

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/6/681

ROBERT W. RATCLIFFE, 307 Veri Drive, was interviewed and advised that he and his wife, MARIE, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at approximately 4:30 PM on June 4, 1968. They were part of a Greyhound tour out of Chicago, Illinois.

He and his wife ate dinner in the hotel restaurant and at 8:30 PM went into the Embassy Room to await the election returns. At approximately 10:30 PM, he and his wife, tired from the day's travel, went to their room in the hotel annex and went to bed.

It was not until the following morning at breakfast that he and his wife learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been killed in the hotel.

He did not recall seeing any suspicious individuals or activity during the period of time he was in the hotel.

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On 11/1/68 at Greentree, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583
by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS /dj Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 1, 1968

Mr. WILLIAM R. RAY was interviewed at his place of employment, General Electric Company, 41 Woodford Avenue, Plainville, Connecticut, where he is employed as a zone sales manager. He stated he resides at 180 Scovill Road, Avon, Connecticut.

Mr. RAY stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he attended a sales-customer meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated he had a room on the fourth floor of the hotel. He added he retired to his room at about midnight. He stated that shortly after arriving in his room he heard a commotion and a lot of shouting. He stated he thought it was the result of election returns. He stated he had a room on the back side of the hotel. He closed his window and went to bed. He added he did not know about the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY until about 6:30 AM on June 5, 1968, when he turned on his television set. He checked out of the hotel about 7:15 AM on June 5, 1968.

He stated he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, has no information about a possible conspiracy, and if he saw SIRHAN in the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, he is not aware of same since he does not know him.

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On 9/25/68 at Plainville, Connecticut File # NH 62-2477

by SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR./mmf Date dictated 9/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

Mrs. AMELIA REGAN, Administrator, Gladman Memorial Hospital, 5958 Colton Boulevard, Oakland, advised as follows:

On June 2, 1968, she and Mrs. KATHERINE VANCE, Assistant Administrator at this hospital, flew to Los Angeles where they had made reservations at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, in connection with a Western Hospital Administrators' Seminar. She said that they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel one night and, because of the poor rooms, she and Mrs. VANCE moved on Monday, June 3, 1968, across the street to the Sheraton-Wilshire Hotel.

She said that she was at this hotel on the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, when they received the news that Senator KENNEDY had been assassinated, and that she has no information concerning any conspiracy or the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. She said that she has not seen SIRHAN and would not know what he looks like.

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On 10/3/68 at Oakland, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481
by TUVAL V. FARQUHAR / ER Date dictated 10/3/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/12/68

Mrs. FRANK ROBERTS, 28 Bruce Street, Pleasantville, New York, was interviewed, at which time she furnished the following information:

She stated that her husband died in January, 1968, and inasmuch as all her children were grown, she decided to take a trip to the West Coast. She said that she contacted Pleasant Travel, Incorporated (Inc.), Pleasantville, New York, in order to make arrangements for such a trip. She stated that she then arranged to join a Berry Tour, which was leaving from Chicago, on May 26, 1968. This was a 15 day tour by rail through the Western part of the United States and the West Coast.

Mrs. ROBERTS stated that she joined the tour in Chicago, on May 26, 1968. The first stop on the tour was at the Grand Canyon followed by visits to Yosemite National Park, California, and San Francisco, California. She stated that they left San Francisco by train, and arrived in Los Angeles, on June 3, 1968. She stated that they were billeted at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. She advised that her hotel room was located in a cottage in the back of the main hotel and she was assigned Room 445. She stated that they arrived late in the afternoon or early evening, June 3, 1968, and as a result merely ate dinner and looked around the hotel prior to retiring.

On June 4, 1968, Mrs. ROBERTS stated that she, along with other members of the tour, traveled to Knotts - Berry Farm in the Los Angeles area. She stated that they had lunch at this Farm and did not return to the Ambassador Hotel until late in the afternoon of June 4, 1968. Mrs. ROBERTS advised that in the evening of June 4, 1968, she had a light supper, inasmuch as they had a great deal to eat at the Farm. She stated that she walked around the hotel lobby for a period of time and observed there were a lot of teenagers and young adults in that area. She stated that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was using the Ambassador Hotel as his Headquarters in connection with the primary election in California. She stated that she observed

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On 10/31/68 at Pleasantville, New York File # NY 44-1640

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the activities in the lobby until approximately 10:00 p.m., at which time she retired to her room and went to bed. She stated that she did not observe the activities going on at the hotel on television.

She stated that on the morning of June 5, 1968, she met one of the women tour members, EDA WALLENBERGER, and went to breakfast with her. She stated that Mrs. WALLENBERGER, at that time, informed her that Senator KENNEDY had been shot at the hotel on the night of June 4th or the early morning hours of June 5th. Mrs. ROBERTS stated that she had not information or knowledge concerning any possible conspiracy by anyone to assassinate Senator KENNEDY. She stated that she has no recollection whatsoever of observing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in or in the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel on June 3rd or 4th, 1968. She stated that was unable to furnish any further information.

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Date 9/27/68

On September 23, 1968, Mr. HARLYN ROBINSON, also known as Mr. W. H. ROBINSON, 1008 Rutledge, Modesto, California was interviewed at Modesto City Hospital, 730 17th Street, Modesto, California, where he is employed as Hospital Administrator. Mr. ROBINSON furnished information as follows:

He registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California at about 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m., June 4, 1968. He was at the hotel to attend a Hospital Administrator's seminar sponsored by the American College of Hospital Administrators. Only after arrival in Los Angeles did he determine that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was at the hotel. After checking into his room, Mr. ROBINSON went to the lobby of the hotel and sat in a chair facing the corridor leading to the Embassy Room. The corridor and the lobby was very crowded with people. He sat in the lobby from shortly after his arrival until about 11:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, when he went to his room and went to bed. During the early morning hours, exact time not recalled, he was awakened by a number of persons apparently "running" television cable somewhere outside of his room and outside of the building. He attempted to call the desk, but was unable to get a response. The following morning, at about 8:00 a.m., Mr. ROBINSON walked out of the hotel and attempted to buy a newspaper. He could not locate any. He went back into the hotel and was stopped at the door by two policemen. They asked to see his room key, which he exhibited. He was then allowed to re-enter the hotel. In the hotel, he picked up a newspaper from a table in the coffee shop; only then did he determine that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

During the aforementioned time, Mr. ROBINSON can recall seeing no one resembling the photographs that he has seen of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. He has never at any time met, or known SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. During the time that he was in the lobby, he noticed and heard nothing to indicate that Senator KENNEDY would later be shot.

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On 9/23/68 at Modesto, California File # SC 62-76

by SA DONALD H. MOE:cfp Date dictated 9/23/68

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Mr. ROBINSON knows nothing relative to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY from his own personal knowledge and his only knowledge has been gained through the various news media.

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Date October 10, 1968

Mrs. MAUREEN J. ROSS, 111 8th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., was telephonically contacted by her mother Mrs. MILDRED J. ERLEY, 1780 59th Avenue, Sacramento, California, and advised SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR the following:

She is employed by the Head Start Division of the Office of Economic Opportunity, 200 C Street, Washington, D.C. She stated she was on the Campaign Committee of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and although she had planned to go to Los Angeles, California, for the evening of June 4, 1968 she decided not to go and remained at her mother's home in Sacramento. She was not aware the senator had been shot until told by her mother who had heard it on television. She never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of a conspiracy in the shooting.

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On 10/4/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

KATHLEEN RYAN, a student at Immaculate Heart College, 2021 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, residence 1827 Garfield Place, Apartment 108, Los Angeles, advised the following:

Miss RYAN said that she had done local precinct work campaigning for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was known as one of the Kennedy Girls as a result. She attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968. She spent a good part of the evening in the room on the first floor below the Embassy Room and left the hotel at approximately 11:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968, as she had to meet the curfew time at her school. She watched the aftermath of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on television during the early morning of June 5, 1968.

Miss RYAN claimed that she had not been registered in the Ambassador Hotel as a guest at the time but had signed a list of Kennedy Girls, who were on duty at the hotel on June 4, 1968.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Miss RYAN, who said she had no recollection of having ever seen the persons pictured in the photograph at any time.

On 10/10/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
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by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/pjc Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

Miss J. J. SAWICKI, Editor, St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, advised that she was accompanied by Mr. IVAN SOUTHWALL on a trip in the San Francisco and Los Angeles, California areas just preceding and during the time of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign in California. She identified SOUTHWALL as the author of a well-known group of children's books and stated that he was in the United States on a visit and that she was accompanying him in California for various lectures he made concerning his books. She stated SOUTHWALL is from Australia and gave the following address: Mills Rd, The Pateo, Victoria 3792, Australia. She advised that while in California, she and SOUTHWALL were together during their entire tour.

Miss SAWICKI further stated that she and SOUTHWALL had a reservation at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for the evening of June 4 - 5, 1968; however, on arrival, were turned away. She stated that they arrived in Los Angeles following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and actually heard of the situation on their way from the airport to the hotel.

Miss SAWICKI was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or in connection with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. At the time they arrived at the hotel about three hours following the shooting, everything was very quiet.

SOUTHWALL would not be able to furnish any pertinent information concerning the shooting of SIRHAN in that he was with her as above indicated.

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On 10/14/68 at New York, New York File # 44-1640

by SA JOHN BRADSHAW, Jr./itg Date dictated 10/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/2/68

Mr. JOSEPH SCANLON of 27 Fir Avenue, Tiverton, Rhode Island, was contacted for interview at his office in the United States Customs Building, Providence, Rhode Island.

He advised that at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY he was with his wife in Room 24B at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that because of this he had no opportunity to observe anything that happened either directly, during, or after the assassination.

He said that the only item of interest that he could recall was that on the evening of June 2, 1968, a Sunday evening, a reception was held for Senator KENNEDY in the Coconut Grove Club. He said that many stars of the stage and screen and other celebrities were present and were entertaining. He said that he and a GENE DILLEA of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and a DONALD DOWD of Boston, Massachusetts, noted that a big stocky man about 6 feet 2 inches, 250 pounds, dark hair, large features kept trying to get behind the stage area. He was told several times to leave the area but would not, until finally he, SCANLON, and the other men told him to get out of there and pointed him out to other aides; and he was removed from the area. He said that he did not know of his identity and that this was the only incident he saw prior to the assassination at any time that caused any suspicion on his part.

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On 9/27/68 at Providence, Rhode Island File # Boston 44-646

by SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY/gb Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/15/681

THELMA SCHAEFFER, home address, 2122 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Apartment 102, telephone number 223-0605, was interviewed at the place of her employment, American Automobile Association, 1712 G Street, N.W., telephone number ME 8-4000, advised:

She arrived in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, with FRANCES CALLAGHAN, a woman with whom she shares her apartment in Washington, D.C., for a vacation. The two of them occupied a room on the fourth floor of the Ambassador Hotel. She was aware of the KENNEDY Campaign being held in the hotel, and for awhile in the evening of June 4, 1968, both of the ladies sat in the lobby of the hotel just to see the crowd. She does not recall how long they sat in the lobby, but does recall that it was very crowded with people constantly coming in and going out of the lobby.

Late in the evening, but before midnight, they retired to their room, and shortly thereafter went to bed. Later Miss SCHAEFFER was awakened by the sound of sirens. She turned on her radio and at this time learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. Neither she nor Miss CALLAGHAN left their room.

She viewed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. She was unable to associate the photograph with any event of the evening of June 4, 1968.

On 10/9/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

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by SA HARVEY W. JAMES/hwj Date dictated 10/15/68

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JOSEPH SCHERR, 433 South Brookside Drive, furnished the following information:

He is employed by the Bulova Watch Company and in connection with this employment was in Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968 and registered in at the Ambassador Hotel in that city. He recalled he flew to Los Angeles for a sales meeting and arrived there via aircraft. He arrived in Los Angeles about 7:30 PM on June 3, 1968. He attended the sales meeting in Los Angeles on Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, 1968. He recalled that the meeting closed at about 5:30 PM on June 4, 1968, at which time he and others employed by the Bulova Watch Company went into the Embassy Room of the hotel to see what was going on in the case of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S political activities. He recalled the other persons with him were MIKE ROMAN, a Bulova Watch employee, who can be located at 635 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York; SIDNEY VINE, 11334 Park Central Place, Apartment D, Dallas, Texas; HERBERT SELIGMAN, 5915 Fondren Road, Apartment 202, Houston, Texas and MALCOLM MILLER, 1203 Pennsylvania, Northeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico. SCHERR said that he and the others named stayed in the Embassy Room until approximately 8:00 PM when they left and went to dinner. They dined at a place called Frank and Musso's, located somewhere on Vine Street.

SCHERR continued that after dinner all persons in his group returned to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel to see what was happening in the Senator KENNEDY campaign. He estimated they arrived at the hotel at about 10:30 or 11:00 PM. He recalled that on this occasion, he "bumped into" ROOSEVELT GRIER, the well-known football player, in the Embassy Room. He further recalled that a little after 11:00 PM, he had to go to the bathroom and left the Embassy Room of the hotel. Upon his return he found the front door locked and after making some inquiries of unknown persons he ascertained that he could regain entry into the Embassy Room by going through the kitchens in the back. He said in this manner he re-entered the Embassy Room where he remained until about midnight. He said since Senator KENNEDY had not shown up he decided to go to his room and get some sleep since he intended to leave Los Angeles the following day. SCHERR said as far as he can recall, SELIGMAN, VINE and MILLER were still in the Embassy Room when he left to go to his room. He recalled that when he arrived at his room in the hotel he found his roommate,

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On 9/23/68 at Wichita, Kansas File # KC 62-8651
LA 56-156
by SA JAMES F. MILLER:bjc Date dictated 9/24/68

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LOREN LICKEL, 7551 Steinway Road, Lincoln, Nebraska, was already there and asleep. SCHERR said he took a shower and went to bed. He did recall that while in the process of going to bed he heard some noises and took it for granted that Senator KENNEDY had arrived.

SCHERR said that approximately 6:00 AM, on June 5, 1968, he was awakened by his roommate, who informed him that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He said this was the first information he had of the shooting and thought his roommate was kidding him until he watched some news on the television.

With regard to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, SCHERR claimed he did not know him and did not recall seeing him in the Embassy Room or anywhere else in the hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

HUGHES SCHRODER, 2515 Habersham Road, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Lipscomb Ellis Company, 90 Fairlie Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and he furnished the following information:

SCHRODER advised that he and his wife attended a business convention at Los Angeles during the latter part of May, 1968. SCHRODER stated that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, while attending this convention and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel for the period of May 29 through June 1, 1968. SCHRODER stated he left Los Angeles on June 2, 1968, and arrived in Atlanta on the same date.

SCHRODER stated that he heard of the Robert Kennedy shooting on the morning of June 4, 1968, while shaving and preparing to leave for work from his home in Atlanta, Georgia.

SCHRODER advised that he was in Atlanta from June 2, through and including June 4, 1968, and had absolutely no information concerning the circumstances surrounding Senator Kennedy's assassination and was unaware of his alleged assassin's identity, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, until after his identity was made known by the news media.

SCHRODER could offer no further information in this matter.

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On 10/1/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2412
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA JAMES J. ROSE :bjc Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

ARTHUR SCHWARTZ, Salesman, Bulova Watch, Inc., New York, New York, advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. He stated he left the hotel at approximately 1:15 pm for Chicago, Illinois on that day and he was in Chicago when Senator KENNEDY was killed. He could offer no information concerning the shooting or concerning STEPHAN B. STEPHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/tp Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/17/681.

Mr. JAY SCHWARTZ, telephone number OX 5-7090, Capital Mercury Shirt, New York, New York, advised telephonically he was in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, the day before ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at 12:15 A.M. on June 5, 1968. Mr. SCHWARTZ stated that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel and that he checked out at about 6 P.M. on June 4, 1968. He stated that he has no information concerning the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that he saw no suspicious persons at the hotel while he was there.

Mr. SCHWARTZ stated that his trip was arranged through Travel Rite, Incorporated, New York, New York, telephone number MU 6-2582.

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On 10/15/68 at Telephonically New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA HERBERT W. KILGORE/axb Date dictated 10/16/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

RICHARD SCHWARTZ, 530 Hillcrest Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, Administrator of Information Programs, International Business Machines Corporation, Dayton, New Jersey, on September 25, 1968, advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, to observe IBM voting machinery in operation. Most of his time was spent at the IBM building near the Ambassador Hotel.

SCHWARTZ said after viewing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN that he observed nobody in the vicinity of the hotel resembling the photograph.

SCHWARTZ said he spent the evening of June 4, 1968, and most of the morning hours of June 5, 1968, at the IBM building located near the Ambassador Hotel.

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On 9/25/68 at Dayton, N.J.File # Newark 44-872by SA JOHN WALTER SADE/rbm10/1/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 23, 1968

MILTON SCOTT, Administrator, Novato General Hospital, advised on September 20, 1968, that he registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, June 2, 1968, and was assigned a bungalow at the hotel and believes the bungalow had number 63B. He said he was in Los Angeles for the purpose of attending a seminar for Hospital Administrators.

SCOTT recalled that he was released from the seminar at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1968. He said it is his recollection he had dinner shortly after being released from class in the hotel coffee shop. He said he went into the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m. only to observe the activities then going on in connection with the anticipated visit of Senator KENNEDY. He said he remained in the hotel and lobby area until about 10:30 p.m. when he left to return to his own bungalow so that he could better watch the activities going on in the hotel on his television set. He said he was watching on television at the time of the assassination.

Mr. SCOTT said he knows nothing concerning a possible conspiracy, does not know SIRHAN, and did not see SIRHAN at the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 9/20/68 at NOVATO, CALIFORNIA File # SF 62-5481
by SA DALE F. NORTON:sif Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/26/68

Mr. CLARK SEAGRAVES, Administrator, Santa Maria Hospital, Parkview Avenue, Santa Maria, California, advised that he went to Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, to attend an assembly of the American College of Hospital Administrators which was to be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 5 and June 6, 1968. He stated that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel at about 3:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, and that he had dinner at the hotel dining room on the first floor from about 7:00 p.m. until about 8:15 p.m. after which he sat in the lobby until about 9:30 p.m. when he went to his room and watched television until he retired for the night at about 11:45 p.m. He informed that he could not recall having seen anyone who resembled SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, and that he did not visit the Embassy Ballroom that evening. Further that he had no information whatsoever which might be of interest in connection with the shooting of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated that he checked out of the Ambassador Hotel and returned to Santa Maria, California, on the afternoon of June 6, 1968.

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On 9/24/68 at Santa Maria, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA WILLIAM B. NOLAN, JR./fpd Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/22/68

HERBERT SELIGMANN, 5915 Fondren Road, Houston, Texas, advised that he is a salesman for the Bulova Watch Company, Houston, Texas. He stated that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California the night Senator KENNEDY was shot at that hotel. SELIGMANN said that he was in his room and knew nothing of the shooting until the following morning when he heard it on the radio while shaving. He said he was a guest on the third floor of the Ambassador Hotel and he recalled hearing sirens the previous night but since there was so much political activity in the Ambassador Hotel he considered it to be part of that activity and paid no further attention to it.

SELIGMANN advised that he could furnish no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and that he has never seen the person accused of doing the shooting.

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On 10/16/68 at Houston, Texas File # HO 175-12
by SA F. WILLIAM WHATLEY, JR:slm 10/18/68
Date dictated 10/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

ALBERT SHEPARD, Paulding Lane, Yorktown Heights, New York, advised that he is president of Albert Shepard Associates, also known as Motivation Dynamics, a market research company, which was assisting in the 1968 nominating campaign for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. SHEPARD and his wife, ESTHER SHEPARD, were in Los Angeles, California, in connection with the above campaign, and on June 4, 1968, attended a celebration at the Embassy Ballroom in honor of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. SHEPARD left the affair at about 11:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, to get a midnight flight to Chicago. It was while on the flight that he learned of the KENNEDY shooting. As a result, he could furnish no assistance in this matter.

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On 10/2/68 at Yorktown Heights, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA ROBERT G. O'NEIL/lp Date dictated 10/2/68

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Date 10/7/68

Mrs. ESTHER SHEPARD, Paulding Lane, Yorktown Heights, New York, advised that her husband, ALBERT SHEPARD, is president of Albert Shepard Associates, also known as Motivation Dynamics, located at Whitehill and Hunterbrook Roads, Yorktown Heights.

She said that she had accompanied her husband to Los Angeles, California, in connection with the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and attended a celebration held in KENNEDY's honor at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 - 5, 1968. She said that her husband left the affair around 11:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, to catch a midnight flight to Chicago. Shortly afterwards she left the affair to return to her hotel room to watch it on television. She was in her room at the time of the shooting at 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, and therefore could contribute no information in this matter.

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On 10/1/68 at Yorktown Heights, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA ROBERT G. O'NEIL/lp Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

California State Senator ALAN SHORT, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, advised as follows:

He stated he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 4, 1968, however, he neither saw nor heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY nor does he have any information of a possible conspiracy. Any information he might have he obtained from news reports of the incident.

The evening of June 4, 1968, he and a group of friends went to dinner at Perino's on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and returned to the Hotel Ambassador. He does not recall the time he returned to the Hotel Ambassador but noted he departed the hotel at approximately 11 p.m. and proceeded to the International Airport where he boarded a chartered flight to return home. He first learned of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY from the pilot who heard a news broadcast of the incident over the radio in the airplane.

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On 10/1/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 3, 1968

Miss MARY RITA SICILIANO, 50 Emerick Lane, Loudonville, New York, was interviewed at her place of employment, 449 South Pearl Street.

Miss SICILIANO advised that she and her girlfriends ARLENE BRADY and TERRY HAKER were vacationing in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, and were guests in Room 215 in the Ambassador Hotel of that city. She stated that between 7:00 and 7:30 PM on June 4, 1968, she, TERRY and ARLENE went up to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S suite in this hotel and went inside PROVI PARADE'S room in this suite, which she recalled as being Room 520. She stated that TERRY, a hairdresser, had previously worked on the hair of Mrs. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and went to Miss PARADE'S room to obtain payment for this work. She said TERRY also was to comb Mrs. KENNEDY'S hair at this time. She stated that after waiting about an hour, she and ARLENE left this room and went down to the lobby of the hotel. She stated that TERRY remained in this room and came down and joined them in the lobby about one hour later. She said the three of them remained in the lobby for a while longer and finally she went up to Room 215 between 11:30 and 11:45 PM to watch television. She said ARLENE and TERRY remained downstairs in the hotel. She said that she learned that Senator KENNEDY was shot about 12:15 AM, June 5, 1968, when it was announced on television. She said she was shocked at this news and had no idea at this time who had shot Senator KENNEDY. She stated she has no knowledge of any possible conspiracy in regard to this shooting. She stated she had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN except on television.

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On 9/30/68 at Albany, New York File # AL 175-12

by SA EDWARD F. NASSIF /jmh Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/681

FRANCES SIMONITIS, 6111 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, Queens, New York, was contacted at her place of employment the Dimes Savings Bank located at 9 DeKalb Street, Brooklyn, New York, and furnished the following information:

She advised that on June 4, 5, 1968, she was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she left her hotel and went to see the play Camelot. She was accompanied by three of her girl friends, also staying at the Ambassador Hotel. These girls were ANN LOCKSHISS, ALICE KARALUS and RUTH CROWLEY. All of them returned to the hotel at approximately 12:10 a.m., on June 5, 1968, and went to their hotel room and turned on the television. She stated that all of the girls were in one room and at approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, a news bulletin was flashed over the television set stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot.

She stated that she could not furnish any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with this matter nor could she furnish any additional information.

On 10/25/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640

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Date 10/21/681

LESTER SMITH, Announcer, WOR, New York, New York, advised he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. He stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was working at the hotel and could offer no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/co Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/25/68

Mr. FRANK L. SNELL, attorney and partner in the law firm of Snell and Wilmer, Security Building, advised that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California during the period June 3-6, 1968 for the purpose of attending a Hospital Administrators Convention. Mr. SNELL advised on the night of June 4, 1968 he had retired at approximately 10:00 p.m. and was not aware of the assault on Senator ROBERT KENNEDY until awakened in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968 by one of the other delegates to the Hospital Administrators Convention.

Mr. SNELL further advised that he does not know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, does not recall seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel in the evening hours of June 4, 1968, and has no knowledge of any possible conspiracy in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/21/68 at Phoenix, Arizona File # PX 175-19
LA 56-156
by SA COLIN M. DUNNIGAN/mcl Date dictated 11/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mr. F. A. SORENSEN, Administrator, Good Samaritan Hospital, 15825 Samaritan Drive, advised as follows:

He was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles during the first week in June, 1968, in connection with a convention of hospital administrators. He arrived there on June 2, 1968, a Sunday, but returned to San Francisco on Monday evening, June 3, 1968, so he could vote the following day. He returned to Los Angeles in the late morning of June 5, 1968, which was after the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He was not in Los Angeles on June 4 or during the early morning hours of June 5.

He has no information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY. He is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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On 10/1/68 at San Jose, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY / jl Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/3/68

Mr. J. SONOSKY, 815 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., furnished the following information:

SONOSKY advised that he formerly worked with ROBERT F. KENNEDY when Mr. KENNEDY was investigating the rackets and he became a close personal friend of KENNEDY's. SONOSKY stated, however, that he was in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, on personal business and was not there as a part of the KENNEDY campaign in California.

SONOSKY stated that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and on the night of June 4, 1968, he recalls that he "wandered" around the Embassy Room at the Ambassador until approximately 7 P.M., when he went out to dinner. He said that he returned to his room at approximately 10:30 P.M. and watched the election returns on television for a time. He said that he did not go to the ballroom, where KENNEDY met his supporters, but went, instead, to a second ballroom below the ballroom where KENNEDY gave his victory speech.

SONOSKY stated that he was in this second ballroom when he received word that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. SONOSKY stated that he had been trained as an investigator when working for the Senate Rackets Committee and he attempted to assess the situation with a trained eye. He said he watched closely the reaction of people around him but, other than the hysterical behavior one would expect in such a situation, he saw nothing unusual. SONOSKY stated that he saw no behavior which would indicate that any other persons were involved, nor did he ever observe the assassin during the time that he moved about the hotel.

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On 9/27/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA LEN S. BURTON :jgp Date dictated 9/30/68

Date 10/2/68

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HENRIETTA STERLITZ, 1109 Brackenridge Road, was interviewed at her place of employment, Liberty Mirror, Third and Cherry Streets. She and two companions, DELORES KNAPEK and EVELYN PLANAVSKY, booked a tour with Sprowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa., and left Pittsburgh enroute to San Francisco and ultimately Los Angeles, California. They arrived in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1968, and registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

HENRIETTA ultimately learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel and was to speak later that day. She and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby, outside the rest room area, in order to see Senator KENNEDY and hear what he had to say. She advised that they remained in that corridor from approximately 6:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, until 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, when the shooting occurred.

While in the corridor, the only suspicious activity she observed involved two teenage boys and one teenage girl. They would occasionally pop balloons, which had been placed in the hotel for the victory rally and after the balloons were popped they would say, "What's all the excitement," and another would reply, "Kennedy's dead." They did this several times and, at the time, she felt that they were just horsing around even though it was in bad taste.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., she heard three or four shots. At the time, she thought that someone was popping more balloons until she heard an unknown individual say, "They shot Kennedy, Kennedy's dead." She did not believe it at first, but when she saw one of KENNEDY's group carried out of the hotel and heard all the crying and commotion, she was convinced.

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On 9/24/68 at Brackenridge, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583

by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS/cml Date dictated 9/30/68

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She saw individuals that she believed to be officers from the Los Angeles Police Department take the assassin from the hotel. She had not seen him during the six or seven hours she had been standing in the corridor. After seeing SIRHAN taken from the hotel she returned to her room. She could furnish no further information concerning this matter.

—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/29/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANN STEWART, 11711 Stonington Place, Silver Spring, Maryland, furnished the following information:

Mrs. STEWART is the wife of RICHARD H. STEWART, a reporter of the Boston Globe, and she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. Mrs. STEWART spent the evening and night in her hotel room watching the campaign activities on television. She was not circulating around the hotel downstairs around the time of the assassination. Mr. STEWART was at a television studio at Burbank, California, that night.

The only things that she noted which she would consider unusual was a party in an adjoining room which was very noisy, and which continued to be so even after the word of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY was publicized on radio and television. She also felt that it was unusual when a helicopter on the helicopter pad at the hotel left just after the ambulance left the hotel with, presumably, Senator KENNEDY, and the helicopter did not put its lights on until it reached an altitude over the building. While this struck her as unusual, she had no information which would connect the incident with the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

She was in possession of no information which would indicate a possible conspiracy in the KENNEDY assassination, she did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, nor did she ever recall seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/22/68 at Silver Spring, Md. File # BA 44-684

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

Miss RUTH H. STIMSON, School of Public Health, 412 Earl Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, advised that on June 5, 1968 in the afternoon, she registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

She stated that she was attending a program of the American College of Hospital Administrators at that hotel and stayed only one night, June 5, 1968. She said that the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had occurred at midnight the day before she had arrived and she was not aware of any unusual activities and does not feel she has any pertinent information concerning that incident. She said that she departed for her residence in Berkeley, California, on the afternoon of June 6, 1968.

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On 9/23/68 at Berkeley, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA TUVAL V. FARQUHAR:jb Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/681

EDWARD SULTAN, JR., 939 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii, advised that he had been in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968 but that he had not been staying at the Ambassador Hotel. He said that he was a guest at the Century Plaza Hotel but had attended a sales meeting of the Bulova Watch Company at the Ambassador Hotel.

He said that although he had naturally heard of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he had not been present in the area of the assassination and could offer no information in this matter.

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On 9/23/68 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 62-674
by SA JAMES D. JESSEE:ssi Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/68

Mr. ROBERT A. SWANSON, Administrator, Seaside Hospital, 100 A Street, Crescent City, California, residence Route 1, Box 685 D furnished the following information:

During the week from June 2, 1968 to June 7, 1968 he was a resident at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, in company with his wife ANNE and fiveyear old son BRUCE. They were in Los Angeles so he could attend a convention of the Hospital Administrators Association that week.

Of course he was aware of the political campaign conducted by Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and Senator MC CARTHY in connection with the California primary but he was not in Los Angeles for that purpose and only took notice of their activities in passing. He and his wife had a room on the second floor of the hotel and observed Senator KENNEDY addressing a crowd in the plaza outside their window a day or so before the voting took place.

On June 4, 1968 he was in the ballroom sometime before 10 p.m. as he was interested in what was going to happen later in the evening when the results were known. However, he retired to his room and the family slept through until around 5 a.m. He awoke and turned on the TV set to see how the voting came out and was then made aware of the assassination.

During the balance of his stay in Los Angeles he noted the police security around the hotel and the gloomy atmosphere. They returned home on Friday.

He has no information on SIRHAN SIRHAN or the details of the assassination except that gained by reading and listening to the news media.

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On 9/22/68 at Crescent City, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA RICHARD G. MILLER:dp Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

Miss ALICE N. SYKES, Administrative Assistant, Trust Department, Bank of America, 300 Montgomery Street, who resides at 275 Parker Avenue, Apartment 303, furnished the following information:

Miss SYKES worked on the staff of the KENNEDY for President Committee of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, for approximately ten days, up to and including June 4, 1968. She arrived in Los Angeles on May 24, 1968, at which time she registered at the Ambassador Hotel. She stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until the morning of June 5, 1968, when she checked out and then stayed with a friend, LESLIE GERWIN, 3031 Dannyhill, Van Nuys, California, until she returned to San Francisco on June 9, 1968.

During the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, SYKES was at the Ambassador Hotel and in and out of the various rooms where receptions were being held for the candidates involved in the primary elections on June 4, 1968. She was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel standing to the right of the podium during the time that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was making his victory speech just prior to midnight. When Senator KENNEDY left the podium and went out to the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room, SYKES was in the anteroom and recalls that just after Senator KENNEDY left the Embassy Room she heard some noises sounding like breaking glasses, but which she now thinks might have been the shots resulting in the death of Senator KENNEDY and injuries to other persons.

She was unable to see anything that happened from where she was and it was not until several minutes later that there was talk around the Embassy Room that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. About the same time, STEPHEN SMITH came into the Embassy Room, mounted the podium, and asked everyone to leave the Embassy Room. SYKES went out into the lobby and went to the reception room of one of the other candidates to watch the television in an effort to

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find out what had happened. It was while watching the television that she learned definitely that Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room.

Miss SYKES is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone answering his description around the Ambassador Hotel. She has no reason to believe that any conspiracy existed in connection with the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

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ALAN TEGUNS, 5222 McArdle, Apt. #1, furnished the following information: He is employed as a sales representative for Bulova Watch Company. The company had a sales meeting at Los Angeles, California, in early June, 1968, and he flew to Los Angeles, registering at the Ambassador Hotel on or about June 2 or June 3, 1968. The hotel was headquarters for several political candidates and their staffs who were campaigning in a primary election which was held about that time.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, TEGUNS and some of his associates went to the hotel lobby about 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., to see some of the dignitaries, and there were many people in the hotel and a considerable amount of confusion. TEGUNS explained that the place he referred to as the lobby was the area in which the registration desk was located, and was on what he described as the mezzanine floor of the hotel.

After he and others of his associates had been in the lobby for several hours, he observed a number of persons coming from the area back of the registration desk, and they were upset and some of the women were crying and hysterical. The word spread that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot, and there was much confusion and the crowd in the hotel lobby seemed to be stunned. He had heard no shots and had observed nothing out of the ordinary prior to the reported shooting. Immediately after the word spread regarding the shooting, virtually all of the beatniks and Negroes who had been in the hotel lobby, left the hotel. It was his impression that the police closed off the area. The next day, it was necessary for him and other persons registered at the hotel to obtain passes to leave and re-enter the hotel, because of the investigation that was being conducted.

The next day he saw in the local newspaper, photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, who was reportedly being held for the shooting of KENNEDY. He had never seen this person before

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On 10/2/68 at Corpus Christi, Texas File # HO 175-12

by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:jrf Date dictated 10/2/68

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to the best of his knowledge.

TEGUNS remained at the hotel for a day or two after the shooting, and then checked out and left Los Angeles.

He knew nothing about any possible conspiracy with regard to the shooting, had not seen or had any knowledge of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and had no information he regarded of any pertinence concerning this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mrs. ARNOLD TERNQUIST, 97 Frederick Avenue, Atherton, advised as follows:

Her husband formerly was associated with the firm of Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell, Certified Public Accountants, San Francisco, but he recently retired. At the present time he is confined to the hospital and is not available for interview.

She and her husband were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles on June 4 and 5, 1968. They had gone to Los Angeles to attend the graduation of their son. They were in and out of the hotel on several occasions on June 4, but retired to their room rather early that night. They were watching television when they heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

They did not go to Senator KENNEDY's headquarters at the hotel while they were there. She does not recall seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN at the hotel while they were there, and she does not have any information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

She is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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On 10/1/68 at Menlo Park, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY / j1 Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/68

JOHN D. THOMAS, Thomas Book and Stationery, 614 Broadway, residence Route 1, Westlake Carlos, Alexandria, Minnesota, advised that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with his family from Saturday June 1, 1968, until he departed from Los Angeles on Monday morning June 3, 1968. When departing from Los Angeles on June 3, 1968, he had traveled to Santa Barbara, California.

THOMAS stated that he did not learn of the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until the late morning of June 5, 1968, at Santa Barbara. He stated that he does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, he did not see him at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, and he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning a possible conspiracy in the death of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/2/68 at Alexandria, Minnesota File # MP 56-64
by SA DOUGLAS H. SMITH/dja Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/68

FLOYD E. THORNTON, Post Office Box 1073, Coalinga, California, was contacted at his residence, Monterey Avenue, Coalinga, California.

THORNTON advised that he was checked into the Ambassador Hotel, at Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968, when the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He stated that after the shooting, he became aware of all of the excitement as did most of the guests, but he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, had no recollection of ever having seen him in the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968; and has no information whatsoever concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 9/26/68 at Coalinga, California File # SC 62-76

by SA ROBERT J. EMONTS/jlf Date dictated 9/29/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/10/681

DEAN S. TODARO, 500 River Road, Gladstone, Oregon, was interviewed at the residence of his parents Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD WILLIAMS, 602 North Riverside, Medford, Oregon. He advised that he resided at 800 Pracht, Ashland, Oregon, and was attending Southern Oregon College in June 1968.

TODARO further advised that he and JOHN GERVAIS, also a student at Southern Oregon College, joined the ROBERT KENNEDY Campaign group seven days before the primary in California. Because final examinations were being given at Southern Oregon College and because TODARO and GERVAIS had missed some finals and sacrificed much time when they should have been studying for finals, the two left the campaign group on June 3, 1968, and returned to Ashland, Oregon. TODARO said that someone in the KENNEDY group registered for the group and he was not aware that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the night of June 4, 1968. TODARO advised that he knows nothing about SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall anyone who appeared to be similar to pictures of SIRHAN that he subsequently saw in papers.

On 9/28/68 at Medford, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

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by SA WILLIAM H. GRAY/day Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/25/68

H. O. TRACY, Controller, Kaiser Engineers, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California, advised as follows:

He left Oakland, California, at 8:00 A.M., June 5, 1968, by commercial airline, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, on a business trip. He arrived at Los Angeles about 9:00 A.M. and went to the Ambassador Hotel where he believes he arrived at about 9:30 A.M. or so. He spent one night at the Ambassador. He had originally been scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles on June 4, but the trip had been postponed to the 5th. He exhibited a receipt from the Ambassador Hotel for Room 615 for June 5, 1968.

Mr. TRACY stated that he first heard of the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the way to the airport in Oakland. He said that he had never heard of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN until his name was released by the news media.

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On 9/20/68 at Oakland, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481

by W. HUGH NOTT / ER Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/681

Mrs. RUDOLPH TRENKEL, 31306 Tuttle Drive, Bay Village, Ohio, advised that she and her husband were on a tour of the Los Angeles area during the time Senator KENNEDY was killed, and were staying at the Ambassador Hotel where the assassination took place.

During this visit, they spent all of their time sight-seeing. She stated that they would have breakfast at the hotel in the morning, spend the rest of the day sight-seeing, and return to the hotel in the evening.

On the night that Senator KENNEDY was killed, she and her husband returned to their hotel room early in the evening and went to bed about 11:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, because they were very tired. They were not aware that Senator KENNEDY had been shot until her husband turned on the television the next morning and heard the news.

Mrs. TRENKEL said she and her husband did not participate in, or attend, the Victory Rally held by Senator KENNEDY on the night of June 4-5, 1968. She also stated that they did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and saw no one who resembled him around the Ambassador Hotel.

Mrs. TRENKEL said she and her husband could furnish absolutely no information concerning the assassination or any information concerning the individual or individuals responsible for it.

On 10/24/68 at Cleveland, Ohio File # Cleveland 175-16

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by SA WILLIAM C. BELLINGER/clo Date dictated 10/28/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/31/681.

B.T. TUCKER, 60 Lionel Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised that he is employed by Arthur D. Little Corporation, Acorn Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts and that in early June, 1968, he traveled on business to the west coast. He stated he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California for two days, commencing the evening of June 6, 1968.

TUCKER advised that he arrived in Los Angeles after the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and he was unaware of any of the details except for what he read in newspapers. No identification of the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN was effected by TUCKER.

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On 10/28/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/nlc Date dictated 10/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

Mrs. KATHERINE VANCE, Assistant Administrator, Gladman Memorial Hospital, 5958 Colton Boulevard, Oakland, advised she had arrived in Los Angeles the night of June 2, 1968, with Mrs. AMELIA REGAN. They had stayed at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 2, 1968, and had moved out on June 3, 1968, because of poor accommodations and had found accommodations at the hotel across the street, the Sheraton-Wilshire. She stated that they had attended a seminar of the Western Hospital Administrators at the Ambassador Hotel on Monday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 4, 1968. She said in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, there had been a great deal of confusion and she had crossed the street attempting to gain entrance into the area where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She was denied entrance by a policeman at the doorway of the Embassy Room and she did not observe anything in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY and was not acquainted with SIRHAN.

She further stated that she had returned to Oakland on June 5, 1968, and she had no further information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/3/68 at Oakland, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

VINCENT L. VANDERVERT, Staff Coordinator, California Hospital Association, Suite 1011, 111 Pine Street, San Francisco, California, furnished the following information:

VANDERVERT went to Los Angeles, California on June 5, 1968 and actually checked into the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 5 pm on June 5, 1968. His purpose in going to Los Angeles was to attend the Practical Management Association Conference which was held on June 6, 1968.

VANDERVERT was not in the Ambassador Hotel the night that the late Senator KENNEDY was assassinated and did not arrive at the hotel until the late afternoon of the day following the assassination.

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On 9/23/68 at San Francisco, California File # SF 62-5481

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Mr. SIDNEY VINE, 11334 Park Central Place, Apartment D, stated he was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968, prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. VINE stated he remained in the Embassy Ballroom until about midnight at which time he returned to his hotel room to retire. He said upon arriving in his room at the hotel he watched Senator KENNEDY's acceptance speech on television and at the conclusion of his speech, he turned his television off and did not know Senator KENNEDY had been shot until the morning of June 5, 1968, when he arose. VINE said he and Mr. HERBERT SELIGMAN of Houston, Texas, were attending a Bubva Watch Company sales meeting being held in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. VINE said he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, that he had not seen him to his knowledge at any time prior to the shooting and he had heard no talk while he was in Los Angeles about a conspiracy in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/19/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 175-9
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