SIRHAN came to Nutri-Ville about four times each week remaining no more than ten minutes on each occasion. He delivered stock to the store, picked up stock from the store and picked up money from her for delivery to Mr. WEIDNER.

According to Mrs. PALMER, SIRHAN was always very respectful. He appeared to be very intelligent and once, when she asked him if he went to college, he replied, "No, but I read a hell of a lot". However, he did not explain precisely what he read.

She also learned from him that he rode horses. Moreover, he told her that he and his brothers went to Santa Anita Race Track on week ends.

Mrs. PALMER stated she knows nothing of SIRHAN's background or his associates.

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On June 15, 1968, Mrs. LINCOLN (VIRGINIA) LYTTLE, 11703 Samoline Avenue, Downey, California, telephone number 862-1992, advised that she is employed part-time at the Nutriville Health Food Store, 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, California. Mrs. LYTTLE stated she is employed approximately 24 or 25 hours a week as a sales person.

Mrs. LYTTLE explained that about November or December 1967, while at work one day she was introduced to a person by the name of SAUL (Phonetic) by the Store Manager, LOIS PALMER. LYTTLE stated that SAUL made deliveries for the company from the Pasadena store to the store in Downey and on his return trip, he took merchandise and/or money to the Monterey and/or the Pasadena store for this company. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that subsequent, she saw SAUL in the store almost everyday that she worked, which was about two or three times a week. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that some times she would not see SAUL because he had already been at the store before she arrived for work or he did not come to the store at all on some particular days.

Mrs. LYTTLE stated that she had very little conversation with him. She stated that it consisted primarily of hello and how are you? Mrs. LYTTLE stated that she had no extended conversation with SAUL and would be unable to furnish anything concerning his ideas, as she does not know his ideas or opinion about anything. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that all she could say was that he was a nice looking person, with a pleasing personality.

Mrs. LYTTLE stated that the first she knew that SAUL was identical with a person named SIRHAN SIRHAN, who was alleged to have assassinated Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was on the Thursday after KENNEDY's death, when Mrs. WEIDENER, the wife of the owner of the store, telephonically advised the store manager, LOIS PALMER, that the person who was arrested for shooting Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was SIRHAN SIRHAN, who is the same person as SAUL who made deliveries to the Nutriville Health Food Store. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that after LOIS PALMER

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talked to Mrs. WEIDENER she related what Mrs. WEIDENER had told her, Mrs. PALMER.

Mrs. LYTTLE advised that she was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this matter.

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TERRY MICKEY WELCH, 25173 Farmbrook, Southfield, advised that he recognized SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from photographs on telecast concerning the attempt on the life of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WELCH then called WWJ Television, Detroit, Michigan, and made them aware of the fact that he knew SIRHAN and he was subsequently interviewed on that station.

WELCH stated that he first met SIRHAN approximately three years ago when both were employed as exercise boys at Granja Vista Del Rio, a thoroughbred horse farm located at Corona, California, and owned by BURT ALTFILLISCH (Phonetic). From that time until May 1967, WELCH was closely associated with SIRHAN and considered him to be his closest friend. He said that approximately 1½ years ago, probably between September, 1966 and December 1966, SIRHAN suffered a very bad fall from a horse at Granja Vista Del Rio and was admitted to the hospital at Corona, where he remained in critical condition for several weeks. He suffered head and back injuries which resulted in his being partially blind in his left eye and since the time of the accident, he has suffered from severe headaches. WELCH stated that SIRHAN was supposed to get a settlement as a result of this accident and was angry because he did not get as much as he thought he should.

WELCH advised that SIRHAN underwent a complete personality change after the above-described accident. He stated that prior to that time, SIRHAN had been good natured and easy to get along with. He was popular with other employees at the horse farm and with horse owners who kept race horses at this farm. WELCH listed DESI ARNEZ, BUDDY EBSAN, and DALE ROBERTSON, prominent television personalities, as horse owners who were well acquainted with SIRHAN. He described SIRHAN prior to the accident as well mannered, neat, clean, intelligent, and a gentleman in every way. He said that while SIRHAN was thrifty and would sometimes save his checks for three or four weeks before cashing them, he was also generous in providing money to friends who were temporarily in need,

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and in addition stated that although SIRHAN did not drink himself, he accompanied WELCH and other employees to local bars and would often purchase drinks for everyone present.

Following his fall from the horse in 1966, SIRHAN became a "loner" who was resentful toward anyone who had wealth. He, at this time, became unpredictable and unreliable in that he would make plans to do things or go places with WELCH and then for no apparent reason would change his mind.

After he was released from the hospital at Corona, SIRHAN obtained a job with ROBERT WHEELER, an owner and trainer at the Santa Anita Race Track. He remained on this job for 3 to 5 weeks and when he found that he did not know enough about the job, he quit and went back to Granja Vista Del Rio to learn more about handling horses. WELCH said SIRHAN had a great desire to be a good rider and although he was frightened after the accident, he refused to quit riding even after being repeatedly thrown from horses.

TERRY WELCH advised that SIRHAN was also known as Sol by race track acquaintances and fellow employees. He said that inasmuch as persons of all nationalities frequent race tracks and horse farms, he and SIRHAN worked with Mexicans, Negroes, Irish, Greeks, Italians, Jews, and Hungarians, and SIRHAN never gave any indication to him of prejudice toward any nationality. He said that before the accident SIRHAN was curious and was always attempting to learn and improve himself. He would visit dairy and poultry farms for example during his off-duty hours, and could talk intelligently on almost any subject. He spoke excellent English with little or no accent. He was an avid reader, particularly with regard to law and frequently discussed cases which he had read about. SIRHAN did not appear to be particularly interested in politics and WELCH does not recall any pertinent discussions of political issues.

SIRHAN appeared to be devoted to his mother and told WELCH he visited his mother in Pasadena, California, every other weekend when he was not working. WELCH said he never went with SIRHAN to visit his mother and does not know the names of any of SIRHAN's relatives, but recalls SIRHAN stated his mother's name was MARY. His father was overseas, according to SIRHAN, and supposedly wealthy.

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WELCH believes that the Reverend LEO HILL, Circle City Baptist Church, Ninth and Sheridan, Corona, would possibly know SIRHAN inasmuch as SIRHAN gave WELCH a card for this church and suggested that he see Reverend HILL when he was having personal problems.

SIRHAN told WELCH on one occasion that he had been expelled from a college in Los Angeles, California, as a result of trouble with a girl. This incident supposedly occurred before WELCH and SIRHAN became acquainted.

SIRHAN also stated that at one time he had worked for a gun or skeet club in the Corona or Los Angeles area. WELCH believed that BURT ALTFILLISCH would possibly have more information concerning this.

TERRY WELCH said that when he first learned about SIRHAN's connection with the assault on Senator KENNEDY, he could not believe that SIRHAN had shot KENNEDY because he had previously been such a "nice guy". He has not seen or had contact with SIRHAN since May 1967. He does not believe that SIRHAN would have committed this assault for money, nor would he have been involved in a conspiracy. With regard to the money allegedly in SIRHAN's possession when he was captured, WELCH said it would not be unusual for SIRHAN to carry large sums of money in his pocket inasmuch as he was a thrifty individual and when he and WELCH were closely associated, SIRHAN habitually kept his wallet in the glove compartment of his car, which WELCH described as a 1950 or 1951 DeSoto. WELCH said it was common practice for race track employees to keep their wallets in the glove compartments of cars to prevent theft from their persons.

In conversations with fellow employees who were refugees from communist countries, such as Cuba and Hungary, SIRHAN always gave WELCH the impression that he was very much opposed to communism. He indicated a liking for the United States and never exhibited any particular loyalty or feeling toward the country of his birth, Jordan. WELCH said he does not recall having ever heard SIRHAN mention being or living in any state other than California in the United States.

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WELCH concluded by stating that he feels that the personality change which took place in SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after his accident must have gotten worse in the past year since WELCH has had contact with him, and that he "went out of his mind, or that something was preying on his mind."

WELCH said that SIRHAN was particularly friendly with FRANK DONORAMA, one of the bosses or supervisors at Granja Vista Del Rio. He added that prior to SIRHAN's accident, BURT ALTFILLISCH had been so impressed with SIRHAN's potential that he offered SIRHAN a good administrative job at Granja Vista Del Rio. SIRHAN declined this offer inasmuch as he preferred to work directly with the horses and become a good rider.

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1Date 6/17/68

Mr. GORDON BOWSHER, Horse Owner and Trainer, 13505 Oaks, advised that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had been employed by him from October 15, 1965, to March 31, 1966, when he quit on his own volition. He stated he hired SIRHAN as a stable hand at Santa Anita where SIRHAN walked hot horses for him. After the Santa Anita season was over, SIRHAN worked a little while for him at the Pomona Fair Grounds. SIRHAN resided at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and commuted to the tracks from that address in a pink DeSoto.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only thing he knew regarding SIRHAN was that he came from Jordan but that he had had no conversations with SIRHAN and knew nothing whatsoever regarding his background.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only other person who worked for him who would know SIRHAN and who probably had conversations with him is a TOM RATHKE, who resides at 8372 Stansbury Avenue, in Panorama City, California, but who is presently at the race track in Pleasanton, California.

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1Date 6/13/68

Mr. BUDDY EBSEN, television actor, was contacted following an attempt to contact him through his agent, JAMES MC HUGH, JR., 8455 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone number OL 1-2770. He was informed that an interview was desired regarding any knowledge he may have of SIRHAN SIRHAN, who had been accused of shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SIRHAN reportedly had worked as an exercise boy at Granja Vista Del Rio, Corona, California, a horse ranch where Mr. EBSEN was said to have kept horses.

Mr. EBSEN said he could relate what information he had inasmuch as he did not recall SIRHAN. Two or three years ago he stabled some horses at the above ranch, owned by BURT ALTFILLISCH. His horses had been handled by FRANK DELMARA, who was no longer employed at this ranch. BURT would probably know FRANK's whereabouts. There were several apprentice boys who handled EBSEN's horses whom FRANK would know or recall. It was possible SIRHAN may have been at the ranch at that time.

On Sunday, June 9, 1968, Mr. EBSEN received a call from GAYLE ROSENBERG, a representative of "Life" magazine, seeking data and photographs of SIRHAN at the ranch as "Life" was doing a story on SIRHAN. Mr. EBSEN checked through his photographs taken of his horses and came up with one showing an exercise boy who could have been SIRHAN, but EBSEN was not sure as only half of this boy's face showed in the photograph. It was given to the "Life" representative who could be reached at telephone number CR 3-1530 if it was desired to see the photograph.

The exercise boys were paid by the owner of the ranch and EBSEN paid a fee to the ranch to stable his horses.

Mr. EBSEN can be reached at General Service Studios, 1040 North Las Palmas Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 467-7935.

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WALTER THOMAS RATHKE, Groom for VERN HUNTER, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, California, advised he first met SIRHAN SIRHAN at least three years ago when both worked for GORDON BOWSHER, Yellow King Ranch, Chico, California. He has also met SIRHAN's mother and one of his brothers, not the one reportedly up for deportation. RATHKE got to know SIRHAN quite well during this time and SIRHAN never exhibited any leanings toward Communism or ever became violent or exhibited any violence. RATHKE got the impression SIRHAN did not want to return to Jordan and from conversations thought SIRHAN had made a move for American citizenship. At no time during their conversations can RATHKE recall SIRHAN ever mentioning any of the KENNEDYs or was the subject of guns ever mentioned.

SIRHAN was working a quarter horse at Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch near Chino when SIRHAN's horse bolted and SIRHAN suffered head injuries from hitting the fence and required hospitalization. RATHKE believes this happened approximately September 1966 but is not sure of that date. As a result of injury SIRHAN's pupil in one of his eyes, believed his left, remains large and will not close and he apparently has no peripheral vision out of that eye and can no longer gallop horses so he had to give up being a groom.

RATHKE last saw SIRHAN in approximately June 1967 in Pasadena where SIRHAN was working at a health food store. He also saw SIRHAN's mother during this time and she indicated SIRHAN "just wasn't himself" after the accident and RATHKE stated SIRHAN was "more incommunicative" since the accident but could not explain the exact changes in SIRHAN. RATHKE has only seen SIRHAN for short periods of time since the accident and has had no extensive conversations during these meetings. When he last saw SIRHAN in Pasadena, RATHKE told SIRHAN he was joining the Theosophical Society but did not discuss very extensively and has now read in the newspapers that SIRHAN is reading books published by this society.

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RATHKE stated that if SIRHAN was bitter at anyone he would have thought it would be the insurance company as RATHKE understands SIRHAN received little more than payment of hospital bill as a result of the accident.

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Date 6/13/68

ALBERT C. BEESON, Director, Industrial Relations, State of California, San Francisco, telephonically advised that his department handled an accident involving one SIRHAN B. SIRHAN of 696 Howard Street, West Pasadena, California, in which SIRHAN, while employed by the Altfillisch Construction Company, working as an exercise boy on the Grand Vista Alta Rio Ranch, Corona, California, on September 25, 1966 was thrown from a horse and suffered head injuries. As a result of this accident SIRHAN, on March 27, 1968, was paid about \$2,000 by the Argonaut Insurance Company of Menlo Park, California. The Referee who handled this matter was ERNEST A. LACKMANN, Referee in Industrial Relations, State of California, Los Angeles, telephone 620-4471.

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ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, Assistant Secretary, Argonaut Insurance Company, Menlo Park, advised that the claim filed for the claim of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN is at the Argonaut Insurance Company, 443 Shattow Place, Los Angeles, under Policy # 20-210-056370 and Claim #02-203445. She stated that the claim filed has been made available to the FBI in Los Angeles. The claim was settled for \$1,705 in April 1968 and the cancelled check is at the Menlo Park Office of Argonaut. She made available a copy of the cancelled check and settlement of the above claim and the following information was obtained therefrom:

Check number 262013 dated April 5, 1968 for \$1,705 is payable to SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. The policy number and claim number are listed on the check as stated above and the injury date is shown as September 1966. The claimant is shown as Alt - Illisch Construction Company. The check is endorsed with the name SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, under which is written his California Drivers License #M238847. The check was cashed April 8, 1968 at the Pasadena Main Office of the Crocker Citizens National Bank, Pasadena, California, and bears tellers stamp #101P on the front of the check. The check was drawn on the Crocker Citizens National Bank, #1 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

On June 10, 1968 the original of this check was made available by PHILLIPS and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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1Date 6/21/68

MELVIN R. OLSON, Employment Representative, Burroughs Corporation, 460 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

MELVIN R. OLSON reviewed the original employment application form and stated that this form was filled out by SIRHAN SIRHAN on November 7, 1967, at the Burroughs Corporation referred to above. He stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN filled out this form with a black ball-point pen and he (OLSON) made several entries during the course of the interview in red ball-point pen. He advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not hired due to a stated back injury and a poor past work record.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/24/68

Mrs. J. NAGER, Personnel Director, I. Magnin and Company, 3240 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

Mrs. NAGER caused a search of the Employment Application Files at the above-mentioned company and advised she could find no record for SIRHAN SIRHAN. She advised it is the policy of the company to retain employment applications for a period of 30 days and then the forms are destroyed. Mrs. NAGER advised that the Employment Application Files at the Pasadena store, I. Magnin Company, 475 South Lake, Pasadena, California, and the I. Magnin and Company stores in San Francisco, California, were also caused to be searched with negative results.

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1Date 6/17/63

Mrs. MARY RAFIDI, Apartment 14, 2005 North Talmadge Street, Los Angeles, California, who is a housewife, stated that she is not personally acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN but that her husband, MUFIO RAFIDI, has met him.

She stated that her husband is also acquainted with ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, who is a brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and recalled that she has had this latter individual pointed out to her by her husband. She stated that this occurred at The Fez, 1503 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where he entertains as a musician.

She stated that she has no knowledge of any activity of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN that would be of assistance in the investigation of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, which includes political background or associates of this individual or any member of his family.

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MUFIO RAFIDI, Apartment 14, 2005 North Talmadge Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born November 24, 1934, at Ramalah, Jordan. He stated that he is currently employed at the R. D. Sovetts Company, 2744 East Eleventh Street, Los Angeles, California.

RAFIDI advised that he has met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN twice. He stated that he met SIRHAN initially in the year 1958 at an annual Arabic community picnic that was held at an unknown location in Los Angeles, California. He stated that it is the policy of the participants at this annual picnic to introduce themselves, and he recalls that the mother of SIRHAN introduced herself and her sons at this affair. He stated that SIRHAN was approximately fourteen years of age at this time. He stated that he particularly recalls this family inasmuch as one of the members of the family, ADEL SIRHAN, entertained at the picnic by playing a guitar.

He recalled that later he had noted that ADEL SIRHAN was an entertainer at The Fez, 1503 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, which is an Arabic restaurant. He stated that prior to getting married, he spent frequent evenings at The Fez and developed a limited acquaintance with ADEL SIRHAN.

He stated that he next saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the annual Arabic picnic that was held in 1966 at a park located in the vicinity of Budlong Avenue and 153rd Street in Gardena, California.

He stated that on neither of these occasions did he carry on a conversation with SIRHAN.

He stated that he has not been to The Fez for approximately two years and does not know if ADEL SIRHAN is currently employed at that restaurant.

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RAFIDI stated that he has never heard any member of SIRHAN's family express any political opinion, either concerning the United States or their home land of Jordan.

RAFIDI stated that he came to the United States from Ramallah, Jordan, in 1952, and while residing in Jordan did not know the SIRHAN family nor has he any knowledge of the background of that family in Jordan. He stated that he has heard from a source, which he cannot presently identify, that one of the members of the SIRHAN family had acted as an intelligence agent or spy for Israel but that he is unable to identify which member of the family it was. He stated that he does not know any of the associates of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN or his brother, ADEL SIRHAN, and repeated that he has no knowledge relative to the political activity of any member of the SIRHAN family either in the United States or in Jordan.

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FAZ'L (NMN) INAYAT'KHAN, residence address 1450 Cossacks Place, Glendora, California, telephone number 963-3668, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Burroughs Corporation, 460 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, California, where he is employed as a Systems Analyst. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

INAYAT'KHAN stated he first met an individual known to him as SIRHAN SIRHAN in the Fall of 1966 at a private residence rented by OMAR RAMZI, which is located at 2345 Lilydale Street, Los Angeles, California. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN dated June 5, 1968, and he stated this individual resembled the individual he knew as SIRHAN. He further advised that the only other individual he can recall being at the residence of RAMZI was an individual known to him as FAIZULLAH KHAN. He advised that a small group of students met several times at the above residence and discussed general topics and also various political situations in the United States and Jordan, Israel, etc. In this regard, he indicated that SIRHAN and others in this group were supporters of the Bath Party, a mid-East political party that is composed of members that support any government that is pro-Jordan, Syrian, etc., in philosophy and ideology.

He advised that FAIZULLAH KHAN, residence address unknown, was a native of Afghanistan; a graduate student majoring in political science when he met him in the Fall of 1966. He further advised that it was his understanding that KHAN was the President of the Student Association at California State College at Los Angeles and it was his further understanding that KHAN's brother is the Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

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INAYAT'KHAN advised that his impression of SIRHAN was that he was a very impressionable individual. In this regard, he related how during one group discussion at the previously mentioned residence, the topic of conversation centered around various committees of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and the key positions certain members had in influencing policies, appropriations in such areas as foreign aid, etc. He stated that SIRHAN became quite agitated during this discussion and indicated how unfair and undemocratic the committee system of our form of government is and can be if the wrong people control the power.

He advised that SIRHAN and others were pro-Jordanian, Syrian, in philosophy but they also do not believe the rulers in their native lands were fighting with enough determination to regain their rightful land from the Israeli people.

He advised that on numerous occasions, SIRHAN and the others in this group went to a beer tavern known as Garfanos, 5468 East Valley Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

INAYAT'KHAN further advised in late 1966 or early 1967, the Arab Students Association held a bazaar at an Armenian Church in the City of Los Angeles, the exact location not recalled, and approximately 200 students, girl friends, etc., attended.

INAYAT'KHAN concluded by stating he did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN very well but he would describe him as a young immature individual that was very impressionable.

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1Date 6/24/68

FAIZULLAH KHAN, residence address 944 East Stocker, Glendale, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

KHAN advised he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles, in February, 1966. He advised he is not an officer nor has he ever been a member of the Arab Students Association. He advised he knew very little about this organization but knows that a number of Arab, Syrian students are affiliated with this organization but it has a very loose membership. In this regard, he stated he was unable to furnish an address or location for this association. KHAN further advised that he is a native of Afghanistan and was born at Kabul. He advised that his brother's father-in-law was formerly the Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

KHAN was shown a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN taken by the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1968, and he stated this picture vaguely resembled the individual he knew as SIRHAN. KHAN advised he met and talked with an individual known to him as SIRHAN SIRHAN in the late Fall of 1966 and early Spring of 1967 at a residence rented by OMAR RAMZI, 2345 Lilydale Street, Los Angeles, California. He further advised he met SIRHAN at several political functions held at California State College, Los Angeles, when professors from California State College and others would lecture to small groups of students about various political issues.

KHAN advised he believed that OMAR RAMZI was an officer in the Arab Students Association but he could not state this for a fact. He advised the only other individuals he knew was an individual by the name of SAMON (LNU) and FAZ'L INAYAT'KHAN.

KHAN stated he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN only as a fellow student although it was his understanding SIRHAN was a student at Pasadena City College and he concluded by stating he did not get to know him well.

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ROBERT GARNETT, 12421 Rush Street, El Monte, California, advised that he is a student at Solar Electronics, Monrovia, California, and a television repairman employed by P. J. MILLER, 10 North First Avenue, Arcadia, California. He stated his home telephone Number was 444-6607 and his business telephone Number was 447-1781.

GARNETT said that he has met SIRHAN SIRHAN on approximately five or six occasions. He said that he knew ADEL SIRHAN and SAIDELLAH SIRHAN and had built an amplifier for ADEL so that this amplifier could be used by ADEL for one of his musical instruments. GARNETT stated that he did not know the exact address where he delivered the amplifier but that it was in Pasadena and it was the home of ADEL SIRHAN, and that SIRHAN SIRHAN resided with ADEL.

GARNETT stated that on one occasion he took his wife, CONNIE GARNETT, and their two children, SHERILL and ROBERT, to this residence and that SIRHAN SIRHAN was there. His wife and children and SIRHAN watched the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team on television and SIRHAN had taken the children to the kitchen to get them some ice cream. GARNETT stated that he looked upon SIRHAN SIRHAN as a very sincere and quiet individual, that he never saw him with anyone other than his brother, ADEL, and knew him to be an employee of a health store, address unknown, in Pasadena, California. GARNETT said that the only time he heard ADEL speak of his brother, ADEL made the comment that "SIRHAN is tight with his money." SIRHAN was also considered to be very close to his mother.

GARNETT, who stated he knew ADEL SIRHAN for about one year, and "SAID" about two years, related that he knew them because he had met them through an individual named BOB RITCHEY, a driver for his mother's company, RX Express Company, 298 Henrietta Street, Pasadena, California.

GARNETT described SIRHAN SIRHAN as follows:

Sex	Male
Height	5' 7"

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Weight	125 -- 130 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark, curly
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Prominent nose, neat

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1Date 6/17/68

CONNIE GARNETT, 12421 Rush Street, El Monte, California, telephone Number 447-1781, advised that she is the wife of ROBERT GARNETT and resides with her husband and two children, SHERILL, age 4, and ROBERT, age 3, in El Monte, California.

CONNIE GARNETT stated that she met SIRHAN SIRHAN on only one occasion approximately two or three months ago at the residence of ADEL SIRHAN and SIRHAN SIRHAN, Howard Street, Pasadena, California. She also said that she knew SAIDELIAH SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN, and she believed that "SAID", as he is nicknamed, was once a driver for her mother-in-law's company, RX Express, 298 Henrietta Street, Pasadena, California.

CONNIE GARNETT related that the one time she met SIRHAN SIRHAN, she considered him to be a perfect gentleman. She, her husband, ROBERT, and her two children had gone to the Howard Street address to deliver an amplifier which her husband had built for ADEL SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN. She, SIRHAN SIRHAN, and the children watched the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team on television and then SIRHAN took the children to the kitchen to get them both some ice cream. CONNIE GARNETT considered him a very quiet and polite person. She stated that they stayed approximately one hour to two hours and then left. She did not have any extensive conversation with SIRHAN SIRHAN as they were viewing the basketball game. She knew of no associates of SIRHAN.

CONNIE GARNETT described SIRHAN SIRHAN as follows:

Sex	Male
Height	5' 5" - 5' 6"
Weight	125 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Curly, dark
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Very neat dresser

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DONALD LLOYD RICE, 1929 12th Street, Apartment A, Santa Monica, California, telephone 395-5380, was interviewed at his place of employment, Technology Service Corporation, Suite 201, 1255 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica, where he has been employed on a part-time basis since March 1, 1968.

RICE, who furnished his date of birth as November 22, 1939, stated that he became acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during the summer session of 1966 at Pasadena City College. RICE said he, himself, at that time resided at 1880 East Villa, Pasadena, California, and that he believes SIRHAN lived in the vicinity of Washington Street; however, he did not know the specific residence address, having visited the residence on only one occasion.

RICE stated that SIRHAN was of assistance to him in his study of the Arabic language and that they had only a slight social association other than contacts at school. RICE said he considered SIRHAN to be a serious, intelligent, "student type" person, that he did not have any knowledge concerning his political interests, background or associates. RICE said that he met SIRHAN originally through one JOHN STRATHMANN and that he could suggest no other associates or acquaintances of SIRHAN. RICE commented that his last contact with SIRHAN was in August or September 1966, that he has no current knowledge concerning him, his activities or associates. He further stated that from limited knowledge of SIRHAN, he would have no basis to pass judgement or firm opinion, which might bear in his being a suspect in the KENNEDY assault. RICE said that he could suggest no motivation or reason and that he would have no knowledge of any type of conspiracy which SIRHAN might have been a part of.

RICE advised that prior to entering Pasadena City College in 1966, he had been discharged from the U.S. Army, where he served from 1964 to 1966, Army Serial Number 55766560.

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Mrs. HELEN GARBEN, Assistant Librarian, Santa Catalina Branch, Pasadena Public Library, 999 East Washington Boulevard, advised that she has known SIRHAN SIRHAN as a patron of this library since about 1963. She noted that in 1963, he was attending Pasadena City College and would stop by after classes to study. She also noted that after a period of time, he became interested in reading the various newspapers and periodicals kept at the library. SIRHAN impressed her as a very quiet, courteous young man who was trying to learn something through reading. Occasionally, he would check out a book but on most occasions, he would read about current events in the periodicals. She did not know what newspapers or periodicals or books he did read. She knew absolutely nothing objectionable about SIRHAN. She pointed out that she never saw SIRHAN outside of the library. She also stated that SIRHAN also had one or two brothers who would come into the library, but she did not become acquainted with them and did not know their names. She could not recall anything specific that he might have said to her except he once told her that he came from Jordan. Mrs. GARBEN stated that she was horrified when she heard SIRHAN SIRHAN was accused of assassinating Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She said that this was hard to believe because he impressed her as being such a nice young man. She also recalled that possibly two years ago she introduced SIRHAN SIRHAN to a Jordanian librarian who was in this country studying our methods of operating a library. She stated that she did not recall the name of this individual. SIRHAN SIRHAN and this person talked only briefly, and she never saw them together again. She stated that she could not recall ever seeing SIRHAN talking to any other patrons.

Mrs. GARBEN furnished the following items:

Pasadena Public Library Card
No. C13359 in the name of
SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East
Howard Street, Pasadena,
California; reference -
FRANCISCO TAPIA, 691 East
Howard Street

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A slip of paper reflecting a
\$2.56 fine in the name of
SIRHAN SIRHAN, due date
April 28, return date May 16,
1964, for the following books:
C30375 - "Short History of the Near East"
by HARRY ELLIS;
C30376 - "Heritage of the Desert"
by SYDNEY N. FISHER;
C30377 - "The Middle East"
C30378 - "History of Balkan Peninsula"

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not working -
insurance
a few months ago."

In addition, Mrs. GARBEN advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN's
sister, AIDA SIRHAN, has a Pasadena Public Library card
with the following information thereon:

Address	696 East Howard Pasadena, California
Reference	FRANCISCO TAPIA 691 East Howard Street Pasadena, California

She also pointed out that his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN,
has a library card with the Pasadena Public Library with the
following information thereon:

Address	1647 North Lake Pasadena, California
Reference	FRANCIS LE CLAIR 1645 North Lake Avenue Pasadena, California

Mrs. GARBEN stated that at this time she could not
recall any other information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN. However,
she pointed out that JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM, who is also an
assistant librarian at this location, also knew SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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1Date 6/17/68

JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM, Assistant Librarian, Santa Catalina Branch, Pasadena Public Library, 999 East Washington Boulevard, advised that she became acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN while he was attending Pasadena City College. She stated that she believed this was in 1963. SIRHAN impressed her as a very nice, courteous young man and she knew absolutely nothing derogatory concerning his character. She noted that she knew none of his associates.

She advised that at first SIRHAN SIRHAN came in to study his homework, but later he became interested in the newspapers and periodicals and spent a great deal of time reading them. Also, on occasion, he would check out a book from the library. She could not recall what kind of books, newspapers or periodicals SIRHAN SIRHAN read. She recalled that several months ago he came to the library and informed her that he had been injured while training a horse. SIRHAN SIRHAN never discussed with her any of his political ideas, nor did he ever mention to her anything concerning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the Israeli - Arab June 1967 War, or any other current events. She stated that she was at a loss to explain why he reportedly assassinated Senator KENNEDY. She could furnish no other pertinent information concerning this matter.

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Father PAUL ROMLEY, pastor at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, 2300 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

He is familiar with SIRHAN SIRHAN and the other members of his family, but he knows very little about them. The only contact he had with the SIRHAN family was when he gave services for the SIRHAN girl that died. She died on March 20, 1965, and her funeral was on March 23, 1965. She was 29 when she died. After the funeral services, she was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California. Her name on the death certificate was listed as AIDA SIRHAN MENNEL. The girl had been secretly married to a man named MENNEL, possibly from Palm Springs, California, and her family did not know this until he showed up at the funeral.

He has not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN since the day of that funeral. In the short time that he knew the boy, he never heard him express strong feelings against Israel. Ever since the Arab - Israeli war of 1967, St. Nicholas and other churches in Los Angeles have been active in obtaining food and clothing and sending them to the refugees. At no time did SIRHAN get involved in this activity.

Father ROMLEY had no other information about the SIRHAN family.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WOMAN
IN WHITE DRESS WITH BLACK POLKA DOTS

It was previously reported that during an interview of SANDRA SERRANO by News Commentator SANDOR VANOCUR at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at approximately 1:30 a.m., June 5, 1968, following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, she claimed that immediately after the shooting a woman in a white dress with black polka dots ran from the Ambassador Hotel. SERRANO claimed that this woman said, "We've shot him -- We've shot him."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/25/68

Captain HUGH BROWN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), on June 25, 1968, furnished a transcript of a recorded interview of SANDRA SERRANO, 2212 North Marengo, Altadena, California, which took place on June 20, 1968, and was conducted by Sergeants ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ and THOMAS STRONG, JR., LAPD.

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INTERVIEW WITH SANDRA SERRANO

1 TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OF SANDRA SERRANO
2 2212 NORTH MARENGO, ALTADENA Calif
3 TAKEN IN ROOM POLY B, PARKER CENTER
4 THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1968, 10:15 P.M.
5 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ #7101, S.U.S. UNIT
6 TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
7 ASSISTED BY: SGT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ
8 SGT. THOMAS STRONG, JR. #5972, S.U.S. UNIT
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7 SGT. HERNANDEZ: I want to get into some of the
8 preliminary stuff. Now, my name, as you know, is Sgt. Hank
9 Hernandez. We're in Room B on the fourth floor of the
10 Police Administration Building, and I'm talking to Miss
11 Sandra Serrano. The time is 10:15 p.m. The date is June
12 20th, 1968. And now, Sandra, I'm going to ask you some
13 questions just so we can get the true facts on the previous
14 statements that you made before. You know that you shouldn't
15 be afraid, and I hope you're not. The whole thing that we
16 are trying to resolve here is what actually happened at the
17 Ambassador Hotel on June the 4th, the evening that Senator
18 Kennedy was assassinated; and I well understand, as you have
19 explained to me, that this thing was magnified out of
20 proportion with people that you said messed you around up
21 there. So if you will tell me the truth about what happened,
22 and I could ask you questions--

23 A Uh huh.

24 Q --and you can answer me. But I would rather
25 start with you telling me the truth, just the truth, just
26 what happened that night. Now, you went to the Ambassador

1 Hotel with some other people; is that right?

2 A Right.

3 Q Who did you go with?

4 A Greg Abbott.

5 Q Will you speak up?

6 A Greg Abbott, Irene Chavez, George Fredericks, and
7 Michael Churchak (phonetic).

8 Q Okay.

9 A Patchett.

10 Q Patchett?

11 A Patchett.

12 Q Okay, now when you arrived at the hotel, did you
13 all split and go to separate locations?

14 A Yes.

15 Q You did. Did you eventually wind up in the main
16 ballroom--

17 A Uh huh.

18 Q --of the hotel. And I understand you had some-
19 thing to drink there?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What did you drink, Sandra?

22 A screwdriver.

23 Q A screwdriver. Just one screwdriver?

24 A Yeah.

25 Q And sometime during the course of the evening,
26 you said about 11:30, you went out to the stairway?

1 A Uh huh, outside.

2 Q Outside. And you sat down on that stairway?

3 A Yeah, I think I did.

4 Q Okay, now, we have statements here that obviously
5 are incorrect that people took possibly because you thought
6 you were being misquoted, for whatever reasons, but I think
7 we have to rectify these statements. Number 1--

8 A Well--

9 Q Pardon me?

10 A Both statements were given but they were given
11 after people messed me up.

12 Q How was that?

13 A Well, stupid people. Well, I don't know how to
14 say it. They--just in all the commotion and everything
15 like--I was supposed to know more than I knew. That is what
16 it amounted to, I was supposed to know more than I knew.

17 Q I understand. Well, to make it simple, now, first
18 of all, Mr. Ambrose, I think, is a person that you had
19 described previously as having talked with you?

20 A Uh huh.

21 Q And do you remember what you told Mr. Ambrose?

22 A Yes. I told him that I heard the people say,
23 "We shot him," or "they shot him," or something. And I
24 remember telling him that I had seen these people on the--
25 on the stairway.

26 Q Uh huh.

1 A And if that was important or not--

2 Q Uh huh.

3 A --you know, do you suppose that it had anything--
4 something about that there was some people out there that
5 nobody knew about it, and it seemed obvious, weird to me
6 that nobody knew about it when I went in.

7 Q Did you describe this person as being--one of the
8 people as being a female in a white dress?

9 A Right.

10 Q You told him this and then sometime later, I
11 think, you heard the kid--some kid mention something about
12 a white dress and polka dots--

13 A Right.

14 Q --is that right?

15 A Right.

16 Q Was this where you got the idea or where some--

17 A I don't know.

18 Q --somebody misquoted you?

19 A I don't know. I guess. Uhm, I don't know.

20 Q Okay, now earlier, also, you said--or previous to
21 tonight, somebody had quoted you as saying that you had seen
22 this same woman, who you saw with the white dress, that then
23 was described as a white dress with black polka dots and
24 which, in fact, was only a white dress that you saw?

25 A Uh huh.

26 Q Right. Is that right?