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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.

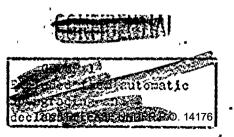
Source One, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that from October 1966 through August 1967 Walter Crowe was active in the UCLA Chapter of the W. E. B. Du Bois Club of America (see Appendix). Source One further advised that Crowe has participated in numerous anti-Vietnam war demonstrations.

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.

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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 SCDCP 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 SCDCP 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 selfconfidence 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.

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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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WEEKLY SUMMARY #37 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 pro-ceedings in court, the Office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger is publishing a weekly summary of the case. This is the 37th summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 -- Two prospective alternate jurors in the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan were unseated today by peremptory challenges by both the prosecution and defense.

Mrs. Zena F. Lewis was challenged on legal grounds by the prosecution after she told Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker that she could decide on the matter of guilt or innocence, but that under no circumstances could she vote a death penalty.

Five alternate jurors have been chosen and one seat remains to be filled, but both sides have 11 peremptory challenges.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 -- "Lawyers in the Sirhan murder trial labored without success today to complete selection of six alternate jurors . . . reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

Five prospective alternates were examined, but none were chosen. Mrs. Linda S. Katrenich was excused because she was so opposed to the death penalty that she would never vote for it in a murder case.

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Another prospective juror, Mrs. Bernadine Holmquist, said her

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opinions of Sirhan were so strong that his defense lawyers would have to prove to her he should not be sent to the gas chamber for first degree murder, added the newspaper.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 -- "Defense attorneys in the Sirhan murder trial expect the admitted slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to go to prison for the killing, but they hope to save him from San Quentin's gas chamber," a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) stated today.

Continued the article:

"This startling admission came from Sirhan's chief defense counsel, Grant B. Cooper, as defense and prosecution continued their so far unsuccessful search for six alternates for the jury which will try the 24-year old Jordanian immigrant."

Cooper told a prospective juror "that not only would the defense concede Sirhan shot Kennedy, but also it would not attempt to win an acquittal for him."

At recess yesterday, the defense lawyer said that this "has been our plan all along, but we haven't said it publicly before. I thought it ' was time we did," the newspaper quoted Cooper as saying.

Added the newspaper:

"Defense sources said Sirhan was aware of his lawyers' strategy and accepted it. However, Cooper's courtroom announcement appeared to upset the defendant . . ."

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SUNDAY; FEBRUARY 9 -- Writing of jurors in the Sirhan case, John Douglas in a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) noted that they

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will soon "begin an experiment in communal living which may last a quarter of a year and end with their deciding whether a young man will live or die."

The 18 jurors (12 plus 6 alternates) will live in isolation in a downtown Los Angeles hotel (Biltmore), and their material needs will be the responsibility of Superior Court bailiffs. The Right Rev. Francis Eric Bloy, bishop of the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese, will be chaplain to the jury.

For the jurors, the Biltmore experience will in many ways be like living in a prep-school dormitory. But the prefects will carry guns and wear uniforms of Los Angeles deputy sheriffs.

'There will be half a dozen stationed on the Biltmore's sixth floor, where the county has taken over a full wing of 25 rooms for the jury.

"Each juror will have his own room for which the county will pay \$9 a day. The deputy sheriffs will be housed in rooms costing \$8 a day.

"When the jurors want privacy they can stay in their own rooms. If they seek the society of their colleagues, they will be able to do so in two recreation rooms. Television will be available -- but censored by a deputy who will make sure that no television news of the trial is available to the jurors and alternates.

"Jurors will also be able to read newspapers and magazines, but all reference to the Sirhan case will have been cut from these before the jurors see them.

"On weekends, and -- should the trial last that long -- on holidays, they will be taken on trips.

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"Deputy Sheriff Willard Polhemus, Judge Walker's bailiff for the last nine years, will be 'social director' for the jurors. He has done this job before.

"Weekends the jurors can be visited by their husbands and wives, if they have them. The visits can extend overnight, if the spouse is willing to pay the Biltmore \$3 for a bed.

"Meals will be paid for by the county at the rate of \$8.50 a day. If a juror wants more food, or more expensive food, he has to pay for it himself.

"If a juror wants a drink, he can have one, provided he doesn't want too many. But, he will have to pay for them himself. The County of Los Angeles does not buy liquor.

"When the trial is concluded, the jurors will know each other better than nearly any group in the world.

> "Among them will develop friendships and perhaps even love . . "And perhaps hate," concluded the article.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 -- Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, whose office is prosecuting Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, met today with prosecution and defense counsel in the chambers of Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker.

Both sides said later they had discussed scale model parts of the Ambassador Hotel, where the senator was shot last June 5. They declined further comment, but one Los Angeles newspaper (Times) speculated that Younger's visit may mean 'a new development . . . in the case against' Sirhan.

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Meanwhile, Grant B. Cooper, one of Sirhan's lawyers, today predicted that the sixth and final alternate juror will be chosen tomorrow (Tuesday, February 11).

Another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) quoted Cooper as saying that if the selection is completed by noon on Tuesday, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton can make his opening statement on Thursday, February 13.

The alternate jurors, tentatively seated, include Clarence Yaw, businessman; Mrs. Eleanor Landgreen, wife of an insurance adjustor; John H. Johnson, computer design engineer; and Mrs. Bertha Feenstra, wife of an electrician.

All could be removed by defense and prosecution peremptory challenges -- those for which lawyers need give no reason.

Concerning today's meeting in the judge's chambers, the newspaper said "major carpentry that will be needed in the eighth floor Hall of Justice courtroom where Sirhan is being tried" was discussed.

Continued the newspaper:

"The Los Angeles Police Department's special Sirhan task force has constructed two scale models -- one of the ground floor of the Ambassador Hotel, the other of the kitchen off the hotel's Ambassy Room where Kennedy was shot.

¹The larger mockup will give the jury a view of the scene of the crime. It will be used instead of letting the jurors visit the hotel. Security considerations for Sirhan rule out a visit to the scene.

"The second model -- that of the kitchen -- will probably be introduced in evidence, Cooper said.

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"Both models are very large and will require considerable rearrangement of the small courtroom."

As for selection of alternate jurors, 23 prospective ones were examined today, two tentatively seated were removed by prosecution and defense challenges and two replacements were named.

Three prospective alternates were challenged by Dep. Dist. Atty. John 2. Howard after they expressed strong convictions against the death penalty. In two cases, Cooper opposed the prosecution challenge. The third was not contested.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 -- During a discussion on the Los Angeles County court system today, County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn "was especially critical of the cost of bringing Sirhan B. Sirhan to trial in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the weeks spent in picking the Sirhan jury," reported Ray Zeman, county bureau chief, in a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

At the Board of Supervisors meeting, the 10-member special study commission on judicial procedures was asked to review the administration of justice in the county and make recommendations.

(Sen. Kennedy was slain on June 5, 1968, and indicted by the Grand Jury two days later. Jury selection began on January 13, 1969).

With the selection of six alternate jurors today, Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker swore in the alternate panel and released all 18 jurors until 8 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday, February 12) when they are to report to the Biltmore Hotel to be sequestered for the length of the trial.

The alternate jurors include:

Miss Gloria J. Haffey; George Stitzel, a Los Angeles Times pressroom foreman; Miss Ruth A. Stillman, insurance company adjuster; John H. Johnson, computer designer; Clarence Yaw, oil company purchaser; and Mrs. Eleanor B. Landgreen, housewife and mother of three sons.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 -- The reasons for the Sirhan trial -- the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy -- "have been obscured in the past few weeks as defense and prosecution lawyers have stepped through the delicate minuet of jury selection and preliminary motions," John Douglas, staff writer, noted in a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) today.

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However, he reported things "will be back in perspective tomorrow" (Thursday, February 13) when the prosecution opens the case for the People.

While there is little argument about the basic facts of Kennedy's murder, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton told Douglas, "there are things people don't know."

These will be revealed when the prosecution makes its opening statements to the jury and alternates, "but they will ring loudest in the ears of the man whose fate they are designed to seal -- Sirhan," continued' Douglas.

After the presentation by the prosecution, one of the defense attorneys, Smile Zola Berman, will speak, said the newspaper.

"The defense strategy is to move as rapidly as possible to take the edge off" of the prosecution's presentations, "which it admits will be very damaging."

The prosecution "is going for the jugular. Sirhan admits slaying Kennedy, and his lawyers concede he cannot escape punishment. But they wont that penalty to be paid in prison, not in the death house.

"The prosecution wants the jury to find the youthful Jordanian immigrant guilty of first degree murder, and then, in the subsequent penalty trial, to condemn him."

Continued the newspaper:

"The defense views the Kennedy murder, in part, as a political assassination. As it seeks to prove that Sirhan acted under 'diminished capacity' -- that his killing of Senator Kennedy was without malice --(Pofense Lawyer Russell) Parsons' believes that it may be necessary to show

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that obsession with the Arab-Israeli struggle, and Kennedy's avowed espousal of the Israeli cause preyed on Sirhan's mind. Witnesses will be produced to testify to this.

"Nucleus of the defense case will be the Sirhan family, compatriots of the young Arab, and a team of forsensic psychiatrists, headed by UCLA's Dr. Bernard Diamond.

"Then, forecasts Dep. Dist. Atty. David Fitts:

"The true arena of this conflict will become the mind of Sirhan Sirhan."

• Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Times) today.declared that "Sirhan Bishara Sirhan probably will plead guilty to first-degree murder in the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy . . ."

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 -- The prosecution made its opening statement today in the Sirhan B. Sirhan case, after Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker denied a motion for mistrial made by Defense Lawyer Grant B. Cooper.

The motion for a mistrial was based on grounds that a story in a Los Angeles newspaper (Times) yesterday 'prejudiced Sirhan's rights to a fair trial by saying the 24-year old defendant probably would change his plea from innocent to guilty of first-degree murder," wrote Dave Smith, staff writer.

The denial was issued by the judge after he questioned the jurors privately in chambers. "Though several jurors admitted hearing of the story, Judge Walker said, all agreed they could disregard it and decide the case solely on the basis of evidence produced in court," the newspaper related.

Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts made the opening statement for the prosecution and presented this information:

Sirhan was in the Ambassador Hotel kitchen 47 hours before the assassination and was seen by two witnesses.

Returning to the kitchen on June 5, 1968, Sirhan shot the Senator at almost point-blank range, firing several shots which fatally wounded Kennedy and injured five others.

On the day of the shooting, Sirhan spent most of the time at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, and told another club patron he was going to use his gun for hunting.

"It could kill a dog," Fitts said Sirhan told a witness who will testify later in the trial, reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

Sirhan told Jess Unruh, former State Assembly speaker, he shot Kennedy "for my country." The statement was made when Unruh accompanied Sirhan and two police officers to the Rampart Division Police Station fol-Lowing the arrest of the Jordanian immigrant. Unruh will testify to this Fitts said, according to the newspaper.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 -- Two prospective alternate jurors in the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan were unseated today by peremptory challenges by both the prosecution and defense.

Mrs. Zena F. Lewis was challenged on legal grounds by the prosecution after she told Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker that she could decide on the matter of guilt or innocence, but that under no circumstances could she vote a death penalty.

Five alternate jurors have been chosen and one seat remains to be filled, but both sides have 11 peremptory challenges.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 -- "Lawyers in the Sirhan murder trial labored without success today to complete selection of six alternate jurors . . " reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

Five prospective alternates were examined, but none were chosen. Mrs. Linda S. Katrenich was excused because she was so opposed to the death penalty that she would never vote for it in a murder case.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 -- "Defense attorneys in the Sirhan murder trial expect the admitted slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to go to prison for the killing, but they hope to save him from San Quentin's gas chamber," a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) stated today.

Continued the article:

"This startling admission came from Sirhan's chief defense counsel, Grant B. Cooper, as defense and prosecution continued their so far unsuccessful search for six alternates for the jury which will try the 24-year old Jordanian immigrant."

Cooper told a prospective juror "that not only would the defense concede Sirhan shot Kennedy, but also it would not attempt to win an acquittal for him."

At recess yesterday, the defense lawyer said that this "has been our plan all along, but we haven't said it publicly before. I thought it was time we did," the newspaper quoted Cooper as saying:

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"Defense sources said Sirhan was aware of his lawyers' strategy and accepted it. However, Cooper's courtroom announcement appeared to upset the defendant . . ."

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 -- Writing of jurors in the Sirhan case, John Douglas in a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) noted that they

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will soon "begin an experiment in communal living which may last a quarter of a year and end with their deciding whether a young man will live or die."

The 18 jurors (12 plus 6 alternates) will live in isolation in a downtown Los Angeles hotel (Biltmore), and their material needs will be the responsibility of Superior Court bailiffs. The Right Rev. Francis Eric Bloy, bishop of the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese, will be chaplain to the jury.

For the jurors, the Biltmore experience will in many ways be like living in a prep-school dormitory. But the prefects will carry guns and wear uniforms of Los Angeles deputy sheriffs.

"There will be half a dozen stationed on the Biltmore's sixth floor, where the county has taken over a full wing of 25 rooms for the jury.

"Each juror will have his own room for which the county will pay \$9 a day. The deputy sheriffs will be housed in rooms costing \$8 a day.

"When the jurors want privacy they can stay in their own rooms. If they seek the society of their colleagues, they will be able to do so in two recreation rooms. Television will be available -- but censored by a deputy who will make sure that no television news of the trial is available to the jurors and alternates.

"Jurors will also be able to read newspapers and magazines, but all reference to the Sirhan case will have been cut from these before the jurors see them.

"On weekends, and -- should the trial last that long -- on holidays, they will be taken on trips.

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"Deputy Sheriff Willard Polhemus, Judge Walker's bailiff for the last nine years, will be 'social director' for the jurors. He has done this job before.

"Weekends the jurors can be visited by their husbands and wives, if they have them. The visits can extend overnight, if the spouse is willing to pay the Biltmore \$3 for a bed.

'Meals will be paid for by the county at the rate of \$8.50 a day. If a juror wants more food, or more expensive food, he has to pay for it himself.

"If a juror wants a drink, he can have one, provided he doesn't want too many. But, he will have to pay for them himself. The County of Los Angeles does not buy liquor.

"When the trial is concluded, the jurors will know each other better than nearly any group in the world.

> "Among them will develop friendships and perhaps even love "And perhaps hate," concluded the article.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 -- Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, whose office is prosecuting Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, met today with prosecution and defense counsel in the chambers of Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker.

Both sides said later they had discussed scale model parts of the Ambassador Hotel, where the senator was shot last June 5. They declined further comment, but one Los Angeles newspaper (Times) speculated that Younger's visit may mean 'a new development . . . in the case against' Sirban.

Meanwhile, Grant B. Cooper, one of Sirhan's lawyers, today predicted that the sixth and final alternate juror will be chosen tomorrow (Tuesday, February 11).

Another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) quoted Cooper as saying that if the selection is completed by noon on Tuesday, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton can make his opening statement on Thursday, February 13.

The alternate jurors, tentatively seated, include Clarence Yaw, businessman; Mrs. Eleanor Landgreen, wife of an insurance adjustor; John H. Johnson, computer design engineer; and Mrs. Bertha Feenstra, wife of an electrician.

All could be removed by defense and prosecution peremptory challenges -- those for which lawyers need give no reason.

Concerning today's meeting in the judge's chambers, the newspaper said "major carpentry that will be needed in the eighth floor Hall of Justice courtroom where Sirhan is being tried" was discussed.

Continued the newspaper:

"The Los Angeles Police Department's special Sirhan task force has constructed two scale models -- one of the ground floor of the Ambassador Hotel, the other of the kitchen off the hotel's Embassy Room where Kennedy was shot.

"The larger mockup will give the jury a view of the scene of the crime. It will be used instead of letting the jurors visit the hotel. Security considerations for Sirhan rule out a visit to the scene.

"The second model -- that of the kitchen -- will probably be introduced in evidence, Cooper said.

"Both models are very large and will require considerable rearrangement of the small courtroom."

As for selection of alternate jurors, 23 prospective ones were examined today, two tentatively seated were removed by prosecution and defense challenges and two replacements were named.

Three prospective alternates were challenged by Dep. Dist. Atty. John J. Howard after they expressed strong convictions against the death penalty. In two cases, Cooper opposed the prosecution challenge. The third was not contested.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 -- During a discussion on the Los Angeles County court system today, County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn "was especially critical of the cost of bringing Sirhan B. Sirhan to trial in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the weeks spent in picking the Sirhan jury," reported Ray Zeman, county bureau chief, in a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

At the Board of Supervisors meeting, the 10-member special study commission on judicial procedures was asked to review the administration of justice in the county and make recommendations.

(Sen. Kennedy was slain on June 5, 1968, and indicted by the Grand Jury two days later. Jury selection began on January 13, 1969).

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However, he reported things "will be back in perspective tomorrow" (Thursday, February 13) when the prosecution opens the case for the People.

While there is little argument about the basic facts of Kennedy's murder, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton told Douglas, "there are things people don't know."

These will be revealed when the prosecution makes its opening statements to the jury and alternates, "but they will ring loudest in the ears of the man whose fate they are designed to seal -- Sirhan," continued Douglas.

After the presentation by the prosecution, one of the defense attorneys, Emile Zola Berman, will speak, said the newspaper.

"The defense strategy is to move as rapidly as possible to take the edge off" of the prosecution's presentations, "which it admits will be very damaging."

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Pursuant to instructions contained in the enclosure on page three, last paragraph, Los Angeles should immediately contact District Attorney Evelle J. Younger, and Deputy Chief Robert A. Houghton of the Los Angeles Police Department to determine if these individuals have any objection to the Bureau conducting at this time investigation requested by the Department as set forth in the enclosure. Advise the Bureau and the San Francisco Office of the results of this contact.

If no objections are interposed, both Los Angeles and San Francisco should promptly proceed with the requested Department investigation as outlined in the enclosure. Interview of other Club members of the Student Club, Los Angeles Communist Party (CP), should be conducted unless some reason prevails dictating against same. In each instance of this type submit pertinent details concerning the proposed interview to the Bureau along with your recommendations. G_{2} -587-REC 54 ...19 RED 28 1965

Every effort should be made to comply with the 28 Department's requests in this matter and your investigation must be penetrative and thorough. It is desired that the

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results of your inquiry leave no doubt as to the exact relationship that existed between Walter Crowe, Thomas Good and Sirhan B. Sirhan prior to 6/5/68, and the extent of influence of Crowe and/or Good over Sirhan, if any.

Additionally, recipient offices should contact respective top-level sources to determine if these sources are in possession of any information indicating a possible conspiracy involving the CP and/or its members in the assassination of the late Senator Kennedy. These sources should be specifically queried as to whether Crowe, Good or Sirhan were or are known to them personally and, if so, the extent of such knowledge should be fully explored. For the information of the New York and Miami Offices. Crowe is described as a 23-year-old white male, 5'7", 135 pounds, medium build, brown hair and brown eyes. He is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and is currently employed as a social worker by Los Angeles County. He was a member of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs and a member of the Student Club, Los Angeles CP from 1966 through 1968. Thomas Good is described as a white male, aged 23, 5'2", 135 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes. He is a graduate of San Jose State College, California, is currently unemployed and resides at 245 Page Street, San Francisco, California. He became affiliated with the Students forca Democratic Society in 1965 and became a member of the San Jose CP Youth Club in either late 1967 or early 1968.

Los Angeles and San Francisco should insure that photographs of Crowe and Good are promptly furnished recipient offices where needed.

Results of the above-requested investigation should be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination bearing the above caption. This matter must be handled maturely and exhaustively and no undue delay will be tolerated. Airtel to Los Angeles, et al. KENSALT

NOTE:

Sirhan B. Sirhan is currently on trial in LA for the assassination of the late Senator Kennedy. Investigation has determined that prior to the assassination, Sirhan was friendly with Crowe and Good, both of whom are on the SI of the LA and SF Offices, respectively, because of CP membership. Crowe, when previously interviewed concerning this matter, admitted having a meeting with Sirhan as late as 5/2/68 at which time many subjects were discussed but he denied discussing the late Senator Kennedy or any implication of a CP conspiracy connected with his assassination. The Department in the enclosure, for the purpose of resolving whether or not a complicity surrounds the assassination, has requested that specific investigation be conducted that would tend to confirm or deny such a complicity. It is not foreseen that the above-requested investigation will interfere in any way with the security operations of this Bureau.

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