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Sirhan's picture that he ----.' He said, 'I'm not at liberty to tell you.' He wouldn't say a word. I don't know if that is the way they do it. He said he wouldn't comment. He says, 'I don't know. I'm not at liberty; I don't know.' It was covered up.

"So now we leave. Now I go to Phoenix, Arizona. I'm in Phoenix three days. I get back. I leave Phoenix and drive all night. I get home early in the morning. My wife and I sleep until about noon. And she goes out in the back to fool with the; we've got a big back yard, an orchard and then a corrals. And she was watering her roses or something. The phone rings; I answer it right by the bed. 'We told you to keep your mother "F" mouth shut.' Again another threat like. Hung up fast. And my wife came in and 'Who was that?' And I said, 'Oh, honey, somebody called.' Brushed it off. Now that's on Saturday.

"Sunday, I go to Oxnard with my family. I come home. Monday goes by. Tuesday goes by. Wednesday afternoon between 3:30 and 5:00, the phone rings. My wife answers; calls me to the phone. 'Hello, is this Jerry Owen?' 'Yes.' 'This is sergeant somebody.' And now I don't remember the name. This was a sergeant. 'Like to talk to you about this case. Could you come right down?' 'Well,' I said, 'you caught me at the wrong time.' I said, 'It's a 106 miles to Oxnard, and I speak there tonight. The freeway traffic is terrible and if I leave at 5 o'clock, I'm lucky to get there at 7:30, two hours and half going all the freeway practically all the way to Oxnard.' 'What are you doing after your speaking tonight?' I said, 'I'm leaving. I'm packed. I'm leaving for the Bay, Oakland. I got important business.' 'When will you be back from Oakland?' I said, 'I don't suppose I'll be back until Monday, cause I'm going to speak at Hayward over Sunday.' 'Just a minute.' Now a man, someone comes to the phone and gives the name of Sandlin. And he says, 'It happens to be that I'm going to be in the Bay District Saturday. I'd appreciate it very much if I could see you about this, and have some time to set down and go over it.' 'Why,' I said, 'certainly.' I said, 'Officer Sandlin.' Then he turned and said to me, 'Are you Owens, the man with the lead around here? Did you go to high school?' I said, 'I went to Manual Arts.' He

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said, 'That's where it rings a bell. I see that your the same age as me when you were at Manual Arts I was at Jefferson. I guess we played football against each other.' So we reminisced a little. Now I never saw the man. I'm just talking on the phone.

"I leave; go on to Oxnard; drive all night. I arrive Thursday morning of this last week, which would be about the 26th or 27th I arrive up here. And I checked into a hotel on Telegraph. I phoned Ben Hardister who was an investigator friend that I've been at his ranch and rode horses, went deer hunting. And then over to George Davis' place. First met him when he was about 16 or 17 years old, which goes back to '30, maybe 30 years ago, 28 years ago, whenever it was. I phoned him, and I said, 'I drove all night.' He said, 'Well, partner,' he said, 'I'll pick you up around 1:00, maybe 12:30, 1:00, 1:30.' So he came over and we got into the car, and I went with him out to Richmond where he had to put some guards on a garbage place that had been -- (Tape Unintelligible) -- furniture store fire, and nothing left but the debris. And I said, 'Ben, I'm so tired, and I know your busy and I don't want to interfere. Take me back and I'm going to bed, cause I haven't had any sleep, and I lost sleep when I went to Phoenix over and back. I'll catch up. I'll go to sleep now and I'll sleep till noon tomorrow. You come at 12:00.' So I went right in and went to bed early in the afternoon, maybe 5 o'clock or something, and slept through til 10 o'clock Friday.

"Got up, and what I forgot to put in there -- (Tape unintelligible) --. He told me, wanted to know where to contact me up at the Bay District. And I gave him George T. Davis, 724 Market Street. Stated, 'I don't have the phone number here, but Information will give it to you. But here's my brother's telephone number in San Bruno.' And if I -- (Tape unintelligible) -- it's not too far from San Bruno. 'Sure I'll come and see yea. Let me know.' Now this is Wednesday afternoon. I hear no more until I phone my wife on Friday. My wife tells me that Mr. Sandlin will be at the Tower, in the Tower of the Hyatt House in Palo Alto, and

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that she assured him that I would certainly be there at Saturday before noon. So on the phone the girl there at the switchboard, just scribbled; I'm throwing her a pencil. 'Will you please write this for me?' And she wrote, I think, The Hyatt House. The message was 'Be in there Friday night, and stay Saturday and leave Sunday morning.' So I stuck the message in my pocket, thought no more of it.

"And went with Ben, and then about 4 o'clock, 3:30, 5:00, or 3:30, I think we stopped at the Adam's Club, and went in and sat down. Ben sat down, 'I'm going to be busy from 4:00 to 5:00.' It was about quarter to four then. 'You want a paper?' And he went over and purchased a paper and we sat down and, and he gave me the front half, he took the other half. And we read it back and forth. Kicked around a little bit. And I didn't read the one part of it. I looked at the sport's page and the front, and Ben left. So I picked the paper up again and I read the second or third page. I see witnesses disappear. I look at the fellow's picture first, see his name, then I look and I see it's the Ray thing; the fellow that's over in England. And the report there in the paper states that the two witnesses in the case mysteriously disappear. The woman that owned the rooming house, or the landlady, and one of the tenants there that saw Ray there, identify him with a gun or go into the bathroom or something, had mysteriously disappeared, nobody knows what happened to them. No information from the police, unless to the effect that they were under protective custody, but nobody knew anything about it. Then as I looked there at his picture, I got to thinking. I says, 'This is a funny thing.' My mind drifted back to Ruby going in and shooting a fellow. Then I have occasionally heard flashes about Garrison and witnesses dying or disappearing mysteriously or something happening all of a sudden. Then I really got to thinking about it. I says, 'Now what if this is so.' And then there was another flash, another section, a little tiny bit. If you remember, if you get that Oakland paper, it stated that the attorney on the case now had received two threats. One of them stating there was 250,000 Arabs over here. See. And that he had received

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a phone call and a written thing. See. Boy, just think they want to go after an attorney, wants to just prosecute a man. Then I started to thinkin' seriously for the first time. Now I had told, I was told by the University Division, I don't know which ones, of course. When I came in there I believe every detective left his desk and came around when I standing there telling about, see, on Wednesday. They were all babbling, the head fellows, the assistants, and all of them. And I was told not to say anything. Not to worry. That my name wouldn't be put in the paper or anything else. Then I got to thinking again, about giving them the card, and the two phone calls, and I wasn't going to tell Ben Hardister a thing about it.

"And Ben came back a little after 5 o'clock, and he says, 'Let's go to the ranch for the weekend. Let's go up and get your car, park the car in the parking lot here at the Adam's, lock her up, and come with me.' So I got to thinking. Well, I better come back and tell Ben. 'Ben, I'll be at your ranch tomorrow afternoon.' Cause I know about this appointment with this suppose to be man Sandlin. And I got in the car with Ben and if Ben remembers, he's seated right here, I said, 'Ben, I'm going to tell you something. It's like a pipe dream or a mystery. See. It's hard to believe, but here's what happened.' So I started telling Ben. See. I said, 'Ben, see, I'm to meet a detective tomorrow over in Palo Alto.' Well, I saw Ben startle a little bit. He said, 'What is it now, partner?' He has an expression of saying partner. I said, 'Ben, listen to this. Of all the people in the world, and the millions of people, I would be driving.' I went around the bush at first. I told him, 'I'm driving an old a truck with my old clothes on, and the horse.' And I tell Ben about it. Give him a run down. Tell him about the two threats. Tell him about this phone call. Ben's driving. He says, 'Do you know this man?' I said, 'Never saw him before in my life.' 'You can't identify him?' Ben said, 'You mean to tell me your going to go over there now and see somebody you don't know who is.' He says, 'I'm not going to let yea.' That's what he said. 'Your not going without me.' He said, 'No sir. If you've got an appointment tomorrow,' he says, 'we'll go to the ranch and we'll think this over.' So three or four times he shook his head, and he says, 'Just to think of all the millions of people,' you remember this don't you

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Ben, 'in California that you'd have to be at that time with that truck.' But he says, 'I guess there's a reason for everything. I don't know what it is.' He just seemed to be startled as he shook his head.

"Then he told me, he says, 'We'll stop at Napa. I've got a friend here named Wes Parker that,' I mean Wes Gardner, I'm sorry, 'who has been to the FBI school or something about FBI, and has been the Undersheriff or next to the sheriff, and lot of experience in, solved a lot of murders and different things. Let's just go and get his viewpoint. Let's talk to him.' So we drove into the Boys Club where he happen to be in his outer office back there. We told him the story. He told me, 'No, that's the worse thing you could do. 'You mean to tell me you don't know who Sandlin is? You never met him. You couldn't identify him. And your going to walk over there with two threats.' He said, 'Maybe that is just the way they're setting it up. No sir.' And Wes said, 'I'll tell you what we're going to do. We'll see if the FBI agents here in town that I know,' Found out that he wasn't, and that he was gone. So then finally he phoned the sheriff and I guess the sheriff didn't know of any FBI numbers there. The next thing we finally got some how. He got hold of an FBI agent in Vallejo. So, 'all we want you to do is to find out if there is an L. L. Sandlin, and if he is at the Hyatt House, and if this is a -- (Tape unintelligible) -- we want to know.' Well, that was approximately between 8:00 and 9 o'clock on Friday night, and they were to let us know by 11:00. We waited all night. We heard no word back. They knew where to contact Ben's home phone number for information.

"We get up in the morning, and we decide to go over and see George T. Davis, who've I've known since 1937, who has a ranch just a little ways from Ben's ranch in Pope Valley. George and his wife is having breakfast. And we set down, laughed a little bit. Then I 'talkin' over -- (Unintelligible) -- and I says, 'George, here's a funny thing happen.' So I tell George. And I says, 'George, what shall we do?' And he says, 'Why certainly,' he says, 'let me.

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We'll solve it.' He went to the phone. He picked up the phone. Now here it is between 11:00 and 12 o'clock noon. He puts the call through to the Hyatt House for an L. L. Sandlin in Palo Alto. We're listening to him there. The answer is there's no L. L. Sandlin registered. No reservation. They know nothing about it. So I get to thinking. Friday night, he suppose to be there; the man tells me Saturday. Maybe it's a good thing I did tell Ben about this. Maybe a good thing man, I could have walked in there got plugged, or a fellow come along, pose as an officer, and got me in a car, and says let's go in and see the sheriff or the policeman here, dump me in the Bay or something. I says maybe this is just the hand of God. So then George says, 'All right, the next move will be that I'll phone the District Attorney's office and find out who's in charge.' George ran up against a stone wall. Nobody was there Saturday. They knew nothing. Couldn't get through to nothing. It just seemed like they were stalling. So George says, 'I'll get hold of someone else.' I don't know if it was Unruh, Jesse Unruh or something. No, he put another call through to the sheriff, she couldn't get the sheriff. Then after the DA, no. So I says, 'Benny, get Unruh.' And we sat at George's house. Now it's pushing 1 o'clock. And the next thing the phone starts ringing back and forth. And he gets the, ah, chief of police phones him down there. Chief of police says, 'We'll check on things, this and that.' Phone you back,' Back and forth it went.

"So finally in the afternoon, maybe 3 o'clock or 3:30, the chief of police confirms there's an L. L. Sandlin that's a sergeant. Nobody I guess. So that's that. So we find that much out. Now in the meantime we heard not a thing from the FF, the FBI department.

(You don't know whether Sandlin was up here?)

"No sir. I'm going to go a little further. No sir, we didn't find a thing out. They knew nothing about it. Approximately 5:30, I was watching the clock off and on,

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because there was a reporters, cameramen, waiting to come in on the thing. And about 5:30 the phone rings and George talks, and there's another policeman in the investigation department that's talking to George and verifying that L.L. Sandlin, so forth. And they want to talk to me. So George puts me on. See. And he said, 'Mr. Owen,' he said, 'I can verify that you talked to L. L. Sandlin Wednesday afternoon.' Now Sandlin told this man, today, it was Thursday morning, that he talked to me, and it wasn't because I was up here Thursday. See. We had a conversation with him today. So I'll verify it. 'Yes, you talked to him. But we decided after he made the appointment that it was the wrong thing to talk to you up in Palo Alto. See. That we should talk to you here.' I said, 'Well then, why didn't you notify my brother, my wife, or George T. Davis?' 'Well, he didn't have an answer. See. I said, 'You phone me to make the appointment. And I says, come on around; you know I've got some threats.' He says, 'Yes, I've read the report.' And I hadn't had time, I hadn't seen him. I only told him about the first threat, I hadn't told him about the second threat. Saturday, after I came back from Phoenix, see, but I was going to tell Sandlin when I met him. My next interview with him. See. And I said, 'I have a wife down there, two children, and a grandson; how about now?' 'Oh,' he said, 'I'm sure there'll be all right. Just a misunderstanding.' Yes, he should of put something, and they tried to apple polish the thing and do something to it in some way. And in the meantime, I didn't know that the Associated Press was listening on an extension in George's front room, and he heard this. See. The conversation to verify I had an appointment.

(Yea.)

"Finally he said, 'Well, how do you feel now?' I said, 'Well, I feel a whole lot better when I find out that this was Sandlin, and it wasn't somebody else. It makes me.' 'Well, I'm sure it will be all right. Just let things go as they were before. When you come back in town, when you come in Monday or Tuesday, come on in and see us,'

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and so forth. And then the last thing he said, 'Say, Owen,' he said, 'the report here some place. Could I have your telephone number and your address again.' See. And with that then, George took the phone, and the Associated Press fellow, that got him. He said, 'Boy, what kind of a police force is this that want to know your telephone number,' what and how they're handling things.

"So that is the situation, and from now on, why that's as far as I can tell you. That's it. And if Wes wants to say anything or if Mr. Hardester want to say anything, they can both confirm my part here at being in Oakland and so forth, and him telling me not to go over and see him, and taking me to his, the man that he works for, Wes here, he's with, see.

(There was a car that almost ran you off the road.)

"Well, I'll tell you this here what happen. With George, I came in with George Davis that Monday morning, and at Fifth and Mission, I got out of George's car to go into the Chronicle. And as George pulled away from the curb, there was a, about a Cadillac, was maybe a '66 or '65 or 7, pulled up with a heavy set Italian-looking man, with a cigar in his mouth and a hat on. He just pulled over and says, 'Say, was that George T. Davis who's car you just got out of?' And with that I said, 'Who's car?' And scrambled inside this building. I don't know who that was, it maybe could have been someone who wanted George or reporter or something, I don't know. And then I'm going to let Ben tell you about the car. He knows the roads and that. We had a car pull up and almost stop dead in front of us a couple of times. We're real slow. We couldn't pass it. But his fist up, and the, one of the fellow that wasn't drivin' kept looking back, so I took a pencil and a piece of paper, and started to get, got the license number. And they saw me writing, they disappeared, they spin on it. But Ben can explain that to you. That was a strange thing. So, if there's any other questions you'd like to ask me now, I'll answer them. Maybe Ben wants to say something. Maybe Wes does. I don't know. Is there anything else you want to ask me?



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(Jerry, you say you know Everitt Eugene Bradley  
-- Tape unintelligible ---)

"Yes. Yes. I met him. I know that he was affiliated with Dr. Mac Intyre. And I met him at the Embassy Auditorium, place where they give all kinds of lectures and so forth. And I, two times, I shook hands with him once, and then I seen him another time.

(Do you know a Dr. Bob Wells down in Orange?)

"Very well. He don't live too far from me. Yes. He has the big Sunday school and church. Know him well. He started in a little garage or tent in an orange grove, and now he has the largest Sunday school down there. Yes, I know Bob Wells.

(Do you know of his affiliation with Bradley?)

"No, I don't really. And I remember, right, I think Bradley was advertised to speak for him once or something. I'm not sure.

(Right.)

"And I don't know, am I wrong? I'm going back by memory.

(Yea, that's right.)

"Well, that's it. That's right.

(Do you know of a man by the name of Lorenze? (Phonetic)  
Jack Lorenze or Fred Lorenze?)

"Jack or Fred Ruanze? You mean the man that is down in Mexico?

(Well, it could be. Originally this Fred Lorenze is originally from Germany.)

"Yes, he's another. Yes, I ----

(Drives a car with Texas plates.)

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"Yes, yes. I don't know him personally, but I'm familiar with those; being myself a minister and following the advertising of papers and hand bills. Yes. That name is familiar. But I don't know any person ---

(You don't know the man personally?)

"No, I don't know him personally. No.

(Okay. Is there any question in your mind as to this initial engagement with these two men, that you were just a random choice for them? Is there any possibility that they could have been following you and then ---?)

"I don't know. It's very strange how that I could be downtown in this truck, this day to do this business, and how they would get in the back, and it makes me wonder, and think, I believe, after thinking much now. I really believe that the man approximately would say 35, that I told you was well dressed, he seemed to be of the same nationality. And my feeling was that he was the brains back of it or something.

(Well, in other words, they hopped on your truck. You didn't invite them to ---)

"No. No. I didn't invite them. It happened so fast. As my truck was there, I kept looking at the light at the side. If you look at a '49 Chevy custom cab, it's got a round window here and window in the back and you can see. And the tallest of these two younger fellows stepped on the running board and had one foot over, and I saw him coming over and of course, I'm wondering what he's doing, but there's nothing in the back of the truck. See. But some old hay that is laying on the thing. And he's half way in, and the other one takes the door and he's got it part opened with his head, 'Are you going towards Hollywood West?' I said, 'Like this way out Wilshire?' See. Cause I was clear on the right hand turn where you had to turn right.

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My blinkers on, I'm going to turn right. See. And before I could okay it, see, he said, 'We'll ride in the back,' and just help themselves. And they got into back and sat down, and they're not beside me, so nobody harm me. They're out in the open in the back.

(Now, if I understand what you are saying. One of the men that jumped in the back was the same one that offered you the hundred dollar deposit.)

"No. No. That's a different one. You have three men and a woman, and there was another one on the corner, that looked like the same nationality, that was standing about four feet from him, look like he was interested in what they were saying, but wasn't talking to them. See.

(This was from the hundred dollar deposit fellow?)

"No. No. No. This was the first meeting on a Monday afternoon. That was the first meeting. Yes.

(Now. When they wanted to meet you at 11 o'clock at night, a Tuesday night. Right?)

"I made the appointment with the smallest one. When I left him out on Sunset, he said, 'I'll meet you here on this corner at 11 o'clock tonight, and have the money to pay for your horse.' He showed me no money yet. He said he had money coming he was going to pick up.

(But then that was Monday?)

"That was Monday night.

(Then you met them Monday night at 11:00.)

"I met him, just him. The others was --- go ahead.

(And then the point was now, the next morning they come around here where you were staying.)

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"At the hotel, right.

(And they wanted to meet you at 11 o'clock that night.)

"Again Tuesday night, they would have wanted to meet me at 11 o'clock.

(And where did they want you to meet them?)

"That would be down on Catalina Street, at the same place that I let the little fellow out the day before in the evening to see somebody that worked in the kitchen. That's all.

(Is the Ambassador Hotel at that corner?)

"Yes. Ah, no. That's the side street that goes down along the side of the side Ambassador.

(Yes, that's what I meant.)

"There is no automobile entrance there. But if you go down about a block, you'll see a little street that deadends to a fence, and a gate that opens up. You go through that gate and it takes you into the back of the Ambassador on the side. See.

(When you said you had a speaking engagement in Oxnard that night, you couldn't make it at 11:00. Right?)

"I couldn't make it. That's right.

(Were they very insistent that you try to make it that night?)

"Yes. Yes. That's when I was offered to take the hundred dollar bill, give him a receipt, and they would have the balance of the money if I would deliver, be there and have the horse in the horse trailer. See.

(At 11 o'clock?)

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"At 11 o'clock with the horse, and then I was to pick my money up and take the horse where he wanted it.

(In other words, the hundred was the endorsement for you to break the engagement in Oxnard?)

"That's right. It looked like, I feel that it was a come on. I do in bottom of my heart.

(In other words, you feel that they were striving pretty hard to get you to be there at 11 o'clock?)

"Yes, they wanted very, very bad.

(Yea. When you made the offer of the date the next morning, they weren't interested?)

"Well, I couldn't say that. I said, 'Well, look.' I said, 'Look, if he wants the horse at 11 o'clock and I, I can't be there.' See. Get it. 'Here is my card, phone me tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.'

--- Tape Unintelligible ---

left a message, my wife had taken the message. Then I could have brought the horse from Oxnard to wherever they wanted him to be. So I said, 'Here, phone me in the morning if he wants a horse.' I said, 'I wasted yesterday evening and stayed in a motel. Cost me \$4.00, see. And nothings happened.' See.

(Except they did offer you the hundred dollars?)

"They offer the hundred dollars. The night before the little fellow showed me the hundred, but didn't offer it to me. Said, 'I got a hundred, but I didn't get all my money. I'll have it in the morning at 8 o'clock.'

(Yea, he still didn't have it.)

"He didn't show. The other fellow showed.

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(The well dressed?)

"The well-dressed fellow, the girl and another fellow in the car showed.

(Can you give a comprehensive description of the well dressed --- )

"Ah, well, the well-dressed fellow I would say hit between 165 to 175 pounds, in there. And he looked of, ah, a Latin type.

(Could he have been from the Near East, from Jordan, or somewhere?)

"Yea, Yes. He could be either. Either an Indian, a Hindu, or something. He looked to that type.

(Or he could be Mexican or Cuban --- )

"Yes. That's right, that's right. He wasn't an American. He was -- that's right, that's right.

(What about his accent" Did he have an accent?)

"Very good English. Very good English. As a good of English as the little guy. The little guy that I thought was a Mexican. That's what got me. See. I said, 'Are you from Mexico?' 'No.' I said, 'Well, you speak good English.' 'No, I'm from Jordan.'

(Yea.. Okay. He was about 5 uh --- )

"I would say he was about 5, for the little fellow, I would say he was around 5'3" or 4, and would weigh maybe about 135, 140 pounds.

(The well-dressed man?)

"Oh, no. The well-dressed fellow I would say was about 5'8" or 9.

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(How old?)

"Around 35, between 30, 40, in there. I would say 35. Half way.

(What was his hair like?)

"He had dark hair, see. And it wasn't kinky, see. And it wasn't straight. It had kind of a like a --. He didn't have any beard. He didn't have any long side burns. I mean he was neat.

(Right. Did he have any rings or anything that would -- ?)

"Yes. He had a little ring. You call them -- what are they, cats-eye? It's not a pigeon red ruby. What's the other? I mean for two days I've been trying to think of the names of those rings. One, no they're kind of a gray color. Popular ring. What is the name? For two days I can't think of the --. I say cats-eye.

(Okay. He had one of those.)

"And he had that ring on, that's right. Go ahead.

(Shirt and tie?)

"No, not a sapphire. No. No. No. He had on a yellow, a yellowish turtleneck, with a ---

(Turtleneck, with a pendant on.)

"He had a round, like a chain. Now it wasn't a strap. There was a link chain with a round thing hanging on it.

(And you had the impression the suit looked pretty good.)

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"His suit look like a, well it did. It had the late style. In fact like they had, like this here. And the pockets are like this now. There's a new style suit. Latest thing out in a suit. Alligator shoes. Man, his nails are manicured.

(Anything distinctive about him?)

"No. Not too much. Just the little conversation, 'Joe, couldn't make it, here's the hundred dollars.' But he did ask for a receipt for his hundred. Now I don't know if that was to make it legal or what. 'But if you give me the receipt for the hundred, be there with the horse, you'll have the other two hundred and that's it. See you at 11 o'clock.'

(When he showed you the hundred dollar he mentioned that he had more of these coming, didn't he?)

"No. Now this man didn't. The little fellow did the night before. The little fellow said, 'I didn't get all my money. I'm going to have more coming and I'll have it 8 o'clock in the morning, and I've got a hundred and I'll have more of it of these.' And he held it see. He didn't stick it out. But he's not standing too far from me. And he said, 'Well look, take this hundred and deliver the horse tonight and he --- .' I said, 'Yes. I have a two horse trailer.' I told him that I'm bringing a pony down. I was only going to bring only one pony down. But then when I did come I brought two more shetlands, and they're at Ore Tucker's for sale, now you see to help me out.

(Were they rather insistent you bring your trailer right to Santa Catalina Avenue --- ?)

"On that side street. See.

(Yea, at 11 o'clock?)

"At 11 o'clock.



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(Tuesday night?)

"Tuesday night at 11 o'clock. Look, I didn't even know. I didn't know that there was any reception there or nothing, because I remember when Reagan was up, they most generally hold all their receptions at the Biltmore downtown. That's where Reagan was. I didn't know there was a blow out there. I didn't know anything was going on. Didn't mean a thing to me. In fact, I didn't even know where the kid went when he says, 'I've got a friend in the kitchen.' See.

(This is Bill Turner and this tape was cut with Jerry Owen from approximately 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. on July 2, 1968, in the offices of George T. Davis. Also present during this interview was Wes Gardner, Ben Hardister, and that's it.)"

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RE: WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE FROM  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a five-page weekly summary of information prepared for the benefit of news media by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. This release is dated 2/12/69 and is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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NEWS RELEASE

Office of the District Attorney  
600 Hall of Justice  
Los Angeles, California 90012

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call: Jerry Littman  
News Secretary  
626-3888, Ext. 82396

RELEASE: Wed., Feb. 12, 1969  
After 10 a.m.

WEEKLY SUMMARY #36

Re: The assassination of  
Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Note to editors: Because of the widespread interest in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, and proceedings in court, the Office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger is publishing a weekly summary of the case. This is the 36th summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 -- Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's murder case has cost Los Angeles County taxpayers \$370,416 through December 31, 1968, according to County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn who made the comment today as reported in a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

Hahn noted the largest expenditure so far was \$184,768 in "extraordinary" expenses which provided:

1. Construction of a temporary courtroom with armor-plated windows near the defendant's guarded cell on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice.
2. Installation of a closed circuit television system to carry trial proceedings to an auxiliary room for newsmen on the fourth floor of the Hall of Justice.

The newspaper related that regular departmental costs totaled \$138,697, mostly in staff time of district attorney's investigators and the public defender, which briefly represented Sirhan.

The remainder of the cost, \$46,951, was for general county overhead.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 -- A \$1,050,000 damage suit against Sirhan was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court today by a 17-year old youth who was beaten and shot at the same time Senator Robert F. Kennedy was fatally wounded.

Irwin Stroll said in his complaint he was "wrongfully, unlawfully and violently assaulted" by Sirhan last June 5 "and struck in and about the face, arms and body and was shot in the leg."

Stroll, a member of Volunteers for Kennedy, asked \$50,000 in general damages and \$1 million in punitive damages.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 -- Both Sirhan B. Sirhan and his mother, Mrs. Mary Sirhan, took the witness stand in his murder trial today, and were questioned about the family's financial condition.

A Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) noted that Sirhan, the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy "broke eight months of silence" as he answered questions.

On the witness stand for only a few moments, he told the court his most affluent year was 1966 when he earned \$2212.46 working for the Yellow King Ranch at Chino and Altfillisch Construction Company Horse Ranch at Corona.

Testimony today was part of a defense attempt to show that the affluence of the grand jurors that indicted Sirhan contrasts radically with the status of the Jordanian immigrant's family.

(The 1968 Los Angeles County Grand Jury indicted Sirhan shortly after the death of Senator Kennedy).

Grant B. Cooper, one of Sirhan's three attorneys, argued that

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in not including persons whose income fell below the \$10,000-a-year mark, the grand jury was inherently discriminatory against the poor.

The Sirhans are members of this group, Cooper maintained.

The Jordanian's longest answer in his brief witness-box appearance was to Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton, one of the three prosecutors.

Compton asked him how old he was, and Sirhan replied, "Twenty-five next month, sir."

Sirhan also testified he 'turned over part of any money' he made to his mother. However, Mrs. Sirhan said that none of her sons, including Sirhan, ever gave her much money.

She also told the court the family was purchasing a home in Pasadena, for which they had agreed to pay \$12,000. The monthly payments are \$70 and her monthly take-home pay for work at a church nursery school was \$184.

One of the most dramatic moments in court today was when Mrs. Sirhan ended her testimony, and said "I thank God who gives me strength . . . I thank the United States also that I never go hungry and that I have a roof over my head."

Defense lawyers, related a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) "were caught by surprise by the diminutive woman's outburst."

At the conclusion of court today, Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, who is presiding, denied Cooper's motion to quash the indictment against Sirhan for two reasons: that the motion was irrelevant to the proceedings and, on its merits.

Cooper claimed that the Grand Jury selection system is

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unconstitutional because it doesn't represent a broad-cross section of the population.

Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Times) reported that "opening statements in the trial proper are expected next Monday or Tuesday" (February 10 or 11).

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 -- The eight-man, four-woman jury which will try Sirhan B. Sirhan was sworn in today and attorneys for the defense and prosecution began selecting six alternate jurors.

The 12 were accepted on January 24, but swearing-in was delayed by argument on the defense motion to quash the Grand Jury indictment.

Three alternate jurors were tentatively seated today, but each side has 12 peremptory challenges by which they may excuse jurors.

Members of the jury include the following:

Benjamin Glick, the sole Jew on the jury -- and the only final juror to be questioned in open court about his religious views on the Israeli-Arab controversy. Glick and his wife own a ready-to-wear shop.

Mrs. Irma O. Martinez, an employee of the Southern California Gas Co., whose husband is a truck driver. They are the parents of a five-year-old son.

Alphonso Galindo, a civilian mechanic employed by the Navy in Long Beach.

Gilbert F. Grace, a Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power employee.

George Broomis, also a Department of Water and Power employee and the father of two sons.

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Ronald G. Evans, a Pacific Telephone Co. switchboard installer and the father of two children.

Susan J. Brumm, a service supervisor for Pacific Telephone Co.

Albert N. Frederico, a plumber employed by the City of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Mary Lou Busby, a high school mathematics teacher, married to a high school history teacher.

Laurence K. Morgan, a systems analyst for IBM, who is married and a father.

Bruce D. Elliott, a systems analyst for TRW Systems, Inc. He has a Ph.D.

Neil Bortells, a service representative for Pacific Telephone.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY NINETEEN LAST.

OPENING OF TRIAL TODAY DELAYED UNTIL TEN TEN AM DUE TO  
CONFERENCE IN CHAMBERS.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS MOVED FOR MISTRIAL BASED ON LOCAL PRESS  
ACCOUNTS OF SIRHAN'S WILLINGNESS TO PLEAD GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE  
MURDER CHARGE IF ASSURED OF SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT RATHER  
THAN DEATH. PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATED THAT TRIAL JUDGE WILLING  
TO ACCEPT GUILTY PLEA, BUT INSISTS JURY MAKE DECISION RE SENTENCE.  
JUDGE ADMITTED IN CHAMBERS THAT HE FURNISHED PORTION OF THIS  
INFORMATION TO PRESS TO CLARIFY EARLIER PRESS RELEASES RE THIS  
SAME MATTER.

PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS THIS MORNING WERE TO BE KEPT FROM  
PRESS, BUT STORY LEAKED OUT AND AT AFTERNOON RECESS JUDGE MADE  
AVAILABLE COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS CONCERNING PROCEEDINGS IN CHAMBER  
SO THAT ALL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD HAVE SAME INFORMATION.

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TRIAL CONTINUED AND POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER WHO BEGAN TESTIMONY YESTERDAY CONTINUED CONCERNING APPREHENSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SIRHAN TO RAMPART DIVISION, LAPD, ON NIGHT OF SHOOTING. DEFENSE, IN STRONG CROSS-EXAMINATION, ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT TESTIMONY OF OFFICER CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED EXAMINATION OF SIRHAN'S EYE PUPILS FOR POSSIBLE USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

LAPD LATENT PRINT EXAMINER TESTIFIED TO PROCESSING OF SIRHAN VEHICLE IN VICINITY OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND LIFTING PRINTS FROM GLOVE COMPARTMENT.

ANOTHER LAPD LATENT PRINT EXAMINER TESTIFIED THAT PRINT FROM GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF SIRHAN VEHICLE AND PRINT FROM RECEIPT FOR SALE OF AMMUNITION FOUND IN SIRHAN'S VEHICLE WAS FINGERPRINT OF SIRHAN.

KENNEDY VOLUNTEER WORKER, JUDY ROYER, TESTIFIED TO SEEING SIRHAN IN AREA OF EMBASSY BALLROOM ONE TO TWO HOURS PRIOR TO SHOOTING.

TWO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS OF SHOOTING, ELIZABETH EVANS AND IRA GOLDSTEIN, GAVE ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT. NEITHER IDENTIFIED SIRHAN. BOTH INDIVIDUALS ARE VICTIMS IN COUNTS OF INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN.

TRIAL TO BE CONTINUED, FEBRUARY TWENTY FIRST, NEXT.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST.

OPENING OF TRIAL DELAYED AGAIN TODAY UNTIL TEN AM DUE TO  
CONFERENCE IN CHAMBERS.

TRIAL CONTINUED AND TESTIMONY TAKEN FROM ERWIN STROL AND  
WILLIAM WEISEL, BOTH OF WHOM WERE SHOT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL BY  
SIRHAN WHEN SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS KILLED.

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ELVIN CLARK, PASADENA CITY SANITATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE,  
TESTIFIED ABOUT HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH SIRHAN AND DISCUSSION HE  
HAD WITH SIRHAN FOLLOWING KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. IN  
TESTIMONY, CLARK STATED SIRHAN TOLD HIM HE INTENDED TO KILL  
KENNEDY.

ANGELO DI PIERRO, MAITRE D' AT AMBASSADOR HOTE, AGAIN  
TESTIFIED CONCERNING APPEARANCE OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT COCOANUT  
GROVE ON JUNE TWO LAST.

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WILLIAM BLUME, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF LIQUOR STORE ADJACENT TO ORGANIC HEALTH FOODS STORE IN PASADENA WHERE SIRHAN WAS EMPLOYED, TESTIFIED HE OBSERVED SIRHAN PRESENT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE TWO LAST, WHEN KENNEDY APPEARED THERE TO MAKE BRIEF TALK IN PALM TERRACE AREA OF HOTEL.

MARIAM DAVIS LIKEWISE TESTIFIED HAVING OBSERVED SIRHAN IN KITCHEN AREA OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE TWO LAST.

LIEUTENANT ALVIN HEGGE, LAPD, TESTIFIED REGARDING OBTAINING OF SEARCH WARRANT AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S CAR. SOME ITEMS LOCATED IN CAR WERE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE AND OTHERS AS PROSECUTION EXHIBITS.

DR. STANLEY ABO TESTIFIED REGARDING HIS BEING SUMMONED FROM BALLROOM IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL WHEN SHOTS WERE FIRED. HIS TESTIMONY INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF EXAMINATION HE GAVE TO PAUL SCHRADER, ONE OF THE SHOOTING VICTIMS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION ADMINISTERED TO KENNEDY IN PANTRY FOLLOWING SHOOTING. PROSECUTION ATTEMPTS TO HAVE ABO TESTIFY AS TO CONVERSATION BETWEEN KENNEDY AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL WHEN DEFENSE OBJECTED TO THEM.

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RICHARD KLEIN, A PRESS MAN FOR KENNEDY'S CAMPAIGN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TESTIFIED REGARDING PLANS OF KENNEDY TO GO TO COLONIAL ROOM TO SPEAK TO NEWSMEN GATHERED THERE FOLLOWING HIS VICTORY SPEECH. KLEIN ALSO BUTTRESSED TESTIMONY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY JUDY ROYER REGARDING KENNEDY'S DEPARTURE FROM SPEAKING PLATFORM

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PRIOR TO SHOOTING IN PANTRY.

TRIAL TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR NEXT WITH OPENING TESTIMONY BY MEMBERS OF LAPD.

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RE MY TELETYPE, FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE LAST.

START OF TRIAL OF SIRHAN DELAYED AGAIN TODAY DUE TO MEETING IN CHAMBERS.

OFFICER DE WAYNE WOLFER, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION SECTION (SIS), TESTIFIED AS TO BALLISTICS EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY HIM IN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. INCLUDED IN BALLISTICS TESTIMONY WAS THAT PERTAINING TO KENNEDY'S SUIT COAT WORN BY HIM AT TIME OF SHOOTING. TESTIMONY INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF THREE ENTRY BULLET HOLES AND TWO EXIT HOLES IN SUIT COAT.

DR. HENRY M. CUNEO, NEURO-SURGEON OF STAFF OF GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL WHO PARTICIPATED IN NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY UPON KENNEDY FOLLOWING SHOOTING TESTIFIED AS TO HIS FINDINGS AND INTRODUCED MEDICAL RECORD OF PROCEDURE.

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OFFICER HARRY C. STARR, CORONA, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO IS ASSISTANT RANGE MASTER, CORONA POLICE PISTOL RANGE, TESTIFIED RELATIVE TO SIRHAN'S APPEARANCE AT RANGE ON JUNE ONE LAST. STARR IDENTIFIED AND INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE THE SIGN-IN REGISTER UTILIZED IN RANGE WHICH REFLECTS SIRHAN APPEARED AT RANGE AT TWELVE FIFTY PM ABOVE DATE COMPLETING SHOOTING AT THREE PM SAME DATE.

SERGEANT WILLIAM E. BRANDT, RAMPART DIVISION, DETECTIVES, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, LAST WITNESS ON STAND. HIS TESTIMONY DEALT WITH APPROACH TO SEARCHING OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE WHERE NOTEBOOKS WERE OBTAINED.

COURT ADJOURNED FOUR PM AND FURTHER TESTIMONY FROM BRANDT WILL BE TAKEN FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE NEXT WHEN COURT RECONVENES AT NINE FIFTEEN AM. PENDING.

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ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR  
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
CONTINUED TODAY WITH TESTIMONY OF SGT. WILLIAM BRANDT,

Los Angeles Police Department

LAPD, WHO PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE WHICH  
RESULTED IN LOCATION OF HIS PERSONAL DIARIES.

Los Angeles Police Department

BRANDT FOLLOWED BY OFFICER JAMES D. EVANS, ~~LAPD~~,

HOMICIDE DIVISION OFFICER, WHO ACCOMPANIED BRANDT ON SEARCH OF  
SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE.

TESTIMONY OF EVANS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS THAT OF  
BRANDT.

PASADENA PD OFFICER THOMAS R. YOUNG WAS THIRD WITNESS  
WHO TESTIFIED TO LOCATING ENVELOPE FROM ARGONAUT INSURANCE  
COMPANY, IN TRASH CONTAINER AT REAR OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE ON  
JUNE FIVE LAST.

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LAURENCE SLOAN, EXAMINER OF QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TESTIFIED AS TO COMPARISON OF HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING IN NOTEBOOKS AS COMPARED TO HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING OF SIGNATURE OF SIRHAN ON CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT PISTOL RANGE WHERE SIRHAN PRACTICED FIRING JUNE ONE LAST. FOLLOWING TESTIMONY OF SLOAN, PROSECUTION MOVED TO ADMIT<sup>F</sup> AS EVIDENCE DIARIES AND OTHER PAPERS OBTAINED IN SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE. DEFENSE OBJECTED TO ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE AND JUDGE WALKER<sup>P</sup> OVERRULED OBJECTION AND PERMITTED THEIR ENTRY. JUST PRIOR TO LUNCH RECESS, SIRHAN STOOD UP IN COURT AND STATED, "YOUR HONOR ITS NOT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE YET." SIRHAN'S OUTBURST WAS RELATED TO TESTIMONY THEN BEING GIVEN BY SLOAN AND COURT RECESSED FOR LUNCH. FOLLOWING LUNCH RECESS, COURT AGAIN CONVENED AT WHICH TIME SIRHAN ROSE TO HIS FEET ADVISING COURT HE DESIRED TO SPEAK WITH JUDGE. JUDGE WALKER DIRECTED SIRHAN TO ADDRESS COURT THROUGH HIS ATTORNEYS AND COURT AGAIN RECESSED. DURING RECESS, <sup>IR</sup>SENHAN'S MOTHER, MARY SIRHAN, SPOKE WITH HIM IN PRIVATE IN EFFORT TO CALM HIM DOWN.

FOLLOWING RECESS DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER MADE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL NINE THIRTY AM FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX NEXT, TO AFFORD SIRHAN OPPORTUNITY TO REGAIN COMPOSURE. MOTION WAS GRANTED.



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IT WAS CONFIDENTIALLY LEARNED FROM PROSECUTION TEAM THAT FOLLOWING POST LUNCH OUTBREAK IN COURT BY SIRHAN AND DURING CHAMBERS DISCUSSIONS, SIRHAN INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO ENTER FIRST DEGREE MURDER PLEA WITH DEATH PENALTY SINCE HE WAS TIRED OF TRIAL PROCEEDINGS. THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION.

TRIAL WILL CONVENE FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX NEXT.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P) 1P

KENSALT

RE LA TEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN COMMENCED AT TEN TWENTY AM  
TODAY FOLLOWING A SESSION IN CHAMBERS.

ACTIVITIES OPENED WITH JURY BEING GIVEN SIRHAN NOTEBOOKS, WHICH  
WERE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE, TO EXAMINE. LIEUTENANT WILLIAM JORDAN,  
RAMPART DIVISION DETACTIVES, LAPD GAVE TESTIMONY REGARDING ARREST OF  
SIRHAN AND RESULTS OF INITIAL INTERVIEW WITH HIM.

ONLY OTHER PROSECUTIVE WITNESS<sup>SS</sup> WAS DR. THOMAS NOGUCHI, LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, WHO TESTIFIED AS TO CAUSE  
OF DEATH OF KENNEDY. ACCORDING TO NOGUCHI, CAUSE OF DEATH WAS DUE  
TO GUNSHOT WOUND IN RIGHT MASTOID AREA. REC-96 62-587-1116

PROSECUTION RESTED THEIR CASE AND FURTHER PROCEEDINGS DEFERRED  
UNTIL NINE FIFTEEN AM, FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT. NO TEL TO BE  
SUBMITTED FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVEN NEXT.

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February 26, 1969  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This pertains to the current developments in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan in Los Angeles for the murder of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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1 - Mr. Schutz

RE: STUS PRUSZYNSKI

Attached for the information of the Los Angeles Office are copies of a communication received from RCMP through Legat, Ottawa.

In view of the fact that Pruszyński purports to have a tape which recorded events during the period immediately subsequent to the shooting of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Legat, through appropriate sources, obtain a copy of this tape for submission to the Laboratory for examination. Upon completion of the examination, it will be forwarded to Los Angeles.

2 - SAC, Los Angeles (Enclosures 2)

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Mr. Moss Lee Innes,  
c/o United States Embassy,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Stus PRUSZYNSKI  
Potential Witness in the  
Assassination of Senator  
Robert F. KENNEDY  
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Attached are copies of Montreal  
report dated February 5, 1969 which referred to  
Airtel and correspondence of December 19, 1968.  
It appears that the recording was made immediately  
after the shots were fired and may be of no value  
to your investigation. If the Bureau desires,  
arrangements can be made to copy the tape with  
Mr. PRUSZYNSKI's permission for study purposes at  
a later date. Please advise any specific wish in  
this respect.

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W.F.G. Perry, Insp.,  
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1. With reference to FBI report dated 19 DEC 68, please be informed that the requested investigation was conducted as follows.

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2. Mr. Stus PRUSZYNSKI was interviewed at 21 Crescent, Apt. 4, Montreal, Quebec. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI readily informed that he had followed Senator Robert F. KENNEDY during the American election campaign along with some twenty other reporters. At the time, he was reporting the events for HARPER & ROW LTD, PUBLISHERS, 35 Great Russells Street, London, W.C.I., telephone Museum 1343/4. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI explained that he was following Senator KENNEDY inside the Embassy Hotel from a distance of approximately 10 to 15 yards, with other reporters in the crowd. After leaving the embassy room, he was a short distance in the hallway leading to the kitchen when the commotion and confusion began over the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He forced his way through the crowd into the kitchen area, and, saw Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN being subdued by several persons a short distance from Senator KENNEDY who laid, wounded, on the floor. During the commotion and confusion that existed while SIRHAN was being apprehended, he saw the assailant who still had the revolver in his hand and it was being pointed aimlessly at the crowd during the struggle. Momentarily, he became anxious to assist; however, the assailant was quickly disarmed and subdued by several persons.

3. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI readily admitted that he had made a tape recording which he produced without hesitation. He explained that the tape contained a recording of the commotion and reaction of the crowd, including interviews with different persons in attempts to obtain precise information on the assassination for assessment and actual reporting.

4. Apart from the above, Mr. PRUSZYNSKI maintained that he had no material of interest on record, taped or written. He had not witnessed the assassination of Senator KENNEDY because he was behind, in the crowd, as previously explained. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI tried to play the tape. Unfortunately, his recorder was not functioning properly and the recording could not be heard for comments. Nevertheless, his full cooperation was extended to the point that this tape can be heard when his recorder is repaired and that the tape can be duplicated, if necessary.

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5. The presence of reporter PRUSZYNSKI at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was no doubt arranged through proper channels of the press. His occupation and employment is his valid reason for being there at the time of the assassination. His presence was certainly well known at all times to all other reporters and no doubt by the Kennedy Committee. Considering that PRUSZYNSKI did not witness the assassination and his tape recorder is an aftermath of the tragedy, further action appears unwarranted here unless the F.B.I. would be interested in the tape available from this reporter for comparison purposes. Reporter PRUSZYNSKI could not recall seeing any suspect activities in the crowd and could not supply information of particular interest.

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*[Signature]*  
(JIB/PROULX) S/SGT.  
N.C.O. I/C G.I.S.

*[Signature]* Sgt.  
(J.A. Michaud ) #19458  
Montreal G.I.S.

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The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa:

Your: 68HQ-791-C-148

1. FORWARDED for your information. This file is concluded here subject to be re-opened should you feel that the tape-recording be required by the F.B.I.

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J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.,  
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 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR.

*DECLASSIFIED 11-16-76 BMP 4417*  
 This LHM is classified "Confidential" in order to protect the identity of the source and the methods of continuing same. appropriate office's officers advised of release 11/22/76 BMP/L

The enclosed LHM was prepared for information purposes in view of the friendship between WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR., who is listed on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office; Priority III, and SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, accused slayer of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

The following sources were utilized in the LHM:

Source 1: LA 4863-S  
 Source 2: LA 4688-S  
 Source 3: Mrs. JUNE WIRTH  
 Supervisor  
 Metropolitan Aid to the Totally Disabled  
 Los Angeles County Department of Welfare  
 Los Angeles, California  
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It may be desirable to disseminate the enclosed LHM to the Department of Justice in both the KENSALT case and the security matter, inasmuch as CROWE is currently under consideration for prosecution under the Amended Internal Security Act, and Departmental Attorney ROBERT CRANDALL is currently in Los Angeles interviewing informants concerning CROWE and other security subjects.

The Bureau is requested to give consideration as to dissemination locally to the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles County, as they have an interest in CROWE. It would appear that dissemination should be made in order to have all current information disseminated. Los Angeles is holding any local dissemination in abeyance pending Bureau approval.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Los Angeles, California  
January 27, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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~~REDACTED~~  
WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR.

*Walter Crowe*

Walter Sherrill Crowe, Jr., born August 3, 1945, continues to reside with his parents at 1300 Topeka Street, Pasadena, California, and is currently employed as a Social Worker, Metropolitan Aid to the Totally Disabled, Los Angeles County Department of Welfare, 2615 South Grand Street, Los Angeles, California.

Crowe is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) in June 1968.

Source One, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that from October 1966 through August 1967 Walter Crowe was active in the UCLA Chapter of the W. E. B. Du Bois Club of America (see Appendix). Source One further advised that Crowe has participated in numerous anti-Vietnam war demonstrations.

Source Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January 1969 that Crowe was now a past member of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP), after joining in April 1967 for the stated purpose of "evading the draft." Source Two advised that Crowe had attended numerous meetings of the SCDCP from November 1966 to September 1968, when his activities ceased.

Source Two advised that Crowe attended numerous functions of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) (see Appendix) Chapter at UCLA from November 1967 to June 1968.

Sources familiar with Crowe and subversive activities in the Los Angeles area advise that there has been no activity on the part of Crowe since October 1968.

Crowe was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on June 6 and 7, 1968, in regard to his



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acquaintance with Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Crowe advised at that time that he had known Sirhan since they were both in the sixth grade of school at Pasadena, California. He stated that he had lived within blocks of Sirhan when they were children, but that he and Sirhan were not close friends. Crowe stated that from 1965 to May 1968 he saw Sirhan only one time. Crowe stated that after his May 1968 meeting with Sirhan he felt that there was a barrier between them, because Sirhan was jealous of Crowe's education.

During the interview of Crowe on June 7, 1968, he was informed that the interview would concern his alleged activities in the Communist Party. Crowe advised he would cooperate in every possible way.

Crowe advised that in 1965, while a student at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, he was active in forming an Ad Hoc Committee that dealt with the issue on Negro civil rights. He further stated he was active in the SDS at Pasadena City College in 1965. Crowe said that Sirhan was attending Pasadena City College at that time, but that he was apathetic toward the SDS.

Crowe stated that he, Crowe, joined the W. E. B. Du Bois Club Chapter at UCLA in about October 1965 and remained active in the chapter until it folded in early 1967.

Crowe advised that in April 1967 he and seven others formed a Student Club of the SCDOP on the UCLA campus. He advised that this group met to discuss politics, and that all dues collected went to their club and not to any national headquarters. He advised he remained active in the club until his graduation from UCLA in the spring of 1968.

Crowe advised that Sirhan did not support him in any of his clubs or activities. Crowe further advised that recruitment for the Communist Party would have to follow overt activities on the part of the person to be recruited. He said Sirhan took no such overt action, and he did not attempt to recruit him.

Crowe advised that he had not seen Sirhan since the one meeting in May 1968, and that he had never discussed Senator Kennedy with Sirhan.

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Source Two advised in January 1969 that Crowe has not attended SCDGP meetings during the past three months and no longer considers himself a Communist Party member. Source Two stated that Crowe looks upon himself as a Marxist. Source Two said that Crowe would like to quit his job as a social worker and attend graduate school. Source Two described Crowe as being a very reserved and shy person who is lacking in self-confidence and is very passive.

On January 23, 1969, Source Two furnished the following information concerning the relationship between Crowe and Sirhan B. Sirhan:

Source Two advised that Crowe and Sirhan were close friends during grade school and high school days to the point where they exchanged such things as phonograph records. During this period Crowe was not a member of the Communist Party, but he was a socialist in his thinking.

Source Two advised that in May 1968 Crowe spent an evening with Sirhan, and that following this meeting Crowe felt that Sirhan had become stagnant and despondent and had not advanced in his political thinking. Crowe felt that because he, Crowe, had gone to college, he had progressed politically and intellectually, and that he and Sirhan had nothing in common. Crowe told Source Two that Sirhan thought politically along Marxist lines in that he believed there is a ruling class and that imperialism does exist, but that Sirhan was not a political activist. Crowe felt that Sirhan was despondent because of the Arab problems, which Sirhan blamed on United States support for Israel.

Source Two said that Crowe lived at his family's home, 1300 Topeka Street, Pasadena, California, following his graduation from UCLA in the spring of 1968 until about June 10, 1968, when he moved into the cooperative at UCLA. Crowe stayed at the cooperative during the summer quarter of 1968, although he was not attending the university, and Crowe then returned to live at his family's home.

Source Two advised that Crowe attended Communist Party meetings until October 1968. Source Two advised that Crowe did not attempt to recruit Sirhan into the Communist Party at any time, and that Sirhan never discussed Senator Kennedy with Crowe.



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Source Three advised in January 1969 that Crowe has been employed as a Social Worker, Metropolitan Aid to the Totally Disabled, Los Angeles County Department of Welfare, since May 1968. Source Three advised that Crowe has been steadily employed since that time and was not absent from work on any day during the months of May, June or July 1968. Source Three described Crowe as being a slow, absent-minded worker who is shy and withdrawn but still honest to the point of embarrassment.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United States International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us". At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes", the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of June 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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