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WILLIAM EVENSEN, Co-Chairman, Young Professionals for KENNEDY, was interviewed at the Graduate School of Business Administration, University of California, Los Angeles Campus. EVENSEN advised the Young Professionals for KENNEDY is made up of young working people who were not students. He furnished the applications made by all members of this organization and a roster listing the names and addresses of all members. This roster is being maintained in the Los Angeles file.

A review of the applications for the name JAMES TED revealed the name of JAMSHID TADJIKI, 1841 North New Hampshire, Number 9, Hollywood, California 90027, telephone number 665-3527. EVENSEN advised that he is not familiar with this name and cannot say whether this person was or was not identical with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

EVENSEN said that he was on the stage of the Temple Isaiah, 10345 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY gave his speech about three weeks ago. He, however, does not recall seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN and further stated that there were between 50 and 75 people on the stage, so that if SIRHAN was there, it is unlikely that he would recollect seeing him. EVENSEN observed a photograph of SIRHAN and advised that he does not recognize him as anyone he has ever seen before.

He was not at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, but observed the assassination of Senator KENNEDY by television in New York. He said that the following individuals are believed to have been at the Embassy Room at the approximate time of the assassination:

THAD HEATH.
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Los Angeles, California 90043
Telephone 652-8441

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Mrs. GERALD PARMENTER, 419 North 3rd Street, Alhambra, California, advised that a couple, whose last name she recalls as SABHA, reside in Apartment B, 415 North 3rd Street, Alhambra, which residence is in an apartment house next door. She stated that upon viewing television broadcasts of the photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, her husband, GERALD, advised the picture appeared familiar to him. She stated to her husband at that time that there is a Jordanian couple residing next door, at which time he came to the belief that he had observed SIRHAN as a visitor at the address on one occasion, an unrecalled period of time before.

Mrs. PARMENTER advised that SABHA is an Engineer who is attending a college in the Greater Los Angeles area. She stated he appears to be in his late 20's, is approximately six feet tall and speaks with a decided accent. She stated Mrs. SABHA is a German national whom she described as approximately 5'2" tall, age early 20's, slender build and speaks with a German accent.

Mrs. PARMENTER advised that she had contacted the FBI due to her belief that any background information and association of SIRHAN's would be of aid in the investigation of KENNEDY's assassination.

She stated that her husband, GERALD, is presently at work where he owns the Deluxe Cleaners, 36 North Garfield Avenue, Alhambra, California.

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MARWAN MOHAMMED SABHA, apartment B, 415 North Third Street, Alhambra, California, telephone No. 284-0752, was contacted concerning his knowledge of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. SABHA advised that he is presently employed at the Lockheed Electronic Company, 6207 East Randolph, City of Commerce, California. SABHA advised that his wife, SIGRID SABHA, was contacted by Special Agents of the FBI on June 10, 1968 and that since the Agents contacted his wife, he and his wife have discussed the possibility of their having come into contact with SIRHAN. SABHA said that he and his wife have concluded that they have never seen nor talked with SIRHAN on any occasion and that he had never heard of SIRHAN until the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, at which time he read the account of this assassination in the newspapers and observed photographs of SIRHAN in the newspapers as well as on television. SABHA stated that he is a Jordanian and knows several Jordanian Nationals in the Los Angeles area and that the only person that he can recall that even vaguely resembles SIRHAN is an acquaintance by the name of HAFEZ ARAFAT, who is a Jordanian friend of his.

SABHA said that ARAFAT is employed as a project engineer in the San Fernando Valley area for a company unknown to him. SABHA said that he does not know ARAFAT's address; however, he said ARAFAT lives in Canoga Park, California, and his telephone number is 884-8575. He said that ARAFAT resembles SIRHAN in his physical build, but that his facial features do not resemble any photographs that he has seen of SIRHAN.

The following description of MARWAN MOHAMMED SABHA was taken from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Jordanian
Date of Birth	June 4, 1941

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Place of Birth	Amman, Jordan
Height	5'10"
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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SIGRID SABHA, nee Holtz, was contacted at her residence, Apartment B, 415 North 3rd Street, Alhambra, California, telephone number 284-0752, at which time she advised she is the wife of MARWAN MOHAMMED SABHA. She stated that she is of German extraction, having come to the United States from her home in Munich, Germany, and that she married her husband, a Jordanian, after they met at California State College at Los Angeles. She stated that she and her husband had recently discussed the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY by an individual identified as a Jordanian national, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. She stated neither she nor her husband, MARWAN, is in anyway acquainted with nor have they, to their knowledge, ever seen SIRHAN. She stated neither she nor her husband is acquainted with any of the SIRHAN family but she stated she had determined from some mutual friends, whose names she did not recall, that a brother of SIRHAN's, name unknown, had, on occasion, played in a musical group which appeared at a United American - Arab Club at the St. Nicholas Cathedral in Los Angeles. She stated that the same club had, on occasion, had meetings which she described were strictly social in nature. It was commonly known among the Arab colony as the "White House" in Hollywood. She stated she could not describe the location of the "White House".

Mrs. SABHA observed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated she recognized it as the same photograph she has observed on television and stated that SIRHAN is entirely unfamiliar to her.

Mrs. SABHA advised that her husband is currently employed by Lockheed Aircraft in the City of Commerce, California, and has been working many overtime hours of late and did not return home until after 8:00 PM. She described her husband as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Jordanian

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Birth Data	June 4, 1941 Amman, Jordan
Height	5'10"
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

Through observation and interview, the following description of Mrs. SABHA was obtained:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Nationality	German
Age	20 to 25 years
Height	5'5"
Weight	115 to 120 pounds
Build	Slim
Hair	Dyed blond (naturally brown)
Eyes	Blue

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CHARLES WILLIAM HENEBRY, 12000 La Manda, Los Angeles, California, telephone 390-3020, retired, advised the following:

Mr. HENEBRY claimed that he was formerly employed in the Foreign Service by the United States Department of State at Washington, D.C., for a period of 16 years and was given a disability retirement on December 31, 1966 due to health. He had been given general assignments and had worked in the Visa Office and Ammunition Controls. He had spent a number of years on assignments in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq.

During the past few weeks, Mr. HENEBRY had been a volunteer worker for the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign at the latter's Los Angeles headquarters at 5615 Wilshire Boulevard.

Following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, and the arrest of SIRHAN SIRHAN charged with shooting the senator on June 5, 1968, there had been some speculation among former workers in the KENNEDY Headquarters, now closed, that SIRHAN SIRHAN may have been at the headquarters as a volunteer worker within the past few days. He recalled specifically that ELLENORE SEVERSON who worked on the information desk and LARRY STRICK, a general assistant volunteer worker at the headquarters, had reported that they thought that they had observed a person closely resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN in the KENNEDY headquarters.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN taken by the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1968, were exhibited to Mr. HENEBRY who said that while the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN looked like the young man he had seen at the KENNEDY headquarters within the last two or three days but he could not be positive.

Mr. HENEBRY mentioned that there had been a number of young people volunteer workers at the headquarters who

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appeared to be of Middle East descent and that they had been brought into the headquarters by one KHAIBAR KHAN who had showed up there around June 1, 1968. KHAN, who claimed to be from Iran, had engaged Mr. HENEERY from time to time in some conversation. KHAN spoke fluent English with a slight accent. He appeared to be about 55 years of age, male Caucasian, complexion not too dark, clean shaven, black hair, graying, five feet six inches to five feet seven inches, stocky build, wore long sideburns, strong facial features, dressed like a Hollywood film character actor. On one occasion Mr. HENEERY noted him wearing a turtleneck sweater.

It was recalled that Mrs. MARGARET SWEENEY who handled the headquarters office had brought KHAN to Mr. HENEERY and introduced him.

KHAN, on at least one or two occasions, was accompanied by a young female Caucasian, about 23 years of age, five feet four inches, dark hair, attractive. She appeared to have more Caucasian features than Middle East features. This girl, who was described as a sister by Mr. KHAN, was seated most of the day when working. She used modern aluminum crutches and held one leg up. This leg was not in a cast.

Mr. KHAN claimed that he had been flying around to various Senator KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters and mentioned that he had a crew of approximately 20 young people which he had brought to headquarters to work for Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. KHAN worked late at the headquarters on election day, June 4, 1968, and said that he did not think he would go to the campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel that night.

Mr. HENEERY said that he could speak and understand Arabic and that while he did not have too much contact with Mr. KHAN, the latter seemed to be friendly because of their common knowledge of Middle East languages.

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On the evening of June 5, 1968, Mr. KHAN called Mr. HENEBRY at the latter's residence and discussed briefly the tragic event involving Senator KENNEDY and suggested that he, Mr. KHAN, and Mr. HENEBRY go out to dinner. Mr. HENEBRY declined and thought it somewhat unusual that KHAN would ask him out to dinner under the circumstances and on such short acquaintance. Mr. KHAN mentioned that he had to go to San Francisco on business and was expected to return to Los Angeles in a couple of days.

With respect to the young man at the KENNEDY Headquarters who somewhat resembled SIRHAN SIRHAN, Mr. HENEBRY said that he was one of the group that had been brought in by Mr. KHAN but that this young man appeared to be too large for the description of SIRHAN SIRHAN published in the newspaper. Mr. HENEBRY described the young man who resembled SIRHAN SIRHAN's photograph as being about 20 years of age, close to five feet ten inches in height, and weighing 150 pounds plus.

Mr. KHAN had asked Mr. HENEBRY for the latter's name and address which had been furnished to him and Mr. KHAN had furnished an address at the headquarters of 10554 $\frac{1}{2}$ Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Mr. HENEBRY, following examination of a photograph of SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN, taken December 18, 1963, and of ADEL SIRHAN, taken June 5, 1968, both brothers of SIRHAN SIRHAN, said he could not identify the photograph with any persons who had worked or been seen at the Senator KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters or elsewhere.

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PHILLIP M. SMITH, SR., M.D., home address, 510 East Englander, Gardena, California, was interviewed at his office located at 8500 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, California, and furnished the following information:

Dr. SMITH advised that on June 4, 1968, he was watching Senator KENNEDY's victory speech on television with LEON RAPH, Assemblyman, 55th District at RAPH's Headquarters, located 103rd Street, near Willowbrook in Watts. Dr. SMITH advised that when it came on television that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, he and LEON RAPH immediately got into their vehicles and drove to the Ambassador Hotel. Dr. SMITH advised that he and RAPH arrived in the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 1 AM, on June 5, 1968, and immediately after arriving at the Ambassador went direct to the Presidential suite. He advised that when they arrived at the Presidential suite, he talked with CHARLES EVERS and ROOSEVELT GRIER, Football player for the Los Angeles Rams and Congressman REESE and several other individuals unknown to him. Dr. SMITH advised that there were no comments made about the shooting that he heard while at the Presidential suite other than several of the individuals were praying that Senator KENNEDY was not hurt bad. He advised that ROOSEVELT GRIER was setting in a chair and seemed to be in a trance and outside of saying hello he did not mention anything about the shooting which had happened earlier.

Dr. SMITH advised that he and LEON RAPH stayed at the Ambassador Hotel at the Presidential suite until sometime between 4 AM and 5 AM, because someone had come into the Presidential suite and stated that no one could leave. Dr. SMITH advised that he had not been questioned at the Ambassador Hotel by anyone and that between 4 and 5 AM it was evident that he or LEON RAPH could not be of any assistance so they departed the Ambassador Hotel and went home.

Dr. SMITH was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN taken June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department No. 495 139 and advised that this individual was unknown to him.

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WILLIAM KONOLD, 71 North Meredith, Pasadena, was interviewed at the Campus Ball and Cue Billiard Parlor, 1656 East Colorado Boulevard. KONOLD was shown photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. Mr. KONOLD advised that he was playing pool at the Campus Ball and Cue from mid-afternoon until approximately midnight on June 4, 1968. Mr. KONOLD stated he is certain that SIRHAN was not at the Campus Ball and Cue on June 4, 1968.

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Mr. RAY LOZA was interviewed at his place of employment, Campus Ball and Cue Billiard Parlor, 1656 East Colorado Boulevard. Mr. LOZA was displayed photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Mr. LOZA advised he did not recognize SIRHAN as anyone he has seen before. Specifically, Mr. LOZA does not recall having seen SIRHAN at the Campus Ball and Cue.

Mr. LOZA was working at the Campus Ball and Cue on the afternoon and evening of June 4, 1968, and he is quite certain that SIRHAN was not at the billiard parlor on that day.

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ROBERT LOZA was interviewed at his place of employment; Campus Ball and Cue Billiard Parlor, 1656 East Colorado Boulevard. Mr. LOZA was displayed photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Mr. LOZA advised he did not recognize SIRHAN as anyone he has seen before. Specifically, Mr. LOZA does not recall having seen SIRHAN at the Campus Ball and Cue.

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On June 6, 1968, Lieutenant R.A. SLAGHT, Pomona Police Department made available a copy of a report pertaining to information furnished the Department by a Mr. LE BEAU, an employee of Robbie's Restaurant in Pomona.

GILBERT RICHARD LE BEAU, 1712 East Princeton Street, Ontario, California, telephone 986-2822, employed at Robbie's Restaurant, 390 Pomona Mall East, telephone NA 3-2671, was contacted at 7:10 PM on June 6, 1968, at Robbie's where he is employed as a bartender. Mr. LE BEAU stated that after watching news broadcasts regarding the attempt on Senator KENNEDY's life, the description of the suspect brought to mind a person that was present during the Senator's visit to Pomona.

Immediately upon seeing the suspected person's picture in the paper Mr. LE BEAU recognized the person to be the same as the man he had contact with at the restaurant. He stated he had positioned himself on the stairway leading to the room where the Senator was to give a luncheon speech. While at this location he observed the man identified as the suspect and a female companion climb over a planter at the location and approach the location he was guarding and began shoving against him and attempting to get past him and up the stairway that the Senator had just entered. Mr. LE BEAU stopped this motion by holding the female subject back, who was being pushed from behind by the suspect. The woman told him that "we are with the Senator's party and he just waved for us to come up". Mr. LE BEAU reluctantly allowed them to pass although they could not show any tickets to the affair.

His second contact with these people was when he observed them in the luncheon room while KENNEDY was making a speech. He stated they were standing together, the male suspect leaning up against the south wall of the location carrying a cream colored unknown type coat draped over his right forearm. He approached this suspect and stated "Pardon Me". The suspect looked at him and stated "Why should I". The suspect at this point looked away and Mr. LE BEAU turned and walked away. This was Mr. LE BEAU's last recollection of the suspect and his female companion.

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Mr. LE BEAU describes the suspects as follows:

The Man - Positive, certain without hesitancy as the person pictured in the front page of the local paper.

Further - Male, Dark Complexion, Dark curly hair, short, and belligerent.

The Woman - White, female, American, very light brown hair, possibly blond, shoulder length, attractive, slim figure wearing a satin type material blouse, white in color with an unknown colored skirt.

This information was given to Sergeant WEINS, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office Intelligence, as per Captain MOONEY who was talking to him on the telephone with regard to the attempt on Senator KENNEDY's life.

On June 6, 1968, Lieutenant SLAGHT advised SA JOHN R. KELLISON that he had been in the restaurant on the day of the KENNEDY reception and had been a part of the group escorting Senator KENNEDY from the ground floor to the second floor where the luncheon reception was held. He said that he has no recollection of observing any person who might have resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the crowd at the restaurant.

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ALBERT RICHARD LE BEAU, 712 East Princeton Street, Ontario, California, was interviewed on June 7, 1968, by SA JOHN R. KELLISON and furnished the following signed statement:

"June 7, 1968
Pomona, Calif.

"I, Albert Richard LeBeau, furnish the following information to John R. Kellison who had identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the F.B.I.

"I was born 3/28/33, at Schanectady, N.Y. I reside at present at 1712 E. Princeton St., Ontario, Calif.

"I am employed as night manager at Robbie's Restaurant located at 390 Pomona Mall East in Pomona.

"During the day of Wednesday, June 5, 1968, I observed a photograph in the Progress Bulletin newspaper of the person who had been arrested in connection with the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy.

"This photograph closely resembled a man I had seen previously at the restaurant on the occasion of a visit by Senator Kennedy to Pomona. On that occasion which took place on Monday, May 20, 1968, a luncheon for Senator Kennedy was held at the restaurant. This luncheon took place from about 12:20 p.m. to about 1:30 p.m.

"I was stationed generally during this period at the foot of the stairs on the first floor of the restaurant for the purpose of taking up tickets from those persons attending the

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"luncheon. After all persons were seated and Senator Kennedy had entered the restaurant and gone upstairs I then allowed the standing room crowd to go upstairs. Tickets were required from these persons also.

"Prior to allowing the standing room crowd up the stairs I was told not to let anyone up the stairs until Senator Kennedy cleared the stairs and the luncheon room upstairs. After he did so, I was then told to allow the people up.

"I recall letting one older man up the stairs after taking his ticket. A moment or so later I allowed a few other persons with tickets through.

"I recalled then hearing a noise of someone apparently hitting their foot on the stair behind me. I looked around and saw a young woman on the stairs behind me about two steps up. She had to climb over the stair rail from a booth and a brick flower casing against the stairs in order to get behind me. I saw a man coming over the rail and dropping onto the stairs behind the girl.

"I stepped up on the next stair and grabbed the girl with my right arm to prevent her from moving up the stairs. She was facing up the stairs at the time. In grabbing her with my right arm I recall ending up with my right hand on her left breast accidentally.

"I asked the question of both the girl and the man, "Do you have tickets".

"The girl answered "We are part of the Senator's party".

"I asked again "But do you have tickets?"

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"She answered "We are a part of the Senator's party. He just waved to us to come upstairs."

"During this brief encounter the man said nothing but he was continuously pushing on her back.

"I then let the two of them go and returned to the bottom of the stairs.

"Following this I let the remainder of the ticket holders go up the stairs.

"During the address made by Senator Kennedy at the luncheon at approximately 1 PM I was upstairs for the purpose of locating a runner for one of the newsmen present and I recalled having seen the same man and woman standing against the south wall of the room where Kennedy was making his address.

The podium from which Kennedy spoke was set against the east wall of the room.

"On seeing the couple, it occurred to me that they were not a part of the Senator's party in view of their location.

"After finding the runner I was seeking in the vicinity of the south wall, the two of us turned to leave the luncheon room, I bumped accidentally into the man who was with the girl mentioned previously.

"I recalled saying, "Pardon me".

"He said "Why should I?"

"I ignored his remark and left the room.

"I did not observe further the man or the woman.

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"While the man was standing against the wall I noted that he was still carrying a coat of some kind draped over his right arm. This was the same manner in which he had carried the coat when I encountered the man initially on the stairs.

"I would describe the man as follows:

"Race	Caucasian
"Sex	Male
"Age	25 to 30
"Height	5'5" to 5'6"
"Weight & build	Medium
"Hair	Black
"Eyes	Not recalled
"Complexion	Ruddy - rough skin- olive complexion
"Dress	White shirt - neat in appearance. Cream color coat - jacket type material

"I would describe the girl as follows:

"Race	Caucasian
"Sex	Female
"Age	25 to 30
"Height	Taller than her companion Possibly 5'6"
"Build	Trim - nice shape- Built proportionately
"Weight	Unknown
"Complexion	Smooth - light
"Hair	Medium blonde - shoulder length - worn in bangs in front - generally straight hair
"Facial Features	pretty
"Dress	skirt & blouse - blouse of satin type material

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"Voice

Precise - quick - no accent

"I have been shown a group of miscellaneous photos From these I have selected a photo of SIRHAN SIRHAN bearing the number on the front BK 495139 as closely ressembling the man mentioned by me previously that I encountered on the day of the Kennedy luncheon.

"I have read these seven pages of information furnished by me and it is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

"S/ Albert Richard Le Beau
6/7/68

"Witnessed:

S/ John R. Kellison, Special Agent, F.B.I.,
Los Angeles, 6/7/68.

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On June 7, 1968, Mrs. FELICIA MAAS, owner of Robbie's Restaurant, 390 Pomona Mall East, advised that on the day of the KENNEDY reception she had a photographer on the scene taking photographs for her. After reviewing the photos of which she had received prints she said that there was only one in which a portion of a person's head showed which bore some resemblance to photographs observed by her of SIRHAN SIRHAN. She made available this photograph which shows the head of a man immediately adjacent to the letter "O" in a sign bearing the name "SOTO". She advised that when the remainder of the photographs taken on that day are available to her she would review them with the possibility of determining whether or not SIRHAN shows up in any of them.

On June 17, 1968, Mrs. MAAS made available proofs of the remaining photographs taken by her photographer. She said that she had not observed any persons in these proofs resembling SIRHAN.

On June 18, 1968, LEONARD MOLMQUIST, Architect, 1295 North Indian Hill Boulevard, Claremont, California, advised that on the day of the KENNEDY reception he had worked with ALBERT LE BEAU inside Robbie's Restaurant in admitting people with tickets at the base of the stairs leading to the upstairs portion of the restaurant where the luncheon was held. He said that he has no direct recollection of the incident where LE BEAU had tried to prevent a young couple from going up the stairs without turning over their tickets. He said that he does not recall having observed anyone in the crowds on that day who would have resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

On June 18, 1968, J. RODRIGUEZ, Manager, Barristers Inn, Pomona, California, advised that he accompanied the KENNEDY party from the main floor of Robbie's Restaurant on the day of the KENNEDY reception to the second floor of the restaurant where a luncheon was held. He said that he has no recollection of having observed anyone resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN in the crowd.

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Officer DAVE HANELINE, Pomona Police Department, advised that on the day of the reception held for Senator KENNEDY at Robbie's Restaurant on the Pomona Mall, Pomona, he was stationed inside the restaurant during the noon luncheon reception held for KENNEDY. He stated that he was stationed near the stairs leading to the second floor luncheon area. During the entire time of the luncheon, while inside, he said that he had no recollection of any incident on the stairs leading the second floor of a couple having been detained momentarily on the stairs because of their not having tickets for the luncheon.

HANELINE related, after viewing photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, that he has no recollection as having seen anyone in the crowd inside the restaurant who would have resembled SIRHAN.

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Officer JERRY DEWANGAR, Pomona, California Police Department, advised that on May 20, 1968, the date of the luncheon held for Senator KENNEDY in Pomona, that he was stationed outside of Robbie's Restaurant on the Mall and that during the period he was there he saw no one resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Officer CARL F. JACKSON, Pomona, California Police Department, advised that on May 20, 1968, when a reception was held for Senator KENNEDY at Robbie's Restaurant on the Pomona Mall during the noon hour, that he was stationed inside the restaurant on the first floor in the vicinity of the stairs leading to the second area where the luncheon reception was held.

He recalled that when Senator KENNEDY and his party started up the stairs to the second floor that Senator KENNEDY stopped momentarily on the stairs and pointed a finger to Officer SCHNEID who was holding back a crowd away from the foot of the stairs and saying to Officer SCHNEID "Let them through". JACKSON related that this remark apparently referred to a couple in the crowd being held back by SCHNEID who he believed to have been part of the KENNEDY party. To the best of his recollection one of these persons would have probably been STEVE SMITH, brother-in-law of Senator KENNEDY, or someone resembling SMITH.

It was his recollection that this person then made his way to the area of the foot of the stairs and got onto the stairs themselves by being forced to climb over the north rail of the stairs because of the crowd at the base of the stairs.

JACKSON recalled also that there was a girl standing by the kitchen door adjacent to Officer SCHNEID and apparently Officer SCHNEID had had some words with this girl. He recalled that a moment or so later this same girl was observed by him as being on the stairs and apparently having been detained by one of the persons taking up tickets at the foot of the stairs, however, JACKSON said he had no recollection of any man being with this girl.

He related that he saw no one in the crowd around the stairs who resembled photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

JACKSON described the woman as follows:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female

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Age	25 to 30
Height	5'5"
Weight	About 135 pounds
Hair	Brunette to Black
Dress	Light blouse and dark skirt

JACKSON thought if he were to see this woman again he might recognize her.

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Officer WILLIAM H. SCHNEID, Pomona, California Police Department, advised that on May 20, 1968, he was stationed inside Robbie's Restaurant located on the Pomona Mall during the noon hour. On this date and at this time there was a reception held for Senator KENNEDY in the upstairs portion of the restaurant.

He stated that he was stationed in uniform in the aisle leading to the rear door at the southeast end of the building holding back the crowd away from the stairs leading to the second floor luncheon area.

Just prior to Senator KENNEDY and his party moved up the stairs to the second floor, he recalled having noticed a girl in her mid 20's standing by the kitchen door on the west side of the corridor. It was his recollection that this girl apparently was trying to get into the kitchen. SCHNEID said he told her that she could not go in there. He recalled her asking him which way Senator KENNEDY was coming in and was told he would probably go up the stairs to the second floor.

SCHNEID related that when the KENNEDY party did go up the stairs that Senator KENNEDY stopped midway and pointed at him and said to him "Officer, Let them through". SCHNEID related that KENNEDY was referring to the people in the aisle that he was trying to hold back. As soon as Senator KENNEDY said this, SCHNEID said that the crowd surged toward the foot of the stairs and that he was forced to step aside.

At this time, SCHNEID recalled that the girl mentioned previously by him bolted toward the area at the foot of the stairs and moved into the booth area on the north side of the staircase instead of trying to get up the stairs herself. It was his impression that she was trying to get to someone she might have recognized in that area.

Within possibly a minute later, SCHNEID recalled seeing the same girl on the stairs themselves. He said that it was his impression that someone might have helped her over the brick facade adjacent to the stairs and over the stair railing behind

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persons apparently checking for tickets at the foot of the stairs. It was his impression that she was detained momentarily on the stairs along with a man before she finally moved up the stairs into the second floor area. SCHNEID related that he never saw her after this.

After observing photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, SCHNEID said that the man observed by him in the company of the woman did bear some resemblance to SIRHAN or at least to the photograph taken of SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel, which photograph also contains a portion of the face of Mr. UNRUH.

SCHNEID advised that he might recognize both the girl and the man observed by him if he were to see them in person. He did not feel that the man observed by him on the stairs would have been SIRHAN SIRHAN.

SCHNEID furnished the following description of the man observed by him:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	Early 20's
Height	5'6" to 5'7"
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark, curly
Facial features	Latin or Mexican

SCHNEID described the woman observed by him as follows:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	Mid 20's
Height	5'4" to 5'7"
Weight	110 to 125 pounds
Build	Proportionate
Hair	Medium to light brown; puffed up or in bufont style on top; close cut on neck.
Facial features	Fair complexion, attractive
Attitude	Officious
Dress	Dark

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Officer VERN ALLEN MILLER, Pomona, California Police Department, advised that during the noon hour on May 20, 1968 on the occasion of a reception-luncheon held for Senator KENNEDY at Robbie's Restaurant on the Pomona Mall, he was stationed on the stairs inside the restaurant leading to the second floor luncheon area.

After Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and his party went up the stairs to the luncheon area, he recalled that there might have been an incident of two women having been detained momentarily as though they were being checked for tickets.

It was his recollection that they did not have tickets to the luncheon but were allowed up the stairs anyway. These persons were an older heavy set female caucasian and a younger woman who might have been the first woman's daughter.

MILLER advised that he had no recollection of a young couple having been detained on the staircase and that he has no recollection of having seen anyone in the crowd resembling the photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs
WILLIAM C. RYAN, JR. and ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.

AT LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

On June 11, 1968, Mrs. BEVERLY BRONS, 6003 Deerford Street, Lakewood, advised she attended a luncheon and rally at the Lakewood Country Club for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on May 28, 1968, which was sponsored by the Lakewood Democratic Club and the Lakewood Kiwanis Club.

She stated that she was seated at the table in the left rear corner of the main dining room with several other persons including: Mr. POLACHECK, owner of Brand Jewelers; Mr. BIRNBAUM, owner of Zale's Jewelers; and Mr. and Mrs. DICK HORNER, owners of the Dutch Village Bowling Alley, all of Lakewood. About 1:25 p.m., following the luncheon, Senator KENNEDY and his party entered the dining room and were followed by members of the press. She stated the Senator shook hands with the persons at her table and she shook his hand and kissed his neck. As the Senator proceeded to the front of the group, the press went up the left side of the room and an individual who resembles SIRHAN SIRHAN followed the press group in and sat on a serving table which was directly to the left of her table. She described this male as follows:

Race	White
Age	24
Height	5'7" to 5'8"
Weight	135 to 155 pounds
Complexion	Light olive
Hair	Black, coarse, curly, long
Attire	Dark suit, white shirt
Remarks	Had long pointed nose; perspired profusely and seemed indecisive and uneasy; wore no identification pass and had nothing in his hands.

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She stated this male sat on the serving tray while Senator KENNEDY spoke and during the talk, she saw a white female approach the male twice and speak to him and then return to the lobby outside the rear of the dining room. She described the girl as follows:

Race	White
Age	19
Height	5'2" to 5'3"
Weight	112-120 pounds
Build	Muscular
Remarks	Wore no makeup except light lipstick; had semi-round face; full cheekbones; Slovak or German appearance; top of tip of nose, square.
Hair	Medium to dark brown, shoulder length; parted in the middle, gold band around head; tied with orange-pink ribbon near shoulder; natural sun streaks on top.
Attire	Full shift print dress with orange, pink and yellow muted background; yellowish-lime patent leather low heel shoes with matching head handbag; carried grass green sweater over arm; dark brown pod necklace which hung to waist.

Mrs. BRONS stated that when she left the Country Club, she saw a 1956 faded dusty rose DeSoto parked near the entrance to the Club. She noticed the car because it was backed into the parking space and because it resembles her son-in-law's car which is the same year except tan in color. She stated the car had an antenna on the front left fender which had a blue flag on it and the left front hub cap had a large smear of royal blue paint on it. She believes the car was a solid color trimmed in cream.

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Mrs. BRONS was shown a photograph of SIRHAN's 1956 DeSoto and she stated 'this car was not identical to the car she saw.

Mrs. BRONS was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated the photograph resembled the man she saw at the rally although she could not be sure due to the nature of the photo and the fact the man she saw was wearing a suit and tie.

Mrs. BRONS stated she advised WREN FLYNN (phonetic), CBS News of the above and also furnished it to one of WREN's staff. She stated she did not trust any of the local authorities and proceeded to criticize the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, and Lakewood Police Department. She stated she had contacted the FBI in the past to report a possible racial incident and gambling activities and had recently contacted the Long Beach Resident Agency regarding her views on gun control legislation.

Mrs. BRONS was extremely emotional during this interview and wept on several occasions. She felt she contributed to the Senator's death as she wrote him a letter last November requesting a picture of former President JOHN F. KENNEDY and expressing her desire that Senator KENNEDY seek the presidency of the United States.

Mrs. BRONS expressed extreme concern of the current conditions in the United States. During interview, Agents observed several photos of Senator KENNEDY in BRON's living room as well as a KENNEDY poster on the front door of her residence.

On June 11, 1968, the following persons were contacted regarding the above described individuals and all stated they did not observe any persons as described as being at the Country Club on May 28, 1968:

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SAUL Z. BIRENBAUM
Zale Jewelers
5005 Hazelbrook
Lakewood, California

ART POLACHECK
Brand Jewelers
5013 Hazelbrook
Lakewood, California

PEGGY PERRY (Bar girl)
Lakewood Country Club

MARY HESIK (Waitress)
Lakewood Country Club

BETTY BARBER (Waitress)
Lakewood Country Club

JOHN BOYER (Assistant Manager)
Lakewood Country Club

On June 12, 1968, the following persons were
contacted with negative results:

THEODORE LOVE (Manager)
Lakewood Country Club

BERNARD KINNEY (Bartender)
Lakewood Country Club

BETTY BARNES (Waitress)
Lakewood Country Club

MARY HORNER
Dutch Village Bowling Alley
South Street and Woodruff Avenue
Lakewood, California

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L. CHARLES BARON (Lakewood Democratic Club)
4507 Palo Verde
Lakewood, California

On June 12, 1968, L. CHARLES BARON, 4507 Palo Verde, Lakewood, advised he and his wife, JACKIE BARON, are Lakewood Democratic Club workers and on May 28, 1968, they arrived at the Lakewood Country Club about 10:30 a.m. to oversee preparations for the KENNEDY luncheon and rally. BARON advised his wife spent her time insuring the speaker's table and area were in order and he spent his time insuring all guests had tickets for the luncheon and checking persons seeking admittance to the dining area until after Senator KENNEDY arrived, when he accompanied KENNEDY and his party to the speaker's table. He stated he took numerous photos of KENNEDY's arrival and his greeting numerous guests. BARON stated he has viewed his photos several times and he does not recall anyone fitting the above descriptions in the photos. BARON made the photos available for viewing by the Agent and examination of the photos failed to reflect any individuals meeting the above descriptions. BARON advised there were numerous young persons in attendance, including his seventeen year old daughter, SUSAN BARON, and her boyfriend. He stated his daughter was wearing a yellow dress with a large brown collar around the neck. He stated there were several Latin-American individuals in attendance including a Democratic Party worker FERNANDO HERNANDEZ, who is a slightly built person with rather long dark curly hair, who was attired in a suit and white shirt and tie. BARON was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated he did not see SIRHAN at the luncheon or rally. He said that HERNANDEZ slightly resembles the photo of SIRHAN.

BARON voluntarily made available four slides depicting scenes at the May 28, 1968 luncheon and various individuals in attendance. One of the slides depicted FERNANDO HERNANDEZ and others depicted various guests.

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On June 13, 1968, the above slides were displayed to Mrs. BRONS at her residence and she stated FERNANDO HERNANDEZ appeared to be identical with the individual she saw at the rally who she thought might have been SIRHAN SIRHAN. She stated she felt relieved that this person had been identified and that she felt HERNANDEZ was the person she saw.

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DON GRAHAM, nominee for Congress, Laytonville, California, was contacted at the Cottage Motel and he advised that he was in Santa Rosa during the Rose Festival Parade on May 18, 1968. He had stopped by Senator KENNEDY's campaign headquarters at about 2:30 p.m. He talked to a woman office worker whose name he could not recall and who advised him that Senator KENNEDY would be killed.

GRAHAM described the woman office worker he had talked with and could add nothing further.

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NADINE KILLIAN, head office worker, Senator KENNEDY's campaign headquarters, Santa Rosa, from a description furnished by DON GRAHAM, advised that the person working at the headquarters during the Rose Festival Parade and who possibly had talked to GRAHAM was Mrs. DIANE VANDERBOF who resides at 2548 Cactus Avenue, Santa Rosa.

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DIANE VANDERBOF, 2548 Cactus Avenue, Santa Rosa, advised she was the person that had talked to DON GRAHAM, nominee for Congress, who resided in Laytonville, California. VANDERBOF stated on Saturday, May 18, 1968 she was working in campaign headquarters office at about 11 p.m. and a middle aged woman stopped at the headquarters and stated she had gone to Santa Rosa to see the Rose Parade. She stated that she had heard that when Senator KENNEDY was speaking in Eureka, California, a week previous, someone had taken a shot at him, and the woman stated the matter was not reported to the press and she felt badly about this because she had the greatest admiration for Senator KENNEDY. VANDERBOF stated the woman was almost in tears and then she walked out on the street. VANDERBOF stated she never saw her again and cannot remember her description other than she was middle aged with red hair. She also stated she was alone at campaign headquarters when the woman came in and could furnish no further information with the explanation that she does recall telling GRAHAM about the incident and she believes that GRAHAM stated that what the woman was talking about could not be true because he had been in Eureka with KENNEDY and knew nothing of the incident.

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LLOYD EVERETT WALKER, race horse owner and trainer at Golden Gate Fields (GGF) Race Track, Albany, California, observed a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that he is not acquainted with this person and could furnish no information about him.

However, he advised that at the beginning of the "racing meet" at GGF, which commenced on March 4, 1968, there was an "exercise boy" who was at the track for about the first two months of the meet, March and April. He has not seen the exercise boy in about two months. This exercise boy resembled SIRHAN and was the usual size of a jockey, about 5'5", 115 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, and dark complexion.

He advised this exercise boy was acquainted with two of his employees who are Mexican and they conversed with the unknown exercise boy in Spanish and for this reason he thought the exercise boy was from Mexico also.

Although this exercise boy resembles SIRHAN, WALKER does not feel that he is identical because the exercise boy had a very short haircut, almost a "baldy."

WALKER advised that his employees who knew the exercise boy are as follows: GILBERT APODACA, his jockey, and APODACA's younger brother PHIL APODACA, who is an exercise boy. They are both available at Barn 21, GGF Race Track, Albany, California.

WALKER furnished the following description of himself:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	October 31, 1916
Place of Birth	Wichita, Kansas
Height	5'5"
Weight	145 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown-gray
Temporary residence	173A 22nd Street, Richmond, California, telephone 237-3071
Permanent address	18331 Gridley Road, Artesia, California, telephone 865-5317
Military service	U. S. Army, World War II, 1944 to 1945
Occupation	Thoroughbred race horse owner and trainer since 1949

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EDWARD VAN ANTWERP was located at the home of EARL COBB, Route 1, Box 409, Eureka, and furnished the following information:

He has been on a severe alcoholic drunk during the past weeks and has returned to a rational condition. He is aware of the death of Senator KENNEDY and has read in the newspaper of the arrest of SIRHAN SIRHAN. This is the first information that he has ever had of SIRHAN SIRHAN. VAN ANTWERP has never worked on a horse ranch in Norco, California, and has never lived or worked with SIRHAN.

VAN ANTWERP claims his wife is a mental case and probably told the FBI that he knew SIRHAN in order to get them to locate him as he has run away from her. VAN ANTWERP was employed during the general period of 1966-67 at Thermo Chemagee (phonetic) Company, a fertilizer processing plant at Chino, California, and after that time for Taylor Rentals Company, a rental agency at Norco, California.

On 6/16/68 at Eureka, California

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EDWARD VAN ANTWERP, Route 1, Box 409, Eureka, California, was reinterviewed. The information furnished by his relatives at Norco, California regarding VAN ANTWERP living with SIRHAN SIRHAN, whom they knew as "SOL" was discussed with him.

After considerable conversation and viewing of published photograph of SIRHAN, VAN ANTWERP became fully convinced that "SOL" and SIRHAN are identical, that this is the young man with whom he lived for about 5 months in late 1966 at the Highlander Motel and another address in Norco, California. VAN ANTWERP gave the appearance of total amazement when this realization came upon him. He stated "Why would 'SOL' do a thing like that."

VAN ANTWERP met SIRHAN totally by chance at the Highlander Motel, when SIRHAN came there looking for a place to stay. VAN ANTWERP was drinking that day and they got into a conversation which resulted in SIRHAN moving into his motel room with him. Although they occupied the same room for about 5 months, they did not associate much elsewhere. SIRHAN worked at Corona Del Mar Horse Boarding Stables as an exercise boy. VAN ANTWERP was working for Taylor Rentals in Norco. SIRHAN said his home was in Pasadena, and he went there frequently on weekends to visit his family. During the week, SIRHAN went to work at the horse stables each morning, returning in the evening in a routine fashion. About all he did at the motel was sit around quietly drinking tea in great quantities. The only thing out of the ordinary that VAN ANTWERP noticed about SIRHAN was that he did seem to have a feeling that he was getting an unfair deal in life mainly because he was economically poor. SIRHAN did not set forth any radical political views or make comments indicating any thing extraordinary in his personality.

VAN ANTWERP has no knowledge of SIRHAN's associates, social organization affiliations, political beliefs, ethnic background, family, or any thing else of a personal nature.

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VAN ANTWERP did not meet SIRHAN's family or friends. He did not go to Pasadena with him on weekends. To his knowledge, SIRHAN did not own a firearm. He never heard SIRHAN discuss Senator ROBERT KENNEDY or any other major political figures that he can now recall.

VAN ANTWERP repeatedly stated that it was difficult for him to believe that "SOL" could have committed such a crime and that nothing occurred during his association with SIRHAN which would have given any indication of such violence being in his nature.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 17, 1968

On June 9, 1968, JERRY DE LA VEGA, 1863 - 9th Avenue, San Francisco, telephone 566-3814, appeared at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Francisco, with ROBERT RICHARDSON, 1144 Cervantes Street, Pacifica, California. DE LA VEGA is a Yellow Cab driver and made available a bronze-colored disc with a short wire attached which gave the impression of being some sort of fusing device for military ordnance, exact nature of which is unknown. This device had been discovered by DE LA VEGA on the floor of his cab immediately after he had left his fare at the San Francisco International Airport.

DE LA VEGA related the following circumstances:

He was driving his cab on Saturday, June 1, 1968, the day of the ROBERT F. KENNEDY and EUGENE MC CARTHY Debate on television. He was parked in front of the Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, at approximately 4:30 p.m., when a man giving him the impression of a businessman entered his cab. The man asked DE LA VEGA where he could locate a couple of girls who would like to help him out by "putting KENNEDY on". DE LA VEGA understood this to mean that the man was going to play a joke on KENNEDY. The man said he wanted the girls to present some flowers to KENNEDY.

DE LA VEGA drove the man to the vicinity of the University of San Francisco looking for a couple of girls and found none. DE LA VEGA suggested they might find someone in the Haight-Ashbury District of San Francisco. DE LA VEGA said the man seemed to be a complete stranger to San Francisco. He drove the fare to Stanyan and Haight Streets and picked up a white female juvenile, about 17 to 20 years old, medium build, long dark hair, wearing casual sports clothes. The girl agreed to present the flowers to KENNEDY. They drove about a block more and located a white male juvenile, about the same age, with a large German Shepherd dog. The male is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, 125 to 130 pounds, wearing dark brown clothes. The male agreed to accompany them in presentation of the flowers. Both the girl and male were complete strangers to his fare.

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After picking up the two individuals at his fare's request, they drove back to the Hilton Hotel to pick up the flowers. The man went into the hotel and after waiting some time returned to the cab with two green boxes of long stem yellow roses. He sat in the front seat with the driver while the other two were in the back with the dog. The man instructed that they drive to KGO television station where Senators KENNEDY and MC CARTHY were to appear.

DE LA VEGA observed the man remove the flowers from the boxes and from a brown leather attache case he removed several of the same type of bronze-colored discs, possibly 10 or 12 all wired together with what appeared to be florist wire and wired this group of discs to the yellow roses. He repeated this with the other roses and another group of the discs. The metal discs had apparently been prepared ahead of time and each was wired with wire wrapped around the center of each disc, this being separate from the fine wire soldered to each disc. The man stated that these devices were "bugging devices" and indicated he was not sure but believed the fine wire was going to a telephone some way and the disc fit into the telephone.

The man gave each bunch of the roses to the girl and boy and instructed them to go to each entrance and give them to KENNEDY. This was done so that if KENNEDY missed one the other would be able to give him the flowers.

DE LA VEGA said he drove to the television station, parked his cab on Polk Street and all three individuals left the cab and disappeared into the crowd about the time Senators KENNEDY and MC CARTHY arrived. They were gone about 10 to 15 minutes. All three returned to the cab and the girl said she had personally given KENNEDY her bunch of the roses. Disposition of the other bunch of the roses is unknown to DE LA VEGA. The girl said to the man that the discs were apparent to persons in the crowd and several of the people in the crowd seeing the bouquet said "Hey, it's bugged."

DE LA VEGA said the man seemed pleased that KENNEDY had gotten the roses and he observed him pay each of the other two passengers five dollars plus some one dollar bills.

Some time during the cab ride the man had mentioned that MC CARTHY had gotten a similar bouquet in Los Angeles and he had come up here especially to present the roses.

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flowers to KENNEDY in San Francisco.

After the flowers had been given, the man asked DE LA VEGA to take him to the San Francisco International Airport after he dropped off the other two. They drove back to the Haight-Ashbury District and the male with his dog got out. The female asked if he could drop her off at home in San Bruno inasmuch as they were going to the airport.

DE LA VEGA said he took her home and believed he might possibly be able to locate the house again saying that it was in a group of tract homes. He is not sure and he did not record the address any place. He then drove the man to the San Francisco International Airport and believes he delivered him to the United Air Lines area. Cab fare was about \$18, and the man gave him \$35 and told him to keep the change. He described the unknown male fare as a white male American, about 50 years old, 5 feet 8 inches, to 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 200 pounds, athletic build, heavy eyebrows, gray hair, balding or thinning on top, somewhat bushy and long like a hippie at the rear. He wore a full mustache, gray-white in color and gave the impression of being Irish-Danish in descent. He had a fair complexion and a roundish face and wore a watch but no rings. He had on a brown coffee-colored type suit and stated sometime during the ride that he was a salesman for Encyclopedia Britannica. There was no noticeable accent in his speech.

The attache case he carried was of cowhide color and was a square-cornered case with a handle at the top and dividers and carried various papers as well as the metal discs.

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Date 6/14/68

FRED CANNON, California Blue Shield, San Francisco, advised that he was in the Tudor Room of the Sheraton-Wilshire Hotel the day before KENNEDY was assassinated and overheard the Negro bartender say that he had been asked to serve at the victory reception for Senator KENNEDY and added that he hoped he would not get shot at. CANNON could not further identify the bartender and thought nothing of the statement at the time, but is reporting it now since the assassination of KENNEDY.

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JANOS RADVANYI, Charge D'Affairs of Hungarian Embassy in Washington, D.C. from 1962-1967, volunteered the following information as background in the Middle East on June 7, 1968:

RADVANYI was in the Middle East in Syria and Lebanon in 1957 and 1958 and has no current information concerning the situation there at the present time. However, in 1957 and 1958 the Syrian Communist Party was the center of Communist Party activities in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, although each nation had its separate national organizations. The Communist Parties in Syria and Lebanon at that time were half illegal and completely illegal in Jordan. The head of the Communist Party in Syria at that time, and possibly today if the situation has not changed was one BAGDASH. RADVANYI stated the Communist Party in the Middle East when he was there was very fanatic and nationalistic and it did considerable work among the Palestinian refugees, making them very corruptible. He stated that the refugees suffered greatly and they were very easy to buy off with money and ideology.

RADVANYI furnished this information for background in view of the nationality of the accused slayer of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

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The Oklahoma City Office, on June 7, 1968, advised that authorities at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP), Mc Alester, Oklahoma, on that date made available the following letter addressed to FBI, Tulsa, Oklahoma:

"Dear Sir. I have just heard of the attempt on Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY's life. I have myself at one time been suspicioned of such dire happening. You can find my name in secret service files. I would like strongly to suggest in the course of your investigation you question one MAX STROSS, JR., 3545 Oakridge Drive, Woodland Hills, California, and MICKY BELFORT. I am unaware of his address, although it is in the Santa Ana hills section of Orange County. I have definite reasons of belief of knowledge by the poeple of the events of the past 24 hours.

"Most sincerely,
S/DAVID EUGENE KATES
OSP Number 75728"

On June 7, 1968, DAVID EUGENE KATES was interviewed by Bureau Agents at OSP, Mc Alester, Oklahoma. KATES stated he became associated with STROSS and BELFORT while a student at Orange High School, Orange, California, in 1962. STROSS and BELFORT persuaded KATES to hand out Nazi propaganda. KATES states that STROSS and BELFORT associated with individual at Orange, California, who appears to be identical with photograph in newspapers of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. This individual was not a student at Orange High School, but attended school functions there and had a girl friend, GLORIA GONZALES, a student at Santa Ana, California, High School. KATES has not seen STROSS or BELFORT since 1963 when he moved from California. He did not recall the name of the individual who appeared to be identical with SIRHAN.

KATES thinks that STROSS and BELFORT were arrested during riots in Los Angeles in 1962. He described STROSS as a white male American, early twenties, five feet seven inches in height, 190 pounds, heavy build, sandy brown hair, medium

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complexion and an only child.

He described BELFORT as a white male American, Five feet ten inches in height, 170 pounds, early twenties, black hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, medium build, two older brothers.

KATES was received at OSP July 17, 1967, from Oklahoma County for robbery with firearms and unauthorized use of motor vehicle, sentenced to nine years. He is described as a white male American, five feet eleven and one-half inches in height, slender build, ruddy complexion, black hair, brown eyes, born June 29, 1946, at San Diego, California, FBI Number 789 042 E.

During interview KATES admitted that while he was an inmate at FCI, Englewood, Colorado, in 1964, he wrote two letters threatening to kill President JOHNSON. He was then transferred on December 17, 1964, to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri. He was discharged October 11, 1966. On October 12, 1966, KATES was arrested by Secret Service, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and charged with oral threat against the President. On October 20, 1966, he was admitted as a patient, Eastern State Hospital, Vinita, Oklahoma. He claims to have been released November 13, 1966. On November 16, 1966, he was arrested by Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma City, for unauthorized use of motor vehicle and claims to have been incarcerated since that time. KATES had no information to tie STROSS and BELFORT to Senator KENNEDY's death.

KATES is a former inmate of Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Englewood, Colorado. He reportedly attempted to poison a fellow inmate at FCI, Englewood, Colorado. KATES reportedly had recruited his victim into the American Nazi Party (ANP) and the incident was over victim's defection. Prison records showed an interview with KATES wherein he claimed to have been in contact with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, former ANP National Commander while KATES was in California. Colorado prison records further showed KATES "had a definite paranoid and schizoid tendency and could easily become fanatic..."