

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/21/68

Mrs. RICHARD (DARLENE) MINOR, 2833 Estara Avenue, cocktail waitress, Holiday Inn Motel, Olympic and Figueroa, was interviewed concerning any information she might possess regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised as follows:

She was employed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, as a waitress in the coffee shop during the late afternoon and evening hours of Tuesday, June 4, 1968. She "clocked out" from her job at 12:11 a.m., June 5, 1968. She then proceeded to her automobile which was parked in the rear lot of the hotel. She departed from the hotel via the north driveway. As she approached Wilshire Boulevard, she heard over the radio that Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the hotel.

In performing her duties as a waitress in the coffee shop, she recalls that she served a number of people who were in the KENNEDY entourage. She also served many young people who were discussing Senator KENNEDY and his political campaign. None of the conversations which she overheard was of a derogatory nature. She overheard nothing which led her to suspect a plot against Senator KENNEDY's life. Further, she does not recall that she saw SIRHAN SIRHAN in the coffee shop during the evening of June 4, 1968.

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1Date 6/18/68

JUAN MANUEL PENA, 759 Catalina Street, Los Angeles, California, born June 26, 1944, Michuacon, Mexico, advised that he is a houseman employed in the Housekeeping Department of the Ambassador Hotel.

PENA advised that he reported for work at 11:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968 and terminated that shift of duty at 7:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968.

PENA stated that at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he was in the boulevard storeroom on the floor below the Embassy Room and learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY from other employees. He stated that he did not see the incident and had no first hand knowledge concerning it.

PENA was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that to his knowledge he had not seen this individual in persons.

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ROBERT ROSE, also known as Bob Rose, West Coast representative, Chicago Daily News, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, phone 933-7571, advised that on June 4, 1968 he proceeded to the Ambassador Hotel to cover Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and the California primary elections. He heard Senator KENNEDY's speech in the Embassy Room at approximately midnight but due to the time difference between Los Angeles and Chicago where his news is published, he left the room before the speech ended. He returned to his room in the Ambassador Hotel which he recalls as being Room Number 2115 and which he had previously rented. While composing a story for his paper and watching his television he heard of the shooting.

ROSE stated he does not recall seeing anyone in a polka dot dress at any time during the evening or seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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COLETTE JAMENE THELIN, File Clerk, Catering Department, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, stated she resides at 3417½ Warner Boulevard, Burbank, California and her home telephone number is 845-2275.

THELIN advised on June 4, 1968 she reported for work at 8:30 a.m. and left work at 4:30 p.m. that same afternoon. She recalled that she went straight home after work and remained there throughout the duration of the evening. She observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated she had never seen him before June 5, 1968, and further, that nothing came to her attention before the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to indicate this event would occur.

THELIN furnished the following information concerning herself:

Date of birth	May 23, 1946
Place of birth	Santa Ana, California
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Employment	Ambassador Hotel, two years

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ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF  
INDIVIDUALS IN AREA OF SHOOTING

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Date 6/28/68

JOHN H. AHRNDT, Area Chairman, KENNEDY for President Committee, was interviewed at his residence, 15124 Garfield and he furnished the following information:

At about 10:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, he went with CHERYL MOORE to the Ambassador, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where he was to meet Dr. ROSS MILLER. At approximately 10:30 p.m. he met Dr. MILLER at the entrance to the Cocoanut Grove and together they went to the room which had been set up as a press room. They watched Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's victory speech on television.

After the speech they were to get together with some of the members of the KENNEDY party, who had worked with him in the Compton area, and go out for something to eat. As they were standing outside the door to the press room, a girl came by saying that someone had been shot. At this point Dr. MILLER left to see if he could render aid to the injured party. He and Miss MOORE remained in the area of the press room and did not realize that the injured party was Senator KENNEDY until someone in an effort to quiet the crowd said, "You can't help the Senator by screaming".

He and Miss MOORE stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until about 3:30 a.m., when they went to the Central Receiving Hospital to see if they could find Dr. MILLER or any of the people that were to meet them for dinner. When they could find no one at Central Receiving Hospital, they returned to their homes.

AHRNDT advised that he recalls seeing nothing irregular at the Ambassador Hotel prior to the shooting. He observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised he does not recall seeing this man at the Ambassador Hotel. However, he stated that sometime between May 12 and 18, 1968, while at KENNEDY Headquarters in Downtown Los Angeles, he is quite certain he saw SIRHAN. He explained that a meeting had been called of the area chairmen working on the KENNEDY for

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President Committee so that areas for distributing literature could be assigned. He was assigned one of the areas and is quite certain while picking up literature he observed SIRHAN. At that time he was accompanied by VICTORIA NELSON. He is not certain if she saw SIRHAN. AHRNDT stated that LES GUTHMAN, Los Angeles Area Chairman, Students for KENNEDY, was in charge of the meeting at KENNEDY Headquarters and may have additional information concerning who was at the meeting.

While at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4-5, 1968, AHRNDT observed the following individuals: DENNIS LOPEZ, TERRY DRINKWATER (CBS newsman) and GENE BARRY. AHRNDT further advised that CARLTON HAYES has told him that he was at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

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WILLIAM BARRY, 16 Overlook Road, New York City, New York, (914-NE4-4541) advised that he was a Security Officer assigned to the official KENNEDY party. He related that he accompanied Senator KENNEDY ever since he entered the primary presidential campaign.

BARRY related that he accompanied Senator KENNEDY on his recent West Coast campaign and was his personal representative in both the Oregon and Los Angeles primaries. He related that during these travels, he at no time observed SIRHAN SIRHAN, Senator KENNEDY's suspected assassin. He related that the crowd was extremely large at the Ambassador Hotel on the night when Senator KENNEDY gave his victory speech. He mentioned that a large number of Latin Americans were in attendance.

BARRY advised that it was often Senator KENNEDY's habit to depart a specific area or podium by walking directly through the crowd rather than by another designated exit. After Senator KENNEDY's victory speech, an unknown individual, possibly known to FRED DUTTON stated "come this way" and directed the Senator toward the kitchen hallway. The Senator left the podium and departed the area by the rear exit behind the stage and approached a hallway as BARRY assisted Mrs. KENNEDY from the podium. Mrs. KENNEDY told BARRY "to stay with the Senator."

BARRY advised that it was planned that Senator KENNEDY would attend an official celebration party with volunteer workers of his campaign in the subbasement area after his victory speech. He related that the Senator would normally approach this area by turning left at the hallway immediately behind the stage area. Instead, according to BARRY, the Senator turned right after this unknown individual directed him in that direction and proceeded through the

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kitchen area in the direction of the Colonial Room, where the press had set up temporary headquarters.

BARRY fought his way through a dense crowd in an effort to circle the Senator's right flank and take his customary position immediately in front of Senator KENNEDY. BARRY added that someone decided that it was best that the Senator see the "pencil press," so they could get their early morning stories to their respective papers before going to the victory party in another room.

As BARRY was fighting his way through the crowd along the wall to the Senator's right and as he was directly opposite him, he heard a sound which resembled a firecracker. BARRY charged through the crowd directly toward Senator KENNEDY and observed a white male with a gun. BARRY captured this man, struck him twice and in attempting to get a headlock on the man, the gun fell on a nearby table. The crowd was intense and struck at the assailant and BARRY. His concern was to protect the assailant and at the same time render immediate aid to Senator KENNEDY. BARRY called ROOSEVELT GRIER (professional football player) to hold and protect the assailant and at the same time, directed RAFFER JOHNSON to pick up the gun which was lying on the table. BARRY said that during the switch, the assailant somehow again recovered the gun as he made his way toward Senator KENNEDY. As he approached the area where Senator KENNEDY was laying, he had to fight back the crowd which was practically standing on the Senator. He placed a jacket underneath the Senator's head and the Los Angeles Police Department arrived at the scene approximately six or seven minutes later.

BARRY mentioned that inasmuch as the assailant appeared to be a Latin American, he was in no way distinguishable from the kitchen help in the Ambassador Hotel or a large segment of the crowd which gathered for the Senator's victory speech. He related that he did not observe the individual who shot Senator KENNEDY prior to this occasion; BARRY related that he does not recall seeing a woman wearing a polka-dot dress in the immediate area.

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JOAN BRADEN, Chairman of Women For Kennedy Campaign in California, at time of assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, was interviewed at the New York Office of Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER by Special Agents JOHN BRADSHAW, JR. and JAMES PETER BOLAND.

Mrs. BRADEN advised that the last minute change following the KENNEDY victory speech resulted in him taking a different route from the stage, was apparently a spur-of-the-moment situation, possibly arranged by Mr. UNO (Phonetic), Manager of the Ambassador Hotel. She stated however, that she does not wish this statement attributed to her, however, in that it is only an assumption on her part. She stated there was no prior knowledge to her or to any of her associates to her knowledge, of the last minute change which resulted in KENNEDY proceeding in the direction of the Colonial Room rather than to the Ambassador Ballroom where he was supposed to meet his supporters.

Mrs. BRADEN stated while in California, that she had, on various occasions, been in the company of Senator KENNEDY, however, just prior to and during the shooting she was on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel. She never saw SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time to her knowledge.

Mrs. BRADEN further indicated that she was unable to furnish any information of pertinence surrounding events connected with the assassination.

Mrs. BRADEN's New York City address is 175 East 62nd Street, New York City, Apartment 8B. Her telephone number is 838-5468. Her husband is THOMAS BRADEN.

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Date July 3, 1968

THOMAS W. BRADEN, writer and former owner, Oceanside Blade Tribune Newspaper, 1331 South Pacific Street, Oceanside, California, advised he was Senator KENNEDY's Northern California Coordinator and handled matters concerning the Senator's campaign in San Francisco, California for approximately two weeks prior to June 4, 1968. He said he flew to Los Angeles the afternoon of June 4, 1968 and joined Senator KENNEDY at his suite on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel, along with about thirty other supporters. He said during the early evening he was in the main ballroom of the hotel with KENNEDY supporters and he noted nothing unusual and he had no reason to be suspicious of any person in the ballroom. He was unable to identify photograph of ADEL, SHARIF, MARY, SAIDALLAH, MUNIR or SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as being a person he saw at any time in the hotel that evening. He was unable to furnish any information concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. He could not furnish any information which might, in any manner, have a connection with the assassination.

He said he was with Senator KENNEDY in his room shortly before the Senator left to appear on television in the main ballroom and as the Senator was leaving, JOHN GLENN suggested he (BRADEN) and TED WHITE, remain in the room and watch the Senator's appearance on television. BRADEN said he and WHITE agreed with GLENN's suggestion, whereupon, Senator KENNEDY suggested they leave then and go to "The Factory" a Beverly Hills nightclub, and he would meet them there in twenty minutes. According to BRADEN, earlier that evening the Senator had made arrangements for a small party of friends to meet at that nightclub.

BRADEN said they watched the Senator on television for the first part of his speech from the main ballroom, left the room before it ended and while walking in the hotel toward the elevator on the fifth floor, PROVY (LNU), Mrs. JACQUELINE KENNEDY's ex-maid, rushed up to them and said the Senator had been shot. Thereafter, an unnamed manager at the hotel told him and WHITE to guard the Senator's room whereupon they returned to the room and protected the area.

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BRADEN said he had no personal knowledge of the reason Senator KENNEDY proceeded in the direction of the Colonial Room rather than the ballroom where his supporters were however, he had conversation with BILL BARRY, while traveling on the funeral train on June 8, 1968 concerning the change. He said BARRY told him he and another person, possibly JERRY BRUNO (phonetic), had checked the area the Senator was to have proceeded and that the Senator, without prior notice told him, "let's go this way", thereby causing BARRY to be behind the Senator as BARRY had planned on going in the direction of the ballroom to meet the Senator's supporters. Continuing, BRADEN further said BARRY told him, "I kicked Sirhan off the platform three times while the Senator was behind the microphone", referring to the evening of June 4, 1968. He said BARRY felt very badly during the trip and he did not know if he would recall their conversation.

BRADEN said he had heard a rumor from an unrecalled source that it was Mr. UNO (phonetic), Banquet Manager of the hotel who was the person who suggested the Senator proceed in the direction of the Colonial Room. BRADEN said the Senator had a definite practice of following the suggestion of advisors when in crowds and it was BRADEN's opinion someone suggested to the Senator he walk in the direction he did, as it was a short way out or gave him some other quick reason which caused him to change his previous plan of departure from the ballroom.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/8/68

GERALD BRUNO, Upstate Representative of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Room 374, Federal Building, Syracuse, New York, advised he was appointed to his present position by the late Senator KENNEDY in 1965. He said that shortly after he arrived in Syracuse, New York, to set up his office, GARY DEDELL introduced himself and advised BRUNO that he, DEDELL, had also applied to Senator KENNEDY for the position of Upstate Representative. DEDELL thereafter offered his help in finding a residence for BRUNO and his family. BRUNO said DEDELL's family operates a printing business in Syracuse, N.Y. and DEDELL came to the office frequently to pass out advertising items such as pens, pencils and the like. BRUNO said he soon came to realize that DEDELL was a name dropper and hanger-on and he avoided him as much as he could and finally he told DEDELL that he should stay away from the office.

BRUNO said that on June 5, 1968, he was at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, California, where Senator KENNEDY was taken after he was shot. Sometime during that day DEDELL called the hospital and asked for BRUNO. The call was answered by PETER SMITH, an advance man for Senator KENNEDY's campaign. DEDELL told SMITH that he was a friend of BRUNO and asked SMITH to find out from BRUNO whether BRUNO wanted DEDELL to bring Mrs. BRUNO and BRUNO's daughter to Los Angeles. BRUNO said this was the first time in about two years that DEDELL had tried to contact him. When SMITH delivered DEDELL's message, BRUNO told SMITH that DEDELL was a name dropper and just a hanger on and to ignore the call.

BRUNO said that his contacts with DEDELL were only casual and he had considered DEDELL to be a pest.

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Date 6/18/681

GERALD BRUNO, 210 Lansdowne Road, advised he was acting as an advance representative for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during the primary election campaigns and had acted in the capacity during the California primaries.

On June 4, 1968, he left the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, about 10:30 p.m. and proceeded by taxi to the Los Angeles Airport. He boarded an 11:30 p.m. flight enroute to Buffalo, New York. During the flight, he was informed that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he made arrangements to leave the flight at Cleveland, Ohio, and return to Los Angeles. He arrived back in Los Angeles about 10:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968.

He said he knew nothing of the itinerary or plans Senator KENNEDY had on June 4 or 5, 1968, as another advance representative was handling those details in Los Angeles.

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Mr. JACK C. CROSE, Assistant to JESSE M. UNRUH, Speaker of the Assembly, State of California, home address 6418 Oakridge Way, Sacramento, furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, he was with Mr. UNRUH in the suite of rooms on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, along with Senator KENNEDY and his staff, awaiting the results of the California Presidential Primary. People in the ballroom off the lobby were waiting for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to come down to address them and were getting restless. Someone suggested that Mr. UNRUH go down to speak to them. He accompanied Mr. UNRUH to the ballroom where Mr. UNRUH addressed the group at approximately 11:30 p.m. At about 11:45 p.m., Mr. UNRUH requested he go to get Senator KENNEDY and his party as it appeared there were sufficient ballots reported in for Senator KENNEDY to claim victory. He proceeded through the hallway and went to the single elevator at the south end of the building and went to the fifth floor; as he exited the elevator he observed the Senator, FRED DUTTON, BILL BARRY, and about ten or fifteen other people coming down the hall. It was suggested they take the larger elevator because of the size of the group. They took this elevator and exited towards the lobby of the hotel. As they emerged from the elevator someone from the group, possibly Mr. FRED DUTTON, or FRANK MANKIEWICZ suggested they go through the lobby corridor and through the crowd in the room to get to the stage, however, Senator KENNEDY decided to avoid the crowd and go to the platform by way of the Colonial Room and the hallway which leads to the stage.

When they arrived at the stage he found it was jam packed and decided to stay at the foot of the stage. Following the Senator's speech, the Senator proceeded to walk to his right towards a table where PIERRE SALINGER and DICK KLINE were seated, however, someone (unknown to

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him) but whom he believes was in a tuxedo, pointed him in the direction of the rear of the stage. At this point he himself left the room and went directly back to the fifth floor and was not aware that the Senator had been shot until he heard it on TV. He added that during the evening he made several trips through the kitchen but at no time did he ever see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN nor had he ever seen SIRHAN before or since, except for photographs appearing in newspapers.

He stated he was not aware of any formal plans for the Senator to address the press or of any prescribed route that the Senator was to take to and from the stage. The only planned affair he was aware of was a victory celebration to take place at the "Factory", a discotheque in Hollywood, California, to which he as a member of Mr. UNRUH's staff, had been invited.



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RICHARD C. DRAYNE, residence 3241 Livingston Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., the Press Secretary of Senator EDWARD KENNEDY advised he was the Assistant Press Secretary to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during his presidential campaign.

DRAYNE stated about an hour before Senator KENNEDY made his victory speech, PIERRE SALINGER had stated that it was all arranged for Senator KENNEDY to go to the Colonial Room after the victory speech to talk to the writing press.

DRAYNE stated that he had earlier walked through the passageway through which Senator KENNEDY was shot, however, he noted nothing that caught his eye and he believed that the suspected assassin SIRHAN SIRHAN had probably been hidden in the passageway.

DRAYNE stated that he was in the Colonial Room with the press when he heard shots, and by the time he entered the passageway, Senator KENNEDY was on the floor.

DRAYNE said he did not recall ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN during the campaign of Senator KENNEDY.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 15, 19681

JAMES J. DUNN, also known as JIM DUNN, Apartment 55, 900 Todhunter Avenue, Bryte, California, was interviewed in the Sacramento Field Office. DUNN advised that he had been a member of the late Senator KENNEDY's staff from April 3, 1968, until KENNEDY's death. He stated he was a member of the press staff and handled all radio news releases and generally recorded all of the Senator's speeches. He stated that during the election night, he was stationed behind the curtains. As the Senator was nearing the end of his speech, he asked which way the Senator and his party was going to go and he said someone told him they were going to exit to the left. He said he had no idea of where the door to the left led but when KENNEDY finished his speech, he went by the door and signaled to the group that was with KENNEDY they were to go to the left and, instead, they all went to the right. He stated that as far as he knew, there had not been any last minute changes following the Senator's victory speech and he had no idea who might have called the press conference.

DUNN stated that he was probably seven or eight people in back of the group with the Senator and he heard five shots and at the time he was positive that they were shots, not anything else. He stated that after that he got up close, saw the Senator was down, and he tried to keep people away and get them out and he has very little recollection of what else might have happened during that particular period. He stated that after they had removed Senator KENNEDY, he went up to his room and stayed there for a day and a half.

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ANN FERGUSON was interviewed at her place of employment, 7250 West Beverly Boulevard, at which time she furnished the following information:

She was a volunteer for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and at approximately 6:15 pm, on June 4, 1968, she and BILL COX went to the Ambassador Hotel to await the results of the California primary. Upon arriving at the hotel, both she and COX went directly to the Embassy Room where they remained until about 10:30, or 11:00 pm, when she went to the Ballroom to get a drink.

After getting the drink in the Ballroom, the guard at the door to the Embassy Room would not allow her to re-enter the room. She then went to the Press Room, where the guard allowed her to enter the kitchen, and by passing through the kitchen, she returned to the Embassy Room. At the time of passing through the kitchen, she noticed no one, but in an area adjacent to the kitchen, she found a small room full of men she had not seen before and whom she assumed were members of the press.

She was in the Embassy Room during Senator KENNEDY's victory speech standing near the back of the crowd. After Senator KENNEDY had finished his speech, ERWIN STROLL, who was standing near the kitchen door, beckoned to her to follow him out of the kitchen. At this point, Senator KENNEDY had left the podium and was passing through the kitchen. The reason STROLL had attempted to have her follow him was because he, STROLL, had a gift which he was going to present to Senator KENNEDY, and she was supposed to be present when the gift was received.

As she was attempting to get to this door, STROLL went through the door and disappeared into the crowd. Just a few moments after he disappeared she heard several bangs which sounded like breaking balloons. After these bangs,

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STROLL comes back through the door and says to her, "My God, ANN, I'm shot." At first she did not believe STROLL and thought that he was just joking again, but she then noticed the blood on his leg. She then called for BILL COX to help ERWIN. COX came to ERWIN and along with DAVID ESQUITH helped STROLL out of the Embassy Room.

About this time a man said that BOBBY KENNEDY has been shot and she called out for a doctor. At the same time, as she was calling for a doctor, a woman aided by a man came out of the same door that STROLL had come from. This woman had blood on her face, but she was walking. By now several people were shouting for doctors, and someone was requesting that the crowd stand back. Still later someone asked for ice.

At this point, BILL COX returned to the Embassy Room and asked her if she was okay. Then she and BILL left the Embassy Room and met Mrs. TIFFANY JONAS, who was crying and saying that they should be with ERWIN since he has been hurt. Mrs. FERGUSON then drove herself, TIFFANY JONAS, and BILL COX to the Central Receiving Hospital, where they stayed until ERWIN STROLL's parents arrived at the hospital.

After STROLL's parents arrived at the hospital, she returned to the Ambassador Hotel with DAVID ESQUITH. ESQUITH picked up his car and they both returned to their homes.

FERGUSON observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that she does not recall seeing him at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, but recalls seeing someone resembling him at the Kennedy For President Headquarters, Wilshire Boulevard, on Tuesday, June 3, 1968. She said that she could not positively identify this man as being SIRHAN, but thought that there was a close resemblance. The man she saw at the headquarters had on a white shirt and tan trousers. She does not recall what this man was doing at the headquarters.

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JOHN W. GALLIVAN, JR., also known as JACK and "CHAMP" advised he is a resident of 17th South 12th East, Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone 363-0545. Mr. GALLIVAN advised that in recent years he has been in regular travel status and has no permanent address, however, the above address is that of his father and mother and he can be reached through them in time. Mr. GALLIVAN advised his father, JOHN W. GALLIVAN, SR., is the publisher of the Salt Lake City Tribune, the morning newspaper.

Mr. GALLIVAN advised he had been in constant travel status as a member of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY staff since April 1, 1968. He has been employed in the position of Advance Man. He advised that in this capacity he has done extensive travelling throughout the United States in behalf of the Presidential Candidacy of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

On Monday, June 3, 1968, Mr. GALLIVAN was in San Francisco, California, with the KENNEDY staff and there joined the Kennedy party at the San Francisco Municipal Airport about 2:00 PM at the American Airlines Maintenance Base. He advised that following the period when the staff assembled the Kennedy plane left the San Francisco Airport and travelled to Long Beach Airport or to the Los Angeles International Airport, the exact place not recalled. He advised that he had spent time in and about Los Angeles travelling in motorcades with the Presidential Candidate until approximately 7:30 or 8:00 PM on June 3, 1968, following which time the group had returned to the Kennedy plane at the airport.

According to GALLIVAN he and JERRY BRUNO, the Senator's personal Advance Man, or Chief Advance Man, left the party and went to the Ambassador Hotel, making one brief stop at the Kennedy Headquarters en route, along Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. He advised that he and BRUNO registered at the Ambassador and had dinner at the Hotel. BRUNO then went to his room

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by SA JOHN W. CROFTS, JR./srs Date dictated 6/14/68

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for the night and GALLIVAN went to the bar where he visited with friends until approximately 1:30 AM, Tuesday, June 4, 1968. He then returned to his hotel room.

GALLIVAN advised that he and others of the Kennedy staff had relaxed around the hotel during most of the day on June 4, 1968, until approximately 7:30 PM. He advised that at this time he met PETE SMITH, who was Senator KENNEDY's Advance Man for the day. He advised that he and SMITH went to the 5th floor suite at the Ambassador Hotel where the KENNEDYs and their friends were having a party. He advised that members of the press and family and close personal associates were there and they socialized and watched the television proceedings and television returns concerning the election of that day. Mr. GALLIVAN advised that at about 11:15 or 11:30 PM it appeared that the time had arrived for Senator KENNEDY's appearance in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom. He stated that the group assembled in the room, left the room with the Senator and went to the 5th floor elevator. He advised that he had been with an individual known only to him as "UNO" last name unknown. He stated that UNO was a hotel employee whom he had engaged to show him around the hotel and assist him in directing the Senator from various places within the building.

GALLIVAN advised that he had arranged for the elevator to be held on the 5th floor for Senator KENNEDY and party and when the group arrived they got in the elevator. He stated that Senator KENNEDY inquired as to whether or not this elevator would go into the lobby and on learning that it was the lobby elevator the Senator stated something to the effect that "I don't want to go through the lobby, I would rather go through the back way." Mr. GALLIVAN advised that he was certain there was no thought at that time concerning KENNEDY's safety, but that KENNEDY had been fighting large crowds, was tired, and did not wish to expose himself to another large crowd before his talk.

Mr. GALLIVAN advised that when Senator KENNEDY desired to go a different route UNO directed the group to a nearby elevator which was a service elevator and the group entered the elevator and went down to the ballroom level. GALLIVAN advised that as they left the elevator he, GALLIVAN, followed UNO and the party, including Senator KENNEDY, followed him. He stated they went out of the elevator and into a hotel work area en route to the ballroom. He stated he was not watching Senator KENNEDY, but was going ahead of the party and clearing people out of the way. Mr. GALLIVAN advised that he and Senator KENNEDY's party entered the ballroom from a door near the side of the platform. GALLIVAN stated that he had stepped aside and allowed Senator KENNEDY, his wife, and other dignitaries to take the platform. He stated he then entered the platform himself, made some arrangements with the news media to obtain photographs of ETHEL KENNEDY, and then left the platform as it was very crowded.

GALLIVAN advised that as the Senator made his statement, he, GALLIVAN, had left the area with UNO as UNO was to show him the press room where Senator KENNEDY would be taken for an interview following his appearance on the platform. He advised they located the press room and then returned to the speaker's platform where Senator KENNEDY was still making his remarks. Mr. GALLIVAN stated that he looked the situation over trying to decide whether to take the Senator off the backside of the platform or off the side of the platform from which they had entered. He stated that he, GALLIVAN, made the decision to return from the same side as they had come in. He pointed out that either the back way or the side way would have entered a common area behind the platform and this would have had no effect on movement, but it was only a more convenient route for the Senator's party. GALLIVAN advised that when Senator KENNEDY completed his speech the party made the exit from the side and that he, GALLIVAN, does not know in which order they left.

the platform as he was ahead of the party and clearing the way. He advised that he had been accompanied by UNO. He stated he led the party through a long, narrow room, which appeared to be a staging area for the kitchen. He advised this room contained numerous vending machines and other types of kitchen equipment. He advised there were people standing around this space, but he does not recall who they were and could only recall them as possibly being hotel employees. He stated he was about 20-25 feet ahead of the KENNEDY party and there were perhaps a dozen people between him and the Senator. He stated that there was a large crowd around and following the Senator as he entered this passageway. GALLIVAN stated that there was no question in his mind as to the safety of Senator KENNEDY and instead of a spirit of tight security there was a spirit of relaxation and celebration due to the KENNEDY victory.

GALLIVAN advised that as he walked ahead he heard several shots behind him. He stated he turned around and saw some movement and commotion in the crowd but could not discern what was going on. He stated he saw EILL BARRY, KENNEDY's security man, lunge for something. He stated he noticed BARRY because he is a large man and could be seen above the crowd. He stated he, GALLIVAN, ran towards the Senator and saw him lying face up on the floor. He stated there were people bending over him, but the identity of these people he could not recall. He stated he did recall the Senator's wife was at the Senator's side.

GALLIVAN advised he turned toward BARRY, who was to his right, and noticed he was struggling with a Latin-looking young man of a small build. He advised that BARRY had the man pushed and pinned against the counter. GALLIVAN said he yelled to BARRY to "take care of the Senator, I can handle him." At this time BARRY released the man and ran toward the Senator and he, GALLIVAN, attempted to take the man and hold him. He stated at this time there was a continuous struggle to restrain the man and he recalls GEORGE PLIMPTON, a friend of the



Senator, joining in the struggle. He stated that as he grabbed the man he saw a small revolver laying on the counter, next to the man, and the man reached for and grabbed it in his hand about the same time that he, GALLIVAN, saw the gun. He stated that as he grabbed for the gun he cut the palm of his hand on the hammer of the revolver, but was successful in keeping the gun immobilized until someone else moved in and helped control the situation. GALLIVAN said that he tried to take away the gun, but was unable to do so, but merely concentrated on keeping the man immobilized until such time the police could arrive. He advised that he also felt an obligation to protect the unknown individual who was being beat on and choked by others in the crowd, the names of whom he was unable to provide. He advised that ROOSEVELT GRIER, a friend of the Senator and also a security man, came up to the place where he was holding the individual, at which time he heard someone say, "Let ROSEY take the gun," which he did. He stated that GRIER took control of the man and he pulled away from the action and went back to where Senator KENNEDY was laying on the floor. He stated that Mrs. KENNEDY was there among others and at this time he and BILL BARRY made a futile attempt to clear the area of people.

He stated he was about to get the people away from the Senator and at this time the situation stayed almost in a state of no change until such time as the ambulance and police arrived. He advised that they then took control. GALLIVAN advised that he had never seen the suspect before in his travels throughout the United States or in his activities around the hotel on the day of the assassination, or the previous day. He further advised that from his observations the suspect appeared to be alone and not in the company of any other individuals. He advised that he had not noted any suspicious activities during the activities in Los Angeles and that at no time had there been a

concern for the Senator's life, although in the back of his mind he realized this type of thing could always happen. He advised there was never any radical changes in the plans or route except in the one instance described above where Senator KENNEDY decided to take the service elevator rather than the public elevator from the 5th floor.

He further advised that he is positive that he would not recognize the suspect again from his own personal recollection. He stated he did not observe the suspect shoot and never saw the gun in the hand of the suspect until he saw him reach for it and secure it from the counter following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

He advised he had no further recollection of the activities that might be of assistance in this investigation.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/14/68

Colonel JOHN H. GLENN, Room 1001, Sheraton Boston Hotel, advised that he was an aide in the campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in the California primary election. He stated that he was in an upstairs suite at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, when Senator KENNEDY was shot in the early morning of June 5, 1968. Colonel GLENN stated he did not see the captured gunman on that occasion nor did he recognize SIRHAN B. SIRHAN from photographs as an individual he had ever seen previously on any occasion.

Colonel GLENN stated that the only significant change he could recall in connection with Senator KENNEDY's plans was on June 4, 1968. The original plans were that he would spend the night of June 3-4, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel. However, after a complete day of campaigning on June 3, 1968, which ended in San Diego, California, KENNEDY returned to the Ambassador Hotel late that evening and departed soon afterwards for the Malibu Beach residence of movie director JOHN FRANKENHEIMER. KENNEDY and several of his party spent the following day at Malibu Beach and returned to the Ambassador Hotel around 8:00 p.m., June 4, 1968.

Colonel GLENN could recall no other significant changes in regard to Senator KENNEDY's itinerary.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/17/68

JEFF GREENFIELD, 425 Riverside Drive, New York City, furnished free and voluntarily the information regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY as follows:

He stated that he joined Senator KENNEDY's Staff on July 31, 1967, as a junior legal assistant and his duties were mainly speech writing, legal research and committee work. GREENFIELD stated that he graduated from Yale in June, 1966, and that ADAM WALINSKY interviewed him for his position with Senator KENNEDY's Staff. He said that WALINSKY and he did all of the speech writing for Senator KENNEDY.

GREENFIELD stated that during Senator KENNEDY's campaign in Indiana, he returned to New York City on May 8, 1968, with Senator KENNEDY. He was married on May 11, 1968, in Plainfield, New Jersey, and rejoined KENNEDY's Staff in Los Angeles on May 16, 1968. He said that he and WALINSKY shuttled from California to Oregon as one speech writer would be preparing speeches for the coming events.

GREENFIELD stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, and early minutes of June 5, 1968, he was in the 5th Floor Suite of Senator KENNEDY. He stated he was not in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel during the celebration and announcement of Senator KENNEDY's victory. He said that he never saw SIRHAN SIRHAN other than photographs in newspapers, magazines and on television. GREENFIELD stated that the individuals in the Suite of Senator KENNEDY on the 5th Floor were notified by PIERRE SALINGER, by direct line from the ballroom to CAROL WELCH, Secretary, who was in the Suite. He said when WELCH was informed by SALINGER that something had happened to Senator KENNEDY, WELCH informed the individuals in the Suite, ADAM WALINSKY ran down several flights of stairs to the ballroom and returned shortly afterward. GREENFIELD stated that he and a number of the KENNEDY Staff went to the hospital and stayed at the different hospitals until Senator KENNEDY passed away.

GREENFIELD stated that he has no additional ~~information regarding this tragedy and all plans regarding~~

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by SA EDWARD R. CHOKY/pr Date dictated 6/17/68

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the movements of Senator KENNEDY were handled by JERRY BRUNO and his crew, called the advance men. They made all arrangements with police departments, hotels, routes, motorcade and ~~extra~~.

GREENFIELD stated that he is temporarily staying at the apartment of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. BENJAMIN GREENFIELD, Apartment 9G (222-3235), 425 Riverside Drive, and they will know his whereabouts at all times, although he does have an apartment at 17 3rd Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/23/68

LESTER OTTO GUTHMAN, 5038 Aldama Street, Highland Park, California, telephone 254-9082, was interviewed in connection with his working at the KENNEDY campaign headquarters office in Los Angeles during May 1968, during which time information was received by the FBI that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had been seen at the KENNEDY headquarters.

GUTHMAN advised during recent months he worked as Coordinator for the Southern California Students for KENNEDY Campaign. He stated he was hired through the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters and attended several meetings during April and May 1968. During this time he also attended several meetings at the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles between May 12-18, 1968. GUTHMAN observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated at no time did he see anyone at any of the meetings that resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

GUTHMAN advised that during the campaign meetings he became acquainted with JOHN AHRNDT, student at Compton Junior College, however, he has not seen or heard from AHRNDT since about June 1, 1968.

GUTHMAN stated that if any strangers would have attended any of the campaign meetings, these individuals would have come to his attention for the meetings consisted of approximately 20 to 25 campaign workers from the local Los Angeles colleges and universities.

GUTHMAN advised he was present at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, during the evening hours of June 4, and early morning hours of June 5, 1968. He recalled that he was standing outside the front entrance of the hotel when he first learned of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 7/15/68 at Highland Park, California File # Los Angeles 56-156  
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SA J. C. FISHBEEK, JR./JCF/sdb Date dictated 7/19/68

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He stated that during the time he was at the hotel or at any other time nothing came to his attention to indicate Senator KENNEDY would be shot. Also, he observed no one at the hotel who resembled SIRHAN on June 4, 1968, or at any other time.

GUTHMAN furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	May 9, 1948
Place of Birth	Seattle, Washington
Height	5'6"
Weight	135 pounds
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMILY LOUDELL INSLEY, 201 I Street, S.W., advised SA PHILIP E. COGHLAN that she was one of the secretaries assigned to Senator KENNEDY's staff as it was traveling on the West Coast, handling the Oregon and California presidential primaries.

She advised that at the time of the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, she was in the Senator's suite, Ambassador Hotel, with numerous other individuals, watching the television reports. She related that she has no firsthand knowledge of the shooting, and to the best of her recollection, she has never observed SIRHAN SIRHAN in the past.

INSLEY related that Senator KENNEDY was scheduled to attend a victory party with his volunteer workers after his speech; however, he decided to meet with members of the press before attending this party.



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JEAN MARY MAIN, 2254 Hall Place, North West, Washington, D. C., stated she was a secretary traveling with the official party of Senator KENNEDY on his West Coast presidential campaign.

She said she was in the seventh floor suite of the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot and therefore could furnish no pertinent details. She said, to her knowledge, she had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN, the suspected assassin of Senator KENNEDY.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/11/68

Dr. MARCUS S. MC BROOM, Ph. D., was contacted at his office, 706 East Manchester, Los Angeles concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He advised that he was a KENNEDY supporter and member of Senator KENNEDY's Local Speaker's Bureau and he was present at the Ambassador Hotel on the night KENNEDY was shot. He provided the following observations which occurred at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

He arrived at the Ambassador about 10:30 PM on June 4, 1968. The guards at the door of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador would not let him enter the room. He was told that because of fire regulations they were unable to allow anyone else to enter the room. He then went through the kitchen in order to enter the Embassy Room. While he was going through the kitchen he stated that he observed SIRHAN sitting on a table in the kitchen. He stated he thought it was odd that SIRHAN was in the kitchen because he was not dressed as a kitchen employee and he was dressed in "dirty" clothing. He did not speak to SIRHAN but remembered seeing him in passing through the kitchen about 10:30 PM, June 4, 1968.

MC BROOM stated he had been an active worker for the KENNEDY campaign in the Los Angeles area. He was with the KENNEDY party on the Senator's visit to Watts and at the Greek Theater and acted as a security man at the Greek Theater.

After he arrived in the Embassy Room he saw Mrs. JEAN SMITH who invited him to join the private after-victory party, which was for the campaign workers. About mid-night, Senator KENNEDY came into the Embassy Room to make a short speech. It was his understanding that the Senator would leave through the crowd. Someone told him that Mrs. KENNEDY was feeling faint, so KENNEDY decided to leave through the back entrance and through the kitchen.

He joined the KENNEDY group and was following them through the "pantry door" which leads to the kitchen. Just before he went through the door, he saw many balloons floating in the air.

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On 7/8/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156  
SA's ROBERT K. WIMMER & JESSE A. HOLLOWAY/JAH/dey 7/10/68  
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Just as he entered the door, he heard what he assumed later to be the first of several gun shots fired. At first, he thought the noise he heard was caused by the exploding of the balloons. When he realized that the noises he heard were gun shots, he recalled hearing six (6) shots. He did not see any person firing the shots. The last thing he remembered of seeing Senator KENNEDY was his apparent efforts to protect himself by throwing up his hands. His next recollection was of ROOSEVELT GRIER and others trying to take a gun away from SIRHAN.

An unidentified woman shouted to him to "get a doctor, the Senator has been shot." At this point, MC BROOM ran from the kitchen into the Embassy Room searching for a doctor. While running in the Embassy Room, he stated he remembered seeing a caucasian female about twenty-five, 5'4", 126 pounds, moving toward the exit. This woman was wearing a white dress with black polka dots and definitely had dark hair. He did not say anything to this woman, nor did he hear her say anything. He stated the only unusual thing he noticed about this woman was the fact that she appeared much calmer than anyone else in the room, and appeared to be trying to leave the room as soon as possible.

While in the Embassy Room, searching for a doctor, a man hurried past him in a furtive manner. He could not describe this man, but believed he was caucasian and carried a notebook. As he left the Embassy room into the hall, he saw Mr. SAMUEL A. STRAIN, who is an insurance broker with an office on Crenshaw Boulevard. STRAIN said to him, "My God--he run right through our fingers." MC BROOM stated that the man to whom STRAIN was referring was the same man who ran past him mentioned above. MC BROOM said his impression at the time that this man ran past him was that he was a newspaper reporter. He did not give this man any additional thought, since he was sure that the assassin was being subdued in the kitchen.

Just outside the Embassy Room entrance, he found Doctor FRED PARROTT, who is a Medical Doctor, and Doctor ROSS MILLER, whom he said is a surgeon. He attempted to lead them back

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to the kitchen where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. At this time security was extremely tight, and the guards at the Embassy Room entrance would not let them into the room. After proper identification, indicating that the three were doctors, the guards let them into the Embassy Room. The three of them then rushed back to the kitchen.

When they reached the kitchen, the ambulance was already there taking care of Senator KENNEDY. The first thing he saw was Mrs. EVANS lying against the wall with blood coming from her head. He advised that he is not a medical doctor, but a clinical psychologist, therefore, he did not administer first aid to Mrs. EVANS or anyone else. He did what he could to help Doctor MILLER in administering emergency treatment to the other victims of the assassin's bullets. As additional ambulances arrived the various victims were taken from the kitchen.

Shortly after he arrived back in the kitchen with the doctors, the police had SIRHAN in their physical custody. As they were taking him out of the kitchen into the main hall, he heard SIRHAN say, "I did it, but I can explain. I did it for my country."

After all the victims had been taken away in ambulances, there was still mass confusion in the kitchen and the Embassy Room. He stated ABC and CBS reporters wanted him to make a statement which he did. At this point, he advised that he became extremely exhausted and wanted to go home. He went into the Embassy Room and discovered that the police would not let anyone leave. He went back to the kitchen and had one of the kitchen employees lead him out the back way. He went to his car and went home.

In reflection, he remembered that every person he thought to be an employee in the kitchen was dressed in white. This is another reason he thought it strange to see SIRHAN in the kitchen area earlier in the evening.

He estimated that the lapse of time from the shooting until he left the hotel to go home was about thirty (30) minutes. He arrived home between 1:30 and 2:00 AM.

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MC BROOM stated that he resides at 3736 Mullin Place, Los Angeles, California, 90043, and has telephone number 294-0342.

He advised that he had been interviewed by Mr. BOLES (phonetic) of the Los Angeles Police Department. He said he told BOLES everything he had just stated. BOLES showed him many photographs of both males and females. From the photographs shown to him, he was unable to identify the woman in the polka dot dress or the man who ran past him in the Embassy Room whom STRAIN thought was involved.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/20/68

HUGH J. MC DONALD, residence 3601 Robert E. Lee Place, Alexandria, Virginia, Assistant Press Secretary to the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, advised that he admitted volunteer campaign workers to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, between 6:30 and 6:45 P.M., on June 4, 1968. He said around 7:15 P.M. of that date, it was decided to close the Embassy Room and thereafter admit only those who had an Embassy Room press pass. He said that following Senator KENNEDY'S victory speech in the Embassy Room, Senator KENNEDY was to go to the Colonial Room to talk to the writing press as he had in the Indiana and Oregon primaries.

MC DONALD stated that he was near the Colonial Room when he heard a commotion, however, he did not actually hear any shots. He said the events are just a blur to him but he recalls climbing on a steel table and seeing Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor. He said that he saw SIRHAN SIRHAN, the suspected assailant of Senator KENNEDY, however, he was not aware that he had seen SIRHAN at any prior time.

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by SA WALTER D. SAVAGE:bFm Date dictated 6/19/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 18, 1968

Mr. JAMES MC MANUS, 410 Conduitt Drive, Mooresville, Indiana, advised that he went to Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, May 29, 1968, from Oregon where he was working on the KENNEDY primary. MC MANUS said he accompanied the motorcade to downtown Los Angeles where he stopped at the Ambassador Hotel for the assignment in the California primaries. MC MANUS said that he was assigned to make arrangements for a working press room which was the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel and a press distribution center which was the North Room of the Ambassador Hotel. MC MANUS stated that he was assisted by BOY RINGER of Malibu, California, and that in addition to making arrangements for the above-mentioned rooms, he and RINGER took over the registration desk of the hotel from approximately 6:00 PM, May 29, 1968, to 1:00 AM, May 30, 1968.

MC MANUS said that sometime between 9:45 and 10:30 PM, RINGER suggested that they take a break by going for a drink to a free bar which was set up near the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. MC MANUS said while sitting at a table near the free bar, a young man described as 5'3", 120 pounds, dark complexion, with heavy well-groomed black hair, wearing a sport coat with blue stripes and contrasting trousers and a dark tie open at the neck, approached him and asked for the schedule of Senator KENNEDY for the two following days, May 30 and 31, 1968. MC MANUS said his first thought was "what's a Mexican American reporter doing here in Oregon", but then he recalled he was in California. MC MANUS answered that he did not have the schedule but that the individual could obtain the same by going to 5615 Wilshire Boulevard or calling there. MC MANUS stated that the individual then asked what time the Senator would be in that evening, to which MC MANUS answered 11:00 PM. MC MANUS said he then assumed that the individual worked for a radio station in that radio stations send young people who are inexperienced whereas newspaper media are more apt to send older, more experienced personnel. MC MANUS stated that the individual had a Wednesday schedule in his right coat pocket and that he said, "I have today's schedule".

MC MANUS advised that he went back to the registration desk of the hotel at approximately 11:00 PM, whereupon the press contingent came up the stairs. MC MANUS said that he thought the Senator was back in the hotel at this time because of the return of the press contingent.

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MC MANUS said he checked people in until approximately 1:00 AM, May 30, 1968.

MC MANUS recalled that he saw the individual the second time between 11:00 and 12:00 during a short trip to the North Room at which time the individual again asked the question regarding the Senator's schedule, whereupon MC MANUS informed him that he must go to 5615 Wilshire Boulevard to obtain the same.

MC MANUS further stated that sometime after he saw the first individual (probably Wednesday morning or early afternoon) two Latin types described as well dressed, olive skin, thin faced, well-groomed dark hair with long sideburns, and wearing dark business suits, also asked for the schedule. MC MANUS added that these two individuals looked enough alike to be cousins.

MC MANUS advised that he left on Thursday afternoon to go to New York City for campaign arrangements there.

Upon being exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, MC MANUS said that the face on view looked like the first individual, but that he could not be positive. He, MC MANUS added that the photograph looked a little messed up and that he had the impression that the first individual mentioned above may have had longer sideburns; however, he added the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN seemed to him to not be totally unfamiliar. MC MANUS said that the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN did not in any way resemble the two Latin types mentioned above.

MC MANUS recalled that his first reaction after seeing news media photographs was that he vaguely remembered seeing someone very similar to SIRHAN SIRHAN,

MC MANUS further stated that he could not be certain if it was the first individual in the Ambassador Hotel the night of May 29, 1968, but someone was wearing a pair of dark brown buckle loafers, with a sheen, made of large grain leather with the buckle across the instep. MC MANUS added that he appreciates good shoes, and that for some reason these stood out in his mind, perhaps because they were uncared for.

MC MANUS finally stated that it was possible that ROY RINGER of Malibu, California, may have seen and could recall the first individual mentioned above. MC MANUS added that he did not know



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what RINGER's address was; however, he was sure that he, RINGER, could be contacted through PAT BROWN's Law Office, in Los Angeles, California.

MC MANUS further added that either LISA GWIRTZMAN and/or CONSTANCE CHANCELLOR were present when the two Latin types asked for the Senator's schedule of May 30, 1968. According to MC MANUS, LISA GWIRTZMAN lives in New York City and could be contacted through her husband MILTON GWIRTZMAN of Dutton, Gwirtzman, and Wise (phonetic) Law Firm of New York City; and that CONSTANCE CHANCELLOR could be readily found in the Washington, D. C. telephone book, although her address at that time was unknown to him.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/17/68

PHILLIP MULLER, residing at 3201 Hamilton Way, advised he was formerly Assistant Office Manager at the KENNEDY for President Campaign Headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. He said his duties consisted of being in charge of supplies and campaign literature at the headquarters.

Mr. MULLER said he was at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4-5, 1968, and had the job of tabulating votes. He was handling this activity inside the Presidential suite, which was located on the top floor of the hotel. He said he was inside the Presidential suite all of the time he was at the hotel that evening with the exception of the period he went downstairs to get something to eat. He estimated that this was about an hour before Senator KENNEDY was shot. Mr. MULLER said he has never met a person having the name SIRHAN SIRHAN. He has seen photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspaper, and he is positive he did not see him at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4-5, 1968. Mr. MULLER added that he cannot recall ever having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at the KENNEDY for President Campaign Headquarters located at 5615 Wilshire Boulevard.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/18/68

WILLARD H. MURRAY was interviewed at his residence, 5309 Maymont Drive. He advised he was not in or near the Embassy Room during the evening of June 4, 1968, and did not see Senator KENNEDY deliver his victory speech and did not see or hear the shooting which followed. MURRAY advised he was Southern California Assistant to the KENNEDY Campaign Manager during the evening he was in Assemblyman JESSE UNRUH's suite at the Ambassador Hotel. MURRAY advised he is employed as Executive Assistant to Mayor SAM YORTY, Los Angeles, in Room 305, City Hall.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/1/68

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Mr. GEORGE PLIMPTON was interviewed at his residence, 541 East 72nd Street, New York, New York.

He stated that he was in California for approximately the week prior to June 4, 1968, making speeches in behalf of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

On the night of June 4-5, 1968, prior to Senator KENNEDY's speech, he was in Senator KENNEDY's suite at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

He left the suite with Senator KENNEDY's party and went down a back elevator, by the kitchen and on to the podium in the ballroom where Senator KENNEDY made his speech. During the speech, PLIMPTON was on the stage and stood to the rear and to the left of Senator KENNEDY.

PLIMPTON was not part of the planning as to the route to take to or from the ballroom and just "tagged along" therefore he did not know if the plan, if there was one, of departure was changed.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, he turned to the rear of the stage and started that way in the general direction of PLIMPTON. PLIMPTON, anticipating that Senator KENNEDY was going out the back of the stage, preceded Senator KENNEDY and went to the right after leaving the stage. PLIMPTON was walking along about 12 feet in front of Senator KENNEDY and would look back to see that he (PLIMPTON) was going in the correct direction.

Evidently as he was walking along he walked by SIRHAN SIRHAN but did not notice him.

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At one point he looked back as was his practice and saw that he was going in the correct direction and Senator KENNEDY was about 12 feet behind him and was shaking hands with one of the kitchen employees. He then looked forward and at that moment he heard very sharp shots. He knew they were shots and thinks that there were five of them in very rapid succession.

He turned his head and saw people reacting, shouting and screaming.

There was a crowd around Senator KENNEDY and PLIMPTON could not see everything clearly but he thinks that BILL BARRY of Senator KENNEDY's staff, may have knocked down SIRHAN SIRHAN once or twice. Out of the great crowd around Senator KENNEDY came another smaller crowd. In this latter group was JACK, a red-headed male member of Senator KENNEDY's staff, SIRHAN SIRHAN and maybe BILL BARRY. JACK, the red-head, and maybe BARRY had SIRHAN. BARRY then turned back to Senator KENNEDY who was lying on the floor.

PLIMPTON grabbed for SIRHAN who still had the gun. At this point, JACK, the red-head, and PLIMPTON had SIRHAN by the arm and had him over a steam table trying to get the gun from his hand. There may have been a third party holding SIRHAN. At about this time, PLIMPTON thinks the gun came loose from SIRHAN's hand but SIRHAN recovered it immediately. There were no shots fired. Things happened very fast and others were helping to subdue SIRHAN. A man wearing a seer sucker jacket had hold of SIRHAN's leg and ROSIE GRIER had hold of SIRHAN.

The struggle for the gun took a long time as SIRHAN had a firm grip on it. With JACK the red-head and PLIMPTON holding SIRHAN's wrist, a person who PLIMPTON thinks was GRIER got the gun out of SIRHAN's hand.

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At one point SIRHAN said something such as "You're hurting my leg." PLIMPTON did not hear SIRHAN say anything else.

SIRHAN was now subdued and being held by JACK, the red-head, ROSIE GRIER, the male in the seer-sucker jacket who had SIRHAN by the leg and PLIMPTON who had SIRHAN by the wrist. They held him until the police arrived and SIRHAN was turned over to the custody of the police. JESSIE UNRUH was present and did most of the talking to the police and went with the police and SIRHAN.

PLIMPTON did not go to see Senator KENNEDY as he, PLIMPTON, was holding SIRHAN. PLIMPTON thinks that Senator KENNEDY was taken out before SIRHAN was but is not sure of this as his attention was on SIRHAN.

After SIRHAN was turned over to the police, PLIMPTON went to the Good Samaritan Hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken.

While SIRHAN was being held, people asked him why he did it and PLIMPTON asked him why he did it. SIRHAN did not answer any of these people.

PLIMPTON had never seen SIRHAN prior to the shooting and PLIMPTON noticed nothing undue prior to the shooting.

PLIMPTON did not see the other shooting incidents.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/1/68

Mrs. FREDDY PLIMPTON was interviewed at her residence, 541 East 72nd Street, New York, New York.

She stated that her husband is GEORGE PLIMPTON and that she was in California with him for approximately the week prior to June 4, 1968 as her husband was making speeches in California in behalf of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

On the night of June 4-5, 1968, prior to Senator KENNEDY's speech, she was in Senator KENNEDY's suite at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

She left the suite with Senator KENNEDY's party and down a back elevator, by the kitchen and on to the podium in the ballroom where Senator KENNEDY made his speech. During the speech, Mrs. PLIMPTON was on the stage to the rear and left of Senator KENNEDY.

She was standing in front of the stage curtain and near some stairs that went down. She was standing with RAFAEL JOHNSON who was possibly standing on the stairs. Because she is short, she could not see much but noticed nothing undue.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, she followed Mr. JOHNSON down the stairs and thought that Senator KENNEDY followed behind them. She later learned that Senator KENNEDY did not come down these stairs.

She was then in a corridor and thinks she waited with Mr. JOHNSON for Senator KENNEDY to "catch up". She then continued walking assuming that Mr. JOHNSON was near her.

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As she was walking along she was about four or five feet in front of Senator KENNEDY and about three feet to his right.

As she was walking along she was looking back at Senator KENNEDY and saw him turn to his left to shake hands with a male kitchen employee.

At this moment, Senator KENNEDY gave a slight jump and his hands went up to the side of his face in a motion as if to push something away. She then saw an arm go up towards Senator KENNEDY's head, but did not see a gun, heard shots and it was obvious to her that Senator had been shot.

All of this happened very quickly and some of it almost simultaneously.

She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN very clearly. She saw his arm up toward Senator KENNEDY's head but did not see the gun. She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN's arm working and his eyes were narrow, the lines on his face were heavy and set and he was completely concentrated on what he was doing.

In view of the fact that Mrs. PLIMPTON considers herself short and that she could see SIRHAN SIRHAN very clearly she is of the opinion that he was raised in some way. That is, he may have been sitting on a table or the crowd which was very thick, may have pushed him on to or against a table. This would have been before the shooting.

Mrs. PLIMPTON is of the opinion that Senator KENNEDY, in turning to his left to shake hands, put himself in close range of SIRHAN SIRHAN and that when Senator KENNEDY gave a slight jump, he was being shot in the arm.



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Mrs. PLIMPTON is of the opinion that there were about five shots in very rapid succession and two or three scattered shots after that.

Mrs. PLIMPTON went out a door by the press room for a doctor. On her way out she went by a group of people where SIRHAN SIRHAN was, but did not see him. She learned later that her husband was also in this group but she did not see him.

When she got out the door, she saw a girl standing there and told this girl to get a doctor.

Mrs. PLIMPTON then went back in through the door. The door was blocked by someone but she pushed her way in.

She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN lying on a table, ROSIE GRIER lying on his legs and Mr. PLIMPTON standing or kneeling on the table.

She went to ROSIE GRIER as he was "broken-up".

She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN released to the police and then she and Mr. PLIMPTON took Mr. GRIER to the kitchen and gave him some water, then she and Mr. PLIMPTON took Mr. GRIER to Senator KENNEDY's suite and "put him in bed".

Mr. and Mrs. PLIMPTON then went to the Good Samaritan Hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken. Mr. GRIER appeared at the hospital later.

Mrs. PLIMPTON had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the shooting and she heard him say nothing.

Mrs. PLIMPTON is of the impression that SIRHAN SIRHAN was removed before Senator KENNEDY was taken out.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/15/68

Mr. ROY J. RINGER, 19158 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California, telephone 456-2485, who is a self-employed writer, who works out of his home, was interviewed at his home and he furnished the following information:

He was a salaried speech writer for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and had been so employed for about one month prior to the Senator's death.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1968, he came to Los Angeles from Portland, Oregon, and on that evening was in the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he had a drink at the free bar with JAMES MC MANUS of Moorsville, Indiana. He could not recall the details of any specific instance where someone had asked the Senator's schedule because he said he must have been asked one hundred or more times where the Senator would be from time to time. He could not recall what the individual looked like, but had a faint recollection of MC MANUS telling someone to go to the campaign headquarters for some information. He said MC MANUS must have a much better memory than he has because he recalls no details of the incident and the description of the individual as furnished by MC MANUS meant nothing to him.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated he could not recall having ever seen him in person.

He said he spent considerable time during the day and in the evenings working in the North Room of the Ambassador Hotel and had spent very little time at the campaign headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard.

He stated that on the night of June 4 and the early morning of June 5, 1968, he and his wife, VIVIAN, were working at the anchor desk to the left of the stage in the Embassy Room and heard Senator KENNEDY address the group in the Embassy Room.

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