

BU 62-587

Los Angeles Report 12/4/68

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
CIVIL RIGHTS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.
Date: 12/4/68

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 56-156

Bureau File #: 62-587

Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: On 10/4/68, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, appeared before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge RICHARD SCHAUER. Superior Court Judge HERBERT V. WALKER appointed as presiding judge at forthcoming trial of SIRHAN SIRHAN and hearing continued to 10/14/68. SIRHAN SIRHAN appeared before Superior Court Judge WALKER on 10/14/68, and trial date set for 12/9/68, in Department 107 of Los Angeles Superior Court. During hearing, defense attorney PARSONS made several requests concerning the motion of discovery and all were granted by the court. SIRHAN SIRHAN again appeared before Judge WALKER on 10/22/68, for the purpose of the court to rule on evidence obtained at the SIRHAN SIRHAN residence in Pasadena, California, following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Judge WALKER denied the motion of the defense attorney for the suppression of the evidence obtained in the search. Further proceedings were scheduled for 12/9/68, in Department 107 of Los Angeles Superior Court, Additional members of ROBERT F. KENNEDY staff and news media and additional persons registered as guests at Ambassador Hotel at time of shooting interviewed. None recalled observing SIRHAN SIRHAN in Ambassador Hotel prior to shooting. MILLARD SHEETS, Claremont, California, who

File
mh

LA 56-156

owned a horse which was kept at Granja Vista Ranch near Norco, California, in 1966 when SIRHAN SIRHAN was employed there, interviewed. Advised SIRHAN SIRHAN was running horse in late September 1966, and either fell or was thrown. SHEETS was first to reach SIRHAN SIRHAN lying on ground and he appeared unconscious and suffering from facial cuts. SIRHAN SIRHAN recovered consciousness in about two minutes and SHEETS remained with him until ambulance came in 15 - 30 minutes. SHEETS returned to Granja Vista Ranch second day after accident and SIRHAN SIRHAN was back at his job. LARRY PETERS, Foreman at R. L. Wheeler Stables at Santa Anita Race Track, advised SIRHAN SIRHAN worked as exercise boy at race track from 11/16-30/67. PETERS recalled SIRHAN SIRHAN as having a superiority complex, and appeared "To be in a fog most of the time". PETERS advised that about 11/25, 26/67, SIRHAN SIRHAN was thrown from a horse and was shaken up. PETERS stated SIRHAN SIRHAN came to work the following day appearing to suffer no ill effects from the accident. ALVIN CLARK, refuse and rubble Collector for city of Pasadena, during period 1967 - 1968 became acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN whose home was on CLARK's route. CLARK advised that sometime after the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, SIRHAN SIRHAN told CLARK, a Negro, that he hated all the white people in this country and wished he could do something "real bad" that would hurt them all. At this particular time, SIRHAN SIRHAN commented on CLARK wearing a KENNEDY political button and having a KENNEDY sticker on his truck. CLARK told SIRHAN SIRHAN he was going to vote for Senator KENNEDY for President. SIRHAN SIRHAN alleged said "What are you voting for that son of a bitch for?" CLARK replied that he liked Senator KENNEDY and was the only man who sincerely intended to help the black people of this country. At this time, SIRHAN SIRHAN turned away

LA 56-156

and said "Well, I don't agree. I am planning on shooting the son of a bitch". CLARK did not take SIRHAN SIRHAN seriously, and took his remark only as a mark of strong disfavor. Investigation conducted concerning allegation that SIRHAN SIRHAN attended a United States Senate Subcommittee on Indian Education at San Francisco, California in early January 1968, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had appeared. No information developed that SIRHAN SIRHAN was actually in attendance at this hearing.

- P -

DETAILS:

- 1c -

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | <u>Page</u> |
|---|-------------|
| Prosecutive Action Concerning SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN | 2 |
| Additional Interviews of Individuals in Area of Shooting | 5 |
| A. Members of Staff of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY | 6 |
| B. Representatives of News Media | 34 |
| C. Other Individuals at Ambassador Hotel | 60 |
| Interviews of Individuals Registered as Guests at Ambassador Hotel During Period June 4-5, 1968 | 95 |
| Background Concerning SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN | 319 |
| A. Employment | 320 |
| B. Associates and Acquaintances | 325 |
| Investigation Concerning Alleged Statement Made by JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA Memorial Day, 1967, That He Had a Contract Out on Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY | 327 |
| Investigation Concerning Photograph Taken of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and Others Before KENNEDY's Assassination Which May Include SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN | 330 |
| Investigation Concerning Allegation that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN Attended Hearing of U.S. Senate Sub-Committee on Indian Education at San Francisco, California, In Early January 1968, Where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Had Appeared | 336 |

LA 56-156

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | <u>Page</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Miscellaneous | 345 |
| Physical Evidence | 366 |

1
LA 56-156
JOS/rem

PROSECUTIVE ACTION
CONCERNING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

1
LA 56-156
AOR/asi

On October 4, 1968, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in Los Angeles County Superior Court before Judge RICHARD B. SCHAUER. SIRHAN was represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, and the prosecution was represented by Chief Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County LYNN COMPTON and Deputy District Attorneys JOHN HOWARD and DAVID FITTS.

At this hearing, Judge SCHAUER formally appointed Judge HERBERT V. WALKER to be presiding judge at the trial of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, which will take place in Department 107 of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Judge SCHAUER advised that two motions are presently pending before the court. One, a motion to suppress evidence obtained during the investigation and the second, a motion for discovery. These motions will be considered by the court at the next appearance of SIRHAN, which has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on October 14, 1968.

The previously scheduled trial date of November 1, 1968, was still in effect as of October 4, 1968; however, PARSONS suggested that a later trial date be considered by the court. He gave as his reasons: (1) The U. S. Supreme Court, in previous decisions, has suggested that in some cases a sequestered jury might have been considered; (2) the month of December 1968, encompasses the Christmas Holidays with all of its activities and includes the New Year's Holidays. PARSONS further suggested that a jury could possibly be impaneled in December 1968, and suggested a trial date of early January 1969. Judge SCHAUER instructed that the foregoing suggestions on the part of PARSONS be made in the form of a motion which could be heard on October 14, 1968. It was agreed between the prosecution and defense that these matters could be taken up at the October 14, 1968, hearing.

On October 14, 1968, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in the Los Angeles County Superior Court before Superior

2
LA 56-156
AOR/asi

Court Judge HERBERT V. WALKER. At this hearing, Defense Attorney RUSSELL E. PARSONS, representing SIRHAN, made several requests concerning the motion of discovery and all of these items were granted by the court. Trial date in this matter was set by Judge HERBERT V. WALKER for December 9, 1968, in Department 107 of the Los Angeles Superior Court. As a sequestered jury is contemplated, selection of jurors will be made at the trial of December 9, 1968, but, in all probability, actual trial will not start until after the holiday season.

On October 22, 1968, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in Department 107 of the Los Angeles Superior Court before Judge WALKER. The purpose of this appearance was for the court to rule on evidence obtained at the SIRHAN residence in Pasadena, California, following the assassination of the Late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Los Angeles Police Department Officers and members of SIRHAN's family testified at this hearing and, on completion of the hearing, Judge WALKER denied the motion of the defense attorney for the suppression of the evidence obtained in the search. Further proceedings in this case are scheduled for December 9, 1968, at 9:30 AM, in Department 107, Los Angeles Superior Court, located on the Eighth Floor of the Hall of Justice.

¹
LA 56-156
JOS/rem

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF
INDIVIDUALS IN AREA OF SHOOTING

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/10/68

Date _____

Miss TERESA CAROL ASH, 2331 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., Apartment 504, Washington, D.C. (WDC), was interviewed at her place of employment, Southern Political Education Action Committee, 128 C Street, N.E., Apartment 42, WDC.

Miss ASH related she had actively worked in California during the primary campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and she was in Los Angeles at the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she and three other girls assigned to the campaign had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel but that sometime prior to election day, June 4, 1968, they were transferred to the Chancellor Hotel, Los Angeles, to make room for newsmen at the Ambassador Hotel.

Miss ASH stated that during the day of June 4, 1968, she worked at the Kennedy Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters from early morning until approximately 7 p.m. She and other workers then went to the Ambassador Hotel to await a statement from Senator KENNEDY. She went to the ballroom (Embassy Room). The ballroom was hot and crowded and ASH went with some of her friends to the Palm Bar in the Ambassador Hotel to await a statement by Senator KENNEDY. They remained at the bar until approximately 11:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968, then went to the Chancellor Hotel where they ate dinner. They learned while eating dinner that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

Miss ASH stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968, she was with the following individuals at the Ambassador Hotel and Chancellor Hotel in Los Angeles:

WALTER SHERIDAN, who is employed by National Broadcasting Company, WDC.

THERESA WALSTON, who is employed by Lord and Taylor Department Store, WDC.

6

10/1/68

Washington, D.C.

WFO 173-135

On _____

at _____

File # _____

SA ROBERT W. DAWSON:js

10/7/68

by _____

Date dictated _____

WFO 173-135

KATIE MURPHY, school teacher at Boston and residing Tremont on the Common Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

RICHARD COLEMAN, an attorney at Los Angeles, California, and probably residing at Santa Monica, California.

Miss ASH stated that she spent most of the evening with WALSTON, MURPHY and COLEMAN and that SHERIDAN had spent a portion of his time in arranging for a band at the Ambassador Hotel.

Miss ASH observed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated that she had no recollection of seeing SIRHAN at any time in Los Angeles.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/24/681

H. RICHARD CHEW, 1419 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, telephonically furnished the following information:

He advised that on June 4, 1968, he was a member of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's staff and was accompanying Senator KENNEDY on his campaign tour at Los Angeles, California.

Mr. CHEW stated that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel and had occasion to enter the Embassy Ballroom twice during the day that Senator KENNEDY was shot and killed. He stated that he had no information concerning a possible conspiracy, nor did he know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. CHEW advised that he does not recall observing SIRHAN at any time while he, CHEW, was in the Embassy Ballroom. CHEW stated that he was not personally in the Ballroom at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot.

CHEW further advised that he had no additional information to furnish.

8

On 10/18/68 at AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA File # RICHMOND 62-2248
LOS ANGELES 56-156
by SA RICHARD D. BATISTE, Jr.: prj Date dictated 10/22/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

1

GARY WAYNE DOTTERMAN, 1311 South Baltimore, Tulsa, Oklahoma, furnished the following information.

DOTTERMAN left Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 25, 1968, for Los Angeles, California, driving his personal car, and arrived in Los Angeles on May 27, 1968.

He stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in a suite rented by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for two days and then officially checked into the hotel and was assigned a room.

DOTTERMAN traveled to Los Angeles as a volunteer advance man, working under JERRY BRUNO. BRUNO was on the KENNEDY staff. DOTTERMAN received no pay for this position.

On June 5, 1968, DOTTERMAN was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel on the platform from which the late Senator KENNEDY was speaking. DOTTERMAN was attempting to hold back the crowd from the platform. At the conclusion of the KENNEDY speech, DOTTERMAN followed KENNEDY to the curtains which separate the Embassy Room from the kitchen area of the hotel. At the curtains, DOTTERMAN stopped to assist in holding back the crowd. Approximately 30 seconds later, DOTTERMAN heard several loud "pops", people screaming and other loud noises.

He did not witness the shooting of KENNEDY. He did assist, along with several others, an ABC newsman who had been shot in the leg to a taxicab. DOTTERMAN checked out of the Ambassador Hotel on June 6, 1968, thereafter returning to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. The first and only time he saw SIRHAN was when the police were removing SIRHAN from the Ambassador Hotel after the shooting.

DOTTERMAN stated that he had no information concerning the existence of a possible conspiracy in the shooting and killing of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

S

On 10/4/68 at Tulsa, Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 65-1275
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA GEORGE B. HAFNER:ow Date dictated 10/4/68

²
OC 65-1275

The following descriptive data was obtained by observation and interview:

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Name | GARY WAYNE DOTTERMAN |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Birth | <input type="text"/> at Tulsa, Oklahoma PII |
| Height | 6' |
| Weight | 220 pounds |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Hazel |
| Employment | Newspaper Printing Corporation, "Tulsa World," Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| Current residence | 1311 South Baltimore, Tulsa, Oklahoma |

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

1

Mr. DONALD (DANIEL) JOSEPH DOWD, who resides at 69 Hale Street, West Springfield, Massachusetts, was interviewed at the New England Regional Commissions Office, Post Office Building, Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts, and furnished the following information:

Mr. DOWD stated he flew from Boston, Massachusetts, and arrived in Los Angeles, California, on May 11, 1968, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, he checked into the Ambassador Hotel, and the following day met with TONY AKERS, the former Ambassador to New Zealand, who was one of the men in charge of field operations in the Los Angeles area of Southern California during the campaign of Senator KENNEDY. He also met with STEVE SMITH, Senator KENNEDY's campaign manager and brother-in-law. From May 12, 1968, through June 4 and 5, 1968, DOWD worked with Mr. AKERS and Mr. SMITH in organizing the Senator's campaign. According to DOWD, everything ran smoothly. He stated he could recall one incident which occurred in the hotel parking lot, which indicated to him the atmosphere of hate for Senator KENNEDY and the KENNEDY campaign. He stated that each morning the campaign posters, which were on the cars being utilized by the campaign people, were found to be ripped off of the cars and each day they needed to be replaced. As stated above, Mr. DOWD advised there appeared to be an atmosphere of hate around the hotel parking lot; however, he could not give a specific description of it and could not identify any individual responsible for the tearing off of the posters. He stated that the incidents may not mean anything but it appeared rather strange to him that acts such as these should occur so close to the Senator and campaign headquarters.

On Sunday night, June 2, 1968, while in the Coconut Grove, Mr. DOWD noticed an individual in back of the stage whom no one recognized and who refused to move from the area when requested to do so by KAY HACKETT, who was one of POLLY FITZGERALD's girls on the

11

On 9/26/68 at Boston, Massachusetts File # BOSTON 56-74

by SA JAMES F. LINK/car Date dictated 10/1/68

Hostess Committee. According to Mr. DOWD, Mrs. HACKET asked this individual to move and when he would not leave the area, she asked GENE DELLEA, another of the campaign workers, for assistance. Mr. DELLEA, who was on the opposite side of the stage, crossed and came to Mr. DOWD and told him of the incident. DOWD stated that he advised Mr. DELLEA not to fool around with the individual but to call a policeman. Mr. DELLEA returned to the opposite side of the stage and found that this individual was gone. DOWD stated he saw the same individual again a few minutes later and that this time he was talking to two nuns.

On Tuesday evening, June 4, 1968, DOWD stated he saw this same man again roaming around the Embassy Room. He last saw this individual around 10:00 p.m., June 4, 1968. He did not notice if this individual had a pass or identification which would allow him to enter the Embassy Room. DOWD stated there was much confusion, much noise, and many people in the area and it was very difficult to attempt to keep any one person from the Embassy Room. DOWD advised he had no reason to suspect this individual other than the fact that he "looked like a hood." He stated he might have been another of the campaign workers although he did not see him prior to June 2, 1968. DOWD further stated he (DOWD) entered the Embassy Room on one occasion through a door in back of the television cameras. This door was accessible from the restaurant area and was apparently unguarded. He stated in view of the fact that he entered this door on two or three different occasions, it was possible this individual could have gained entrance to the Embassy Room the same way.

Mr. DOWD furnished the following physical description of the man:

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Nationality: | Possibly Greek, Italian, or South American extraction |
| Age: | 52-53 |
| Hair: | Dark, receding |
| Build: | Stocky |
| Weight: | 230-240 |
| Height: | 5'8" or 5'9" |

Clothes:

Wore a dark suit,
possibly black, on
both occasions when
seen by DOWD

Mr. DOWD stated that Mr. GENE DELLEA of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Mr. JOSEPH SCANLON, Assistant to Congressman ST. GERMAIN at Providence, Rhode Island, could possibly have more information concerning the individual described above.

Mr. DOWD was shown a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that at no time during the campaign did he ever see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN or hear his name mentioned.

Mr. DOWD stated at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he was in the Embassy Room standing immediately in front and below the television cameras, which were located to the right rear of the Embassy Room, adjacent to the restaurant. He stated the television cameras had been off for approximately five minutes and that many of the people in the Embassy Room had started to leave. He stated he became aware of much confusion toward the serving kitchen area and was advised very shortly that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He said he received this information from one of the television network employees. DOWD stated he could not get across the Embassy Room so he left the room by the door mentioned above, which was located behind the television cameras. He stated he ran through the restaurant and into the hotel lobby to call a doctor. He said the telephone operator in the hotel advised him that a doctor had already been summoned. He returned to the hotel lobby where he found POLLY FITZGERALD in the lobby and attempted to get her out of the crowd. He stated at the same time an individual, whom he later learned was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, was being escorted through the lobby by 10 or 12 policemen in uniform, heading down toward the street.

Mr. DOWD stated he went with Mrs. FITZGERALD first to her own suite and then to Senator KENNEDY's suite on the fifth floor of the hotel to check on the Senator's children. He stated the children were not there and that Mrs. FITZGERALD then asked him to take her to the hospital where they had taken Senator KENNEDY. Mr. DOWD stated they arrived at the hospital at approximately 2:15 a.m.

on June 5, 1968, and remained there the rest of the night. Mr. DOWD stated he got a later flight from Los Angeles to Boston and arrived back in Massachusetts on June 5, 1968.

The following background information and description of Mr. DOWD was obtained through interview and personal observation:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-----|
| Name: | DONALD (DANIEL) JOSEPH DOWD | |
| Address: | 69 Hale Street West Springfield, Massachusetts | |
| Date of birth: | <input type="text"/> | P11 |
| Place of birth: | Holyoke, Massachusetts | |
| Height: | 5'10" | |
| Weight: | 165 | |
| Hair: | Brown | |
| Eyes: | Brown | |
| Scars and marks: | None | |
| Social Security: | <input type="text"/> | P11 |
| Air Force Serial: | #111-081-68 | |
| Parents: | EDWARD J. and NORA M. DOWD Springfield, Massachusetts (separated) | |

DOWD stated he moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, and now resides in West Springfield, where he has lived since returning from the Air Force in 1946. He stated he served in the Air Force from 1942 until discharge in 1946. He attended Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts, and did not attend college. He stated he resides with his wife, PHOEBE M. DOWD, nee SERRENTINO, and one child, a daughter DEBORAH, age 15. He stated he was formerly employed in the family business in Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1947 until 1962. From 1962 through 1965 he worked as

BS 56-74

5

a consultant in the Department of Public Works, Northampton, Massachusetts. From 1965 until 1968 he was employed with the Post Office Department as Assistant to the Regional Director, Boston, Massachusetts. He stated he is currently employed as Liaison Man in Regional Operations for the New England Regional Commission. This is an organization to improve economic conditions in the New England area.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

JAMES CHARLES EVERS, also known as Charles Evers, Negro male, Field Director, Mississippi Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was contacted at the NAACP Office, 1072 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. EVERS was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry.

He advised in the Spring of 1968 he was appointed Co-chairman of the Robert F. Kennedy for President Committee in Mississippi. He also campaigned for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the State of California during part of May and the first week of June, 1968. While in Los Angeles, California, campaigning for the late Senator KENNEDY Mr. EVERS said he resided in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He said during the victory rally for the late Senator KENNEDY held in the Embassy Ballroom on the late evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the vicinity of the television cameras at the time Senator KENNEDY left the hall to go through the serving kitchen to another room near the Embassy Room. He said he heard a loud "pop" and saw the commotion of people going toward the serving kitchen; however, he was not in a position to observe the late Senator KENNEDY being shot or the assassin shooting him.

Mr. EVERS said he has observed photographs of the alleged assassin, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, in many magazines, newspapers and on television and to his knowledge he had never seen SIRHAN prior to seeing his picture in various media after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mr. EVERS said he cannot recall seeing SIRHAN in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, or

16

On 9/26/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-94

by SA THOMAS FITZ PATRICK &
SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD:TF/pdb Date dictated 9/26/68

JN 56-94

on any previous date. He does not know SIRHAN and does not know anyone who knows SIRHAN.

Mr. EVERS said no information has come to his attention concerning any possible conspiracy regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. EVERS said after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated he remained in Los Angeles until the body was removed to New York and then to Washington. He attended the funeral ceremonies in New York and Washington immediately after leaving Los Angeles.

Mr. EVERS noted that while in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles he was registered in a room by himself; however, he spent quite a bit of his time while at the hotel in the Senator Kennedy suite at the hotel.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/28/68

ROBERT FITZGERALD, 15 Spafford Road, Milton, Massachusetts, employed at Boston Safe Deposit Company, 100 Franklin Street, Boston, advised he is a cousin of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated he was in the "Kennedy team" in various states in the 1968 presidential campaign and had spent some time in Los Angeles, California.

He stated, however, he was in San Francisco, California, with Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968 and for about one week prior to that date.

FITZGERALD stated he had no first-hand knowledge concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and he was unable to identify the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN as anyone he had ever seen previously.

18

On 10/21/68 at Boston, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/cam Date dictated 10/23/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 1968

Mr. Robert Flug, 304 East 90th Street, New York, New York, telephone number 427-8091, stated that he was a member of Senator Robert Kennedy's campaign staff in Los Angeles, California and that on the evening of June 4 - 5, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During the latter part of Senator Kennedy's speech, Flug entered the Embassy room through the kitchen which was the area in which Senator Kennedy was later shot. Flug noticed nothing undue.

At the end of Senator Kennedy's speech and after Senator Kennedy had departed the Embassy room, Flug was in the Embassy room near a door that went toward the kitchen. While there a lady ran into the Embassy room. She was bleeding and it appeared as though the blood was coming from her head. Flug and another male, who he does not know, tried to shield this lady, who was then on a table in the Embassy room, from the crowd which was in panic.

People were trying to get a doctor for the lady. Flug stayed with her for a period of time. He then went to the podium and tried to control the crowd. He stayed on the podium until the police arrived.

Flug did not see or hear the shooting. He did not see Senator Kennedy after he left the Embassy room. At one moment he saw police carrying a male from the immediate area of the Embassy room. He learned later that this was probably Sirhan Sirhan. Flug did not see Sirhan Sirhan other than at that time.

19

On 11/18/68 at New York, New York (telephonically) File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc

Date dictated 11/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/23/68

1

NORMAN JACQUES, Rhode Island State Senator, advised that he is presently residing at the junction of Great Road and Wilbur Road in Lincoln, Rhode Island. He stated that he unsuccessfully ran for a congressional seat during the past primary election in the State of Rhode Island. He stated that on June 4 and 5, 1968, he was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Mr. JACQUES stated that he was not altogether sure on the exact date of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY but knew that it was on a Tuesday night. He stated that he was in the Embassy Ballroom with all of the other workers of the KENNEDY contingent awaiting the arrival of ROBERT KENNEDY who was scheduled to give a short address on his successful results of the California primary election. He stated that he was close to the stage located in the Embassy Ballroom and was located on the righthand side of the stage platform which is the opposite way from which Senator KENNEDY departed and was subsequently shot.

JACQUES observed the diagram which appeared in the "Los Angeles Times" on June 6, 1968, and pointed to the stage area of the diagram and indicated that he was located on the lefthand side of the stage from the audience, which would be the righthand side of the speaker's podium. He stated that he was located at this position and that he observed Senator KENNEDY after he addressed his campaign workers in the Embassy Ballroom, start off the stage to the Senator's right and then apparently the Senator decided against going off into the crowd and shaking hands and turned and departed leaving the stage from his lefthand side and then on into the area that contained the kitchen and where he was then shot.

Mr. JACQUES stated that he did not observe anything of an unusual nature with regards to the individuals seated in and around the Embassy Ballroom. He stated that the persons in the room were quite jubilant and that people were singing and cheering on Senator KENNEDY prior to his arrival on the stage and as he departed. He stated that

On 10/16/68 at Warwick, Rhode Island File # Boston 56-73

- 20 -

by SA MARTIN P. CONLEY/alb Date dictated 10/16/68

2.

BS 56-73

he did not observe any individual ~~which~~ he could consider suspicious in the Embassy Ballroom. He noted that the security forces in the hotel were quite lax inasmuch as almost anyone could gain entry into the Embassy Ballroom.

Mr. JACQUES stated that just prior to Senator KENNEDY's entrance onto the stage he looked behind the curtain which was located immediately to the rear of the stage and observed two individuals there. One he described as a Negro in his twenties who was dressed in an institutional type of jacket with a white male dressed in a similar type of attire. He stated that he surmised that both of these individuals were part of the hotel staff and were working there in some type of capacity.

Mr. JACQUES stated that he did meet someone from Rhode Island who had a camera and was walking around the area taking photographs of the various members of the KENNEDY contingent and he stated that this individual followed Senator KENNEDY as he departed from the stage onto the area where he was later shot. He stated that he could not recall the individual's name but stated that he was some type of reporter connected with the radio station WEAN.

Mr. JACQUES stated that he could not recall specifically who he was with in the hall at the time but noted that he was associating himself with the Young Professionals for KENNEDY, which made up a large portion of the group at the victory party at the Embassy Ballroom at that time. He stated that he was with a schoolteacher from California and he spent all of his time with her but could not recall her name.

The following is a description of Mr. JACQUES secured from observation and interview:

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Name: | NORMAN JACQUES |
| Sex: | Male |
| Race: | White |
| Date of Birth: | <input type="text"/> |

P11

2.

BS 56-73

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Place of Birth: | Pawtucket, Rhode Island |
| Height: | 5 feet 7 inches |
| Weight: | 138 pounds |
| Hair: | Black |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Residence: | Great Road and Wilbur Road Lincoln, Rhode Island |
| Occupation: | State Senator |

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/68

1

Miss ADRIENNE R. LEIB, Assistant Press Secretary to the Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, advised that she was a member of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Staff and was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, the night of June 4-5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was killed.

Miss LEIB volunteered the following information regarding an incident which occurred the night before the assassination and which she brought to the attention of other staff members and the manager of the Ambassador Hotel after the assassination. She admitted having a "wild imagination" and said she did not know if the incident had any connection with the assassination.

She reported that at approximately 1:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968, after she and her roommate, Miss TAMSEN BREDVOLD, had gone to sleep, the telephone rang. Her roommate answered the phone. The caller was a man, whose name Miss LEIB does not recall. He identified himself as a newsman and said he had just arrived at the hotel. He said he needed a shave before the KENNEDY party arrived and wanted to know if he could borrow a razor. Miss BREDVOLD told the caller that they did not have a razor. The man seemed persistent and said he could come up to their room for the razor. He was again told that they did not have a razor and was asked by Miss BREDVOLD why he did not call a man to borrow a razor. The caller said someone downstairs had suggested he call their room. The conversation with this man then ended.

The next morning, June 4, 1968, there was a discussion downstairs in the hotel between the hotel manager and members of the KENNEDY staff concerning this man, who had represented himself to the hotel as a member of the KENNEDY staff and who had made numerous long distance telephone calls during the night and charged them to the KENNEDY party. The manager was informed by members of the KENNEDY staff that this man was not one of them. The hotel manager then began to check on this man

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

- 23 -

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

and learned that he had already "skipped out" without paying for his hotel room or the telephone calls.

Following the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, Miss LEIB recalled the above incident and wondered if it had any connection with the assassination. In considering this possibility, she observed that the room she and Miss BREDVOLD shared at the Ambassador Hotel was one of four which opened onto a lower roof of the hotel. The room was believed to be on about the fourth floor. She said it was possible for a person to walk out onto the roof and look down on the entrance of the hotel.

Miss LEIB said she was curious as to why the above mentioned man called their room, and if he had called any of the other rooms which had access to the roof. This was mentioned to the management, who then contacted the occupants of these other rooms and learned that none of them were in their rooms at 1:00 a.m. on the morning of June 4, 1968. Because of this, Miss LEIB surmised that the man called their room because it was the only one whose occupants were available and through which he would have access to the roof overlooking the entrance.

Miss LEIB said another reason why the above incident appeared strange to her was the fact that the caller said he wanted to shave before the KENNEDY party arrived; when, in fact, Senator KENNEDY and his party arrived earlier in the evening at the hotel, and were in their rooms by 11:00 p.m. that evening. This man also told her roommate when he called that he was a newsman, but he told the hotel management that he was with the KENNEDY staff. Miss LEIB felt that there was something mysterious about this man because no one seemed to know anything about him.

In connection with the assassination itself, Miss LEIB said she was in the Embassy Room standing near the television cameras when the shooting occurred, but

CV 175-16

3

she did not witness the shooting, nor did she hear the shots. She learned of the shooting moments later during the confusion when everyone was asked to leave the room. At this point, she left the Embassy Room and returned to her room in the hotel.

Miss LEIB said she did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and did not recognize his photograph as anyone she had seen around the hotel.

Miss LEIB again referred to her "wild imagination", and said she had no information whatsoever that the man referred to above was actually involved in the assassination. She said she was relating this incident for whatever value it might be to the investigative authorities.

Miss LEIB stated that her roommate, Miss TAMSEN BREDVOLD, was not a member of the KENNEDY staff, but was visiting in Los Angeles at the time and they roomed together at the Ambassador Hotel. At the present time, she and Miss BREDVOLD share an apartment at the Chesterfield Apartments, 1801 East 12th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. She thought perhaps Miss BREDVOLD would recall the name of this man that made the above mentioned call.

Miss LEIB was also unable to recall the name of the hotel manager, but said he had a Swedish name and was tall with light colored hair.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/12/68

Mr. BART HACHIGAN, Credit Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, said that based on personal knowledge and check of logical records he could not identify any person who had made claims of being with the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Party on June the Fourth 1968, who had left the hotel without paying his bill or having made a number of long distance phone calls which he charged to the Kennedy Party. His check included all the "skips" who left the hotel around June 4, 1968. He would be the hotel employee who would have the responsibility of recording and attempting the collections of all hotel "skip" cases.

It was suggested that FRANS STALPER, Resident Manager, be contacted as he handled all reservations made for the Kennedy Party, June 4, 1968.

On 11/7/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 25a -

by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/dp Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/12/68

Mr. FRANS STALPERS, Resident Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised he had handled the reservations of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Party at the hotel June 4, 1968. He had no knowledge of any person making a number of long distance phone calls, charging them to the Kennedy party and then leaving the hotel without paying his bill. He felt if such occurred, it would have come to his attention.

LUCY SALINGER and DE DE SMITH had made the arrangements for the Kennedy party at the hotel on June 4, 1968, and they nor any other member of the Kennedy party had made any such complaints to him or to anyone else in the hotel to his knowledge.

On 11/6/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
- 25b -
by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/dp Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 1968

JOHN R. LEWIS, 361 Chelsea Circle, N.E., former residence 3670 Gordon Road, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment with Southern Regional Council, 5 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and he furnished the following information.

LEWIS advised that he was formerly associated with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Atlanta and was presently the director for the Committee Organization Project of the Southern Regional Council. LEWIS stated that at some unrecalled time during ROBERT KENNEDY'S Presidential Campaign he was asked by EARL GRAVES of BOBBY KENNEDY'S New York State Campaign staff to assist KENNEDY in his campaign.

LEWIS advised that he accompanied ROBERT KENNEDY to the Oregon Primaries and on May 29, 1968, traveled to Los Angeles as a member of KENNEDY'S staff where he performed speaking engagements on behalf of KENNEDY in various communities in the Los Angeles area.

LEWIS stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was one of many KENNEDY supporters who was taking part in the activities at the victory celebration in the ballroom at the Ambassador Hotel.

He stated that while in the ballroom he received a call from a Mrs. JOAN BRADEN of the KENNEDY staff requesting that he join KENNEDY and his family and friends in the KENNEDY suite. LEWIS advised that he was also registered at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that after receiving the request from Mrs. BRADEN he went to the KENNEDY suite where he conferred with the KENNEDY family and friends and spoke to Senator KENNEDY prior to KENNEDY'S departure to the ballroom to make his victory speech. He

26

On 11/12/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2412
by SA JAMES J. ROSE
SA RICHARD E. FUGATT JJR:nel
Date dictated 11/18/68

AT 44-2412

JJR/nsl

2

stated that Senator KENNEDY prior to leaving the suite requested that he remain in the suite with KENNEDY'S family and advisors until after the victory speech.

LEWIS stated that he remained in the suite after Senator KENNEDY left and observed the following activity and the subsequent television broadcast of the events prior to Senator KENNEDY'S assassination. LEWIS advised that he had no first hand knowledge of the events surrounding Senator KENNEDY'S assassination and could offer no further information in this matter.

LA 56-156

A characterization of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is attached hereto:

APPENDIXSTUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, is a nonmembership organization, which was born out of the sit-in movement that erupted across the South beginning in 1960.

Today SNCC identifies itself as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

According to SNCC, the year 1967 marked a historic milestone in the struggle for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. SNCC declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus--the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great".

From May, 1966, until May, 1967, STOKELY CARMICHAEL was National Chairman of SNCC. As of July, 1968, CARMICHAEL resided in Washington, D.C., where he was affiliated with SNCC and active as temporary chairman of a black coalition group. In May, 1967, CARMICHAEL was replaced by HUBERT GEROLD BROWN, commonly known as H. Rap Brown, who served until June, 1968.

In June, 1968, at the Staff and Central Committee meeting of SNCC held in Atlanta, Georgia, it was decided to restructure the organization by equalization of responsibility by creating ten deputy or vice chairmanships. The primary purpose for this change is to take law enforcement pressure off any single individual.

APPENDIX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.

Date 10/21/68

BARON H. MARTIN, 14 Wabon Street, Boston, Massachusetts an attorney for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, advised that he took a leave of absence from his job and participated in the Robert F. Kennedy election campaign. He stated that he was with Senator KENNEDY in Washington, D.C. and Indiana and spent two weeks in the Watts Section of Los Angeles, California immediately prior to June 5, 1968.

MARTIN stated that he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and returned to the Embassy Room of that hotel shortly before 9:00 PM on June 4, 1968. He stayed there approximately three hours and, since he was tired and hungry, left to go to the Sheraton Wilshire Hotel where he ate and watched the election proceedings on television. He stated he was there when the word was received about the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

MARTIN stated he had no knowledge of the events concerning the shooting and he never previously had seen anyone who resembled the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

30

On 10/17/68 at Boston, Massachusetts File# Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/mec Date dictated 10/17/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

MR. ABBA P. SCHWARTZ, Attorney, 3306 R Street, North West, Washington, D.C., advised that he was an unsalaried, volunteer campaign worker in the Presidential campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He stated that while Senator KENNEDY was speaking in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, just prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, he (SCHWARTZ) left the large room where he had been with members of the press and returned to his hotel room in the hotel and ordered a sandwich. He said while awaiting the arrival of the food, he turned on the television set in his room and then saw the commotion resulting from the shooting.

MR. SCHWARTZ stated that he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

31

On 10/7/68 at Washington, D.C. File # 173-135

by SA WALTER B. SAVAGE: wbs Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/25/681

SCHWANHILD VON HEINTSCHEL, 420 East 64th Street, New York City, advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. She identified herself as a Private Secretary for Senator KENNEDY at the time and stated that at the moment the shooting took place she and three other associates, CAROL WELCH, JEAN MAIN and LOUDELL INSLEY were in an upstairs office handling work for Senator KENNEDY.

She stated they first heard of the shooting when PIERRE SALINGER called from the Press Office to their room indicating that someone was apparently shot. She stated that her room had a "hot line" from the Press Room. She stated she and her associates as above listed immediately rushed downstairs at which time they discovered that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. They at first were unable to gain entrance to the room where he was shot, however, later were admitted after identifying themselves as KENNEDY workers.

Miss HEINTSCHEL stated that she never saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN to her knowledge either before or after the shooting. She was unable to furnish any pertinent information in this connection. She further indicated that the above parties apparently have already been interviewed by the FBI in this connection, however, emphasized that they were with her at the time of the shooting and is sure they would be unable to furnish any further information of pertinence in this connection.

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

- 32 -

by SA JOHN BRADSHAW, JR./tp Date dictated 10/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/10/68

Date

THERESA K. WALSTON, who is employed as a bookkeeper at Lord and Taylor Department Store, Washington, D.C. (WDC), and furnished an address of 10624 Kenilworth Avenue, Parkside Apartments, Bethesda, Maryland, stated that she worked for the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY primary campaign in California during May and June, 1968.

WALSTON stated that she worked for WALTER SHERIDAN and during June 4, 1968, she and CAROL ASH handled the coordinator's office at the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters for Senator KENNEDY from early morning until about 8 p.m. Upon closing the headquarters after the closing of polls in California on June 4, 1968, she and ASH went to the Ambassador Hotel as they had been issued a pass to the Embassy Room where it was anticipated that Senator KENNEDY would make a speech upon the outcome of the election becoming known. They went directly to the Ambassador Hotel from the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters and went into the Embassy Room where they found a crowd had gathered and it was hot and uncomfortable. They patronized the Palms with DICK COLEMAN and they remained at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 11 p.m. when they went to the Chancellor Hotel for dinner. While eating dinner, they heard about Senator KENNEDY being shot.

WALSTON advised that she had spent the evening of June 4, 1968, with DICK COLEMAN, a Los Angeles attorney; WALTER SHERIDAN, National Broadcasting Company, WDC; CAROL ASH, WDC; and KATIE MURPHY, Boston, Massachusetts.

WALSTON observed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated that she had no recollection of ever seeing this individual.

10/4/68

Washington, D.C.

33

WFO 173-135

On

at

File #

SA ROBERT W. DAWSON:js

10/7/68

by

Date dictated

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

PAUL ALTMAYER, 22 Sand Street, Rye, New York, advised that he is a writer and producer for American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Television, with offices located at New York City. On June 4, and 5, 1968, Mr. ALTMAYER was in charge of a group furnishing television coverage of the victory celebration held in honor of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

At the time Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot, at about 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, Mr. ALTMAYER was in the control truck located outside of the hotel. As a result, Mr. ALTMAYER could furnish no information regarding the circumstances of the assassination.

Mr. ALTMAYER pointed out that two members of his group, namely Associate Director WILLIAM WEISL, and Associate Producer, DAVID JAYNE, were present at the time of the shooting, and are reportedly scheduled to be prosecution witnesses. He added that ABC had the only hand held television camera at the scene, but he was not aware whether or not the television tapes of the scene have been reviewed by authorities. He said he assumed such tapes had been made available to the authorities, but had no personal knowledge of same.

34

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

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

Mr. VICTOR "VIC" BIONDI, 3536 Mulholland Way,
Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He is a reporter for the Sacramento Television Station KCRA. He was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, and was in the Embassy Room at approximately 6:00 p.m. During the evening, he visited the lobby of the Hotel, the Venetian Room, the VIP Lounge which was located behind the podium where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY addressed his campaign workers later in the evening, and also went to the television remote control trucks located behind the swimming pool of the Hotel. When Senator KENNEDY departed the Embassy Room, after addressing his campaign workers, he remained there and became aware that the Senator had been shot when he noted all the commotion around the exits near the podium. He added that he did conduct an interview with the young man, name unrecalled, who had thrust a rosary into the hands of the Senator. He cannot recall seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during his wanderings during the evening, nor had he ever heard or seen SIRHAN prior to the shooting. He could furnish no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR / sy/nme Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. MICHAEL M. BOYD, 4935 Heatherdale Lane, Carmichael, California, and a newscaster with Television Station KCRA, 310-10th Street, Sacramento, California, was interviewed at Station KCRA and furnished the following information:

He, along with "VIC" BIONDI, was covering the Embassy Room at the Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, California, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign workers had gathered awaiting the results of the California primary. He came into the room at approximately 5:00 p.m. During the evening, he had occasion to go to a small court located just behind the area where the television cameras were set up. Other than this, he remained in the immediate vicinity of the Embassy Room until Senator KENNEDY left the room and never went into the area where Senator KENNEDY was shot prior to his being shot. He never saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of the existence of a conspiracy.

36

On 10/4/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/14/68

JOHN CHAMBERS, 3920 Morrison St., N. W., Washington, D. C., furnished the following information:

Mr. CHAMBERS is a correspondent with United Press International and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 5, 1968, to cover the California Primary. He was in the Embassy Ballroom at the hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He did not witness the shooting since he remained in the ballroom after Senator KENNEDY left the podium. Mr. CHAMBERS heard people shouting and saw movement behind the curtains, but did not hear the shots.

Mr. CHAMBERS did not recall seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN before Senator KENNEDY was shot.

37

On 10/14/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-223

by SA JAMES W. NORMENT, JR., :can Date dictated 10/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/22/68

Mr. JOE DYER employed by KNXT-Channel 2, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) owned, News Division, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, advised the following:

Mr. DYER, who is currently employed in the Community Relations Department, said that at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, he had been assigned as a photographer by KNXT-News and had been at the Ambassador Hotel in the Embassy Room at the time of the shooting.

Mr. DYER said that he had not been a witness to the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and others nor was he in a position to observe the immediate aftermath, as he had been in the Embassy Room during this period.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and of the latter's family were exhibited to Mr. DYER, who said he had no recollection of having seen any of the persons in the photographs at any time.

Mr. DYER advised that CBS had instigated a new policy concerning the interviewing of CBS personnel by government investigators. In substance, this policy requires that the employee, when approached, notify his department head, and the question resolved as to whether the employee should be interviewed, and if the employee was to be a potential witness, a subpoena would be required before any ~~interview~~ information was given.

On 10/16/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 38 -

by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/eb Date dictated 10/17/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 25, 1968

Mrs. Beth Fertik, Researcher and Assistant Producer, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), News Division, 524 West 57th Street, New York, New York stated that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

She was in the ballroom at the Ambassador Hotel during Senator Kennedy's speech and saw him leave the podium. Shortly thereafter, while standing in front of the podium, Mrs. Fertik heard a noise and thought it was firecrackers. Then there was screaming which was in women's high pitched voices. Fertik then thought that a lighting stand or platform may have fallen. She ran across the ballroom to a telephone and called her producer, Mr. Manitzas. While making the telephone call Mrs. Fertik learned of the shooting.

Mrs. Fertik did not see the shooting and she did not see Senator Kennedy or Sirhan Sirhan. During Senator Kennedy's speech, Mrs. Fertik saw nothing suspicious.

39

On 10/25/68 at New York, N. Y. (telephonically) NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 10/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 1968

Mr. Stanhope Gould, Field Producer of the Walter Cronkite News, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), 524 West 57th Street, New York, New York, telephone number 765-4321 extension 3693, stated that on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, he was in the Embassy room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California and witnessed Senator Robert Kennedy's speech.

When Senator Kennedy finished his speech and departed from the room, Gould remained in the Embassy room. He then heard much yelling and screaming and heard that there had been a shooting in another room. He did not see the shooting and he did not hear the shots. He has never seen Sirhan Sirhan and did not see Senator Kennedy after he departed the Embassy room.

Gould remained in the Embassy room with photographers taking reaction pictures of the crowd. He did not go into the kitchen area where the shooting occurred. He and others from CBS then went to the lobby of the hotel and outside the hotel looking for eye witnesses to interview. They spoke to several people but the only person he can recall who was in the area of the shooting was a female reporter from American Heritage by the name of Kristi Wither.

40

On 11/18/68 at New York, N. Y. (telephonically) File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 11/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 10/3/68

Mr. LANSING LAMONT, 5163 Tilden Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised he is the national political correspondent for Time, Incorporated, Suite 1200, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

During the week of June 3-6, 1968, he was assigned to the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign and was registered staying at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. LAMONT advised he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel during the time Senator KENNEDY was giving his victory speech subsequent to the California primary election.

Mr. LAMONT was to the left front of the podium as he faced Senator KENNEDY during the speech. After Senator KENNEDY finished speaking, he observed the Senator and his party exit through a curtained doorway to the rear of the podium. Mr. LAMONT then walked towards the television cameras located at the rear of the Embassy Room and started towards the corridor which would lead to the Colonial Room where the Senator was to give a short press conference to members of the writing press. As he neared the door leading to the corridor, Mr. LAMONT heard loud shouting and screaming coming from the area near the podium. As the shouting grew louder, he walked over in an effort to determine cause. It was perhaps two or three minutes after Senator KENNEDY left the speakers platform that this shouting began. He then determined persons including Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the serving kitchen area.

Mr. LAMONT said he entered the serving kitchen area and observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor and another man who was wounded lying almost head to toe to the Senator.

41

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

by SA JOSEPH C. KELLY:sas Date dictated 10/3/68

WFO 173-135

2

Mr. LAMONT described the scene in the serving kitchen area as one of complete bedlam and advised he did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN; however, he did recall what appeared to be a group of men scuffling to the rear of where Senator KENNEDY was lying.

Mr. LAMONT said he was assigned to the KENNEDY campaign, had been with the campaign party during the weeks preceding the California Primary, and at no time did he ever see anyone resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

DARYL LEMBKE, 19 Sky View Way, San Francisco, California, who is a reporter and Chief of the San Francisco Bureau for the "Los Angeles Times", with offices at 905 Mission Street, San Francisco, furnished the following information:

LEMBKE was assigned to cover the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in connection with the primary in Oregon and California. As a result of this assignment, he was in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 when the California primary elections were held.

On the night of June 4-5, 1968, LEMBKE was in the Ambassador Hotel and in the Embassy Room of that hotel or the Press Room adjacent to the Embassy Room most of the evening of June 4, 1968. At the time the late Senator KENNEDY was shot, LEMBKE was talking on a telephone located in a bank of telephones in the Embassy Room. He heard some screams and ran over to see what had happened. He was told by some unknown individual that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he observed a woman lying beside the podium in the Embassy Room with blood on her head. He was unable to get into the serving kitchen area outside the Embassy Room where the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY had taken place.

LEMBKE is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone answering his description around the hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was assassinated. He also has no knowledge which would indicate there was any conspiracy involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

43

On 9/20/68 at San Francisco, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON:jb Date dictated 9/23/68

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