

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. ROBERT W. JOHNSON, KCRA TV, 310 10th Street,  
Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He did not go to Los Angeles, California, until  
the morning of June 5, 1968. He did not know SIRHAN BISHARA  
SIRHAN and has no knowledge of a conspiracy to kill Senator  
ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 10/3/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 29, 1968

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IRA KAPENSTEIN, 6810 Greyswood Road, Bethesda, Maryland, employed by the Personnel Department, U. S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

KAPENSTEIN was on the staff of LARRY O'BRIEN, working for the election of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and as a result of that employment he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

Due to the very large crowd involved, while he was present at the Ambassador Hotel, KAPENSTEIN, during the evening and night of June 4, 1968, remained in his room at the Ambassador and watched television programs covering the speech that day of ROBERT KENNEDY and events following the speech.

KAPENSTEIN as a result of his presence at the hotel learned nothing which would have a bearing on the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He was in possession of no information indicating a possible conspiracy, did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and had no recollection of seeing him around the above hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/17/68 at Bethesda, Maryland File # BA 44-684

by SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE:mk/lhs Date dictated 10/23/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/28/68

ALICE KARALUS, 115-88 229th Street, Cambria Heights, Queens, New York, was contacted and advised her sister, ANN LOCKSHISS, and two girl friends of hers, FRANCES SIMONITIS and RUTH CROWLEY, all take their vacation at the same time together each year. This year they went to Los Angeles, California, where they were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel. She stated that they obtained two adjoining rooms and that ANN LOCKSHISS and herself were roommates and FRANCES SIMONITIS and Miss RUTH CROWLEY were roommates. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, all of them went to the theater and saw the play Camelot. She stated that they all returned to their hotel at approximately 12:10 A.M., on June 5, 1968, and they went directly to their hotel rooms. When they were in their hotel room, the television set was turned on by one of the girls and at approximately 12:15 A.M., on June 5, 1968, a news bulletin was flashed over the television screen stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot.

She stated that she could not furnish any information concerning this matter.

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On 10/25/68 at Queens, New York File # NY 44-1640  
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/mml Date dictated 10/25/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/11/68

RICHARD D. KIRCH, 2430 Kenwood Manor, Apartment 13, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised as follows:

He is employed as a traveling salesman for the Bulova Watch Company and recalls that he arrived in Los Angeles, California, from Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sunday, June 2, 1968, and checked into the Ambassador Hotel on that same date.

He checked out of the Ambassador and left Los Angeles at 2:30 PM on June 5, 1968, after concluding his business in Los Angeles.

He did not witness the assassination of United States Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, has never seen subject SIRHAN, nor does he know of anyone who did see SIRHAN in or around the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles during the night of June 4, 1968.

He indicated he has no information whatever in this case and could furnish no information of value to this investigation.

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On 10/4/68 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota File # MP 56-60

by SA REEL ADAM BOYD/ebb Date dictated 10/9/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/17/68

VINCENT KLACZYK, 330 Willet Street, Buffalo, New York, advised that during early June, 1968, he and his wife, CLARA T. KLACZYK, spent approximately three days in Los Angeles, California as part of a 22-day tour through various cities in Southwestern United States. He stated that while in this city, he and his wife were paid guests at the Ambassador Hotel, but actually had rooms at the "Motel Annex," located in the vicinity of the above-mentioned hotel. He stated that he and his wife were first aware that United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been assassinated was when another guest of this hotel, an elderly lady, whose name he did not recall, knocked on their door at approximately 1:00 A.M. on the date the assassination took place. This lady announced that Senator KENNEDY had been assaulted, but he thought this person was intoxicated and he told her to go away. KLACZYK further advised that he was not aware of any conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY, nor did he recall ever seeing Senator KENNEDY's suspected assassinator, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in person at any time. He said he has seen published photographs of SIRHAN. KLACZYK further stated that he possessed no additional information pertaining to the assassinator of Senator KENNEDY.

KLACZYK advised that the above-mentioned travel to Southwestern United States was arranged through the "Greyhound Tours," Chicago, Illinois.

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On 10/9/68 at Buffalo, New York File # Buffalo 175-20  
by SAs PETER J. SOFIA and  
JACK W. SUNDERLAND:cag Date dictated 10/14/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/17/68

Mrs. VINCENT KLACZYK (CLARA T.), 330 Willet Street, Buffalo, New York, advised that during early June, 1968, she and her husband, VINCENT KLACZYK, spent approximately three days in Los Angeles, California as part of a 22-day tour through various cities in Southwestern United States. She stated that while in that city they were paid guests at the Ambassador Hotel, but actually had rooms at the "Motel Annex," located in the vicinity of the above-mentioned hotel. She said that she and her husband were first aware that Senator KENNEDY had been assassinated was when another guest of this hotel, an elderly lady, whose name she did not recall, knocked on their door at approximately 1:00 A.M. on the date the assassination took place. This lady announced that Senator KENNEDY had been assaulted, but her husband thought that this person was intoxicated and told her to go away. Mrs. KLACZYK further advised that she was not aware of any conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY, and did not recall ever seeing Senator KENNEDY's suspected assassinator, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in person at any time. She said she has seen published photographs of SIRHAN. Mrs. KLACZYK further stated that she possessed no additional information pertaining to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/4/68

Mr. GERALD KNITTLE, residence address 7556 - 34th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Washington, advised that he is a representative of the Bulova Watch Company and was in the Los Angeles area for conferences and meetings in the first part of June, 1968.

Mr. KNITTLE advised that he had been at a conference early in the evening of June 4, 1968, in Beverly Hills, and had returned back to the hotel in the late evening of that same night. He said that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, and this was the hotel that he returned to.

Mr. KNITTLE said that he was with other representatives of the Bulova Watch Company that night in the Ambassador Hotel and he was not in the room where Senator KENNEDY was speaking and he did not personally see any thing at all on that evening.

Mr. KNITTLE said that he gained all the information he had that evening from the news media, and he pointed out that the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and he has no knowledge concerning any possible conspiracy.

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On 9/29/68 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 89-62

by SA VERNON P. COYNE/vao Date dictated 9/30/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

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Mr. JAMES H. KNOWLES, residence address 1717 - 150th SE, Bellevue, Washington, a representative of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, with offices at 330 - 2nd Avenue West, in Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his place of business.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he had been in Los Angeles, on a business trip for his company and had checked into the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on June 3, 1968, and had checked out on June 6, 1968.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he had been in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, and was in his hotel room when he first heard of the assassination over the T.V.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he did not hear or see anything personally and all his knowledge was gained through the news media.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that to the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and he has no knowledge of any information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 9/27/68 at Seattle, Washington File# SE 89-62

by SA VERNON P. COYNE  
SA JAMES P. MALOY VPC/vao Date dictated 9/30/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 4, 1968

AUSTIN L. KNUTSON, Vice President, First National Bank of Minneapolis, home address 1717 Morgan Avenue South, advised that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. Mr. KNUTSON stated that during the night of June 4-5, 1968, he more or less wandered around the hotel visiting the rooms of the various candidates. He stated that he definitely recalled the room where Senator KENNEDY was shot. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he was in Los Angeles on banking business and had been up since early morning and as a result at about 10:30 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. he went to his room and went to bed. He stated that he was asleep when he heard someone crying in the hall outside. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he did not get up and did not really think too much about it until he heard another person crying and shouting that someone had been shot. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he got out of bed and turned on the television and at that time heard the news that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he watched television and never did leave his room until the next morning.

Mr. KNUTSON stated that he had seen several photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and has seen him on television on several occasions. Mr. KNUTSON stated that to the best of his knowledge he did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN around the Ambassador Hotel nor did he see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN with anybody. He stated that the first time he saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was on television after the KENNEDY shooting.

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On 9/24/68 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 56-62

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by SA CARL S. LESTOR:lkp Date dictated 9/30/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 4, 1968

Mr. Edward Kosner, Writer, General Editor, Newsweek, 444 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., stated he was with the Senator Robert Kennedy campaign in Oregon and for a few days in California. He arrived in Los Angeles on approximately May 29 or 30, 1968 and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel for two days. He left Los Angeles on May 31 or June 1, 1968 and returned to New York, N. Y. He was in New York, N. Y. on June 4, 1968 when Senator Kennedy was assassinated, consequently he knows nothing of the shooting or Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 10/4/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 10/4/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/681

DELORES KNAPEK, 35 Natrona Street, was interviewed and advised that she and two companions, HENRIETTA STERLITZ and EVELYN PLANAVSKY, booked a tour through Spowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa., and arrived in Los Angeles on June 2, 1968. While there, they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. When she learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel and that a victory rally was planned, she and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby from approximately 6:00 p.m., until 12:15 a.m., the following morning. She stated that the hotel was packed with people and during that period of time she did not see anyone acting in a suspicious manner. She did not see or overhear the comments of the teenagers which her two companions had heard.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., she heard several shots and went into the Embassy Room. There she heard an unknown individual say that KENNEDY had been shot and then she saw another man with blood on his head. She then returned to the corridor and saw the Los Angeles Police taking SIRHAN from the hotel. She had not seen this individual in the hotel prior to that time. After SIRHAN had been taken from the hotel, she returned to her room.

On 9/24/68 at Natrona, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583  
by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS/cml Date dictated 9/30/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/25/681

Mr. WAYNE LA. CHAPELLE, 18105 38th Avenue East, Tacoma, Washington, advised he traveled to Los Angeles in the company of his wife and HAROLD MANSFIELD of Tacoma, and all arrived in Los Angeles on the afternoon of June 6, 1968. They checked into the Ambassador Hotel about the middle of that afternoon, which was several days after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. LA CHAPELLE stated he had no information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN, and could furnish no information that might be pertinent to this matter.

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On 9/20/68 at Tacoma, Washington File # SE 89-62  
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by SA ELGIN E. OLROGG/dks Date dictated 9/20/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

IRWIN (ERNIE) LEFF, Attorney, Darwin, Rosenthal and Leff, Suite 311, 68 Post Street, who resides at 178 27th Avenue, furnished the following information:

LEFF was in Los Angeles on business on June, 4, and 5, 1968. He stayed at a motel, name not recalled, near the Federal Building in Los Angeles, but was not registered at the Ambassador Hotel and did not stay at that hotel.

He was at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, with IRVING and ANNE BERKOVITZ of Beverly Hills, California. ANNE BERKOVITZ was very active in the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and was working for his campaign headquarters in Southern California. To the best of his recollection, LEFF was in the Ambassador Hotel from about 6:00 p.m. until close to 10:30 p.m. on the evening of June 4, 1968. He returned to his motel upon leaving the Ambassador Hotel and stayed there the remainder of the night. He did not learn that Senator KENNEDY had been shot until the morning of June 5, 1968 while listening to the news in his motel room.

LEFF has no idea as to how it came about that his name is shown as a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, particularly in the name of ERNIE LEFF, inasmuch as he is known as ERNIE only to his close friends.

LEFF is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall anyone at the Ambassador Hotel answering his description. He has no reason to believe that any conspiracy was involved in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/24/68 at San Francisco, California File # 62-5481  
by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON/sag Date dictated 9/25/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 25, 1968

LOREN EDWARD LICKEL, 7551 Steinway Road, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that he was at a Bulova Sales Meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, and occupied a room also at that hotel. He left the meeting in the auditorium about 11:40 p.m. on June 4, 1968, to go to his room and after sleeping the night learned of the shooting that had occurred earlier that morning. He knows nothing of the event and has no recollection of seeing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

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On 9/23/68 at Lincoln, Nebraska File # Omaha 62-2900

by SA HARMON J. OGREN:PJC Date dictated 9/24/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/26/68

ANN LOCKSHISS who resides at 115-88 229th Street, Cambria Heights, Queens, New York, was contacted at her place of employment the Dime Savings Bank located at 9 DeKalb Street, Brooklyn, New York, and furnished the following information:

She advised that she had taken a vacation with her sister, ALICE KARALUS, and two of her girl friends, FRANCES SIMONITIS and RUTH CROWLEY, and they all went to Los Angeles, California. They registered as guests at the Ambassador Hotel and on June 4, 1968, they all went to see the play Camelot. They returned to the hotel at approximately 12:10 A.M., on June 5, 1968, and proceeded to their hotel room. They all went directly to their hotel room and turned on the television set. At approximately 12:15 A.M. or 12:20 A.M., on June 5, 1968, a news bulletin was flashed over the television screen stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She stated that she was having a very good vacation up to this time and as soon as this news was flashed over the television set, it upset her very much. She stated that she could not furnish any information as to why anyone would shoot Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

She could not furnish any additional information in connection with this matter.

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On 10/25/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640  
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/mml Date dictated 10/25/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/681

Mrs. MABEL LONG, 460 East Breckenridge, Ferndale, Michigan, stated she and her sister were on a Greyhound tour from Chicago and spent four days in Los Angeles.

Mrs. LONG stated she and her sister were guests in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. On June 4, 1968, she and her sister went to their room early in the evening, watched television a short time and went to bed. She stated they were sleeping at the time of the shooting. She said neither she nor her sister knew that the shooting had taken place until the next morning. Mrs. LONG said she was in possession of no information concerning a possible conspiracy and she does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

On 11/4/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 56-151

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by SA ROBERT M. SMITH/lmo Date dictated 11/7/68

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