

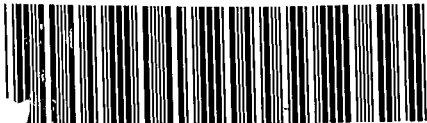
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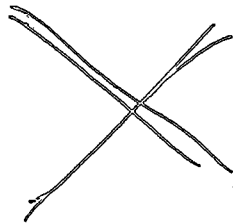
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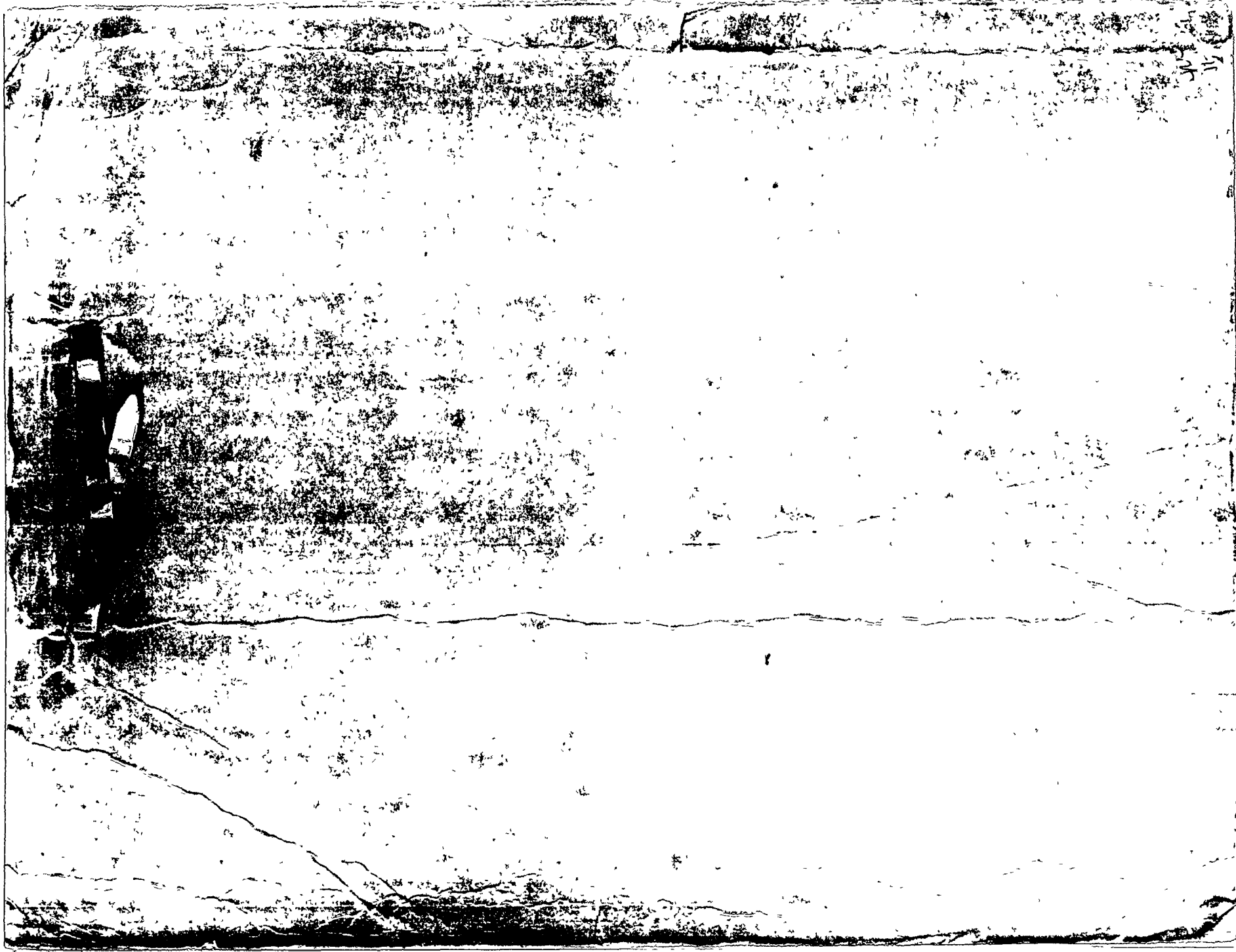
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By communication dated June 11, 1968, the San Francisco Division advised that a FRED CANNON, California Blue Shield, San Francisco, advised that he was in the Tudor Room of the Sheraton-Wilshire Hotel at Los Angeles, California the day before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated, and overheard a Negro bartender say that he had been asked to serve at the victory reception for Senator KENNEDY. The Negro bartender then added that he hoped he would not get shot at, according to Mr. CANNON. Mr. CANNON said he could not further identify the bartender.

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CLYDE STRIBLING, Bartender, Tudor Room, Sheraton Wilshire Hotel, 3515 Wilshire Boulevard, stated that he has no permanent address at this time. STRIBLING advised that he was the bartender who talked to a man whose name he does not know at the Tudor Room, Sheraton Wilshire Hotel, on April 3, 1968, concerning his (STRIBLING's) having been asked to work at the victory reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel. STRIBLING said that he does recall jokingly stating to the man that he hoped he (STRIBLING) did not get shot at the reception. STRIBLING said this was strictly said in jest, and he had no knowledge of any possible assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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MARK EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the interview and then furnished the following information:

CHAMBERLAIN was interviewed at his apartment, 6400 Franklin Avenue, apartment 215, Los Angeles, California, telephone 452-7803. CHAMBERLAIN was asked if he had been at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he was in his apartment watching the election returns, saw the events of the shooting on television, and stayed up all night watching the reports. He stated that he knows nothing concerning the shooting or concerning the suspected killer SIRHAN SIRHAN, other than what he had seen on television and read in the newspapers.

He further stated that DONALD WRIGHT, who lives in apartment 314, was with him in his (CHAMBERLAIN's) apartment all that evening. They were using WRIGHT's portable television, CHAMBERLAIN stated that shortly after the shooting he called Mrs. VAN OLINDA, who lives in the apartment immediately below his and told her that KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that he later visited Mrs. VAN OLINDA in her apartment, they both were crying and consoling each other. CHAMBERLAIN related that his roommate is DONALD BOLING, who is a male nurse and while he has in the past been working for the San Vincente Hospital, he is currently working on a private case and comes home only on Sundays.

CHAMBERLAIN stated that BOLING was not in the apartment on the night of the shooting. CHAMBERLAIN related that he also called his sister, Mrs. LESLIE PUTMAN, in Campbell, New York and told her of the shooting. He stated that his sister admonished him since she had been in bed and knew nothing of the shooting. He told her to turn on the television or radio. CHAMBERLAIN stated that he was sober that night but several days later called his sister again and cannot recall the conversation that took place because he had been drinking heavily.

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CHAMBERLAIN also recalled calling his mother on the night of the shooting but does not recall mentioning anything to her concerning the shooting. He stated that Mrs. PUTMAN is his favorite sister and he called her on the night of the shooting because he wanted to talk to her and tell her what had happened. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he is divorced, has lived in Los Angeles, California since 1949 and since that time has been arrested twice for drunk driving and once for assault upon his ex-wife, for which he spent 40 days in jail. CHAMBERLAIN also related that he served 14 months in prison in Pennsylvania as a juvenile for the theft of a carburetor from a car. CHAMBERLAIN advised he is currently unemployed having injured his hand in a car door. He stated his last job was as a chef at the Westside Hospital on Fairfax and San Vincente. He has not worked there for three months and he worked there for a period of only three months. Prior to that time he had been manager of the Big "D" Restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard.

CHAMBERLAIN was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that he had never seen him in person and had never seen him before seeing him on television on the night KENNEDY was shot. CHAMBERLAIN denied knowing anything pertaining to SIRHAN other than what he had seen in the newspapers.

CHAMBERLAIN denied being a member of any organization or group whatsoever.

CHAMBERLAIN advised that his boy CHARLES had recently been arrested on a narcotics charge in Los Angeles, California and that after several trials had been placed on probation to live with his mother in Elkland, Pennsylvania. He related that on June 13, 1968 he put his boy on a bus to New York and Elkland, Pennsylvania.

CHAMBERLAIN noted that this inquiry possibly is a result of the phone calls that he made to his sister and noted that it is apparently a misunderstanding in her interpretation

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of what he said, although he cannot remember his conversation with his sister when he was drunk. CHAMBERLAIN reiterated that he cannot recall making any statement that would indicate that he was involved in the KENNEDY shooting or knowing SIRHAN SIRHAN or any of his activities or organizations.

CHAMBERLAIN further advised that he has never been armed at any of the times he was arrested and does not now own or possess a gun.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | MARK EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN | <i>AKA "DAISE"</i> |
| Sex | Male | |
| Race | White | |
| Height | 5'7½" | |
| Weight | 140 pounds | |
| Build | Slender | |
| Hair | Black, gray sideburns | |
| Date of birth | July 17, 1925 | |
| Place of birth | Blossburg, Pennsylvania | |
| Residence | 6400 Franklin Apartment 216 Los Angeles, California telephone 462-7083 | <i>MARK E CHAMBERLAIN</i> |

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6/14/63

Mrs. LEA P. VAN OLINDA was interviewed in her apartment number 116, 6400 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 465-2637.

Mrs. VAN OLINDA was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry. Mrs. VAN OLINDA related that she had been up all night because one of the nearby apartments had a fire and a cat near the apartment kept her dog barking most of the night. Mrs. VAN OLINDA advised that she remembers receiving a telephone call from "MIKE" CHAMBERLAIN on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot telling her of the shooting. She related that the phone call got her out of bed. Mrs. VAN OLINDA advised that she is reasonably certain that sometime after the phone call CHAMBERLAIN came down to her apartment. Mrs. VAN OLINDA related that she is somewhat hazy about this because of her lack of sleep and because CHAMBERLAIN visits her apartment almost daily. She stated she vaguely recalls that he did visit her apartment, that they both were crying and consoling each other.

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Mr. DONALD WRIGHT was advised of the identity of the interview Agent and the purpose of the interview. Mr. WRIGHT advised that his home is apartment 314, at 6400 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, California, and he has no telephone.

WRIGHT stated that he was in the apartment of MARK CHAMBERLAIN on the evening of June 4, when KENNEDY was shot. They were watching the election returns on his (WRIGHT's) portable television. Shortly after the shot, WRIGHT recalls that CHAMBERLAIN telephoned his sister in New York and told her of the shooting. CHAMBERLAIN also telephoned the lady in the apartment just below CHAMBERLAIN's apartment and told her of the shooting. WRIGHT advised that they continued to watch the events on television in CHAMBERLAIN's apartment until approximately 4:30 a.m.

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BERNARD MARRO, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, New York State Police, Painted Post, New York, telephonically advised that several days ago he received information from LESLIE and SHIRLEY PUTNAM, RD 1, Tannery Road, Campbell, New York, as follows:

MARK CHAMBERLAIN, white male, age about 42, an alcoholic and half brother to SHIRLEY, has been residing at 6400 Franklin Avenue, Apartment 216, Hollywood, California. MARK began telephoning SHIRLEY prior to June 8, 1968, and he telephoned her three times on June 8, 1968, with various complaints. He finally told SHIRLEY that he was involved in the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY; he claimed he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN; he claimed he knew that the assassination of Senator KENNEDY would be attempted, but he had nothing to do with it; and he claimed he and SIRHAN are members of the same group. MARK also indicated he now resided in a hotel at Los Angeles, California, with some negro woman.

MARRO advised he could not elaborate on any of the above information.

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On the evening of June 13, 1968, Mrs. LESLIE (SHIRLEY) PUTNAM, Tannery Road, Campbell, New York, furnished the following information concerning her half brother, MARK E. CHAMBERLAIN, whom she claims has drifted around the country for years:

PUTNAM has not had contact with MARK in several years up until May 26, 1968, when he telephoned her, New York time, at about 8:45 A.M. He claimed he was calling from his residence, 6400 Franklin Avenue, Apartment 216, Hollywood, California. MARK stated he was homesick and he inquired about PUTNAM and her family and he asked her to write to him and send him photographs of her children. During this call MARK stated that his son, CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN, who is about age 20 according to PUTNAM, had recently been arrested for pushing narcotics. During this same call MARK claimed he is an alcoholic and had been up all night drinking and gambling. He also stated at this time that he worked in a hospital indicating he was more or less in charge of the hospital kitchen and claimed he dated a negro girl who also worked at this same hospital.

About 5:00 P.M., New York time, the same day, MARK telephoned PUTNAM again saying he wanted PUTNAM to ask their mother, LEAH YOUNG, who resides Meads Creek Road, Painted Post, New York, to telephone him at 1-213-462-7803 the same evening. According to PUTNAM, YOUNG did telephone MARK the same night but he was emotional and broken up and could not talk and YOUNG therefore, spoke in generalities to a person identified as MARK's roommate, "DJ," an alleged disc jockey.

On June 4, 1968, at about 4:50 A.M., New York time, MARK telephoned PUTNAM's residence again to inform PUTNAM that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been assassinated. PUTNAM could hear background music during this call and MARK claimed he was telephoning from his apartment.

On June 8, 1968, at about 8:45 A.M., New York time, MARK telephoned PUTNAM again to tell her that he had mailed her a postcard and during this call he stated he had broken either

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an arm or a hand and he indicated he had been assaulted. This call ended and about fifteen minutes later MARK telephoned again. This time he was crying and said he had been in the hotel where Senator KENNEDY had been assassinated at the time he telephoned PUTNAM to tell her of the assassination. He used unrecalled words to the effect that he was involved in the assassination. He spoke words to the effect that he and SIRHAN SIRHAN were members of the same group and that prior to the assassination SIRHAN had stated that he intended to shoot Senator KENNEDY. He also spoke unrecalled words to the effect that the group he and SIRHAN belonged to was Communist. During this telephone call there was an interruption which indicated to PUTNAM that MARK was switching from one telephone to another telephone. MARK continued that persons in his and SIRHAN's group were "upstairs" in the hotel where KENNEDY had been assassinated, and although he did not shoot KENNEDY he was involved in the shooting. He claimed that at the time two policemen had arrived to arrest him because they thought he was involved in the KENNEDY assassination.

According to PUTNAM, about fifteen minutes after the above last mentioned telephone call she received another telephone call from a person who identified himself as Sergeant YORKY or YORTY. This person stated, "you realize what your brother said has been monitored, what is your brother's name?" PUTNAM asked this person if he was MARK and this person then hung up the telephone. PUTNAM advised she has not had any further contact from MARK.

PUTNAM described MARK as a white male, born July 17, 1925, at Sabinsville, Pennsylvania, 5' 7", 135 pounds, black hair with white temples. She described MARK as having carried firearms in the past and vicious and capable of anything. She advised that MARK may have served time in a federal penitentiary and his father, MEREDITH CHAMBERLAIN, is currently serving time in some prison in Pennsylvania.

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[Rep. John Tunney]

June 10, 1968

Honorable John Tunney:

With all respect I'm addressing myself to you to tell you the following. With all my heart's sincerity, I send my condolences to President L.B. Johnson and to the widow of Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, who died serving his nation.

Here I'm sending you the names of two persons that I told that they have to kill another important person in order that three are completed, beginning with President Kennedy, they are witnesses that I told before it happened.

I didn't tell the Government because there are persons who laugh because they don't know God, and their purpose is to kill.

Let's see if you believe in what I say to you, then you can believe what I say right away. That the policy which you have placed on the Americans is mature [?] and divided. Because of that they take advantage of this to kill those who can defend the Nation and now [they? you? verb used can mean either] are up a blind alley.

Sincerely,

Mamuel Alvarez Moreno
4574 Grace Street, Apt. B
Indio, California 92201

Mrs. ~~Alvarez~~
Same address

Mr. Agustin V. Chavez
82-257 Highway 99
Marshall Auto Court
Indio, California 92201

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AUGUSTIN V. CHAVEZ, age 70, Apartment No. 5, 52-849 Highway 86, Adobe Courts, Coachella, California, does not speak English and was interviewed in the Spanish language with Patrol Inspector A.M. PARKER, United States Border Patrol, acting as interpreter.

Mr. CHAVEZ advised that he formerly lived at the Marshall Auto Court, 83-257 Highway 99, Indio, California, and in June 1968 wrote a letter to Congressman JOHN TUNNEY concerning the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. CHAVEZ stated that he had no first hand knowledge of the killing of Senator KENNEDY, as he (CHAVEZ) was in Coachella the night KENNEDY was shot. Mr. CHAVEZ predicted that President JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT KENNEDY would be killed before it happened and he told MANUEL ALVAREZ MORENO and Mrs. NAVAREZ about his prediction and they could verify that he made such a prediction. MORENO and NAVAREZ have no other knowledge of the matter, according to CHAVEZ.

Mr. CHAVEZ advised that God had revealed this to him and this was "God's prediction" and not just his. At the time he made the prediction he (CHAVEZ) did not know who would do the killing, and has no other information concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. CHAVEZ added that the United States has a political type government which we cannot continue with unless we talk with and seek the help of one person. If we do not seek the help and counsel of this person we will have a lot of Vietnams. CHAVEZ identified this person as ex-president of Mexico, CARDENAS.

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Mr. FRANCIS D. CULLEN, also known as Frank Cullen, 4558 Laurel Canyon Drive, North Hollywood, California, telephone 761-2637, furnished the following information:

Mr. CULLEN said that he was 62 years of age and a motion picture grip by occupation, having worked at various motion picture studios in the past, and was currently unemployed due to health.

During the 1964 presidential campaign of JOHN F. KENNEDY, CULLEN worked on behalf of KENNEDY in the Los Angeles area.

On or about March 22 or March 23, 1968, CULLEN read an article in the "Herald Examiner" that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was to make a campaign appearance at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, 12825 Ventura Boulevard, North Hollywood, California. This being close to CULLEN's home, the latter went to the Sportsmen's Lodge on March 24, 1968, at approximately 7:00 p.m., to greet Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, who CULLEN had met during the 1964 KENNEDY presidential campaign.

Upon arrival of the Senator KENNEDY party at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, Senator KENNEDY recognized FRANK CULLEN asking the latter to direct him to the hotel room where KENNEDY was to stay. CULLEN accompanied Senator KENNEDY to the room assigned him on the fifth floor, possibly room 508. When Senator KENNEDY got to his room the question of a security guard came up and PIERRE SALINGER and a man named BRUNO with the KENNEDY party, asked CULLEN to stand by outside of the KENNEDY room on the fifth floor and act as a security guard. CULLEN agreed and one of the secretaries of Senator KENNEDY took CULLEN's name and address.

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Approximately 15 to 20 minutes after CULLEN became an active security guard, which would have been between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m., a young man came up to the fifth floor on the elevator carrying what appeared to be a camera on a strap over his shoulder. He said to CULLEN that he wanted to take a picture of Senator KENNEDY. The object, thought to be a camera, was about five inches by eight inches wide and three to four inches high. It was encased in a dark brown leather-type case. When advised that Mr. KENNEDY was not available and that the fifth floor had been restricted, the young man was instructed to leave whereupon he declined and sat down on a chest in the hallway. The Senator stepped out of his room to make an inquiry about the whereabouts of a certain pair of cufflinks. The young man was still in the hallway at this time.

Mr. JOSEPH GARSON, who was one of the managers of the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, was present and asked CULLEN if he did not think that the young man wanted more than a picture of KENNEDY. Consequently, CULLEN asked the young man to get up from the chest and get on the elevator which he reluctantly did. CULLEN noted that this young man stayed in the elevator approximately 15 minutes going up and down and controlling the elevator.

CULLEN finally, after certain protests from the young man who claimed that CULLEN had no right to remove him from the hotel hallway, got the young man out of the elevator and completely out of the hotel and into the parking lot. This was the last time CULLEN observed the young man and did not observe anyone else with the young man, nor did CULLEN ascertain the name of the young man or whether or not he had an automobile.

The young man was described by CULLEN as being a male white, 5'8", 20 to 24 years of age, dark complexion, dark eyes, clean shaven, dark kinky curly hair, and not well groomed.

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Following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Mr. CULLEN observed a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspaper and noted a resemblance between the photograph and the young man who attempted to take a photograph of Senator KENNEDY at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel on the evening of March 24, 1968.

Mr. CULLEN said that he attempted to relay the information regarding the young man observed on March 24, 1968, to PETER LAWFORD, actor and former brother-in-law of Senator KENNEDY. LAWFORD, at the time, was associated with actor - producer JERRY LEWIS making a film at Columbia Pictures Studio in Hollywood. The call to this studio disclosed that PETER LAWFORD was not available and the information was given by telephone to JERRY LEWIS by Mr. CULLEN to be passed on to PETER LAWFORD .

A group of photographs containing photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, his brothers, ADEL, SHARIF, MUNIR, and SAIDALLAH, were exhibited to FRANK CULLEN, without identifying the photographs by first or last names. Mr. CULLEN examined the photographs carefully and selected the photograph of SHARIF SIRHAN as very closely resembling the young man who had attempted to photograph Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel on March 24, 1968.

It was noted at the time that CULLEN selected the photograph of SHARIF SIRHAN he was unable to talk, started to perspire and appeared to be visibly shaken. A lapse of approximately one and a half minutes followed before Mr. CULLEN acknowledged that he had become emotionally upset at seeing the photograph of SHARIF and believing that it was a photograph of the young man whom CULLEN had encountered on March 24, 1968. CULLEN noted that the hair on the young man in question at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, as he recalled, looked more like the hair of SIRHAN SIRHAN as depicted in the photograph exhibited to him, which photograph was taken by the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1963.

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Upon further examination of the photographs, CULLEN said he was still of the opinion that the photograph of SHARIF more closely resembled the man in question at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel.

Mr. CULLEN was of the opinion that Mr. JOSEPH GARSON should have some opinion in the matter as he had called GARSON following the assassination of Senator KENNEDY and they both agreed that the young man at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel on March 24, 1968, attempting to photograph Senator KENNEDY, closely resembled the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN which had appeared in the newspapers on June 5, 1968.

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Mr. MARK HARLIG, Manager of Sportman's Lodge Hotel, 12833 Ventura Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, telephone 769-4700, advised as follows:

Mr. HARLIG said that during a fund raising dinner and cocktail party on March 24, 1968, held at the Sportman's Lodge, which featured an appearance by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, no security guards had been hired by the hotel or the lodge. He had no knowledge of a security guard being hired by the KENNEDY party. He also had no knowledge of any individual by the name of FRANK CULLEN, reportedly a security guard at the Sportsman's Lodge. He mentioned that the lodge and hotel did not have a security squad staff and rarely did they hire one. Frequently organizations who have conventions or affairs at the hotel and lodge hire their own security guards.

During the aforementioned KENNEDY party, a large number of people apparently got word of it and showed up at the hotel and lodge in an apparent attempt to observe Senator KENNEDY. They were all over the hotel and grounds.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and his brothers, ADEL, SHARIF and MUNIR were shown to HARLIG, who commented he had no recollection of seeing these individuals around the hotel or lodge during the KENNEDY party on March 24, 1968 or any other time. The other logical employee to whom the photographs should be shown is Bellman BOB LOCHRIE, who was on duty and was in a position to see anyone hanging around the hotel when Senator KENNEDY was there on March 24, 1968.

Concerning persons in the KENNEDY party, who may have hired a security officer or otherwise, know who may have observed persons around the hotel at the time, they could probably be identified through JERRY BRUNO, who was an advancement man for the KENNEDY party about a year ago and may still be connected with them. No specific address was available for JERRY BRUNO according to Mr. HARLIG.

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Mrs. JACKIE LAWRENCE, Manager of Banquet Department, Sportman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, Telephone TR 7-9846, advised as follows:

She was unable to identify anyone by the name of FRANK CULLEN, reportedly a Security Guard at the Sportman's Lodge. She mentioned that this lodge did not employ a security guard as such. There were numerous security guards employed at the lodge from time to time by organizations who utilize the facilities of the Sportman's Lodge Hotel and Restaurant. The specific organization would have to be identified, together with the date, to establish who may have been hired.

With respect to the fund raising dinner and cocktail party, at \$250 a plate, attended by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, it was held on the evening of March 24, 1968 at the lodge, from approximately 8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Mr. PIERRE SALINGER had made the original contact and reservations for the lodge for this affair. Senator KENNEDY had stayed in the adjoining hotel and had arrived at the party at approximately 9:30 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. He came in through the kitchen to the dining area where he ate dinner and subsequently went into the cocktail party area, which was behind a glass partition. Approximately 300 people, who were not invited to this affair, which was rather confidential and attended by a group of prominent supporters of Senator KENNEDY, had gathered around the hotel and in the lodge for the purpose of observing Senator KENNEDY. When Senator KENNEDY observed this crowd of people standing outside the glass partition, he ordered the partition be opened and invited all the people into the party, much to the surprise of those present.

As far as the Sportsman's Lodge and Hotel were concerned, they did not hire any security guards for this occasion and as far as she knew the KENNEDY party had not hired any outside guards, at least she had not been so advised.

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Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and his brothers, ADEL, MUNIR, SHARIF were exhibited to Mrs. LAWRENCE , who said that she had no recollection of observing any of these individuals at any time. Further, and in particular, not observing anyone resembling these persons during the aforementioned KENNEDY party.

She suggested that Mr. MARK HARLIG, Manager of the Hotel at Sportman's Lodge, be shown the photographs.

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Mr. JIM FLOOD, Director of Public Relations and Advertising for Jerry Lewis Films, in care of Columbia Pictures Corporation, 1438 North Gower Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone 469-8211, advised as follows by telephone:

Mr. FLOOD said he was calling in response to SA LESLIE F. WARREN's attempt to contact JERRY LEWIS, actor and head of Jerry Lewis Films, who was currently out of the country and was expected back sometime the coming week. FLOOD said he was present when JERRY LEWIS had, on June 5, 1968, telephoned the Los Angeles FBI Office concerning a call which LEWIS had received from one FRANK CULLEN. The latter, who claimed to be a security guard at the Sportsman's Lodge, had called LEWIS and requested that LEWIS pass information, furnished by him, to PETER LAWFORD, actor, who is currently associated with JERRY LEWIS in a film. In substance, FRANK CULLEN had claimed that he had seen the suspect, identified in the papers and on television as SIRHAN SIRHAN, on an elevator with Senator KENNEDY sometime during the latter's campaign in California. No further details were given by CULLEN to LEWIS, further that LEWIS had remarked he did not know FRANK CULLEN or vouch for the veracity of CULLEN's story.

FLOOD said that it was his opinion that CULLEN was probably referring to a fund raising dinner and cocktail party at \$250 per plate, which was held at the Sportsman's Lodge, during the latter part of March 1968, attended by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. FLOOD said he was not acquainted with anyone by the name of FRANK CULLEN, but the latter may have been a security guard with the KENNEDY party or known to them, if not known at the Sportsman's Lodge.

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JOSEPH DOLAN, Administrative Assistant, Senator KENNEDY's Office, new Senate Office Building, advised on June 12, 1968, that he assisted in the primaries in both Oregon and California. He related that his duties were that of an "advance-man"; specifically, he would precede the official KENNEDY Party by one to two weeks, and set up schedules, and make arrangements prior to scheduled primaries.

DOLAN related that he was not at the hotel at the time of the shooting, and in fact, had returned to Washington, D.C. He has no firsthand knowledge of the shooting, and to his recollection, he has not observed SIRHAN SIRHAN in the past. DOLAN was interviewed by SAs WALTER B. SAVAGE and PHILIP E. COGHLAN.

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Detective KENNETH LLOYD HILAIEL, Santa Monica Police Department, Santa Monica, California, telephone 395-9931, advised that on June 7, 1968, VERONICA DEEMS, employed at the boutique shop at the Miramar Hotel, Ocean Avenue, and Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, furnished information about a girl who seemed frightened, who occupied a room in this hotel. DEEMS mentioned the room number but HILAIEL said he had forgotten it. DEEMS said the girl sounded like a teenager; that the girl had inquired of the boutique shop for panty hose. DEEMS said that the bell-captain had been to the room many times as the girl ordered meals through room service; that the girl paid by extending her arm through the door to her room.

HILAIEL said that as he recalled, DEEMS named the person as PETTI (phonetic). DEEMS said that the bell-captain was suspicious as the girl did not leave her room.

DEEMS, in a second call, also on June 7, 1968, advised that some man had left a suitcase in front of the beauty parlor at the Miramar Hotel which had not been picked up.

HILAIEL advised he notified the Homicide Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department but possibly did not tell the detail about the suitcase information. HILAIEL said he did not write up any record of these calls from DEEMS.

HILAIEL advised that since DEEMS made the calls to him, she had left a message for him in his absence. The message indicated she could be reached at telephone 823-5333, Room 214.

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Detective ROBERT SOLLEE, Santa Monica Police Department, Santa Monica, California, advised that on June 7, 1968, he proceeded to the Miramar Hotel, Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, concerning a suitcase that had been reported found. He made available a copy of the Santa Monica Police Department's report Number 68 10225, which reflected the following information:

On June 7, 1968, at 3:00 p.m. the Santa Monica Police Department was informed of a suitcase found. The "occurrence" was at 2:50 p.m. the same date at the Miramar Hotel. The victim was named JOHNNY L. DOWLING, residence address unknown.

This report further reflected that the desk clerk at the Miramar Hotel related that a "wino type" person had left a suitcase in the bushes in front of the cottage used for a beauty salon. Detective SOLLEE, upon going to the location, found an old suitcase which contained miscellaneous articles of personal clothing and papers which indicated that it belonged to above mentioned victim.

Detective SOLLEE, when interviewed on June 13, 1968, advised that the woman in the beauty shop had advised that an indigent-appearing male, whom she saw, had left the suitcase there; that the person wanted to leave the suitcase there for a while. Detective SOLLEE said that evidently the suitcase had been there for several days. He said that the suitcase was old and beat up and when he opened it, he found various things such as clothes and papers. In the suitcase, was a booking slip pertaining to a drunk charge in the name JOHNNY L. DOWLING.

SOLLEE advised that the contents of the suitcase indicated that it belonged to a transient who was living out of it. He said that he brought the suitcase to the Santa Monica Police Department.

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SOLLEE advised that there was nothing about the suitcase, or in it, that indicated any association with the KENNEDY assassination. Further that there was nothing about the circumstances of its being left on the hotel's premises that indicated any connection with the assassination.

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Police Officer WILLIAM M. RATHBURN, 121 West 64th Street, Inglewood, California, telephone number 295-1684, advised that he is a member of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and is assigned to the Metropolitan Division.

RATHBURN advised that on June 9, 1968, he was loaned by Metropolitan Division to Rampart Division Detectives and he received a phone call from Sergeant TREVIS of the Santa Monica, California Police Department. TREVIS advised that he had information that a person on a certain airplane flight had something to do with the KENNEDY assassination. RATHBURN said he got the impression from TREVIS that the latter was holding up the flight at the airport. RATHBURN advised that he turned the call over to Sergeant JORDAN of the Rampart Division. RATHBURN advised that later Sergeant JORDAN said that TREVIS was at International Airport, Los Angeles, where he was checking on a certain flight to New York concerning a passenger, TAMARA COROVICH. TREVIS had said that he had received information that COROVICH had something to do with the KENNEDY assassination. TREVIS had said that this information had come from VERONICA DEEMS. RATHBURN said he can only recall the telephone number of DEEMS as given to him by JORDAN as starting with the digits 823 but JORDAN said the number was "registered" to 13940 Tahiti Way, Number 217, Marina Del Rey, California. RATHBURN advised that the receipt of this call was not written up for LAPD as a written record.

RATHBURN advised that Sergeant JORDAN told him to go to Marina Del Rey and interview DEEMS, so he and Police Officer RONALD PHILLIPS, also of the Metropolitan Division of the LAPD, went to Marina Del Rey and located DEEMS in Apartment 217, where she was a visitor.

The interview with DEEMS occurred about 10:30 p.m., June 9, 1968.

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DEEMS said she worked at a boutique shop in the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, California. She said that a guest in the hotel had ordered panty hose by phone and DEEMS had asked the female caller how tall she was so as to get the right size. The caller said she was five feet six inches. The female requested that the hose be sent to her room, Number 236. A bell-boy took the panty hose to the room and returned to the boutique shop with the money, saying that the female had paid through the door and all he saw was an arm.

DEEMS said that a bell-boy, possibly the same one according to RATHBURN, had picked up a wig at Room 236 and had taken it out to be styled. The female in the room had provided a sketch as to how she wanted the wig styled. The style covered a portion of her face and DEEMS thought that sending out the wig to be styled was an unusual occurrence.

DEEMS talked to a friend of hers named PETER KALVADA, a room-clerk at the Miramar Hotel, about the person occupying Room 236. KALVADA told her that MARGARET PETTY (phonetic) was registered for that room and had checked in June 5, 1968. DEEMS tried to see the actual time of registration but did not get an adequate look at the registration card. She determined that the registration for Room 236 was made at either 1:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

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CALIF.

DEEMS then talked to another bell-boy who said he had been delivering food to that person for about two weeks, but that she had previously had another room. DEEMS then asked KALVADA if the female was in another room before being in Room 236. KALVADA said the female had not been in another room. RATHBURN said that thereupon DEEMS became suspicious of KALVADA, whom she identified as a 23 year old male from Czechoslovakia who speaks with an English accent. DEEMS, who knows KALVADA well, thought that the English accent was unusual for a Czechoslovakian. She said KALVADA was supposed to have escaped from Czechoslovakia. RATHBURN said he understood, from DEEMS, that KALVADA had escaped from behind the iron curtain.

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RATHBURN said that in recounting what DEEMS told in the interview, he is trying to tell it in sequence but he is not sure he is doing so.

DEEMS said that (First Name Unknown) PICASSO had bought out the boutique shop in the Miramar Hotel and she said that PICASSO was a well-known communist. RATHBURN said he understood from her talk that she was making reference to the painter named PICASSO as being a well-known communist.

DEEMS said that someone had left a suitcase in the Miramar and the previous owner of the boutique shop had obtained it, opened it and had seen some papers in it that somehow indicated that a man had been in prison. She said the suitcase had been turned over to the police. RATHBURN said that he did not know where, on the Miramar premises, the suitcase had been left; that he understood that the boutique shop owner opened it as the person did not return for it.

DEEMS indicated that she was frightened to stay at her home under the circumstances, so she went to the Jamaica Bay Inn at Marina Del Rey, California.

KALVADA visited her at the Jamaica Bay Inn and she wanted him to stay, but he said he could not do so as he had to get up early in the morning. He told her that he was going to help at "Exit" beer bar on Washington Boulevard in Culver City. KALVADA said he was tired and wanted to borrow the key to DEEMS' apartment at 852B 10th Street, Santa Monica, where he wanted to spend the night. She did give him the key and he left. DEEMS said to RATHBURN that KALVADA was only 23 years old but tired; that when she was that age, she could stay up several days and nights.

In a day or two, DEEMS checked up, maybe going to the "Exit" beer bar, and apparently KALVADA had not been there to work, as he had previously indicated to her.

Later DEEMS went to KALVADA's apartment, wherever it was, and she found him unshaven and appearing as though he had been up all night. She wanted her key to her

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apartment back but KALVADA told her that he did not have it and possibly dropped it there on the apartment floor. This was a key to DEEMS' apartment at 852B. 10th Street, Santa Monica.

DEEMS said that she went to her apartment getting in with a key obtained from the manager of the apartment. She then decided to stay and clean up the place. On the bedroom floor, she found KALVADA's shirt and in the pocket she found the apartment key. She also found a receipt from a cleaner, in KALVADA's name, which she gave to RATHBURN. On the back of the receipt was a note reading "TAMARA COROVICH Sunday 4:30 AAL 299". RATHBURN was of the belief that there was additional matter on the back of the receipt, but said he could not recall its nature.

DEEMS said that she had the name of Police Officer HILAIEL of the Santa Monica Police Department and had in the past called him; that now, after finding the note, she tried to call him but could not reach him. RATHBURN advised that DEEMS apparently talked to someone else at the Santa Monica Police Department. DEEMS said that after she got the note naming TAMARA COROVICH, she checked with a friend of hers at the Miramar Hotel, who worked for Western Air Lines, as RATHBURN recalled. DEEMS got this person to check for the name of TAMARA COROVICH on that flight and learned that COROVICH was not on the flight as a passenger, employee, or as a crew-member.

RATHBURN advised that DEEMS never said to him that COROVICH was the "missing girl" in the KENNEDY assassination case and she did not furnish further information regarding COROVICH. RATHBURN said that DEEMS furnished no information that gave appearance of tying into that case. He said that DEEMS did not say that the information she was furnishing did concern the assassination. She gave indication that she regarded the information she was giving about KALVADA as unusual. The way DEEMS spoke, she did not involve the leaving of the suitcase, with the female who occupied the room at the Miramar Hotel.

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RATHBURN advised that while he and Officer PHILLIPS were talking to DEEMS they were joined by Sergeant TREVIS of the Santa Monica Police Department. TREVIS said that he had been at the Los Angeles International Airport and, as it was determined no one named TAMARA COROVICH was on the flight, they tried to page her at JOHN F. KENNEDY Airport in New York City; that she had answered the page and the Port Authority, there, was interviewing her.

RATHBURN advised that after the interview, he telephoned American Airlines at Los Angeles International Airport and got them to call their office in New York City to find out if COROVICH had answered the page. A man at the airport made the call and got a reply from New York City which he gave to RATHBURN. RATHBURN said, however, that he could not now recall what the reply was.

RATHBURN advised that DEEMS seemed "kooky" to him. He advised that he and his partner, after the interview, prepared the following hand printed police report:

"KENNEDY SHOOTING
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"DEEMS, VERONICA
852B 10th St.
Santa Monica
395-9439

"P.R. STATES HER VERY CLOSE FRIEND (PETER KALVADA) HAS BEEN ACTING VERY NERVOUS AND WEIRD SINCE THE KENNEDY SHOOTING. P. R. FOUND A NOTE IN PETER'S POCKET WITH THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, "TAMARA COROVICH SUNDAY 4:30 AAL 299". P. R. WAS SUSPICIOUS THAT THIS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE KENNEDY SHOOTING SO SHE CONTACTED THE AIRLINES WHO IN TURN CONTACTED SANTA MONICA P.D. (SGT. TREVIS S.M.P.D. CONTACTED L.A.P.D. WHO MADE ABOVE INTERVIEW AT 13940 TAHITI WAY, #217, MARINA DEL REY.

"R. Phillips 12167
W. RATHBURN 11790
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Sergeant NATHANIEL TRIVES, Santa Monica, California, Police Department (SMPD), advised that about 8:25 P.M., June 9, 1968, he was detailed by Lieutenant HAROLD TUCKER of the SMPD to the Los Angeles International Airport, American Airlines, Crew Schedule Office, to contact JOHN S. MORGAN, Crew Schedule Officer for American Airlines, regarding possible information concerning the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY that was passed on to SMPD Detective HILLAIEL on Thursday, June 6, 1968.

TRIVES contacted JOHN MORGAN who related the following:

About 7:40 P.M. on June 9, 1968, he received a telephone call from a person who identified herself as VERONICA DEEMS, telephone 823-3584. She stated that a person named TAMARA COROVICH was aboard American Airlines Flight 4 destined for New York City, that COROVICH may have been connected with the KENNEDY assassination. MORGAN stated that the only description that he received was that the party was 5'6½" tall. DEEMS would not tell him the sex and implied the party was employed by American Airlines. MORGAN immediately checked the passenger reservation list for that particular flight and was unable to locate the name COROVICH. He also checked the crew list for that particular flight and was unable to locate the name COROVICH.

TRIVES advised that the flight involved was to leave on the night of June 9, 1968.

TRIVES said that he telephoned Lieutenant TUCKER to obtain the address for the telephone number given by VERONICA DEEMS. The address was that of CECIL STERLING, 13940 Tahiti Way, Apartment 217, Marina Del Rey, California. Approximately 9:40 P.M. TRIVES spoke to Sergeant RATHBURN of the Los Angeles, California Police Department (LAPD), by telephone and advised RATHBURN of all the information that he, TRIVES, had. TRIVES requested that Sergeant RATHBURN go to the Tahiti Way address and interview VERONICA DEEMS. Sergeant RATHBURN and Detective PHILLIPS

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immediately went to that address on Tahiti Way. In the meantime, JACK OVERSTREET, Superintendent of Dispatch for American Airlines, had contacted the Superintendent of Dispatch for American Airlines at Kennedy Airport to advise him what was going on. OVERSTREET advised TRIVES that the New York Port Authority and the FBI would be standing by for additional information. TRIVES suggested to OVERSTREET that, if TAMARA COROVICH was a true name and if she was traveling under an assumed name, then she might respond to a page given in her true name. OVERSTREET immediately called New York and suggested this action. About ten minutes later OVERSTREET informed TRIVES that COROVICH was being detained by the FBI, after having responded to the page. TRIVES said he immediately relayed this information to the LAPD.

TRIVES said that then he went to the Tahiti Way address where he was to meet Detective R. TAYLOR of the SMPD and interview DEEMS regarding her contact with the SMPD (Detective HILAIEL). Upon their arrival at Apartment 217, TAYLOR and TRIVES found LAPD officers RATHBURN and PHILLIPS already interviewing DEEMS. TRIVES and TAYLOR told RATHBURN that the FBI was detaining COROVICH in New York and asked him if they might talk to DEEMS briefly to ascertain how she obtained the name of Detective HILAIEL.

TRIVES said he interviewed DEEMS, who stated that she had been employed at the Miramar Boutique Shop; that there had been a theft report filed; that her employer had spoken highly of Detective HILAIEL who was contacted regarding the theft. TRIVES said that DEEMS indicated she thought that HILAIEL, since he was an Arab, would be the man to contact in this matter. TRIVES said that DEEMS asked him if HILAIEL was an Arab. DEEMS said that she had called HILAIEL on the previous Thursday and had reported this information.

TRIVES said that Detective CULLUM of the LAPD called and said that DEEMS had found the name, TAMARA COROVICH, in her boyfriend's shirt pocket.

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At 12:20 A.M., June 10, 1968, Sergeant RATHBURN of the LAPD advised that they had completed the interview with DEEMS and had come to the conclusion that this information had no bearing on the KENNEDY assassination.

TRIVES said that it was the combined opinion of the LAPD detectives that DEEMS was possibly psycho .

TRIVES advised that DEEMS had called American Airlines at Los Angeles International Airport and JOHN MORGAN, American Airlines Dispatch Officer told Lieutenant HAROLD TUCKER of the SMPD that VERONICA DEEMS had called regarding a party named TAMARA COROVICH who was on a flight to New York and who was involved in the KENNEDY assassination.

TRIVES advised that after he had talked to DEEMS and had returned to the SMPD, he telephoned her as he had been unable to locate the theft report in SMPD files. TRIVES said that DEEMS reacted as though he was a stranger, although he had only a short time before been introduced to her by LAPD officers and had spoken to her. DEEMS hung up but shortly called back and gave information pertaining to the theft. TRIVES said that DEEMS indicated she had been disturbed by his previous call to her and she rather chewed him out .

TRIVES said that he was not actually present when LAPD officers were interviewing DEEMS.

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Date 6/27/68

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ALLYN SMITH, Manager of the Miramar Hotel, Second Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, advised that PETER KALVADA, 1241 21st Street, Santa Monica, telephone 395-9439, has been employed by the Miramar Hotel for several months, then spent two months in Europe but returned to his employ with the hotel in the Fall of 1967. He continued to be employed until June 10, 1968, when he suddenly left without personally advising the hotel. Previously he had been punctual about advising the hotel of his availability.

SMITH advised that KALVADA is a white male, about 6 foot 1 inch, about 190 pounds, having blond hair and believed to have blue eyes. He knows Slavic languages including Russian and is a very personable individual.

SMITH advised that someone had called, not KALVADA, and it was indicated that KALVADA had gone to Seattle; that his girl friend or his girl friend's mother was sick in Seattle.

SMITH advised that since KALVADA had left so suddenly, there had been gossip, which was of a third hand nature, that KALVADA might possibly be in jail; that he might have attended a wild party at which there was marijuana. SMITH advised that he had no specific information along these lines and that this was all hearsay and guessing.

SMITH also advised that in making bank deposits for the Miramar Hotel, KALVADA had been short some \$40.00; that this might have "due to a mistake". SMITH said that this was a small matter and never resolved.

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SMITH advised that twice in the last two years, KALVADA cashed personal checks for about \$20.00 at the Miramar Hotel, doing so with the approval of manager SMITH. These checks were on a California bank and were returned due to nonsufficient funds in the bank. SMITH advised that in these instances, KALVADA immediately made these checks good. SMITH said he knew of no additional bad checks passed by KALVADA.

SMITH advised that he had telephoned Detective HILAIEL of the Santa Monica Police Department regarding the disappearance of KALVADA from the Miramar Hotel. SMITH advised, however, that there is absolutely no information to his knowledge, that would involve KALVADA in the KENNEDY assassination in any way.

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VERONICA DEEMS, 4114 Aurora Avenue North, Marco Polo Motel, Seattle, Washington, advised that on June 6, 1968, she was employed at the Boutique Shop at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, California, and was also employed as a cocktail waitress in the same hotel at that time. She recalled that in the confusion in the aftermath of the slaying of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, public notices were put out regarding a "missing girl". She stated that an appeal was made to all citizens to report any information possibly connected with the "missing girl".

In this connection, Miss DEEMS stated she noticed three separate incidents, in no way connected with each other, which she thought might be of value in locating the "missing girl". These incidents were all reported by her to Detective LLOYD HILAIEL of the Santa Monica, California, Police Department.

She recounted these incidents as follows:

Incident No. 1*MARGARET E. PETTE*

Miss DEEMS stated that a hotel guest at the Miramar Hotel registered under the name of MARGARET E. PETTE, Manhattan, New York. This person occupied Room 239 from June 5 to 9, 1968. Miss DEEMS stated she had received information from one of the hotel bellboys, PETER KALVODA, that this same woman had previously been a guest at the hotel for about two weeks total, having stayed in another room as an unregistered guest. Miss DEEMS stated that KALVODA told her that when food and merchandise was ordered by PETTE from the hotel or the Boutique Shop, PETTE would never show her face when the items were delivered. She merely stuck her hand out the door to receive the items. According to KALVODA, PETTE became a topic of conversation among hotel employees who all noticed they never saw PETTE's face during her two week stay at the hotel.

Miss DEEMS stated PETTE allegedly had a wig styled at the Miramar Hotel Beauty Shop so that the wig would cover

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part of her face. Miss DEEMS stated she talked to PETTE on the telephone and noticed PETTE's voice sounded like that of a young woman with no accent. PETTE ordered panty-hose from the Boutique Shop indicating her height was 5'6". The registration card at the Miramar Hotel indicated PETTE left the hotel on June 9, 1968.

Miss DEEMS stated she reported PETTE only on the basis that public reports indicated at that time the Los Angeles Police Department was looking for an unknown woman in connection with the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY, and she had no reason to connect PETTE with that matter except for the activities noted above.

Incident No. 2

Miss DEEMS stated that on June 3, 1968, an unknown male left a suitcase at the door of the Miramar Hotel Beauty Shop stating he would return for it later and asked attendants to look after the suitcase. She stated no one came for the suitcase as of June 7, 1968. She heard from beauty shop employees that the suitcase contained mens clothing. She understood the matter was reported to authorities and two men, believed to be FBI agents, took the suitcase away on June 7, 1968. She said she had no reason to believe this incident was connected with the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY.

Incident No. 3

PETER KALVODA, Supra, left some papers at Miss DEEMS apartment, 852B Tenth Street, Santa Monica, California, on June 8, 1968. Among those papers Miss DEEMS stated she noticed one piece of paper carried the notation, "TAMARA KOROVICH" and thereafter followed a notation about departure on an American Airlines flight scheduled to arrive at Kennedy Airport, New York, about midnight. Miss DEEMS at this time stated she believed the flight was for June 8 or 9, 1968. At that time she stated she made inquiries through American Airlines in Los Angeles and was unable to ascertain if TAMARA KOROVICH was a passenger or a crew member aboard any American Airlines flight that day. Miss DEEMS stated she knew of no reason why PETER KALVODA would have the name of TAMARA KOROVICH in his possession and the thought crossed her mind that KOROVICH might be the "missing girl". She had this thought because

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she felt she knew all of KALVODA's associates and KOROVICH was not one of them. Miss DEEMS said she tried to contact the FBI Office in Los Angeles but all of the lines were busy. Since the flight was already en route, she thought she would save time and called the New York Office of the FBI regarding TAMARA KOROVICH. Miss DEEMS stated she subsequently learned from KALVODA that TAMARA KOROVICH is a stewardess with American Airlines. She is based in New York and KALVODA met her casually at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, California, during one of her layovers. Miss DEEMS stated she now has no reason to connect TAMARA KOROVICH with the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON at Washington, D.C.:

JOHN FARMER, Reporter, Newark News, 507 National Press Club Building, advised on June 19, 1968, that he traveled with the KENNEDY Campaign Party throughout Oregon and California, but was not with the Party full time. On election night, California primary, FARMER left the Ambassador Hotel and went to the Los Angeles Times Building, where he watched KENNEDY make his victory speech. After learning that KENNEDY had been shot, he went back to the hotel.

FARMER does not remember ever having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN during the campaign in either Oregon or California. In addition, he does not remember seeing a girl in a polka dot dress at the Ambassador Hotel.

MARIE RIDDER, 1325 F Street, N.W., advised, on June 20, 1968, that she is a reporter for Ridder Newspapers. She accompanied the KENNEDY campaign throughout Oregon and California. She was with KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, but left the hotel before KENNEDY came down to give his victory speech. She left Los Angeles by plane and did not learn about the shooting until she landed in Chicago.

Mrs. RIDDER never saw SIRHAN SIRHAN before, and did not see a girl in a polka dot dress at the Ambassador Hotel.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date July 5, 1968

EDMOND EL DABE, Apartment A, 2425 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on September 4, 1937, in Egypt. He left Egypt in 1967, and traveled to Kuwait and then to Lebanon because of religious persecution of Christians in Egypt and because of his inability to obtain satisfactory employment in that country. After arriving in Lebanon he again found that he was unable to obtain satisfactory employment and learned that it was possible to go to the United States by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He arrived in the United States on February 22, 1967, and traveled to Los Angeles where numerous individuals of Egyptian descent reside. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company 1845 South Bundy until one week ago when he was released due to a lack of work. He is presently unemployed.

During January or February 1968, he learned that AZIZ MIKHAEL had arrived in Los Angeles and he invited MIKHAEL to reside with him until MIKHAEL could find an apartment. He had known MIKHAEL for about ten years and had attended school with MIKHAEL in Alexandria, Egypt. He had not seen MIKHAEL during the past three years, and learned that MIKHAEL was coming to the United States through the United States Catholic Conference, 1531 West 9th Street, Los Angeles. MIKHAEL obtained employment as a spot welder at Hardman Aerospace and moved to his own apartment, 2280 South Barrington, Apartment number 6, about two weeks ago.

He advised that he and all his Egyptian friends presently living in the Los Angeles area are very anti-Nasser and have disassociated themselves from Egypt and the United Arab Republic. He stated that he had no knowledge of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY until he learned of the event through newspaper and television reports. He denied any acquaintance with SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated he is certain that MIKHAEL is not acquainted with SIRHAN or in any way involved in the assassination.

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by SA EUGENE E. SCHMITT and
SA THEODORE E. CHILDRESS/pjs Date dictated 7/2/68

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The following description of EL DABE was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Age | 30 |
| Height | 5'7" |
| Weight | 165 pounds |
| Build | Stocky |
| Hair | Black, thinning |
| Eyes | Dark |
| Marital status | Single |
| Occupation | Welder - mechanic |
| Religion | Orthodox |

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Date July 3, 1968

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL, apartment number 6, 2280 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on October 10, 1943, in Alexandria, Egypt. He lived in Egypt until early May 1967. While in Egypt he lived with his mother and attended primary and secondary school. He also attended a trade school for two years, which was a state sponsored school, where he took courses in welding and machinery. He did not receive any political instruction at the school. After completion of the trade school, he was employed for a short time as a maintenance mechanic for a textile company.

He and his relatives are of Orthodox faith and the current political situation in Egypt is such that Christians find it very difficult to obtain satisfactory employment there. For this reason he decided to leave Egypt in order to start a new life. He obtained an exit visa and traveled to Lebanon in early May 1967. After arriving in Lebanon he was employed for six months as a welder in El Dora, Lebanon. He then learned that many Christians of Egyptian descent were going to the United States from Lebanon by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He entered the United States at New York in December 1967, and went directly to Los Angeles via commercial aircraft. After arriving in Los Angeles, he did odd jobs and worked as a welder for a short time at the Sesame Corporation in Escondido, California, and at the Fenton Industry Company in the San Fernando Valley. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company in Los Angeles in May 1968, where he is presently employed.

He denied any knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated that he is against the policies of the United Arab Republic and he dislikes NASSER very much because of what he is doing to the Arab people. He stated that he knew of KENNEDY before the assassination and "liked" him. He denied any conspiracy, ~~involvement or prior knowledge of the assassination.~~

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He stated that since arriving in the United States he has corresponded with his mother in Alexandria, Egypt, and has not corresponded with any other individual.

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Date 7/10/68

WILLIAM D. DABNEY; Stockbroker, Glore Forgan William R. Staats, Inc., 221 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, was interviewed concerning letters that he wrote to various businessmen in the Bay Area concerning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

DABNEY said that he saw an advertisement in a local paper wherein various businessmen campaigning for Senator KENNEDY had placed this ad on behalf of the "Businessmen for KENNEDY". He said that his political views were different than that of Senator KENNEDY and these businessmen but saw an opportunity perhaps to gain new business as a stockbroker by writing these men a note. He said that the notes were small handwritten notes on his memo pad to which he attached his business card. He recalls the notes saying something to the effect that it was frightful that they were endorsing KENNEDY.

DABNEY stated that the notes were all written prior to June 1 and he, of course, was not aware of any of the events that were to take place in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. He said that he has no information at all pertaining to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Date 6/26/68

JOHN ISSAC DAY, 34 Hilltop Drive, RFD 4, Mahopac, New York, advised that he is the Director of Service Bureau of Advertising and Publicity, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Mr. DAY stated that he has never seen or heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN other than what he read and saw on television. He stated the pictures he saw in the newspaper, magazine and on television of SIRHAN SIRHAN were not familiar to him.

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On 6/26/68 at NYC File # NY 44-1640
by SA EDWARD R. CHORY/RAR Date dictated 6/26/68

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Date 7/1/68

Mr. JOSEPH GARSON, Night Auditor, Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, 12825 Ventura Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, telephone number 769-4700, residence 203 South Bushnell Street, Alhambra, California, telephone number 576-1976, advised the following:

Mr. GARSON said he recalled the evening of March 24, 1968, during an appearance of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel to give a campaign speech. Mr. KENNEDY had arrived at the hotel around 7:00 P.M. on March 24, 1968, and had been assigned Room 508. Mr. GARSON, at the time, was working on the front desk in the hotel lobby.

Mr. GARSON had, shortly after Mr. KENNEDY's arrival, been asked to aid a Mr. FRANK CULLEN to act as a security guard outside the room of Senator KENNEDY on the fifth floor. Mr. GARSON's attention was called to a young man who appeared on the fifth floor and wanted to take a photograph of Senator KENNEDY, and when advised that he would be unable to, he became very persistent.

Following attempts by Mr. CULLEN and Mr. GARSON to get the young man to leave the fifth floor, Mr. GARSON asked the young man if he were a guest at the hotel. When the young man said no, Mr. GARSON advised him that if he did not leave, the police would be called. The young man then left the corridor, but was observed riding up and down the elevator periodically, apparently checking to see if Mr. KENNEDY was available for photographing. The last time Mr. GARSON saw the young man in question was approximately one half hour later after first seeing him. The young man at this time was standing in the lobby of the hotel near the elevator and appeared to be with a young girl. They were standing together and away from a crowd of people who had gathered in the lobby waiting for Mr. KENNEDY to appear.

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The young man in question had on one occasion observed Senator KENNEDY on the fifth floor when the Senator had appeared at the door of his room making inquiry about certain cufflinks which had been misplaced.

One of the remarks made by the young man seeking a photograph of Senator KENNEDY was "If I don't get him now, I'll get him later," which Mr. GARSON felt had reference to the taking of the photograph.

Mr. GARSON, who said he had never seen the young man or the young woman before, described them as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | Caucasian |
| Age | Early 20's |
| Height | 5'8" |
| Build | Slender |
| Weight | 140-150 pounds |
| Hair | Dark brown, slightly wavy, well combed |
| Clothing | Wearing dark brown suit and tie |
| Complexion | Dark |
| Characteristics | Possibly Italian or Middle Mediterranean; neat, clean cut; very articulate; In opinion of Mr. GARSON, a young college student; possibility that young man wore eyeglasses (although GARSON could not be sure) |

The young girl observed with above young man:

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| Sex | Female |
| Race | Caucasian |
| Age | Early 20's |