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He had just finished speaking and was being ushered through the kitchen by his aides ~~and~~ when five shots were fired from in the crowd. Sen. Kennedy slumped backward ~~and~~ and was eased backward by ~~the~~ the crowd around him.

He lay, without a crowd around him, as the gunman was grabbed by ~~Raper~~ <sup>Raper</sup> Johnson.

The man was wearing a blue jump suit, and I saw his arm come out and I saw a gun. I ducked ~~and~~ and got out of the way. There were two shots, a ~~half~~ half a second pause and three more shots.

Roosevelt Grier and Johnson were there and the guards were trying grappling with the gunman trying to disarm him.

There were at least a dozen person around him.

Lying on floor, people came over please get a doctor, ~~please~~ please get a doctor. Police ~~and~~ ambulance came. All aids screaming and pushing everyone out of the way.

Barracades went up. Smith also shot in kitchen stream of blood from back of Kennedy on floor. was flowing out like water.

blood on drew's coat. Kennedy shot first, then Smith

50 in kitchen at time of shooting. taken service elevator shaking---

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(Sen. Kennedy) making his victory speech

~~He~~ had just finished ~~speaking~~ and was being ushered through the kitchen by his aides when I saw an arm come out of the crowd. ~~xxx~~ It was holding a gun.

As soon as I saw the gun--it was pointing right at me for a second--I ducked and tried to get out of the way.

Just then I heard two shots. Then there was a half ~~xx~~ second pause, and then three more.\*

As I looked up Sen. Kennedy started to ~~xxx~~ fall back and then was lowered to the floor by his aides. There were about 50 of us in the kitchen when the shots were fired, mostly Kennedy men and the press.

For a few seconds everyone stood back not getting too close to him. It was about then that I saw another man (~~xxxxxx~~) lying on the ground.

At almost that instant people began to close in round the bodies and ~~sumexxx~~ someone started screaming. "Get a doctor, please get a doctor," that was all I could hear over the yelling and crying.

Rafer Johnson and Roosevelt Grier grabbed a man in ~~xxx~~ a blue jump ~~xx~~ suit and they and about a half dozen guards began grappling ~~xx~~ with him trying to disarm him.

Kennedy was still lying on the floor and there was blood all over him. It was flowing ~~2~~ from him like water. Finally some doctors ~~x~~ came ~~from~~ into the kitchen--along with a huge group of

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supporters---and began trying to treat him while they waited for the ambulance. *Someone in the crowd gave him a rosary and he clutched it in his hands*

The crowd in the kitchen ~~cezzzzzzzz~~ kept growing and finally Kennedy's ~~zizzzzz~~ aides had to begin screaming and pushing to get people away from the senator.

Special guards set up barricades all round the area, and no one was allowed in or out. Finally a police ambulance arrived and Kennedy was lifted on to a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ stretcher and they started carrying him out as the other man was put on a ~~stretcher~~ *Kitchen table*.

The two of them were taken out of the hotel in a service elevator and ~~was~~ put in a police ambulance. That was the last I saw of either of them.

As a momentary calm came over most of the newsmen and photographers in the room we ~~xxxxzzzz~~ began shaking and searching for words-- it was then that I ~~zazzzzzzzzzzzz~~ found I had blood on my coat, apparently I was standing ~~zizzzz~~ so close to him that it splattered on me when he was shot.