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Senator KENNEDY then left the Embassy Room via the kitchen area to go to the Colonial Room when Mr. RINGER heard a "popping noise" which he said he thought was the bursting of balloons. He momentarily heard that the noises were gunshots and that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He said he did not go to the area where the Senator was shot, but watched the commotion on the television monitors. He said he did not see who shot the Senator nor did he see the Senator after being shot. He did not recall having seen a woman in a polka dot dress in the area of the shooting.

He said he had heard the plans were for Senator KENNEDY to go to the ballroom, after leaving the Embassy Room, to address a group that had assembled there. Someone changed his plans to where he would be going to the Colonial Room through the kitchen area for a press conference. He said DICK KLINE, who lives in Pacific Palisades, California, telephone GL 4-4880, told him he knew fifteen minutes before Senator KENNEDY left the room that he would be going to the Colonial Room and, allegedly, KLINE was to have been interviewed by the FBI on June 14, 1968.

Mr. RINGER said he did not know who actually changed the route Senator KENNEDY was to take, but understood it was done for the benefit of the press, particularly the members of from the East whose deadlines were shorter than the West Coast because of the time differences.

He said the only person he knew who had seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was JUDY MARIE ROYER, who said she had seen him about an hour before the shooting in the kitchen area and she had "run him out". He said he wanted to explain something that previously came up in connection with an interview with him and ROYER by the Los Angeles Police Department. During the interview, ROYER said she had run the man, later identified

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as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, from the passageway behind the stage in the Embassy Room after being told to do so by RINGER. He said he and ROYER later discussed what they had told the Los Angeles Police and he wanted to correct the statement to the effect that she had not ordered SIRHAN out of the passageway at the specific request of RINGER because Mr. RINGER said he did not know anyone was in that area, but it was her job to keep the passageway clear.

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1Date 6/15/68

Mrs. VIVIAN RINGER, wife of ROY J. RINGER, was interviewed at her residence, 19158 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California, telephone 456-2485, and she furnished the following information:

She was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the evening of June 4 and the morning of June 5, 1968. She and her husband were at the anchor desk in the Embassy Room, to the left of the stage, when she heard what to her sounded like gunshots seconds after Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY left the Embassy Room through the kitchen area. She did not see who shot the Senator and she did not go to the area where he had been shot, but remained at the desk and watched the activity on the television monitors. She did not see a woman in a polka dot dress, to her recollection, and has not personally talked to anyone who had seen the person who shot the Senator.

She was shown a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and said she could not recall having seen this man at any time in person.

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PETER P. SMITH, Attorney with firm of Shea, Gallop, Climenko and Gould, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, voluntarily furnished the following information concerning the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

SMITH said he was a personal friend of ROBERT KENNEDY having previously worked with him during 1964.

JERRY BRUNO was in charge of the advance party for the state of California. SMITH was in charge and the head of the advance party of the Los Angeles Office and was responsible for the movements of KENNEDY in the Los Angeles area during KENNEDY's campaign.

On the night of June 4-5, 1968, his specific job was to make arrangements to move, and to move KENNEDY in and out of the various rooms of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He said that JACK GALLIVAN was in Los Angeles and desired to assist so he too was aiding with the KENNEDY party movement plans. SMITH said that BILL BARRY and FRED DUTTON were acting as KENNEDY's immediate body guards and that ROSY GRIER and RAFAEL JOHNSON were also assisting in a similar capacity, but it was DUTTON and BARRY who actually set the routes for ROBERT KENNEDY to follow within the Ambassador Hotel.

SMITH related that all went well and according to prior arranged plans at the Ambassador Hotel. He said that they were assisted by a Mr. "UNO", Catering Manager of the hotel on this occasion, and they had been assisted by him in the past when they were in Los Angeles. He explained that he did not know this person's real last name and that "UNO" was as he understood it the man's first name, but that everyone called him "UNO".

SMITH said that he was in the Embassy Room with KENNEDY and his numerous other aides as the results began to come in. He said that as the favorable totals came in everyone became more jubilant and that as it became evident

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that KENNEDY was going to be the winner he, KENNEDY, became more relaxed and in better spirits than he, SMITH, had seen him in in many months. He said that the Senator personally came to him and invited him to be sure and come to "The Factory", a night club in which he said he believed PIERRE SALINGER had some interest, and one in which the Senator had decided to give a private party for his close friends immediately following the proceedings at the Ambassador Hotel. He said that the Senator told him that he was getting his staff together at "The Factory" and that for him to be sure and come.

SMITH stated that as victory became assured for the Senator, a small conference was held between KENNEDY and his staff and it was discussed that the Senator would have to hold a press conference as soon as he thanked his loyal supporters in the hotel ballroom. He said that it was decided that the best place to have such a press conference would be in the Press Room, a room on the same floor as the Embassy Room and one in which the press had made their temporary headquarters.

SMITH said that he understood that FRED DUTTON and BILL BARRY had reviewed the route to be taken, but that Senator KENNEDY was the one who made the final decision about the matter.

SMITH said that at about the time that Senator KENNEDY began his victory statement he, SMITH, left the podium to make his way downstairs to assure that the motorcade was in position at the street. SMITH explained that it had been necessary for the Senator's party to contract with the Riggs Funeral Home people for them to furnish escort service for the KENNEDY party while they were in Los Angeles. He said that they did not have police escorts and adequate police protection in Los Angeles that everyone was led to believe that they were offered and that this was the reason that they had engaged Riggs as escort service.

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SMITH explained that he left the Embassy Room and proceeded out of the hotel to the street. He said that as soon as he had checked to see that the motorcade was in position he immediately returned back upstairs to the Embassy Room. He said that upon his return he could not get into the Embassy Room so he made his way to the Press Room where he spoke with RICHARD DRAYNE. He said that DRAYNE told him at that time that the plan was to bring Senator KENNEDY into the Press Room and have a press conference and then go through the kitchen and out to the motorcade.

SMITH said that there was a guard stationed at the entrance to the Press Room when he entered the door. He said he had this brief discussion with DRAYNE and then walked to the Press Room door and opened it. He said that at that very instant he heard what sounded to him like several firecrackers going off in rapid succession. He said that he saw nothing of the actual shooting itself, but heard the shots and saw the mass of people. He said it was a weird sight as the complete mass of people seemed to him to be swaying back and forth. SMITH stated that he did not at that moment see either Senator KENNEDY or his assassin, SIRHAN. He said that he noticed that when he did focus on the area where Senator KENNEDY had fallen that Mr. UNO and JACK GALLIVAN appeared to have been in front of the Senator so this would indicate that they knew the exact intended route of the Senator.

SMITH said that he realized then what had occurred and that he then returned to the far entrance of the Press Room to get the guard to stop everyone and seal off the entrance way. SMITH said that he then returned to the Press Room door. He said that he saw several people rush past him and that a couple of these people were women. He said, however, that none of these women who dashed past him were dressed in a polka dotted dress and that he never

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saw anyone dressed like that at anytime. He said that he believed that most of those persons who dashed past him were reporters rushing to get to a telephone.

SMITH stated that when the assassin, SIRHAN, was taken from the hotel kitchen area by the police they passed right by him and that he got a good look at this person. He said that he could not recollect having observed SIRHAN prior to that time.

SMITH explained that in this respect, however, he had given a soundman named GERRY COSTIGAN a pass to get into the Embassy Room that night. He said that COSTIGAN was on the platform in the vicinity of the lectern during the evening. SMITH said that later after KENNEDY's death, COSTIGAN told him that he, COSTIGAN, had viewed SIRHAN in the Embassy ballroom and had moved SIRHAN off of the platform during the evening.

SMITH further related that he, himself, had gone to the Central Receiving Hospital and had remained with the KENNEDY party at the Good Samaritan Hospital and throughout the entire time traveling back to New York City and then on to Washington, DC. SMITH said that something struck him as unusual at the hospital. He said that a telephone call came in for BRUNO and that BRUNO was not available at the time so he, SMITH, took the call. He said that the caller was this GARY X DEDELL, the same individual who was later picked up by New York City Police attempting to enter St. Patrick's Cathedral with an unloaded .38 caliber revolver in an attache case on June 8, 1968, just prior to President JOHNSON's arrival. SMITH said that DEDELL requested him to ask BRUNO if BRUNO wanted him, DEDELL, to bring BRUNO's wife out to Los Angeles. He said DEDELL said that he would bring her there if BRUNO wanted him to.

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SMITH said that when at a later time he gave BRUNO this message BRUNO described this caller to him as a "hanger-on" from Syracuse, New York. SMITH said that it puzzled him as to how this person was able to get a call through to the KENNEDY party at the hospital to get in touch with BRUNO. He said that this individual would, in his opinion, have had to have known the telephone number and the extension or that he would have had to resort to trickery to get the call put through.

SMITH said that in addition he wanted to add that contrary to what has been in the news and what people have been given to believe the Los Angeles Police Department refused to give the Senator and his party adequate police protection. He said that when Senator KENNEDY and his party came off the freeway into Los Angeles they were met by the police and told that they could not run any lights. He said that after they proceeded several blocks the crowds began to gather each time the motorcade stopped for a light and that finally the police returned and because they were halting traffic they, the police, took them straight on through the traffic lights to their destination in downtown Los Angeles. He said that then the police issued the motorcade citation for passing the traffic lights. SMITH said that he personally considered their relations with the police as strained from the outset.

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Mrs. MARGUERITE SWEENEY, Volunteer Coordinator of the KENNEDY for President Committee of Southern California, 20055 Wells Drive, Woodland Hills, California, telephone 347-9910, advised as follows by telephone.

Mrs. SWEENEY, who had been previously interviewed by SA LESLIE F. WARREN on June 7, 1968, and by SA RICHARD P. DOUCETTE on June 8, 1968, was questioned whether she had any knowledge of any photographers who reportedly were shooting a movie film at the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California on the late afternoon of June 4, 1968. She said that there were a number of people taking shots of the interior of the headquarters on this and other dates, and that she had heard reference made to some Swiss group, but had not made any arrangements for them to shoot. She had also heard some reference made to a group known as Educational Films and knew nothing about such a firm or who may have authorized them to film in the headquarters. She did recall there was a crew of four or five people shooting a film in the headquarters and she recalled that it was on June 4, 1968 in the mid-afternoon.

The news department at the KENNEDY headquarters headed by DICK KLEIN would in all probability know whether a specific arrangement had been made for anyone to bring a crew of photographers on that or other dates. She did not have the address or telephone number for DICK KLEIN, but was of the opinion that this information would be available at the KENNEDY Headquarters, which she felt was currently open on an intermittent basis. Mr. ART SELTZER, who had been in charge of the overall campaign in Los Angeles, may have some knowledge of any photographic groups at the headquarters.

In response to the question as to whether she had observed a young girl dressed in a polka-dot dress in the

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headquarters, particularly on the afternoon or late afternoon of June 4, 1968, Mrs. SWEENEY said that she had no recollection of any person fitting such a description. She mentioned there were crowds of people in and out of the headquarters and she was quite busy doing administrative affairs.

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RICHARD G. TUCK advised he was an aide to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on his West Coast presidential campaign and that he handled the press. TUCK stated that he was an "itinerant" as far as permanent residence, however, he could be reached at 900 North Beverly Glen, Los Angeles, California, phone GR4 -4396.

TUCK stated that after Senator KENNEDY had completed his short victory statement and had left the podium, he was trailing the Senator by 12 to 15 feet when he heard a noise sounding like a piece of wood cracking. He said he took his coat off and went to the assistance of Senator KENNEDY. He said the crowd was intense and he did not see the assailant during the commotion that followed, as he went to the side of Senator KENNEDY.

TUCK stated that it was agreed that Senator KENNEDY following the victory talk would go to the Colonial Room to talk to the press.

TUCK stated that he could not recall ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN, the suspected assassin of Senator KENNEDY during his travels with the KENNEDY campaign.

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Date June 14, 1968

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Mr. JESSE M. UNRUH, Speaker of the California State Assembly, home address 8315 Byrd Avenue, Inglewood, California, furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, he was on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, along with members of his staff and Senator KENNEDY and his staff, awaiting the results of the California Presidential Primary. People in the room off the main lobby, who were awaiting the arrival of Senator KENNEDY, began to get restless and it was suggested that he (UNRUH) go down to speak to them.

At about 11:30 p.m. he went down and spoke to the group. At approximately 11:45 p.m. he felt there were sufficient returns for Senator KENNEDY to claim victory and sent his assistant, Mr. JACK C. CROSE, to get the Senator and his party.

The Senator came down to the hall and addressed the group congregated there for about eight minutes and then started to walk away. He proceeded to his right, towards a table where PIERRE SALINGER and DICK KLINE were seated. He was propelled, by someone whom he could not see, towards the back of the stage. The stage was so jammed he (UNRUH) decided to go down the stairs from the stage and go to the hallway by the door located at the foot of the stage.

When he stepped out into the hallway Senator KENNEDY had already passed that area and was about ten paces ahead of him. He then heard two or four pops followed by four or five more. At this point he did not realize these were pistol

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shots and thought they might be balloons. All at once the crowd parted in front of him as he continued to walk forward. He then observed PAUL SCHRADE lying on the floor with an obvious bullet wound in his head and immediately noticed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor ahead of SCHRADE. Senator KENNEDY brought his hand down from his head and appeared to clutch at his stomach, hence he believed the Senator had been shot there. Someone had already gotten to the Senator and had undone his shirt.

Inasmuch as the crowd was pressing in, his first thoughts were to make room for the Senator and prevent his being trampled on. He then attempted to push newsmen, photographers, and other people in the area away. Noticing a photographer on top of a table where ROOSEVELT GRIER had pinned SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, he pulled him off the table and into the corridor. At this point it was the first time he had seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and at no time did he ever observe SIRHAN holding the gun.

Recalling the fate that had befallen LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and hearing voices in the crowd yelling to kill SIRHAN, he recalls yelling to the group holding SIRHAN to protect him. He could not recall exact words used but, remembering the events in Dallas when OSWALD had been shot, he did not want to see the same thing happen there. He did recall saying something like, "If the system works at all, we are going to try this one".

When the police arrived he attempted to keep the police all around SIRHAN to protect him. He . . . grabbed SIRHAN by the scruff of the neck and helped to propel him down the hallway through the lobby and to a police car parked in front of the hotel.

He accompanied the police officers in the car that SIRHAN was in to the Rampart Division. He sat in front with the driver and SIRHAN was in the back seat between two other

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police officers. About the time they entered the car SIRHAN mumbled, " I did it for my country". He could not recall at just what point he (UNRUH) asked the question during the ride, but since SIRHAN looked like a Latin-American he asked SIRHAN, "Why him? Why him? He was trying to do something". SIRHAN muttered, "It's too late, it's too late". He also recalls SIRHAN saying, "I can explain, I can explain". He could not, however, recall the exact sequence of the statements except for the one made as they entered the car.

They arrived at the Rampart Division and SIRHAN was taken into a room there by one of the officers. His sole concern there was that SIRHAN not be in a position to do himself any harm and he was assured by an officer that SIRHAN was still handcuffed and would not be able to do himself any harm. Shortly after their arrival at the Rampart Division he noticed the time was 12:43 a.m.

SIRHAN subsequently was brought out, placed into a police car, and taken to the Central Division. He followed in another car. . . Upon arriving SIRHAN was taken to an isolation room and interrogated and that is all he saw of SIRHAN.

He added that he was not aware of any formal plans for Senator KENNEDY to address the press. The only plan he was aware of was that there was to be a victory celebration at the "Factory" a discotheque in Hollywood, California, to which he and his staff had been invited. To his knowledge all plans were made by the Senator's staff.

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CAROL ANN WELCH, 2320 20th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that she was a secretary traveling with the official travel party of Senator KENNEDY on his West Coast campaign.

She stated at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot in the Ambassador Hotel, she was in a upstairs suite of that hotel. She stated that she could not recall ever seeing the suspected assassin SIRHAN SIRHAN during her travels with Senator KENNEDY.

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Mrs. JAMES WITTAKER, 2434 West Sammamish, North Redmond, Washington (206-TU 5-1153), advised SAs WALTER B. SAVAGE and PHILIP E. COGHLAN that she is a personal friend of the KENNEDY family and is presently residing with Mrs. KENNEDY at their Mc Lean residence. She related that she was in the suite of Senator KENNEDY's party at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, when the assassination of Senator KENNEDY occurred.

Mrs. WITTAKER did not see the individual who shot Senator KENNEDY at any time prior to the shooting and is totally unfamiliar with the Senator's departing route after giving speeches.

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1Date 7/15/68

FAYE YOUNGER, 1752 Buckingham Road, Los Angeles, advised that she was a staff member for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and she furnished the following information with respect to her knowledge of the events at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 and June 5, 1968, where Senator KENNEDY was shot.

She worked at the Senator's campaign headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard until approximately 10:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, and then drove to the Ambassador Hotel to participate in the rally. She parked her car on Eighth Street, south of the Ambassador Hotel, and proceeded from there to the Embassy Room. She was informed by a guard that she could not enter since the fire marshals had closed the room. She then went to the Colonial Room and was able to enter that area but her husband, KEN YOUNGER, who was with her and several other friends who did not have staff badges, could not get into this room.

She stated that she stayed in the Colonial Room only a few minutes and then went to the lower ballroom with her husband and the friends she was with. She remained in the lower ballroom with the large crowd and heard from someone in the audience, after the Senator had made his speech, that he had just been shot. She did not believe this until she heard the announcement made over the public address system.

She advised that shortly before the Senator began his speech, her husband decided that, due to heat and the crowded room, he would go home.

She was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and she advised that she did not see this individual at any time in the Ambassador Hotel.

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Date July 5, 1968

Doctor MAX RAFFERTY, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Director of Education, California State Department of Education, 721 Capitol Mall, advised that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he remained in a private room at The Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

During this period he was viewing television election returns with close friends and political supporters concerning his candidacy for the Republican nomination to a seat in the United States Congress.

Shortly after 11:30 p.m. it became apparent that he had won the election so he and his group went to the Venetian Room of The Ambassador Hotel, where his main victory celebration was in progress, attended by 300 to 400 persons.

Doctor RAFFERTY said that at about midnight he began addressing the group in the Venetian Room but was interrupted with the news that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He was immediately escorted to another room in the hotel where he remained for the rest of the night under protection of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Doctor RAFFERTY related that he had no personal knowledge of the possible presence of KENNEDY murder suspect SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the Venetian Room on the

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night of June 4-5, 1968. He added, however, that it was his understanding that the wife of his Special Assistant, BARNEY FITZPATRICK, had claimed to have seen SIRHAN there.

Doctor RAFFERTY noted that the June 21, 1968, issue of "Life Magazine" carried allegations that SIRHAN had been thrown out of the Venetian Room and had been refused a drink by a bar hostess there but that no such information had come to his attention from any source who attended the party.

Doctor RAFFERTY said that he did not know if any security guards were present in the Venetian Room or if invitations had been required to gain entry there; however, this information would be readily available at his campaign headquarters in Los Angeles.

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1.Date July 5, 1968

Mrs. LOUISE FITZPATRICK, 4345 Rio Tinto Avenue, advised that she is the wife of BARNEY FITZPATRICK, who is a Special Assistant to Dr. MAX RAFFERTY of the California Department of Education, and that she attended a party and victory celebration for Doctor RAFFERTY in the Venetian Room of The Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the night of June 4-5, 1968.

She recalled that at approximately midnight, Doctor RAFFERTY appeared before television cameras in the Venetian Room to deliver a victory speech following his apparent winning of the election.

Approximately ten minutes prior to this time, she observed a person in the middle of the Venetian Room whom she believed resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. This person was wearing light-colored trousers and a blue, lightweight nylon jacket, zipped up the front. She did not know any other person who noticed this individual or if he was accompanied by anyone else, and she did not see him again. She stated she only had a fleeting glance at this person but remembered him because he appeared to be a Mexican or similar minority racial group member. She said he appeared to be tired and thought at the time that he was one of several young people who had been working as stagehands and helpers in the Venetian Room.

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Date 7/8/68

YVONNE BELTZER, 1828 Prosser Avenue, Los Angeles, California was contacted at her place of employment, Radio News West, 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, and voluntarily advised as follows:

On the night of June 4, 1968, she was working at the Ambassador Hotel assisting in handling Wire Service and Tape Services for Radio News West in reporting activities from the campaign headquarters of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, ALLEN CRANSTON and MAX RAFFERTY. She was working in all three headquarters from time to time and was also in the Embassy Room on three occasions

She advised she was working in the Garden Room at the Ambassador, which was RAFFERTY headquarters, when she heard the news that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Upon hearing this she left the Garden Room and attempted to go to the Embassy Room. She stated the corridor was extremely crowded and when she got to the entrance to the Embassy Room, the guards at the door would not allow her or anyone else to enter the Embassy Room. She advised she did not witness the shooting nor did she see the person doing the shooting.

She stated that earlier in the evening, approximately thirty minutes before Senator KENNEDY arrived at the Embassy Room, she went to the Embassy Room to see if her associate, SANDRA METTETAL, needed any assistance. When she arrived at the Embassy Room, she was directed to enter through the kitchen entrance, which she did. She recalled the kitchen area was extremely crowded and there were many people standing in the foyer between the kitchen and the Embassy Room. She does not recall the description or appearance of any of the persons she saw and does not recall seeing anyone in particular. She could not find SANDRA and left the Embassy Room leaving by the kitchen door. She returned on two other occasions prior to the arrival of Senator KENNEDY, but could not locate SANDRA so she, BELTZER, returned to RAFFERTY headquarters, where she was when she heard about the shooting.

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BELTZER stated she could furnish no first-hand information regarding the shooting or the assassin.

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1Date 6/24/68

VICTORIA BILLINGS, 616 North Highland Avenue, telephone 799-1958, advised she, along with PAMELA RUSSO and several others, manned the press table at the RAFFERTY Headquarters in the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, 1968. She does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN by description and could not recognize his photograph. She further stated that she has no knowledge of an incident involving a \$20 tip.

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Date 7/8/681

Miss GEORGIA BOSTWICK, American Airline Reservation Saleswoman, 140 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, who resides at 277 West Street, Reading, Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

She formerly worked for American Airlines at Los Angeles, and while there became a close friend of PAMELA RUSSO, Press Secretary of Dr. MAX RAFFERTY, State Superintendent of Instruction, who was running for, and subsequently won the nomination for U.S. Senator from California. At the request of RUSSO, she went to Los Angeles and assisted in the campaign of RAFFERTY.

She was at the RAFFERTY Headquarters the night of the California Primary collecting and circulating complimentary drink tickets. During the course of the evening she was unable to recall seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN or to recall an incident involving a \$20.00 tip by SIRHAN or by any other individual at the bar at the RAFFERTY Headquarters on the night of the California primary, June 4, 1968.

Miss BOSTWICK stated she had observed newspaper photographs of SIRHAN since that date and used them as a basis for above information.

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JAVIER CUEVA advised he is an employee of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and was present in the RAFFERTY for Senator Room and the adjacent anteroom the night of June 4, 1968. He recalled no incident involving a \$20 tip.

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ANTOINETTE DULAINÉ was interviewed at her residence, 5434 11th Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone 292-6236. She advised she was one of the "Rafferty Girls" on duty at RAFFERTY Headquarters the night of June 4, 1968, and she does not recognize SIRHAN SIRHAN by description or photograph. She has no knowledge of any incident involving a \$20 tip.

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Mrs. CHARLES (FRANCES) FINLEY, 5053 Gardena Avenue, Long Beach, telephone G.A. 2-8927, advised she was at the RAFFERTY Headquarters in the Ambassador Hotel the night of the California primary, June 4, 1968. She was with her daughter-in-law, MARGARET FINLEY, and they were seated in front of a large mirror which covers one wall, and which mirror is pictured in "Life" magazine, June 21, 1968, Volume 64, Number 25, Pages 30 - 31.

In looking at this picture in "Life" magazine, she is seated approximately in front of her son, who is in the middle left hand side of the picture standing up and wearing horn-rimmed glasses. She stated that her son arrived at the RAFFERTY Headquarters after she had been there sometime and believes it to be about 8:45 p.m. when he arrived. Just before he arrived, her daughter-in-law pointed out an individual who walked in, passed the press table, then in front of her to a point where a band was playing, which would be off to the left in the above-referred to "Life" magazine picture. She advised her daughter-in-law called her attention to this individual, who she is now sure, from looking at pictures in "Life" magazine, the press, television, and pictures shown to her this date, that it was SIRHAN SIRHAN. She did not see him again that evening.

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JEFF FINLEY, 278 Ravenna Drive, Long Beach, telephone 439-4229, advised he has been Field Director for MAX RAFFERTY in connection with RAFFERTY's successful campaign for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate. He advised he has been working out of the RAFFERTY Headquarters at 3584 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was at the RAFFERTY Headquarters in the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, 1968. He did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN by description and could not recognize his photograph, but he stated that his wife and his mother had been in RAFFERTY Headquarters and believed, from photographs seen in magazines, that they had seen SIRHAN.

He advised that election night the two "Rafferty Girls" working for him were ANTOINETTE DULAIN, telephone 292-6236, and HOLLY HOFFME, telephone 790-4540.

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Mrs. JEFFERY (MARGARET) FINLEY, 270 Ravenna Drive, telephone 439-4229, advised that she went to the RAFFERTY Headquarters in the Ambassador Hotel about 8:15 p.m., the night of June 4, 1968. She was with her mother-in-law, Mrs. CHARLES FINLEY. She advised that while sitting with her mother-in-law at about 8:15 p.m., or shortly before, a man came into the RAFFERTY Headquarters, passed in front of her and her mother-in-law, and went over and stood by a band that was playing. She stated she now is "almost certain" that this person was SIRHAN SIRHAN. She stated she bases this on a clear recollection of seeing the individual arrive and commenting to her mother-in-law at that time that he was not well dressed and looked like a "slob". She stated she did not see this man again. She noted that in the issue of "Life" magazine dated June 21, 1968, Volume 64, Number 25, on Pages 30 - 31, in a large picture of the RAFFERTY Headquarters, it says in a caption that SIRHAN SIRHAN "may be in this picture". She stated in looking at this picture, in the middle of the left side of the picture, which is split by the crease in the center of the page, is a man in horn-rimmed glasses who is her husband, and he is standing approximately where she was sitting when this incident occurred, although the seats are not visible because of the crowd.

She recalls the individual she thinks is SIRHAN SIRHAN being dressed in a light colored shirt, but other clothing was unobserved. She recalled at the time thinking he looked like someone who might be a waiter, but "definitely not Spanish", although all the other waiters were. She stated she can never be positive that she saw SIRHAN.

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DANIEL E. HALL, 1300 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Palmer, Glendale, Area Director, Republican County Central Committee, was interviewed at his office at 1326 West Sixth Street

Mr. HALL advised that on the evening of June 4, 1968 in connection with his employment he travelled to the RAFFERTY for Senator Headquarters located at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, arriving at approximately 8:30 p.m. HALL stated that he immediately journeyed to the RAFFERTY area located on the second floor in the Ambassador Hotel. He stated he stayed until approximately 10:00 p.m. that night. HALL advised that at approximately 10:00 p.m. he met two young ladies, female employees of the RAFFERTY for Senator Committee, KAREN MC SPADDEN and DALE DURETTE. HALL stated that they had come to Los Angeles from Riverside to celebrate the RAFFERTY victory. He advised that shortly after 10:00 p.m. he and the young ladies went to an adjacent anteroom which contained a bar serving champagne cocktails. He advised that after ordering their drinks, and sitting at a table for approximately five minutes, an unknown white male came up to their table and engaged KAREN MC SPADDEN in conversation. HALL advised that somewhat later he sat down at the table and joined the conversation indicating in the period of a few minutes, that he was for RAFFERTY and against KENNEDY and shortly thereafter for KENNEDY and against RAFFERTY. HALL disclosed that this individual had campaign buttons for both RAFFERTY and KENNEDY. HALL stated this man indicated that he liked to get information from people and intended to find out something about HALL and the two girls.

HALL disclosed that as conversation with this individual proceeded it became evident that there was something "strangely wrong" with this man. HALL advised that this individual, who would not furnish his name, but who later in the evening showed identification of some sort to KAREN MC SPADDEN, indicated that he lived in Bel Air, California and was a student at San Fernando Valley State College. HALL advised that he later indicated that he was a student at Santa Monica City College and finally that he was not a student at all.

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HALL advised that he questioned the individual as to why he liked to get information from people. The unknown male replied, "I have a brief case here full of information but I have something here (pointing to his briefcase) that's going to make big news tonight. Big news, big news." HALL disclosed that at this time one of the two girls attempted to touch this individual's briefcase but he yanked it roughly from her reach. HALL stated that he asked this man to buy a round of drinks for the table to which he replied, "No, I don't have that kind of money and I don't like people that have money." HALL stated that at this time he noticed a pronounced and-definite bulge in this individual's briefcase. HALL stated in his opinion this bulge was possibly made by a gun. He stated that he believed this due to the fact that he formerly had a briefcase exactly like the one carried by this individual, in which he had carried a .22 caliber pistol in connection with his former employment. He advised that his gun in his briefcase made a bulge which he believed to be identical to the one he observed in this unknown man's briefcase.

HALL stated that shortly after this conversation he and the two girls left the anteroom and returned to the Venetian Room. He advised that upon leaving this individual indicated that he was having a big evening tonight and would be there for a long time.

HALL disclosed that he and the two girls were in and around the Venetian Room area and the anteroom area until approximately 11:30 p.m. on the evening of June 4, 1968. HALL stated that during this period of time he and the girls observed this unknown individual on several occasions and in each instance he was walking through the various rooms carrying his briefcase. HALL stated that at 11:30 p.m. he, MC SPADDEN and DURETTE travelled to Michael's Restaurant, located approximately 15 minutes from the Ambassador Hotel, in order that they might eat dinner. He advised that after arriving at Michael's at 11:45 p.m. they ordered their dinner and were watching the election returns on television. HALL revealed that a short time later

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he and the two girls were stunned to learn via the television set that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He advised that almost in unison the two girls and himself thought of the individual at the Ambassador Hotel thinking that he was possibly connected with the shooting. HALL stated that the three of them immediately left the restaurant, not even bothering to pay their bill, and raced back to the Ambassador Hotel arriving at approximately 12:40 a.m.

HALL stated that he and the girls furnished this information to a police officer at the door and were admitted into the Ambassador Hotel at which time they conducted a thorough search of all of the pertinent areas and were unable to locate this man.

Mr. HALL stated that his best description of this individual in question is as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Age | 25 to 30 years |
| Height | 5'9" to 5'10" |
| Hair | Brown, medium length |
| Clothing | Bulky brown sports coat; bulky dark slacks; business shirt and tie |
| Complexion | Light, possibly pockmarked |
| Speech | Spoke strangely, however, not with accent, somewhat effeminate |
| Peculiarities | Shoulders seemed somewhat hunched |

The following description of HALL was furnished through observation and interview:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |

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| Height | 5'8" |
| Weight | 140 pounds |
| Date of birth | August 7, 1939 |
| Place of birth | Los Angeles, California |
| Hair | Auburn |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Residence | 1300 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Palmer Glendale, California |
| Occupation | Republican County Central Committee |
| Military service | United States Navy, five years reserves, discharged March, 1962 |
| Admitted arrests | Two drunk arrests, Los Angeles, California, 1961 - 1964, dispositions - dismissed; One rape arrest, Los Angeles, California, 1962, disposition - dismissed; forcible rape arrest Los Angeles, California, 1967 charge reduced to assault with intent to commit bodily harm, sentenced one year summary pro- bation |

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ELIO HERNANDEZ advised he is an employee of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and was present in the RAFFERTY for Senator Room and the adjacent anteroom the night of June 4, 1968. He recalled no incident involving a \$20 tip.

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HOLLY HOFFIME, 940 Delinda Lane, telephone 790-4540, advised she is one of the "Rafferty Girls" who was on duty at RAFFERTY Headquarters at the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, 1968. She does not recognize SIRHAN SIRHAN by photograph or description and advised she has no knowledge of an incident involving a \$20 tip.

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Miss MARVENE ESTHER JONES was interviewed at her residence, 2264 Ben Lomond Drive, Los Feliz Hills, Los Angeles, California, by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, who identified himself to her as a Special Agent of the FBI.

Miss JONES advised that she was in the Venetian Room of the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968. She stated that she was in the Venetian Room in connection with volunteer work performed for the RAFFERTY for Senator Committee.

Miss JONES disclosed that approximately 9:30 p.m. she arrived at the Ambassador Hotel staying in the Venetian Room mingling with the crowd until approximately 10:30 p.m. Miss JONES advised that at approximately 10:30 to 11:00 p.m. she sat down at a desk located at the entrance way to the Venetian Room and commenced manning a direct telephone line to the Registrar of Voters Office in Los Angeles, California. Miss JONES stated that this open line was maintained for the duration of the evening and was being used to receive current voting information.

Miss JONES stated that various other people at different times occupied an additional seat located behind the desk. Their function was to give out RAFFERTY bumper stickers and other advertising type literature as well as giving tickets for free drinks to members of the press. Miss JONES stated that she believed she manned this telephone line for a period of time involving approximately three to four hours.

Miss JONES disclosed that at approximately 12:00 midnight while sitting at this desk she began to notice screams, yells and a great amount of activity coming from the room located directly across the lobby occupied by the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY supporters. Miss JONES stated that as the activity increased she could tell from the shouted conversations that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She advised that she began yelling to people running near the entrance to the Venetian Room in an attempt to find out what exactly had occurred.

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Miss JONES advised that at some time approximately five to fifteen minutes after she had first deduced that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, she observed a man walking by her door. She yelled to him words to the effect that she wanted to know what had happened and since she could not leave the telephone would he please sit down and tell her what had occurred.

Miss JONES stated that to the best of her memory the following is the conversation that occurred between herself and this individual.

He "KENNEDY's been shot. I was back there in that area." (Miss JONES advised that she obtained the impression that this statement indicated that he was one of many in the KENNEDY crowd).

He "There was a man with a gun."

Miss JONES disclosed that during this conversation, which lasted approximately one minute, a large surge of people began clustering around her desk attempting to use the telephone which was located in front of her. She stated that due to the force of the crowd and to the excitement in the room she at this point lost contact with this individual and did not observe him again.

Miss JONES stated that the above was the entirety of the conversation and the individual did not have a chance to finish his story.

Miss JONES stated that the following would be her best recollection of the description of the individual in question:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | Caucasian |
| Age | 25 to 35 years |
| Height | Medium |
| Weight | Medium |
| Hair | Light brown, short business cut |

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| Eyes | Medium brown or lighter |
| Clothing | Business suit, possibly a grayed green in color; business shirt and tie |

Miss JONES disclosed that this individual had the look of a young junior executive, was a good dresser but average looking in features with no distinguishing marks. Miss JONES stated further that the individual in question spoke to her in a soft and pleasant-mannered voice and was apparently not shaken by the events that had occurred.

Miss JONES advised that to the best of her knowledge she has never seen this individual before and she stated that she could not remember anyone she knew who was in the vicinity of her desk when this unknown man appeared there.

Miss JONES stated that she has never observed SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and especially not at any time during the evening in the Venetian Room in the Ambassador Hotel. Miss JONES advised that she had no knowledge of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN appearing in the Venetian Room and tipping anyone with a \$20 bill for a drink purchased.

The following is a description obtained through observation and interview of MARVENE ESTHER JONES:

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| Residence | 2261 Bon Lomond Drive Los Feliz Hills Los Angeles, California |
| Occupation | Clerical worker |
| Employment | Keystone Reader Service 1081 Westwood Boulevard Los Angeles, California |
| Former employment | Reporter, "Costa Mesa Globe Herald" Costa Mesa, California; Ted Bentley Productions Los Angeles, California Business Relations Department |

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Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree in
Journalism, University of
Southern California

DESCRIPTION

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| Sex | Female |
| Race | White |
| Date of birth | September 1, 1937 |
| Place of birth | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| Height | 5'7 |
| Weight | 126 pounds |
| Hair | Blond |
| Eyes | Hazel |
| Marital status | Single |
| Mother | HELEN NOREGAARD |
| Admitted arrests | Parking tickets, Los Angeles, California, 1953. |

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1Date 6/19/68

Miss MARVENE JONES, 2264 Ben Lomond Drive, Los Feliz Hills, Los Angeles, California, voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and was interviewed by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR.

Miss JONES reviewed color NBC news film coverage covering the events occurring at the Ambassador Hotel, prior to and immediately after the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968. This review was accomplished in the Photo Laboratory of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

After reviewing this film, Miss JONES stated that she did not observe any individual who resembled the man who had approached her at the Venetian Room of the Ambassador Hotel during the early a.m. of June 5, 1968.

Miss JONES advised further that upon carefully considering the circumstances surrounding her conversation with this unknown male, she believes that she could not positively identify this man.

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GONZALLO LETINA advised he is an employee of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and was present in the RAFFERTY for Senator Room and the adjacent anteroom the night of June 4, 1968. He recalled no incident involving a \$20 tip.

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BLAISE MINNS advised he is an employee of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and was present in the RAFFERTY Senator Room and the adjacent anteroom the night of June 4, 1968. He recalled no incident involving a \$20 tip.

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FRANK QUINONEZ advised he is an employee of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and was present in the RAFFERTY for Senator Room and the adjacent anteroom the night of June 4, 1968. He recalled no incident involving a \$20 tip.

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MANUEL RODRIGUEZ advised he is an employee of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and was present in the RAFFERTY for Senator Room and the adjacent anteroom the night of June 4, 1968. He recalled no incident involving a \$20 tip.

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PAMELA RUSSO was interviewed at her office, the California Museum of Science and Industry, 700 North State Drive, Los Angeles, telephone 749-0101, Extension 235, and advised that she lives at 7512 Hampton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 876-4326. She advised that she is one of the public relations people who was working at the headquarters of Dr. MAX RAFFERTY during his successful bid for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate from California in the primary elections on June 4, 1968. In connection with the capacity, she was one of the hostesses at the RAFFERTY Headquarters at the Ambassador Hotel on election night. She stated she had no recollection of SIRHAN SIRHAN by description and could not recognize his picture.

Mrs. RUSSO stated that other girls who would have been in the RAFFERTY Headquarters that night would include two "Rafferty Girls" who would have worked for JEFF FINLEY, the Field Coordinator for RAFFERTY. Also present would have been a friend of hers, GEORGIA BOSTWICK who is an American Airlines (AAL) representative connected with the AAL Ticket Office in Boston. Also present were VICKY BILLINGS, home telephone 799-1958, KAREN SOUTHWICK, home telephone 826-7170, and DIANE WICK, who works for a public relations man, name unknown, and who is known to SOUTHWICK. Her last telephone number was 766-3211. RUSSO advised that another girl who was at RAFFERTY Headquarters is one MARVENE JONES, who works for ROGER HUTCHINSON, public relations man, in Hollywood, telephone H.O. 2-4500.

Mrs. RUSSO stated she has no knowledge of any alleged \$20 tip that might have been left by anyone for anyone at the RAFFERTY Headquarters election night.

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KAREN SOUTHWICK, 11936 Darlington, Los Angeles, California, advised she was working at the RAFFERTY headquarters on the night of June 4, 1968. She cannot identify SIRHAN SIRHAN as anyone she ever saw and has no recollection of any incident involving a \$20.00 bill.

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NESTOR SUPERVILLE advised he is an employee of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and was present in the RAFFERTY for Senator Room and the adjacent anteroom the night of June 4, 1968. He recalled no incident involving a \$20 tip.

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DIANE WICK, 11936 Darlington, Los Angeles, California, advised she was working at the RAFFERTY headquarters the night of June 4, 1968 and she cannot identify SIRHAN SIRHAN as anyone she ever saw. She has no recollection of any incident involving a \$20.00 bill.

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RICHARD AARON, who resides at 1057 West 49th Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968 to participate in the ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign and celebration. He advised that he arrived at the hotel at approximately 11:00 p.m. and went to the Embassy Room where he remained the rest of the evening.

He stated he was in the Embassy Room when KENNEDY came into the room to make his brief victory speech at approximately 11:45 p.m. or 12:00 midnight. He stated that after KENNEDY finished his speech he left the stage of the Embassy Room through the door at the rear of the stage and that shortly after he left there were some sounds from the back of the stage area which sounded something like "gun shot". He stated that everyone began to press forward to try to find out what had happened and shortly thereafter people came from the back room shouting that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that during the confusion which followed the announcement of the shooting, he saw a girl in the crowd in the Embassy Room who was wearing a polka dot dress, but stated he had no reason to believe that she was in any way connected with the assassin. He stated that this came to his mind only because he later heard so much publicity about the girl in the polka dot dress.

AARON advised that he remained in the Embassy Room until approximately 1:15 a.m. at which time he left the hotel and returned to his home.

AARON stated that during the time he was at the Ambassador Hotel he did not see anyone who looked like SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he felt sure the only time he ever saw this individual was on the television following the assassination.

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Date 7/8/68

RICHARD S. AUBRY, Age 52, 3627 Chesapeake Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 292-6504, advised that he is a part-time employee of the Pacific Coast News Bureau, 1199 West 39th Place, Los Angeles, telephone number 732-3854, a small Negro organization operating under the auspices of owner JAMES RODNEY SMITH, age 85. He is also a substitute clerk at the United States Post Office, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles. He furnished the following information with respect to his knowledge of the events on June 4 and June 5, 1968, surrounding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California:

On June 4, 1968, he went to the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel to cover Senator KENNEDY. While there, he met MAX JOHNSON, representative of the "Afro-American" newspaper published in Washington, D.C., but who is an employee of that paper's Baltimore Office. He also met BOOKER GRIFFIN, a director of the Negro Industrial Economic Union (NIEU). Prior to the speech by Senator KENNEDY, at approximately midnight, he wandered back and forth in the ballroom. He also wandered back and forth during much of the speech.

Just as Senator KENNEDY appeared in the ballroom and started speaking, he tried to make a telephone call to his employer from the press telephones in the Embassy Room to inform him that Senator KENNEDY was making a speech. There was no answer at his office, so he continued to listen to the Senator's speech. Just prior to the end of the speech, he was on the Senator's left at the edge of the stage where there was a guard. He used his press badge to get by the guard. He thought that he would proceed through the kitchen area to the KENNEDY press room, which was located at the far end of the kitchen passageway. He thought at the time that the Senator would leave the area through the main doors to his right. The Senator started to leave the platform by going to his right but then reversed his direction and went to his left. He (AUBRY) then went through the door leading to the kitchen passageway and he thinks that Senator KENNEDY was close behind

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