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Mrs. MARGARET MC CARTHY, who resides at 4419 Stansbury, Sherman Oaks, California, advised that she was born in County Cork, Ireland, on [REDACTED]. She advised that she and other members of her family were very strong supporters of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that she and her daughters had been at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, and early morning of June 5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she and all of her family had been in the Ambassador Ballroom, which is located on the floor directly beneath the floor on which the Senator was shot.

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She advised that she was in the crowded Ambassador Ballroom, along with many others, waiting for the arrival of Senator KENNEDY, who was supposedly going to come downstairs from the Embassy Room to speak to those who were waiting in the Ambassador Ballroom. She stated that she and a few of the other members of her family got up on the stage in the Ambassador Ballroom, along with the "Kennedy Girls", and they were all dancing and singing and waiting for "BOBBY" to come down. She stated that shortly after midnight the room became very close and stuffy so she and several others went to a small alcove to the left and rear of the Ambassador Ballroom, where they attempted to get a breath of fresh air. This alcove had a stairway leading up to the next floor where the Embassy Room was located; there was a door leading to the Wilshire Street parking lot with a fire escape leading upstairs directly outside this door.

Mrs. MC CARTHY advised that as they stepped out on to the landing of the fire escape sometime shortly after midnight, several individuals came down the stairs, both from the inside of the building and from the fire escape, exclaiming that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She stated that she did not remember any one person in particular and that in the confusion she did not recall having seen anyone in a polka-dot dress. She stated that she is quite certain that she did not hear anyone say "We've shot Senator KENNEDY".

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Mr. EDWARD MINASIAN, residing at 129 North Lamer Street, Burbank, California, and employed in the catering department of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was reinterviewed at which time he advised as follows:

In connection with the change of plans wherein Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was proceeding to the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel instead of going to the Embassy Ballroom as originally planned, MINASIAN explained as follows:

On the night of June 4, 1968, after Senator KENNEDY completed his victory speech in the Embassy Room, he and his party, which included PIERRE SALINGER, JESSE UNRUH, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, and several others whom he could not remember, left the stage and entered a rampway leading to the hallway to the Ambassador Ballroom. He recalled he was walking in front of Senator KENNEDY and while the KENNEDY party was following him, they were discussing the advisability of going to the Colonial Room for a brief press conference before going downstairs to the Ambassador Ballroom. He said this discussion was very brief, lasting no more than 15 to 20 seconds.

He said he stopped at the end of the passageway before entering the aisle leading to the Ambassador Ballroom. The KENNEDY party turned right into the passageway leading to the Colonial Room, and he joined the KENNEDY party, walking on Senator KENNEDY's right side.

He said he feels certain the decision to go to the Colonial Room instead of the Ambassador Ballroom was a spontaneous decision after a brief conference. He based this upon the conversation he overheard plus the fact that as of the time KENNEDY was delivering his victory speech, the plans were for him to proceed directly to the Ambassador Ballroom.

MINASIAN said inasmuch as he was walking in front of the KENNEDY party, he did not see who took part in the discussion but believes he recalls hearing the voices of Senator KENNEDY, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, and possibly one other whom he could not recall.

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Mrs. WILLARD H. MURRAY (BARBARA MURRAY) was interviewed at her residence, 5309 Maymont Drive (telephone 293-3290). She furnished information as follows:

During the evening of June 4, 1968, at approximately midnight, she was in the passageway just outside the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, while she was speaking to BRADLEY UNRUH, son of the Assemblyman. She observed JESSE UNRUH walk by and just moments after he passed, she heard a series of shots which shots occurred in rapid succession.

At no time did she observe Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during the above period. After the shots were fired, Mr. IRWIN STROLL who was standing next to her said, "I've been shot, I've been shot." Mrs. MURRAY said she attempted to help IRWIN down, but he explained he was shot in the leg and could not lie down or sit down.

Mrs. MURRAY said she observed no other person shot and did not observe the person who fired this series of shots.

A photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was displayed to her, and she stated she has never seen this person before and did not see him during the above incident.

Mrs. MURRAY also said that she does not recall observing any lady wearing a polka dot dress during the evening of June 4, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mrs. MURRAY estimated that there were approximately six people between herself and the person doing the shooting. The sound of the shots appeared to come from an area to her right and slightly behind the passageway section outside the Embassy Room. After the shooting, Mrs. MURRAY said she went to the Embassy Room, then to the Gold Room and stayed at the NBC set up area.

Mrs. MURRAY said one other person who was in the passageway area during the above incident was JAMES CUMMINGS

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of 1700 South Burnside, Los Angeles (telephone 939-2850). She did not recall anyone else present other than the above persons. However, she advised that CARMEN and LOUIS WARSCHAW were present in the Embassy Room just after the shooting. They are both prominent in Democratic Party circles in Los Angeles.

She also advised that CAROL BRESHEARS who was in charge of the "KENNEDY girls" and on the KENNEDY campaign staff would have been present in the Embassy Room during the above incident.

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PATRICIA ELIZABETH NELSON, also known as Patti Nelson, 15311 Cornuta Avenue, Bellflower, California, furnished the following additional information to that she had furnished to the FBI on June 6, 1968 regarding her having observed a man carrying a package from which protruded what she thought could have been a gun stock, running from the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at about 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968, just before she learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot:

Her further thoughts on the matter, after viewing the video tape on June 7, 1968, of a ABC news cast with FRANK REYNOLDS, which had been aired June 5, 1968, in Los Angeles over ABC Channel 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., she had reached certain conclusions.

She noted on the video tape, after identifying the man pictured on this tape as the same man she had seen running from the Ambassador Hotel, that the package that the man was carrying, when observed on the video tape and which he presented to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for autographing on the tape, was the same package that this man was carrying when observed running from the Hotel's Embassy Room. The package observed on the video tape appeared to her to be a cardboard carton, about 3" in diameter and 3' in length, which is commonly used to carry posters or maps. She had further observed that this carton, as pictured on video tape, appeared to be very light in weight when handled by Senator ROBERT KENNEDY at the time of autographing. On the basis of what she had observed on the video tape, she now had doubts as to whether what she had originally observed about the package in question could in fact have contained a stock of a gun protruding from it, as she had originally believed it may have had.

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FRED PARROTT, M.D., was interviewed at his office, 1704 West Manchester Avenue, Suite 210, and furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 11:30 PM to listen to the victory speech of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He found that the hotel was so crowded that he could not get into the Embassy Room, the room in which Senator KENNEDY was giving his speech.

Shortly after midnight, while standing near the door to the Embassy Room, he heard a great deal of shouting and screaming from the interior of the room. Shortly after, Dr. MARCUS MC BROOM, a Psychologist whom he knew, came out of the room and said that doctors were needed. Dr. PARROTT attempted to enter the Embassy Room; however, a guard at the door refused to allow him to enter. While he was trying to identify himself, Dr. ROSS MILLER slipped past the guard and went into the Embassy Room, apparently to see if he could render any aid.

With the tremendous crowd that had gathered in the Embassy Room, he never did reach the injured people and did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. However, while standing outside the door to the Embassy Room, a man came by carrying a rolled up newspaper under his arm. As the man pressed through the crowd, passing right next to Dr. PARROTT, he kept saying, "Excuse me, please". Dr. PARROTT noticed that he appeared to have glassy eyes, as though he were ill. Just after this man passed, several men, whom he assumed were from the KENNEDY Party, came through the crowd hollering, "Stop that man! Stop that man!", indicating the man who had been carrying the newspaper. He does not know if these men were successful in getting the man with the newspaper stopped, but the last time he observed them, they were going out the south door of the Ambassador Hotel. He described the name with the newspaper as a white male, dark complexion, dark hair, 25 to 27 years old, 5'7" tall, medium build. He said that he could furnish no description of the two or three

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men who were attempting to stop the man with the newspaper, other than that they were white males.

The only other thing that he observed which seemed irregular to him under the circumstances was four men carrying a fifth man out of the hotel saying, "Let's get out of here". He did not know if the man they were carrying had been injured in the crowd.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was exhibited to Dr. PARROTT but he advised he did not recognize him as anyone he has ever seen. PARROTT stated that he went to the Ambassdor Hotel with his friend, SAMUEL STRAIN, and advised that STRAIN could be reached at telephone number AX 3-5327.

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LAURIE GAIL PORTER, age 15, was interviewed at her residence, 4197 Hayvenhurst Drive, Encino, California, telephone 789-3230. She advised that she is the daughter of California State Senatorial candidate SHELLEY PORTER and is a student at Birmingham High School in grade A-10.

PORTER advised that she went to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, and attended the Democratic political rally there. She advised she was accompanied by CORKY MC MANN (phonetic), a girl friend, and her escort, SCOTT HOWARD. She advised they arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m.

She advised that she was present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel during the acceptance speech of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. She advised that she was standing in front of the podium during KENNEDY's speech. She recalled that prior to the finish of Senator KENNEDY's speech, another girl friend of hers, ROBIN CASDEN, and a friend of hers, IRA GOLDSTEIN, who was representing Continental News Service, left the Embassy Room and went to the kitchen as they understood sandwiches were being prepared there.

PORTER advised that following KENNEDY's address, she observed him walk from the podium and walk towards the kitchen off of the Embassy Room. A short time later, she heard loud screams from the general area of the kitchen and observed that people in that general area had shocked or horrified expressions on their faces. She advised that she was approximately 50 feet away from the kitchen area when this occurred.

She advised that she started to walk towards the kitchen area and approximately three or four minutes after the commotion started near the kitchen, she observed ROBIN CASDEN run from the area of the kitchen and approach her. She stated that ROBIN was quite hysterical and shouted, "We shot him." She advised ROBIN was with CORKEY MC MANN at the time and that CORKEY was also quite hysterical. She advised that she observed blood on the right side of ROBIN's

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forehead and that one of her knees was cut and bleeding. PORTER advised that ROBIN then related to her that while she (ROBIN) was in the kitchen, Senator KENNEDY came in and that she shook his hand as he walked through the kitchen. ROBIN told her that after shaking his hand, Senator KENNEDY took about two steps and then she heard two shots and then Senator KENNEDY fell on her. ROBIN told her that she heard six or seven additional shots which she said sounded like a cap gun, and she then ran from the kitchen. PORTER advised that ROBIN told her that she did not see who fired the shots in the kitchen nor did she know what happened to IRA GOLDSTEIN who was also in the kitchen at that time.

PORTER advised that she did not observe the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any of the other victims; however, did recall seeing some people injured and bleeding in the kitchen area. She advised she did not hear any shots fired. She did recall, however, that there were several people who shouted, "We shot him," and she attributed the exclamation to the hysterical nature of the situation.

PORTER related that approximately one-half hour before Senator KENNEDY's speech, she went to an exit area at the left rear of the Embassy Room with another high school girl friend, MICHELE (LNU). She advised that there was a stairway leading from the exit area. She recalled that while in this area, she observed an individual wearing white shirt and white trousers and dark shoes, walk down the stairs and a short time later return. She advised that this individual some time later again walked down the stairs and returned. PORTER stated that there was an individual who appeared to be some type of a guard stationed at the bottom of the stairs; however, she could not see if the individual she observed go up and down the stairs had any contact or conversation with the guard. She further described the individual she observed as a male; race unknown, however, definitely not Negro; age approximately 23 years; 5'7"; build medium; hair black and curly, however, cut short and with no long sideburns. She advised that the individual's clothing was possibly a uniform, and the individual could have been someone from the kitchen.

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PORTER was shown photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and after viewing the photographs, stated that she could not state whether or not SIRHAN was the individual she observed going up and down the stairway prior to Senator KENNEDY's address. She advised, however, that the individual she observed did not have hair as curly or as long as the hair depicted in the photograph of SIRHAN.

PORTER advised she could recall no other information relative to the events that occurred at the Ambassador Hotel at the time she was present.

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GENE M. RAMOS, home address 2901 Vernon, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his place of business, the Gene Ramos Interior Decorators, 2901 West Vernon, Los Angeles, and furnished the following information:

RAMOS advised that on June 4, 1968, he and his wife, JACKIE, after going out to supper in West Hollywood, California, drove to the Ambassador Hotel in order to hear Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory speech. RAMOS advised that he and his wife arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 11:20 PM, and went directly to the lobby located outside of the Embassy Room. He advised that when they reached the lobby, they were told that no one could get into the Embassy Room unless they had an invitation and at this time he and his wife went to a bar across the lobby possibly called the Palm Room and watched Senator KENNEDY's victory speech on television.

RAMOS went on to say that as soon as Senator KENNEDY's speech was over, he and his wife left the bar, possibly the Palm Room, and walked out into the lobby near the Embassy Room hoping that they could see Senator KENNEDY when he departed the Embassy Room. He advised that when he and his wife reached the main hall near the Embassy Room a large crowd of people was leaving the Embassy Room and he heard someone shout "Senator KENNEDY has been shot." RAMOS advised that the next thing he heard was a woman's voice yelling that KENNEDY had not been shot and the hallway outside the Embassy Room was in a state of confusion. He advised that as soon as many of the people had cleared out of the hallway, he and his wife entered the Embassy Room and observed a female laying on a platform or table next to the stage and noticed that she was bleeding profusely from the head. He advised that there were three or four people standing around this woman and someone had put a handkerchief over her head and this was the only person that he observed who had been shot. RAMOS advised that after he had been in the Embassy Room for approximately three minutes two men entered with a stretcher and removed the lady who had been shot and two male individuals who were standing

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on the stage were yelling for everyone to get out of the room. RAMOS advised at this time, he and his wife left the Embassy Room and overheard numerous individuals say that KENNEDY had been shot and others said he had not and he actually did not know the details until he got home and started watching television. RAMOS advised that at no time did he ever hear anyone at the Ambassador Hotel say that they had shot Senator Kennedy and the only statement he recalls anyone saying was that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

RAMOS was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN taken June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department No. 495 139, and advised that this individual was unknown to him and to his knowledge he did not observe this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

RAMOS then furnished the following names of individuals who were known to him and who were observed at the Ambassador Hotel by him on June 4, 1968:

FRED D. PARROTT, M.D., address 1704 West Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone No. 750-0590;

SAM STRAIN, 4076 South Crenshaw, Los Angeles, California telephone 293-5327;

IRIS MILLER, 620 South Sloan, Compton, California;

(FNU) WILLIAMS, a brother to FRANK WILLIAMS, who is currently running for 63rd Assemblyman, Los Angeles, California;

LEON RAPH, Assemblyman, 55th District, 103rd Street, in Watts, Los Angeles, California.

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RAMOS further advised that someone told him that IRIS MILLER's husband, ROSS MILLER, was one of the individuals in the ambulance which took Senator KENNEDY to the Central Receiving Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

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MARTHA EWING RAMOS, home address 2901 West Vernon, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information:

RAMOS advised that she goes by the nickname of JACKIE and on the evening of June 4, 1968, ~~she~~ and her husband GENE RAMOS after having supper in West Los Angeles, drove to the Ambassador Hotel in an attempt to hear Senator KENNEDY's victory speech. Mrs. RAMOS advised that when her and her husband arrived at the Ambassador Hotel they went to the main lobby outside of the Embassy Room and were told that they could not gain entrance without an official invitation. She advised that at this time her and her husband went to a small bar near the lobby outside the Embassy Room, believed to be called the Palm Room and had two or three drinks and watched the Senator's victory speech on television.

She went on to say that when Senator KENNEDY's victory speech ended she and her husband went out to the main lobby next to the Embassy Room in an effort to view the Senator when he left the Embassy Room and as several people from the crowd were exiting the Embassy Room, she and her husband heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and then a lady said that he had not been shot that someone else had. She advised that after the crowd had thinned out of the lobby outside of the Embassy Room, her and her husband entered the Embassy Room and observed a white female lying on a table near the stage and it appeared that she had been shot and seemed to be bleeding around the face. Mrs. RAMOS advised that three or four people were standing around this woman and then two men who were carrying a stretcher picked the woman up and exited the Embassy Room and this was the only person she observed who appeared to be injured in any way. Mrs. RAMOS further advised that while she was in the lobby adjoining the Embassy Room and also while in the Embassy Room she can recall hearing numerous individuals say that the Senator had been shot and that other people had been shot, but that she and her husband did not definitely know the seriousness of this event until they reached their residence and heard the news on television.

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She went on to say that as soon as the two men with the stretcher picked up the injured lady in the Embassy Room, there were two male individuals standing on the stage yelling for everyone to clear the room and at this time ~~she~~ and her husband left the Ambassador Hotel through the main lobby and returned home to their residence. Mrs. RAMOS advised that at no time did she ever hear anyone say that they had shot Senator KENNEDY and all she heard said to this effect was that the Senator had been shot. She advised that several people in the lobby and outside the Ambassador Hotel were crying when she and her husband left. Mrs. RAMOS stated that she and her husband saw a few people at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, who were known to them and felt certain her husband could furnish the names of these individuals.

Mrs. RAMOS was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN taken June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department No. 495 139 and advised that this individual was unknown to her and stated that she did not see this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

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JUDY MARIE ROYER, Private Secretary to former California Governor EDMUND "PAT" BROWN, was interviewed at her place of employment, Ball, Hunt, Hart and Brown, Attorneys at Law, Suite 300, 9418 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone 279-1960. JUDY ROYER stated that she resides at 8851 Saturn Street, West Los Angeles, California, telephone 278-0287

JUDY ROYER stated in addition to being the private secretary for former California Governor EDMUND "PAT" BROWN she also was on the paid staff of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on a part time basis working with his press department.

JUDY ROYER stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968 she was working in Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff area next to the stage of the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. JUDY ROYER stated when Senator KENNEDY made his speech on the evening of June 4, 1968 she was standing in a hallway behind the stage next to a doorway listening to the speech. JUDY ROYER stated that when Senator KENNEDY left the stage of the Embassy Room she knew he was going to the Colonial Room to speak with the working press and she had previously been to the Colonial Room and told the members of the working press that Senator KENNEDY would be there shortly to speak to them.

JUDY ROYER stated that when Senator KENNEDY entered the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room, after his speech, she walked in front of him in the direction of the Colonial Room. JUDY ROYER stated that she walked in front of Senator KENNEDY to avoid the numerous members of the news media and other supporters who normally follow him. JUDY ROYER stated that as Senator KENNEDY walked through the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room towards the Colonial Room he was shaking hands with various people and walking slowly. JUDY ROYER stated that while she was walking in the direction of the Colonial Room with her back to Senator KENNEDY she heard some noises that sounded like firecrackers. JUDY ROYER stated that after she heard the noises that sounded like firecrackers, she turned around and people began shoving and shortly thereafter she ended up standing

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within a few feet of Senator KENNEDY, who was lying on the floor bleeding. JUDY ROYER stated that when she first heard the noises that sounded like firecrackers, she was near the end of the third warming counter near the east end of the passage way and after she was shoved she ended up near one of the ice machines, very close to where Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor. JUDY ROYER stated that at that time Senator KENNEDY was approximately five feet from her.

JUDY ROYER stated that she then noticed ROOSEVELT GRIER, RAFAEL JOHNSON and some newsmen at her right struggling with someone. JUDY ROYER stated that at that time she could not see the individual they were struggling with. JUDY ROYER stated that when she first noticed the individuals struggling they were near the end of the warming counters at the eastern end of the passage way. JUDY ROYER stated that she was then escorted behind the easterly most warming counter in an effort to get out of the way and when she was behind the warming counter she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding on to a man.

JUDY ROYER was shown Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department booking number 495-139, and she positively identified the individual in the photograph as the man she had seen ROOSEVELT GRIER holding on to the night of June 4, 1968 in the passage way behind the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

JUDY ROYER stated that the last thing she remembers was that California Assembly Speaker JESSE UNRUH was on top of one of the warming counters yelling repeatedly "Don't kill him, don't kill him". JUDY ROYER stated that the officers of the Los Angeles Police Department came and took the man ROOSEVELT GRIER was holding into custody and they left the area. JUDY ROYER stated that she then returned to the staff area and in the meantime Senator KENNEDY had been moved so that he could receive medical treatment.

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JUDY ROYER stated that when she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding SIRHAN SIRHAN she recognized him as a man she had previously seen in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room and told him to leave that area. JUDY ROYER stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968 she had been walking in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room from the anti-room area to the Colonial Room trying to keep the passage way clear. JUDY ROYER stated that the reason she was trying to keep the passage way clear was because a Los Angeles Fire Marshal had told them they had too many people in the staff area. JUDY ROYER stated that she cannot remember the exact time she saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room but she believes it was approximately one or two hours before Senator KENNEDY made his speech. JUDY ROYER stated that when she saw SIRHAN SIRHAN he was in the passage way immediately east of the anti-room behind the stage of the Embassy Room. JUDY ROYER stated that she noticed SIRHAN SIRHAN standing near a doorway in the passage way. She did not recognize him as a member of the staff or a member of the press and she told him to leave. JUDY ROYER stated that she is familiar with most of the members of the press due to her long relationship with former California Governor EDMUND "PAT" BROWN and she also knew most of the members of Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff. JUDY ROYER stated that she told SIRHAN SIRHAN to leave the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room and she watched him walk into the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. JUDY ROYER stated she did not notice anything unusual about his behavior and she stated she did not notice if he had anything in his hands or if he carried anything. JUDY ROYER further stated that she did not see anyone with him and he appeared to be alone. JUDY ROYER stated that she told him she was sorry but that he could not remain in that area because it was reserved for members of Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff and members of the press only. JUDY ROYER stated that after she told SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN this and asked him if he would mind leaving he turned and entered the Embassy Room. JUDY ROYER stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN was wearing a light blue jacket or sweatshirt type jacket and light blue trousers.

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JUDY ROYER stated that she is positive SIRHAN SIRHAN is the same man she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding in the passage way and that in addition SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is the same individual she had seen approximately one or two hours before Senator KENNEDY made his speech, standing in the passage way behind the Embassy Room.

JUDY ROYER stated that the reason she is so positive is because her first thought when she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding SIRHAN SIRHAN was that she had seen this man in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room previously and had asked him to leave.

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Mrs. OLGA SEKULIC, 3462 Broadway, Huntington Park, California, furnished the following information:

She advised she is an American citizen but has spent a number of years living in Toronto, Canada. She campaigned for JOHN F. KENNEDY in Boston, Massachusetts when JOHN F. KENNEDY ran for the presidency in 1960.

On the evening of June 4, 1968 she went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California to see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY give his speech at the hotel. She arrived at the hotel at about 11:30 p.m. and she immediately went to the Embassy Room where the senator was scheduled to deliver his speech. While giving his speech she noticed an Arabic looking man, walking through the crowd assembled in the Embassy Room. She described this individual as a man in his late 20's, 5'8", dark curly hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, medium build and wearing a white shirt, black pants and coat. This man did not have any campaign buttons on or literature on his person.

When asked how she knew this individual was of Arabic nationality, she replied that she could tell a person's nationality by his hair and facial features. She volunteered that she speaks French, English, Hebrew, Russian, Serbo - Croatian fluently and therefore knows an individual's nationality when she first meets the individual. She did not observe this man talking to anyone else in the crowd and commented that he did not seem to fit with the crowd in the Embassy Room because of his dress. After Senator KENNEDY finished his speech he left the podium. She stated that she observed this man follow the crowd towards the door through which Senator KENNEDY made his exit.

Approximately ten minutes after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY this same man bumped into her as they were both leaving the Embassy Room and he made the remark, "Let me go, I've got to go". She did not see where this man went after he bumped into her. She stated she would be able to recognize this individual if she were to see him again. She did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN

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Mrs. OLGA SEKULIC was shown a number of photographs taken by various news media at the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she was unable to see herself in any of these photographs nor was she able to see the Arabic-looking man whom she described in a previous interview with the FBI.

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MARIA URSANO, who resides at 5020 Hazeltine Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, telephone 788-9406, was interviewed at her place of employment, International Host Restaurant, Satalite Number Four, Los Angeles International Airport.

Mrs. URSANO advised she was present at the Ambassador Hotel during the night on which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mrs. URSANO advised that she lives by herself with her 12 year old son and did not wish to become involved in the matter as she feared for her welfare should her identity be made known.

Mrs. URSANO related that she had worked as a campaign volunteer for ROBERT F. KENNEDY and as such had arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 6:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968 in anticipation of a victory celebration. She stated she mingled with the guests for two or three hours and observed at approximately 9:45 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. that it was extremely hot. She stated for this reason she left the main hall and entered a small room adjacent to the stage. At the rear of this room there was a small patio or balcony outside of the room in the open air. Mrs. URSANO stated, while on the balcony, she observed an individual standing by himself who she later saw being carried out by the police department and identified through newspaper photographs as SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mrs. URSANO stated she commented to SIRHAN at the time how hot it was but he did not answer her comment. She stated he was just standing on the balcony and from his facial expression she assumed he was a MC CARTHY supporter as immediately prior to that time MC CARTHY had been interviewed on national television and the tone of his statements seemed to indicate he was acknowledging defeat. Mrs. URSANO stated after a minute or two she returned to the hall.

Mrs. USANO stated immediately prior to Senator KENNEDY's victory speech she observed an individual described as "hippie" in appearance with long blond hair, blue jeans and very dirty, standing on the left side of the stage. She stated that the man seemed out of place by his appearance. She stated another individual who appeared to be a KENNEDY supporter commented to

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her prior to the speech that she had better leave as the balloons over the stage contained some sort of explosive and shortly thereafter the balloons would explode, killing everyone in the area. Mrs. URSANO took this comment in jest and thought no more of it. She stated she also observed a nice looking girl in a white dress with blue or black polka dots in the company of a Latin appearing individual, who is not identical with SIRHAN. She did not observe them in any kind of conversation with SIRHAN. Mrs. URSANO stated she thought it was worthwhile to comment on the individuals, not because she had any indication that they may be involved in the assassination, but only because their appearance and movements seemed suspicious to her.

Mrs. URSANO stated shortly after the speech she heard what sounded like balloons exploding, followed by screaming, indicating that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and was bleeding. She stated she did not see the Senator after his speech and was not even aware of the way he exited from the hall until later on.

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JOEL WEINGARTEN, 4915 Greenbush Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, 1407 South Maple Avenue. He advised he was present at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, during the evening and early morning hours of June 4 - 5, 1968.

Mr. WEINGARTEN stated he had previously registered as a supporter at the ROBERT F. KENNEDY Presidential Campaign Headquarters. He did not lend any active support towards his campaign but he felt strongly enough about the political philosophy of ROBERT F. KENNEDY to register at the headquarters.

Mr. WEINGARTEN stated he was watching television at his residence during the early evening of June 4, 1968 and decided to go to the Ambassador Hotel and join in the festivities. He stated he went to the hotel in the company of NATHAN HELFMAN and NATHAN's girl friend MAXINE OTCHIS. They arrived at the hotel at about 9:30 or 9:45 p.m. He stated he was in the company of NATHAN and MAXINE during the whole time he was at the hotel.

WEINGARTEN stated he milled around the hotel and visited the campaign rooms of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MAX RAFFERTY and ALAN CRANSTON. He stated sometime around midnight Senator KENNEDY was giving his victory speech. WEINGARTEN recalled that he was standing in a room adjacent to the room where Senator KENNEDY was speaking. He was standing next to a television set and tried to get in a position to see Senator KENNEDY. He stated he was able to see him partially, but was unable to hear any of the speech.

WEINGARTEN stated that he had heard that the room that he was standing in was going to be the room that Senator KENNEDY was going to visit after giving his victory speech. He stated that he waited for KENNEDY to come into the room and all of a sudden he heard a commotion in another part of the hotel and began to watch the television set. He stated all of a sudden he heard people yelling, "Is there a doctor in the house". WEINGARTEN stated that he cannot exactly describe what took place during this

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commotion as people were moving quickly and yelling and screaming. He said that he thought there might be a fire inside the hotel and that was the reason for the commotion. WEINGARTEN stated that a short time later he had heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He said that a short time after he had heard this, he was standing near a hotel exit to a side parking lot where he saw police officers taking out a person. WEINGARTEN stated he later learned that this individual was SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN before and had never heard his name. He stated that he did not see any female wearing a polka dot dress during the time he was at the Ambassador Hotel.

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BACKGROUND CONCERNING SIRHAN FAMILY

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SUSAN DIANE BAKER, 218 Hamlet Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that she resided for one month at 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California and moved from this location on June 8, 1968. She stated that the reason she moved was because SIRHAN SIRHAN, who resided at 696 East Howard Street, here next door neighbor, was accused of assassinating Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and she wanted to get away from this matter. However, she stated that she never knew SIRHAN SIRHAN except to occasionally see him arriving or departing his home. She never spoke to him nor any other member of his family. She stated that this was because she felt that they had absolutely nothing in common and she was not interested in becoming acquainted with them. SIRHAN SIRHAN impressed her as being a person of foreign extraction and ~~very~~ quiet and reserved. She could furnish no other information concerning this matter.

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DANIEL GARBIS BEDELIAN, also known as Khatcher Daniel Bedelian, 1523 North El Molino, was interviewed at his home.

P11 [] BEDELIAN advised that he was born on [] at Beirut, Lebanon. He stated that he is a naturalized United States citizen and received his naturalization on September 24, 1964, at Los Angeles, California.

BEDELIAN stated that he owned and operated the Bedelian Brothers American - European Market at 1525 North El Molino, Pasadena, which address is at the intersection of El Molino and Howard Streets in Pasadena, California. BEDELIAN advised that the SIRHAN family lives approximately one-half block from his store.

BEDELIAN stated that he does not know any member of the SIRHAN family and that to his knowledge has only seen a person whom he believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN on one occasion.

He stated that in approximately September, 1967, his brother, JOHN BEDELIAN, who is Director of Nurses at the Community Convalescent Center, Tujunga, California, came to the store. He stated that his brother parked his automobile at the curb by the side of the store. He stated that after his brother was in the store for a few minutes that he returned to his car and discovered that a tape recorder had been stolen.

He stated that in a discussion with his brother he learned the brother had observed an individual who was later determined to be one of the SIRHAN brothers standing across the street from the parked automobile. He stated that this was the only individual that he had observed in the area. He stated that when his brother went back out to the automobile, that he again noticed this individual standing across the street. He stated that the individual then walked down the street, and he and his brother followed this individual to the SIRHAN residence.

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He advised that he questioned this individual as to the theft of the tape recorder, and the individual denied taking it. BEDELIAN stated that after he had questioned this individual, that two of the SIRHAN brothers, whose names he does not know, came to the store and indicated a displeasure with the BEDELIAN brothers having accused one of their brothers in stealing the tape recorder. He stated that since no one had actually observed the tape recorder being stolen that he pursued the matter no further.

BEDELIAN stated that after seeing photographs of the alleged assassin of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in the newspaper and on television, he is of the opinion that the individual whom he and his brother suspected of stealing the tape recorder was SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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PATRICIA JAIMIE CHANTREY, 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that she has resided at this location for approximately the past six months. She stated that she is now aware that her next door neighbor was SIRHAN SIRHAN. However, she stated that she never spoke to SIRHAN SIRHAN or to any other member of his family. She stated that she did not know one brother from the other. She stated that she believes the reason she did not become acquainted with them was because they were of a different nationality than she and they appeared to have nothing in common. She noted that she could recall passing SIRHAN SIRHAN on the sidewalk and neither one of them spoke. In fact she stated the only people whatsoever SIRHAN SIRHAN talked to were small kids. He impressed her as being very quiet and shy. She knew none of his activities or associates. She stated that she was unable to comment on his character except to state he was quiet and never caused trouble to her knowledge in the neighborhood.

She advised she could furnish absolutely no other information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN or members of his family.

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MARINUS H. GORIS, 675 East Howard, advised that he lives across the street and two doors away from the SIRHAN family who reside at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California.

Mr. GORIS stated that he has resided at this address since May, 1960. He stated that he does not recall just how long the SIRHAN family has lived in the neighborhood.

He stated that he worked with Mrs. MARY SIRHAN at the Westminster Presbyterian Church for a period of two weeks approximately four years ago. GORIS stated that he was hired by the church to do some painting and that Mrs. SIRHAN worked at the church in the nursery school. GORIS stated that he does not know any of the other members of the SIRHAN family; however, he is aware that there were some boys in the family. He stated that the boys always appeared well-behaved, quiet, and self-respecting. He stated that he does not know any of their names.

GORIS stated that he did not recognize SIRHAN SIRHAN when he saw the alleged assassin of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY on the television following his apprehension.

He stated that he has never talked to SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of the family other than MARY SIRHAN. He stated that he does not know what their political feelings are nor does he know how they feel toward the Israeli - Arab conflict.

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PAUL WILSON LEWIS, 708 East Howard Street, advised that he has lived at this location for approximately one month and he has never had any contact with his next door neighbor, SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that his only contact was with his mother, MARY SIRHAN. She seemed like a nice person but actually he could not comment on her character. He said that the whole family impressed him as being quiet people who kept to themselves. He could furnish no other pertinent information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN or his family.

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Mr. STEPHEN VAN ZANDT THOMPSON, 218 Hamlet Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that up until Sunday, June 9, 1968, he and SUSAN BAKER resided at 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. He advised that they had resided at this Howard Street address for one month. He advised that he is now aware that SIRHAN SIRHAN was his next door neighbor inasmuch as he did reside at 696 East Howard Street. However, he stated that he never spoke to SIRHAN SIRHAN or any other member of his family. They seemed to stay in the house most of the time and he never observed any visitors. He advised that he knew absolutely nothing concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN's character or activities.

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Mrs. RUTH L. SCOTT, 812 East Howard, advised that she is a neighbor of the SIRHAN family. She stated that she does not know the SIRHAN family very well but that on occasion she has spoken to Mrs. SIRHAN when Mrs. SIRHAN would pass her home.

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Mr. DAVID ROON, 680 East Howard Street, advised that he has resided at this address with his wife, ANNETTE, for the past three and one-half years. He stated that he is aware of the fact that SIRHAN SIRHAN resides one door away at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, with his mother MARY and several brothers.

However, he stated he is acquainted with them on the most casual basis. He stated that the family lived at this location when he and his wife moved in. He stated that he did not know one brother from another except that he could say that he would recognize SIRHAN. He stated he only had occasion to speak to them on three or four occasions during the past three years and he found them to be very quiet, reserved people. He pointed out that he believed that this family owned a chartreuse Volkswagen and a pink and white De Soto. Mr. ROON advised that the only thing he could point out concerning this family is the following:

A girl that he and his wife know by the name of BEVERLY COREY (true last name MONROE) who dances under the name of GANNY (phonetic) is a belly dancer who for the past two years has danced at the Greek Village on Hollywood Boulevard, near Vine Street in Hollywood, California. He stated that on one occasion she danced at the Fez (phonetic) Club in Hollywood, California where SIRHAN SIRHAN's brother ADEL was a musician playing some type of Arabic instrument. He advised that he did not know if BEVERLY, who resides at Halifax Hotel, Room 318, Yucca and Cahuenga in Hollywood, knew SIRHAN SIRHAN, however, he noted on Wednesday, June 5, 1968 she came over to see if she could be of any assistance to SIRHAN's family and also used their telephone to make a telephone call. He noted that the clientele at the Greek Village is made up of mostly tourists and people of Greek extraction. He did not believe that she dated ADEL but that she just knew him because they worked in various clubs together.

He described BEVERLY as being a person against violence and war but who had no political or religious affiliation that

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he knew of. He recalled that a year ago in June, 1967 when the Jewish- Arab conflict broke out that she made a statement to the effect that she could not see why they could not get along but she did not take any sides. He advised that he had no reason to think she had any influence over ADEL or his brother SIRHAN. He advised that actually since his contact and knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN was so very limited he was unable to comment further concerning SIRHAN's, character, associates, reputation or activities.

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Miss ANN SYLVAN, 688 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that for the past 40 years she and Mrs. OLIVE YOUNGS BLAKESLEE have resided at this residence. She noted that approximately six or seven years ago SIRHAN SIRHAN moved into the house next door at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. She stated that also at this time his mother, MARY SIRHAN and brothers, ADEL and MUNIR (JOE) and a sister ANITA moved in. She stated that ANITA died approximately three years ago from leukemia. She never saw SIRHAN's father. She stated that prior to the time they moved in on Howard Street she believed that they lived on North Lake Street in Pasadena, California.

She stated that SIRHAN graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena, California and also attended Pasadena City College. She stated that SIRHAN in her opinion was the brains of the family inasmuch as he was a good student and a deep thinker. She stated his mother MARY was a very refined person who was always clean and very nice. She stated that for the past six or seven years his mother has been helping out at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on North Lake Street near Woodbury in Pasadena, California. She stated further that Reverend WARNIE T. TIPPITT, 1130 Daveric Drive, Pasadena, California, who is the minister of the First Church of the Nazarene, 2495 East Mountain Street, Pasadena, California, had told her that SIRHAN SIRHAN and his family lived with him for a while, approximately nine years ago. She noted that SIRHAN has worked for the past five or six months at the Natural Food Company on North Lake Street in Pasadena, California.

She advised that she thought very highly of SIRHAN, even though she is a woman well up in years and SIRHAN is only a young man, he would frequently stop by her house and play Chinese Checkers with her and Mrs. BLAKESLEE. However, she noted that he has only been over to her house once in the past two months. She stated that this was two weeks ago and he came by and played a game of Chinese Checkers and also returned a book she had lent him entitled "By These Things Men Live", which is authored by RUBY M. APPELL. She stated that this is

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a religious inspirational type book. She said, "SIRHAN impressed us as being very intelligent because he expressed himself very well and he always beat us in Chinese Checkers." However, she stated he never talked about politics, religion, philosophy or like subjects; nor did he ever talk to her about Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Jews, Arabs, Jordan or any other current events. She stated that he was very observant and when he came into her house he would notice any changes she had made in her interior decoration.

He was very helpful to her in assisting her in making small repairs around the house. She stated that SIRHAN frequently went to the Pasadena City Library to read books but he never discussed what he had read. She stated that he ~~did~~ not drink alcoholic beverages and she only saw him smoke on one or two occasions. As far as she knew he did not date or have any girl friends and she did not know any of his friends. He was a polite young man of good habits

She stated that SIRHAN had a 1957 pink and white De Soto which he ~~did~~ quite a bit of mechanical work. When he came over on visits he would laugh a lot. He told them that he liked to play checkers with them because he ~~learned~~ a lot from older people. She stated that in her estimation he had an excellent reputation in the neighborhood. She never heard him discuss guns nor did she know he had one in his possession. He never talked about his father, who she understands lives in a village near Jerusalem.

Miss SYLVAN advised that she thought very highly of SIRHAN because he was so polite and helpful to her and seemed like such a very nice intelligent young man. She encouraged him to return to college. She advised that she had no reason to believe that SIRHAN would have committed any act of violence. She continued that his mother, MARY, has not been over to her house in over a year but that sometimes she would stop by the door and give us some bread that she had baked. She stated that MARY went to church every Sunday but she did not know about SIRHAN.

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She stated that all members of the SIRHAN family usually remained at home and were quiet and never caused any disturbance. She could not say anything bad about anyone of them.

She stated that two years ago SIRHAN hurt his head in an accident involving a horse. She stated that he complained to her about this injury and she knew he frequently went to doctors concerning it. She stated that she could not say whether this injury had any change on his personality inasmuch as she was not very well acquainted with him prior to this injury. His mother occasionally had friends over to the house and they sometimes talked in a language she did not understand. She stated that she did not know any of these visitors nor did she know any of SIRHAN's associates or friends.

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Mrs. ESTELLE SNOW, 728 East Howard, Pasadena, furnished the following information:

Mrs. SNOW has been acquainted with Mrs. MARY SIRHAN for approximately six years inasmuch as Mrs. SNOW's sister, HERMIONE POIRIER, 99 South Raymond, Pasadena, California, a real estate agent, had sold the residence at 696 East Howard to the SIRHAN family and Mrs. POIRIER had commented to Mrs. SNOW what a nice family the SIRHANS were; however, Mrs. SNOW never visited in the SIRHAN home and never got to know or carry on a conversation with any of the SIRHAN children. When she and Mrs. SIRHAN would meet on the street or in a store, they would chat about the weather and other light subjects and never discussed the SIRHAN children.

According to Mrs. SNOW, Mrs. SIRHAN had a daughter, name unknown, who had leukemia and died approximately three or four years ago. Mrs. SNOW learned about this daughter from a Mrs. STRAWS who formerly lived at 708 East Howard but Mr. and Mrs. STRAWS now reside in Malaysia with the Peace Corps and will not return until August 1968. She did not have an address for Mr. and Mrs. STRAWS; however, related that Mrs. STRAWS felt that Mrs. SIRHAN would not admit ever to herself that her daughter had leukemia.

Mrs. SNOW also believes that approximately three years ago one of the SIRHAN brothers, but which one she could not specifically recall, was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department near Pasadena City College for tampering with the brakes of a car owned by a girl, name unknown, who had resisted his advances. Mrs. SNOW believes that (FNU) HOLOPETER, a Pasadena attorney represented the SIRHAN brother who was implicated in this matter, however, she did not know the outcome of the investigation.

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Mrs. SNOW would see SIRHAN SIRHAN walking about the streets of Pasadena but always by himself. Mrs. SNOW does not know of any friends or acquaintances SIRHAN SIRHAN might have and she did not know where he was employed. She did not see him on June 4, 1968, nor could she provide any pertinent information regarding his activities that date. She never knew SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of his family to possess firearms.

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Mr. ROCCO ROPPO, 1647 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information in broken English and Italian, with the assistance of LOUIS ROPPO, age 14, grandson, as a partial interpreter:

Mr. and Mrs. ROPPO immediately recognized a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mrs. ROPPO grabbed picture out of Agent's hand, immediately covered it with spittle and broke into tears. Mr. ROPPO on seeing the picture of SIRHAN started speaking in Italian loudly and was calmed down by his grandson, LOUIS, who told him that "wasn't nice." Mrs. ROPPO pulled from under the table cloth a picture of ETHEL KENNEDY and the KENNEDY children which was on a magazine cover that had been torn off, and a large newspaper picture of ROBERT KENNEDY and hugged them to her bosom. Both were emotional and visibly touched.

Mr. ROPPO stated the SIRHAN family were living in the house when he purchased it, and continued to live there for another year. He stated this was about five or six years ago. SIRHAN SIRHAN was about sixteen to eighteen years old at the time. He did not know them well.

He stated that the mother's name was MARY SIRHAN. She had one son in San Francisco, who plays a guitar for a living, and one son lives in the court adjacent to his house, name unknown. One son was named MUNIR SIRHAN. He does not know how long the SIRHANS lived in the house before he purchased it. He never heard the SIRHANS speak of politics or of Jordan. He could furnish no other information.

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Mr. T.E. DORAN, Salesman, King Robey Company, Realtors, 1300 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He first met SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in approximately 1960, when he was trying to sell SIRHAN's mother, MARY SIRHAN, a house. To the best of his knowledge, the SIRHAN family was living in a house just north of Elizabeth Street on Lake Avenue in Pasadena, California, which is a few blocks north of the King Robey Company. He stated their home was located on the west side of Lake Avenue, about three or four houses north of Elizabeth Street. Mr. DORAN stated that King Robey Company is located one lot due west and one lot south of 1321 North Mentor Avenue. He stated the lot had been a parking lot owned by the City of Pasadena for several years.

In dealing with MARY SIRHAN, he learned that she had an account with Pomona Federal Savings in Pasadena. SIRHAN was about 15 years old at this time and although Mr. DORAN talked with SIRHAN several times, he never heard SIRHAN speak of politics or bitterness against this country. He (DORAN) stated that SIRHAN had a sister, AIDA SIRHAN, now deceased, who married a candy maker in Palm Springs, California. He believes that SIRHAN attended Longfellow Elementary School in Pasadena.

He stated that when he first tried to sell the SIRHANs a house that they stated to him in general terms that they did not want to be around Negroes. He considers SIRHAN at that time to have been emotionally stable and a normal boy. Mr. DORAN advised that MARY SIRHAN told him one time that the boys would work, but that they did not want to contribute to the upkeep of the family. He advised he could furnish no other information.

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Mr. KING ROBEY, King Robey Company, Realtors, 1300 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN personally. He stated that a bank purchased the old house at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, and tore the house down in 1960 or 1961. He stated the City of Pasadena purchased the lot and made a parking lot out of it. He could furnish no other information.

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Mrs. LORA LOWTHER, Number 3, 1659 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

She has resided at this address for eighteen years. She would not recognize the SIRHAN family if she saw them; however, her grandson did play with MUNIR SIRHAN several years ago. She could not furnish dates or ages. She stated that no one else had lived in the court long enough to recall the SIRHANS, except the people presently living in the 1647 North Lake Avenue address.

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Mrs. ISABEL CROSLEY, 1348 North Lake Avenue,
furnished the following information:

She did not know the SIRHAN family very well. She recalls vaguely that they lived on North Mentor Avenue, Lake Avenue, and that they moved to 696 Howard Street, Pasadena, California, about four years ago. She stated she could furnish no other information.

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Mrs. FRANCIS E. HAMILTON, Number 1, 1659 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

Her house faces the side of the house at 1647 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California. She has lived there seven years. She does not recall the SIRHANs living there at 1647 North Lake Avenue. She stated that a brother to SIRHAN resides in the garage apartment at the end of the court; however, she could not furnish his name.

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Mr. GEORGE KAISER, Number 4, 1659 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He has resided at the above address for three years. He does not recall the SIRHAN family living in the house in front of him; however, he stated there was a SIRHAN brother who resided at the end of the court in a garage apartment.

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Mr. HENRIE VARTANIAN, 1312 North Lake Avenue,
furnished the following information:

He is the owner of Henrie's Toys, a toy store at the above location. He has known SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN since about 1958 on a limited basis. He stated that he knows MUNIR SIRHAN better than SIRHAN SIRHAN, and that MUNIR had a nickname of "Sunshine." He knew SIRHAN SIRHAN very casually. He stated that the SIRHANs lived in the house on the lot immediately to the rear of his store on Mentor Avenue, when they first came from Jordan. He believes that SIRHAN lived there until the house was torn down in 1960 or 1961. He stated that SIRHAN was very polite and never caused any trouble to his knowledge. He never heard SIRHAN or MUNIR speak of politics. He could furnish no other information.

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