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Mr. JAMES (JIMMY) BRESLIN was interviewed at Gallagher's Steak House, 228 West 52nd Street, New York, New York. He stated that he writes for several newspapers throughout the United States and that his agent is the Sterling Lord Literary Agency, 75 East 55th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 52 Deepdene Road, Forest Hills, New York.

Starting on March 17, 1968, he covered several of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's Presidential campaign trips.

During the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, when Senator KENNEDY made his victory speech. The Embassy Room in which Senator KENNEDY made his speech was very crowded so BRESLIN went to the press room which was near the Embassy Room and watched the speech on television.

When the speech ended an individual, he thinks was DICK DRAYNE of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's staff, appeared at the door of the press room and said that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was on his way to the press room. Senator ROBERT KENNEDY after his speeches made it a habit to visit the press room and talk to the press.

BRESLIN went to the door of the press room to wave to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He did not see Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, but while at the doorway he heard what at first he thought was a kitchen tray drop to the floor. It was a shot and there were three or four more. At the most, BRESLIN heard four or five shots. People were running and screaming and BRESLIN ran towards where the sound of the shots came from.

Many persons in the crowd were screaming. These people were to BRESLIN's left. Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was lying to BRESLIN's left. In the immediate vicinity was PAUL SCHRADE, also lying on the floor. To BRESLIN's approximate right was BILL BARRY of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's staff.

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BARRY had someone by the arm which was extended up and which hand held a black-barreled pistol. The hand with the pistol then went down onto a table. Someone was jumping on the table. The hand holding the gun dropped it and then something happened and the hand again picked up the gun. ROSIE GRIER then threw a male on a table and held him down and grabbed the male by the arm. BRESLIN then saw the person on the table for the first time. It was SIRHAN SIRHAN. At this moment ROSIE GRIER was holding the gun in his, GRIER's, left hand.

At approximately this time GEORGE PLIMPTON had SIRHAN by his head; WARREN ROGERS had his left leg; and RAFER JOHNSON was grabbing his hand.

BRESLIN was of the impression at the time that the gun was still loaded and he tried to get it away from ROSIE GRIER. GRIER would not release the gun. RAFER JOHNSON then asked GRIER for the gun and GRIER gave the gun to JOHNSON.

BRESLIN, standing very close to SIRHAN and being face to face with him, asked him twice, "Why did you have to do it?" SIRHAN's eyes were rolling and he did not answer. SIRHAN then tried to thrash around with his legs and body, but those holding him kept him secure.

After SIRHAN SIRHAN was secured by BARRY, JOHNSON, GRIER, PLIMPTON, and ROGERS, and being held by GRIER, JOHNSON, PLIMPTON and ROGERS, BILL BARRY went to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. BRESLIN occasionally looked over at Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

The police then arrived and SIRHAN was turned over to them by GRIER, JOHNSON, PLIMPTON and ROGERS.

BRESLIN stated that he did not see the actual shooting and that he had not seen SIRHAN before this. He saw no one in a polka dot dress.

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BRESLIN has since heard several reports concerning the shooting. One was that DICK TUCK of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's staff chased SIRHAN off the platform twice and another that DICK HARWOOD of the Washington Post actually saw SIRHAN shoot Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

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Mr. PAT FERGUSON, Correspondent for the Baltimore Sun newspaper, Washington Bureau, National Press Building, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information:

He accompanied the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the California Primary trip. At the time of the assassination of Mr. KENNEDY, in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, he was out of the hotel getting something to eat and did not observe anything directly in connection with the assassination. At no time during any of Senator KENNEDY's speeches in California did he ever see SIRHAN SIRHAN, the alleged assassin of Mr. KENNEDY, and does not recall seeing any girl in a polka dot dress alleged to have been seen talking to SIRHAN sometime prior to the assassination. He was unable to furnish any pertinent information in connection with the assassination of Mr. KENNEDY or any information concerning the alleged assassin.

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LARRY IRVIN FINDLY, 3816 West 118th Street, Hawthorne, California, home telephone number 676-9988, was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information concerning his whereabouts at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

FINDLY advised he is a free lance sound man, and on June 4, 1968, he was employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) network to assist in the coverage of the California primary election returns at the Ambassador Hotel. During this coverage, FINDLY stated he worked with a free lance cameraman, JOHN VIAZANKO, also employed by CBS. FINDLY recalled he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at about 7:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, and until 11:30 p.m. remained in the Embassy Room and Colonial Room, the latter designated as the official Press Room. FINDLY stated that at about 11:30 p.m. he accompanied VIAZANKO to the nearby Beverly Hilton Hotel to get some film, and they returned to the Ambassador Hotel at about 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968. They immediately returned to the Embassy Room and were situated adjacent to the speakers platform when Senator KENNEDY made his victory speech. Upon the completion of Senator KENNEDY's speech, FINDLY and VIAZANKO remained in the Embassy Room and secured several photographs of the crowd. Moments after Senator KENNEDY left the speakers platform, FINDLY heard what sounded like two balloons burst, then heard several more bursts. FINDLY and VIAZANKO immediately ran into the vacant area between the speakers platform and the Embassy Room service pantry, at which time FINDLY observed a male Caucasian who had been shot. FINDLY did not recall this individual's name but stated this gentleman was employed by North American Airlines. Due to the impact of the crowd, FINDLY and VIAZANKO were pushed away from the area where Senator KENNEDY had been shot, however, FINDLY observed Senator KENNEDY being removed from the service pantry on a stretcher.

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FINDLY advised at no time during the confusion did he observe the individual who allegedly shot Senator KENNEDY. Further, after observing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, FINDLY stated that he had seen no one who resembled SIRHAN prior to the time FINDLY observed SIRHAN's photograph in a Los Angeles newspaper on June 5, 1968. In addition, FINDLY stated that nothing came to his attention prior to the shooting to indicate this event would occur.

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EVAN FREED, 9431 Cresta Drive, Los Angeles, California, telephone 870 5900, advised as follows:

Until recently, he was a freelance photographer for the Copley News Service. In that capacity, for about four weeks prior to the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he had covered the Senator's activities in the Los Angeles area. At about 7:00 PM the night of the 1968 California Primary (June 4, 1968) he went to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he remained for approximately fifteen minutes and then went up-stairs to the KENNEDY rooms on the fifth floor where he stayed until about midnight when Senator KENNEDY and his party went downstairs to the Embassy Room. FREED did not accompany them but used the stairs to reach the Embassy Room. About twenty five feet outside of the Embassy Room, he became involved in an altercation with another photographer during which time his camera was damaged. In order to get out of the crowd, he went to the kitchen area of the Ambassador Hotel to try to fix his camera. He was still in the kitchen area when Senator KENNEDY, who had finished his appearance in the Embassy Room, entered the kitchen through the main door to the kitchen. At the time, FREED was located at a row of tables in the corridor. The Senator shook hands with numerous people on entering the area. The Senator was within six to eight feet of FREED when the latter let his gaze drop towards the floor and at that moment FREED heard noises which sounded to him like firecrackers going off. He then looked up and saw a man shooting a gun. Some people were trying to grab the individual while others were "hitting the floor". The man who was doing the shooting subsequently was identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN. SIRHAN was the only person FREED saw shooting. FREED did not see Senator KENNEDY hit by gunfire or see him fall to the floor, but he did subsequently observe the Senator lying on the floor and thought the Senator, was dead. There was much shouting at this time, and FREED did not hear any particular conversation. The man who was

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shooting was disarmed, but FREED did not recall the disarming procedure. He did recall seeing the shooter pushed against a table and pinned down. FREED then left the kitchen area in an attempt to locate a telephone to call some friends and tell them to turn on their television sets. Being unable to locate a telephone, FREED returned to the kitchen area where his name was taken by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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ED GUTHMAN, "Los Angeles Times," daily newspaper, advised that he was one of the officials who had arranged for news coverage of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's appearance at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on June 4 and 5, 1968. GUTHMAN stated that he was at the Ambassador Hotel the night of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, having dropped by to congratulate Senator KENNEDY on his primary victory.

GUTHMAN advised he had not observed SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the assassination in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968. He had observed no suspicious activity in the hotel prior to the assassination.

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VIRGINIA GUY, 4319 18th Street, N.W., furnished the following information:

Mrs. GUY takes photographs for Pictorial Parade whose main office is at 130 W. 42nd Street, New York City. Mrs. GUY was with the KENNEDY and McCARTHY Campaign Party in Oregon and she was with the KENNEDY Party in California.

On the night of June 4, 1968, Mrs. GUY was in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel. She took pictures in the Embassy Room up to and during Senator KENNEDY's victory speech.

Mrs. GUY left the Embassy Room before KENNEDY finished speaking. She did not know where he was going after his speech and knew only that he was going to a party at the Factory. KENNEDY kept speaking longer than Mrs. GUY thought he was going to and she walked around in the halls of the Ambassador waiting for him to finish. She walked into the kitchen area and was surprised to see KENNEDY and the people with him walking towards her. She had entered the area from the opposite end the Senator entered.

She was about 15 feet away from the Senator when she turned her back to him and began swiftly walking away so that she could take a better picture of him. While she was walking away, she heard some noises which sounded like fire crackers. A few steps later, she turned around and saw the Senator falling. At that time she was further away from the Senator than she had been when she first saw him. Mrs. GUY took no pictures after she left the Embassy Room where the Senator was making his Victory Speech.

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In the confusion that followed the shooting of the Senator, someone ran into Mrs. GUY and his fist struck her mouth where it chipped the corner of one of her upper center teeth. She did not feel the person purposely hit her in the mouth but did it as he ran into her. This person came from in front of her in the direction of Senator KENNEDY.

Mrs. GUY felt that this individual had something metal in his hand and believed that it was a greyish color. She thinks that the object was a gun, although she did not really see the object.

Later Mrs. GUY saw BILL BARRY and RAFER JOHNSON holding an individual down on a counter who she learned was SIRHAN. She thinks that SIRHAN was the same person who ran into her and caused her tooth to be chipped; but she is not positive of this. She stated that because of the confusion in the area at the time, she has a hard time remembering exactly what happened.

Mrs. GUY did not remember ever having seen SIRHAN before, either that evening or during the campaign. She remembered seeing no girl in a polka dot dress in the Ambassador Hotel that evening.

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Mr. BRIAN HAMILL, #78 68th Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 833-2930, stated that he is a free lance photograpner and that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with his brother, PETE HAMILL, a writer, covering the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign.

BRIAN HAMILL did not have the proper credentials and could not get in to hear and see Senator KENNEDY's speech; consequently, he was in the lobby of the hotel and did not see or hear the shooting.

There was an entrance to the hotel near the press room but BRIAN HAMILL could not get in because he lacked the proper identification.

In the lobby of the hotel, while facing the check-out desk, to the right are two doors which look like an employees' entrance and which BRIAN HAMILL believes leads to the kitchen area. While waiting in the lobby, BRIAN HAMILL noticed people going in this door and he would have tried to go in that way except for the fact that he was afraid of being caught and thrown out of the hotel.

While waiting in the lobby all of a sudden two people came running out of the ballroom. One went toward the telephones, the other ran down the stairs. BRIAN HAMILL thinks they may have been reporters. Then many people came out. They were crying and there was much confusion. Then he saw a young man being carried out. He thinks this young man was shot in the leg. Later he saw SIRHAN SIRHAN being taken out. He did not see Senator KENNEDY.

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Later BRIAN HAMILL's brother, PETE HAMILL appeared in the lobby and took BRIAN into the press room and the kitchen where the shooting occurred. All bodies and SIRHAN SIRHAN had been removed.

While waiting in the lobby and when the confusion started, BRIAN took some pictures of the crowd which he described as not very good. He took no pictures of SIRHAN SIRHAN or Senator KENNEDY during or after the speech.

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Mr. PETE HAMILL was interviewed at his temporary residence, 196 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 638-8215. He stated that he will be moving within a week to 479 14th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

He is a free lance writer and on June 4-5, 1968, while living in California, he covered the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign.

During the evening of June 4, 1968, prior to Senator KENNEDY making his victory speech, HAMILL was in Senator KENNEDY's suite in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with Senator KENNEDY and JIMMY BRESLIN, the writer. HAMILL went to the elevator with Senator KENNEDY when Senator KENNEDY was on his way to make his victory speech.

There was confusion at the elevators and HAMILL did not get on the same elevator with Senator KENNEDY.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, HAMILL stood on the podium to Senator KENNEDY's rear and left. This was near the left rear corner of the podium near some drapes and some stairs that went down. Standing near HAMILL were GEORGE PLIMPTON, the writer, and PLIMPTON's wife, FREDDY. Standing near the stairs was BILL BARRY of Senator KENNEDY's staff.

During the speech "a guy" or a "kid" tried to get on the podium by coming through the drapes which were in back of HAMILL. BILL BARRY noticed this individual and told him to get out. HAMILL would not recognize this individual if he saw him again.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, HAMILL or PLIMPTON asked BILL BARRY which way to go out.

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BARRY pointed to a corridor to the pantry. HAMILL and PLIMPTON went out that way which was down the nearby stairs and HAMILL did not see Senator KENNEDY leave the podium. HAMILL next saw Senator KENNEDY in the pantry. HAMILL was walking along with GEORGE PLIMPTON in front of Senator KENNEDY and to his (Senator KENNEDY's) right about ten feet. HAMILL did not know that Senator KENNEDY was going to the press room but thought Senator KENNEDY was headed for "The Factory" where a party was to be held. As HAMILL was walking along and looking back, he saw Senator KENNEDY turn to his left to shake hands with someone. After Senator KENNEDY shook hands with this individual, he (Senator KENNEDY) turned to continue walking straight ahead. At this time what HAMILL thought were five shots were fired in very rapid succession. HAMILL looked and saw SIRHAN SIRHAN who was standing in front of and to Senator KENNEDY's left about seven or eight feet with his (SIRHAN's) arm fully extended and his face in tremendous concentration shooting a gun at Senator KENNEDY. Senator KENNEDY was falling to the floor and someone caught Senator KENNEDY.

ROSIE GRIER ran by HAMILL and "slammed" SIRHAN into a table. GEORGE PLIMPTON rushed over to SIRHAN and went for the gun. RAFER JOHNSON came out of somewhere and HAMILL thinks that JOHNSON got the gun. SIRHAN was "thrown up on a table" or group of tables and "slid down to the end of the table" or tables.

There was much yelling and noise and HAMILL was momentarily "stupified". He then looked at his watch. It was 12:12 a.m., June 5, 1968. HAMILL heard people saying such things to SIRHAN as "Why did you do it?" HAMILL did not hear SIRHAN say anything.

HAMILL stated that he did not see or notice SIRHAN before the shooting. HAMILL did not touch SIRHAN.

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HAMILL went out of the hotel by or near the press room to get his brother BRIAN HAMILL, a photographer, who did not have a pass to get in to watch the speech.

HAMILL stated that he looked at his watch when Senator KENNEDY's body was removed and it was 12:32 a.m.

After the shooting WARREN ROGERS of "Look Magazine" and BUD SCHULBERG, a writer who lives in Los Angeles, came out of the press room and into the room where the shooting occurred.

HAMILL stated that he heard later that there was an entrance to the hotel near the press room in which entrance to the hotel and the kitchen or pantry area could be easily had.

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Mr. JOHN HERBERS, "New York Times" correspondent assigned to the Washington, D. C. Bureau, furnished the following information:

He accompanied the campaign party of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY through Oregon and California, having joined the group in the middle of March 1968.

At the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he was in the temporary press headquarters located in the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Senator KENNEDY's victory speech was watched by Mr. HERBERS and other members of the press corps on a television set in the Colonial Room. About the time Senator KENNEDY was giving his speech they were notified the Senator would come to the press room for a news conference for the "writing press". It had been understood during the evening of June 4, 1968, that the Senator would appear before the press, however, the exact time was not known until the election trend had been firmly established. Approximately five minutes before the shooting, they were notified the Senator would be there shortly.

Mr. HERBERS stated there were probably between six hundred and a thousand people in the Embassy Room where the victory speech was given. Because of the crowd, KENNEDY staff workers and the members of the press were using the kitchen area as a corridor between the Embassy Room and the Colonial Room.

While still working in the press room (Colonial Room), HERBERS heard gun shots in the kitchen area. At the time they sounded like firecrackers, however, he rushed into the

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kitchen area where the shots came from and described the scene as "utter chaos". By working his way forward he observed BILL BARRY near the end of the warming counters struggling with someone. He also saw ROSIE GRIER and RAFER JOHNSON struggling with the same person.

Mr. HERBERS then saw SIRHAN SIRHAN for the first time, and described him as having dark hair and an olive complexion.

He observed a dark Latin-type man beating on SIRHAN SIRHAN's head. Mr. HERBERS had never seen this individual before and described him as in his late thirties or early forties, medium height, and heavy set.

At about the same time he saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor.

In the immediate vicinity he observed FRED DUTTON, an assistant to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY; DUN GIFFORD, an assistant to Senator EDWARD KENNEDY; and DICK DRAYNE, ROBERT KENNEDY's press secretary.

Mr. HERBERS did not see any girl or woman in a polka dot dress.

He was sure he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN before the instant when he observed him struggling with Mr. BARRY in the kitchen area after the shooting.

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GEFFERY HODGSON, Correspondent, London Sunday Times, National Press Club Building, furnished the following information:

HODGSON spent the last ten days of the California Primary Campaign in California traveling with the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY parties. At the time of KENNEDY's victory speech, HODGSON was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel listening to the speech in person. He was accompanied by BRUCE PAGE and ANTHONY CLIFTON, also of the Sunday London Times.

As soon as KENNEDY finished his speech and before he began to move through the crowd, HODGSON, PAGE and CLIFTON left the Embassy Room by going down an iron staircase to the parking lot. They did this to avoid getting trapped in the crowd. They did not know which way the Senator would go after making his speech or what his exact plans were.

While outside HODGSON heard about the shooting and he went back inside the hotel. He went towards the kitchen area but was unable to enter the area because of the crowds. He did not see the Senator or SIRHAN at that time.

HODGSON does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN at any time during the campaign. In addition he does not remember seeing any girl at the Ambassador Hotel who was wearing a polka dot dress.

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HILLARY LAMB, research assistant, London Sunday Times, National Press Building, furnished the following information:

Miss LAMB was in California during the primary campaign in her capacity as an employee of the London Sunday Times. However, she did not cover the campaign and her duties were confined to the Los Angeles Times Building. The only time Miss LAMB was with the KENNEDY party was the night of June 4, 1968. She was at the Ambassador Hotel that evening. At the time of KENNEDY's victory speech she was in the press room in the Colonial Room. LAMB had been told that KENNEDY would come to the press room after the victory speech. She did not know which route he would take to the room.

Before the Senator arrived, LAMB heard what she thought were balloons breaking. She then learned he had been shot. Miss LAMB did not see KENNEDY after the shooting and does not remember seeing SIRHAN at the hotel any time that evening. Miss LAMB does not remember seeing a girl in a polka dot dress at the hotel.

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JOHN WILLIAM LEWIS, 11606 Vantage Hill, Arlington, Virginia, was interviewed on June 20, 1968, and furnished the following information:

He stated he works as the electrician with the crew of JIM WILSON and BOB FUNK. The crew had been under contract to Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), Washington, D. C., for coverage of Senator KENNEDY's presidential campaign. LEWIS said he was not on the Oregon campaign, except the last night, due to being on his honeymoon.

On the night of the assassination the crew was in Senator KENNEDY's suite of rooms before the speech in the Embassy Room. As they left to go to the Embassy Room the Senator rode down on the elevator and the crew ran down five flights of stairs. They filmed the speech from the stage. After the speech LEWIS said BILL BARRY said, "BOBBY, we're supposed to go this way." "This way" meant through the crowd. The Senator answered "No" and headed down the steps toward the rear. LEWIS said they followed about ten to twelve feet behind. He first heard the shots when they reached the swinging doors. It sounded like a "pop" then a number of shots in rapid succession. He and the crew rushed forward, still filming and knelt down to KENNEDY's head. LEWIS said he told JIMMY to keep shooting. JIMMY was crying and shouting and was not looking through the view finder. LEWIS stated he grabbed the lens and aimed it the best he could. At the end of the magazine JIMMY said, "I can't do anymore, we're out of film." LEWIS said he ran to the Colonial Room and got another magazine. He fought his way back to the kitchen and gave the magazine to BOB FUNK. JIMMY then threaded the film and laid the camera aside. LEWIS said he helped block the entrance, where KENNEDY was eventually taken out, with two laundry carts.

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When the ambulance arrived LEWIS said he got the camera and gave it to JERRY SIMS and they followed the ambulance in a cab and filmed the rest of the events at both hospitals.

LEWIS stated he could not recall seeing SIRHAN before seeing him on television. He did not see the girl in the polka dot dress.

The other news media men he said he could recall in the corridor were JOHN HART, CBS, Washington, D. C., and JERRY SIMS, free lance, Los Angeles.

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CHARLES N. QUINN, Correspondent, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 4001 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that he was assigned to the coverage of the KENNEDY Presidential Campaign since March 28, 1968, and followed the campaign until Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated.

QUINN advised that he was in the Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, in Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968. He was on as news commentator for the midnight news. Just as he was about to finish his news broadcast, he heard a lot of screaming and shrieking and someone ran into the room and shouted that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He immediately left the room and forced himself through crowds of people into the kitchen area. He walked up to Senator KENNEDY who was lying on the floor with his head in what appeared to be blood. QUINN got up on a serving table and stayed there until Senator KENNEDY was removed from the room.

QUINN advised that Senator KENNEDY was awake while he was lying on the floor. QUINN recalled hearing a voice, similar to Senator KENNEDY's saying "Can you please step back so I can have some air." Senator KENNEDY was fingering a rosary on his waist line and ETHEL KENNEDY was rubbing his chest. ETHEL seemed to be calm.

QUINN advised that when Senator KENNEDY was picked up by three or four men, he said about five times in a very painful voice, "No!" KENNEDY was placed on a stretcher, and his eyes were now closed. QUINN did not know if Senator KENNEDY was unconscious.

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QUINN advised that there was much confusion in the room and it seemed like such a long time between the time Senator KENNEDY was shot and when he was removed on the stretcher.

QUINN advised that he recalled seeing ETHEL KENNEDY, Mrs. JEAN SMITH, BILL BARRY, DICK TUCK (advance man for Senator KENNEDY), FRANK MANKIEWICZ (Press Secretary for Senator KENNEDY). PIERS ANDERTON, of KNBC, Los Angeles, California, and his crew were on the spot taking pictures, and possibly JULES WITCOVER, of the Baltimore Sun. QUINN advised that he was not personally with any other newsmen, and when Senator KENNEDY was removed from the area, he returned on television and reported what news he could about the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

QUINN advised that he accompanied Senator KENNEDY on both the Oregon and California primaries. He did not know the plans and scheduled route of Senator KENNEDY after his victory speech. He had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN before, and did not see him during the day of the shooting, to the best of his recollection. He recalled seeing many polka-dot dresses among the crowd surrounding Senator KENNEDY, but did not recall any particular person. He knew there was a change in Senator KENNEDY's route. The Senator was to go through the ballroom after his speech, and a last-minute change took place, according to JIM DUNN, who recorded all of Senator KENNEDY's speeches. DUNN did not say why the change was made.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/1/68

ROBERT ROTH, Correspondent, Philadelphia Bulletin,
1238 National Press Building, furnished the following
information:

ROTH covered the last week of the Oregon primary and the entire California primary. He divided his time between the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns. The night of the California primary election ROTH was at the Ambassador Hotel earlier in the evening and then he went to the Los Angeles Times Building to write his story. He was at the Times Building when the shooting occurred.

ROTH does not remember seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time during the primary campaign and does not remember seeing a girl in a polka dot dress at the Ambassador Hotel. He did not think he could furnish any further information regarding the assassination.

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Date 6/27/68

WALLACE TURNER, San Francisco Correspondent, New York Times, Suite 945, Fox Plaza, San Francisco, was interviewed regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and stated that he was in a room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, with other members of the press, awaiting the arrival of Senator KENNEDY. Senator KENNEDY was supposed to come to the press room after he had addressed a group of his supporters. TURNER and the other members of the press were observing KENNEDY on closed-circuit TV.

TURNER said he was covering the MAX RAFFERTY senatorial campaign and had gone over to Senator KENNEDY's press room while things were slow at RAFFERTY's press headquarters. After arriving in KENNEDY's press room, DICK DRAYNE, KENNEDY's press representative, told the group that KENNEDY would be coming to the press room. DRAYNE explained to them that there was such a large crowd in the other room that it would be best if KENNEDY came to them. TURNER said he was not aware of the names of the rooms at the Ambassador Hotel.

As they were observing KENNEDY leave the room by way of TV after addressing his supporters, TURNER said he heard three shots which sounded like the pops of firecrackers. He ran down the corridor and observed a struggle involving RAFER JOHNSON and ROOSEVELT GRIER with a young man, whom he now knows to be SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. Several other people were struggling with SIRHAN and holding him down. TURNER said he continued on down the hall and obtained an open line on a telephone to his New York office.

He went back down the hall where Senator KENNEDY lay and observed SIRHAN still being restrained on a table. He also observed Los Angeles Police Departments officers arrive and saw SIRHAN being led off. GRIER was restraining bystanders from hurting SIRHAN.

TURNER said he had never seen SIRHAN before this time. He said he was a personal friend of Senator KENNEDY and for this reason was not covering his campaign. He identified LISA URKO, age 18, of Crawford High School,

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of Crawford High School, San Diego, and KARL UECKER, of the hotel staff, as two eye witnesses who saw SIRHAN shoot Senator KENNEDY. He said that both of these individuals have testified before the Grand Jury in Los Angeles.

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1Date 7/29/68

Mr. LEWIS BOIES, an attorney, 331 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephone BRadshaw 2-8629, telephoned the Los Angeles Office of the FBI following attempts to contact ROSEMARY CLOONEY, singer and actress, through her business manager, Ira Frisbee Company, 9601 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone 276-3168. Mr. BOIES said that he represented ROSEMARY CLOONEY who was ill and in the hospital and not available for interview. He said that he had discussed with her the circumstances surrounding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, as ROSEMARY CLOONEY had attended the Senator KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel.

ROSEMARY CLOONEY, at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, was in the Press area of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel and was not an eyewitness to the actual shooting, according to Mr. BOIES.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

9/13/68

JUDY BRAND, 10323 Ocean Gate Avenue, telephone number 674-5615, was interviewed at her residence and provided the following information:

BRAND advised that she had been employed as a Kennedy Girl in order to work for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in his seeking the Presidential nomination. On June 4, 1968, BRAND stated that she was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, and was making preparations to leave the hotel when she stopped to shake hands with ALAN CRANSTON, the Democratic candidate for United States Senate, when someone rushed past her shouting, "KENNEDY has been shot." She stated that she was not close to the actual assassination and did not see any of the occurrences at that time. She said that eventually after the people were allowed to leave the hotel, she was taken to her home by a girlfriend.

BRAND stated that prior to the assassination, she was waiting, along with a large group of people, for the Senator to come down from his room and make his victory speech. She stated that she, along with several other Kennedy Girls, were lined up along a doorway corridor when she noticed an individual take up a position directly in front of her. She said she made a comment to an NBC newsman who was standing close to her, "look at this". She stated she made this statement because the Kennedy Girls had been given rather preferential treatment and were allowed to assume position in front of the crowd. BRAND stated that the newsman then asked this individual to move and the individual replied, "This won't take long." BRAND said that this individual left a short time thereafter and she did not pay any attention to where he went. She said that she described this individual as being of possible foreign extraction with dark trousers, light blue shirt and having bushy hair. She said that she could not say with any degree of certainty that this individual was identical with SIRHAN SIRHAN, but that she had noticed some characteristics of this individual as being similar to the description of SIRHAN.

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Date 9/3/681

DANIEL JOHN CURTIN, 236 Seventh Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

CURTIN advised that in June 1968, he was a full-time student, majoring in psychology, at Southwest College, Imperial and Western Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, during the time preceding the California Primary. He was a supporter and worker in the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. On election day, June 4, 1968, he was engaged during the greater part of the day in transporting voters to the polls. At approximately 8:00 p.m. he went to the Ambassador Hotel to take part in a KENNEDY victory party for the press and campaign workers.

CURTIN stated that at twelve midnight he was in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, when Senator KENNEDY delivered his victory speech. CURTIN said that his location during the speech was to the right front of the podium approximately three feet from Senator KENNEDY. This location is as he was facing the podium. CURTIN said that Senator KENNEDY's speech lasted approximately nine to ten minutes, and at the conclusion of the speech he (CURTIN) engaged in jubilant shouting with the rest of the individuals in the ballroom.

CURTIN advised that at the end of the speech Senator KENNEDY turned and proceeded through the curtains at the rear of the podium into an anteroom. CURTIN stated that he then climbed over the podium and followed the crowd as it was surging after Senator KENNEDY. He stated that he was caught up in the movement of the crowd and proceeded through the anteroom into a corridor and then turned right and proceeded toward the kitchen area. CURTIN stated that he did not actually see Senator KENNEDY throughout the entire time that the group was moving through the anteroom into the corridor but caught intermittent glimpses of Senator KENNEDY through the moving crowd. CURTIN stated that the procession moved through swinging doors into a pantry area, and at the time he was approximately 15 feet behind Senator KENNEDY. CURTIN said that as he was about to go through the swinging doors he heard one loud report

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followed by two other loud reports in quick succession. CURTIN said that he then jumped quickly through the swinging doors and observed Senator KENNEDY falling to the floor in the pantry corridor.

CURTIN stated that the crowd of people immediately behind Senator KENNEDY seemed to suddenly open, enabling him to lunge to the side of Senator KENNEDY as he fell to the floor. CURTIN stated that Senator KENNEDY fell to his right and threw his right arm up in the air as if to grasp the right side of his head.

CURTIN advised that he was one of the very first, if not the first person, to reach Senator KENNEDY, and he immediately handed Senator KENNEDY a string of rosary beads. CURTIN and KENNEDY clutched the beads as CURTIN placed his lips near KENNEDY's ear and began an Act of Contrition prayer.

CURTIN stated that mass confusion in the area occurred at this time, and he recalled hearing various individuals around him screaming, and asking him if he was a priest. CURTIN stated that at this point, after being over Senator KENNEDY for approximately a minute, an unknown man helped him to his feet and told him that he had done all that could be done. This individual helped CURTIN a few feet away and at this point Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY and her sister had arrived at KENNEDY's side.

CURTIN stated that it was at this time that he observed ROSIE GRIER and several other individuals holding a person later determined to be SIRHAN SIRHAN in the area of the bins, several feet down the corridor from KENNEDY's location. CURTIN stated that the surging crowd was screaming and trying to get to SIRHAN, but GRIER and others were protecting SIRHAN from the crowd, and at the same time they were trying to subdue him.

CURTIN said that he did not observe the shots being fired, and as he was leaning over Senator KENNEDY, KENNEDY appeared as if he was starting to say something, but if anything was actually said, the noise of the crowd prevented CURTIN from understanding it.

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CURTIN stated that during the next few minutes he was in a state of near shock but recalls the press and television commentators around him asking questions and following him wherever he went in the corridor.

At this time an individual, who identified himself as STU BLOCK, came to CURTIN's assistance and took him upstairs in the hotel away from the press and television commentators. CURTIN stated that BLOCK told him that he was from San Diego and was a member of the KENNEDY staff. While upstairs in the hotel, CURTIN was also assisted by STEPHEN SMITH, a KENNEDY staff member.

CURTIN provided the following description of himself:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Jersey City, New Jersey
Height	5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight	195 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown
Distinguishing Characteristics	Wears full mustache
Father	PETER PAUL CURTIN, SR.
Mother	Deceased
Brother	PETER PAUL CURTIN, JR.
Sister	Age 26
Military Service	MAURA CURTIN, age 19 United States Marine Corps September 1965 to April 1966 Medical discharge under honorable conditions because of ulcers
Clothing worn by CURTIN on night of June 4-5, 1968	Blue sports coat, light green trousers, yellow shirt, red tie, light green desert boots, green socks

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/10/68

Mr. DOUGLAS DILTS, formerly employed by the United Press International, now associated with the public relations firm of CARL BYOIR and associates, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone MA7-6421, phoned on July 9, 1968, following attempts to contact him and advised the following:

Mr. DILTS stated he was at the Ambassador Hotel covering election returns from the early morning of June 5, 1968; however, he was in the Embassy Room at the time of shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. When he received the news of the shooting, he rushed over to the Embassy Room and jotted down the names of some individuals who might be potential witnesses. These individuals were as follows:

DAVID ROCHE, white male, 34 years of age, 5'11" tall, 165 pounds, and from Los Angeles. He claimed he "saw the guy who shot KENNEDY."

RICHARD ORFALEA, white male, 22 years of age, 5'10" tall, 160 pounds, dark hair, dark complexion, from Los Angeles. ORFALEA, who was in the company of DAVID ROCHE, also claimed to have seen the man who shot KENNEDY. Both ROCHE and ORFALEA claimed that they had seen the man thought to be SIRHAN in the Embassy Room near the podium.

LIBBY RESNICK, 41 years of age, 5'2" tall, 110 pounds, short dark hair, medium build, from Los Angeles. She claimed she had seen person who was taken out by the police, earlier in the Embassy Room.

DILTS said he was in a hurry and did not get the street addresses or telephone numbers of these individuals.

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ROBERT E. ERNST, 43604 North 22nd Street West, Lancaster, California, phone 948-2955, was interviewed at the Antelope Valley Hospital, 1600 West Avenue J., Lancaster, where he is employed as the hospital administrator.

ERNST stated he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from about 6:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, to 9:00 a.m. June 6, 1968. He said he was there to attend a meeting of the American College of Hospital Administrators which was to be held at the hotel.

ERNST stated he walked into the lobby of the hotel in the early part of the evening on June 4, but due to the large crowd of people he decided to return to his room. He said he therefore went to his room and watched the appearance of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY on television. ERNST advised further that he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN and does not recall ever seeing him until his picture appeared in the news media.

ERNST said he did not attend any of the American College of Hospital Administrators' meetings as he preferred to remain close to the television and keep abreast of Senator KENNEDY's condition.

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Date 8/7/68

GLORIA RARR, 12040 Salem Drive, Granada Hills, California, phone number 363-1641, furnished the following information with respect to her knowledge of the events of June 4, 1968, and June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot.

She stated that she was not a supporter of Senator KENNEDY, however, she wanted to see him in person and to witness the reported charisma and charm which he exudes. At approximately 11:30 pm, on June 4, 1968, she went to the Ambassador Hotel with VERNON THOMPSON, an NBC electronics technician and they parked the car at the rear of the Ambassador. They went to the Ballroom located underneath the Embassy Room in the hopes of seeing the Senator, but when he did not arrive by 11:45 pm, THOMPSON left to see where he was and came back and said that the Senator would be upstairs. THOMPSON told her that he had gone to the NBC truck, located outside the building, where he saw the Senator appear in the upstairs Ballroom on the television monitors located in the truck. They then went up the stairs leading to the Embassy Room and entered the Embassy Room, passing by a guard who did not challenge them.

They took up a position approximately four people deep from the front of the platform and just to the Senator's right. Just before the Senator finished his speech, a cordon of men formed to the Senator's right, leading from the platform steps in the direction of the press area. She then went to the area at the bottom of the steps and stood directly behind an individual whom she described as being a white male, with a dark swarthy complexion, dressed in a blue wooly sports coat, light blue shirt and light blue slacks. This individual himself was part of the cordon. She tried to get through him, but he would not let her through; however, another large man was about to barge through. When this happened, she told the person in front of her "How come you didn't let me through when you just let that person through", or words to that effect. There

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were individuals standing on the platform steps. One individual, who was standing on the second step, pushed aside the crepe paper with his foot and she wondered what he was doing, but decided that there were perhaps some television cables down there. He did this on two occasions, once approximately three minutes before the Senator finished his speech and the other time just a few seconds before the speech ended.

The Senator did not come through the cordon of men which was established for him, but exited the Ballroom through some curtains to the rear of the Ballroom. Moments later she heard four rapid and distinct cracks which sounded like "firecrackers". She then heard screams and shouts that the Senator had been shot, but she did not believe this until she saw a young girl proceeding from the kitchen area with the look of stark terror in her eyes. She tried to go into the kitchen area and was pushed into a corner by the crowd which exerted pressure from both directions. She heard a request for a doctor and then one young woman who said she was a nurse was able to get through. Since she, FARR, was also a nurse, she was also able to get in the kitchen passageway where she observed three wounded men. One was sitting in a chair with his chest area covered with blood and the nurse who had proceeded her into the area, was applying an orange scarf to the area of the wound. The second was a slender young man sitting in a chair with an ashen face. She did not observe any visible wounds. The third was a middle aged man who was bleeding extensively from the head and who was lying in a pool of blood on the floor. She attempted to administer aid for him and asked the waiter where she could obtain a tray of ice. She obtained ice from the ice machine in the passageway, but as she was returning to the victim, someone took it from her and threw it away, saying, "What do we need that for". There were screams in the area and due to the confusion in the area, she panicked and started to cry. She then heard someone say "We don't need that, get her out of here".

She observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor and one eye was open slightly more than the other. He appeared conscious, but she saw no blood on him, so she assumed that he was all right. She returned in the kitchen area until the Senator was wheeled away by some ambulance attendants and then she returned to the main Ballroom where she told everyone that the Senator was all right.

She later returned to her parked car with THOMPSON and they discussed seeing the individual on the platform steps poking under the platform with his shoe. They then went back to the Ballroom and observed the bracing under the steps was very narrow, being approximately one foot wide.

She went with THOMPSON to the NBC Burbank Studios and stayed there until approximately 4:00 am.

She stated that she telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Police Department and informed the department about what she had seen in the Ballroom for whatever significance it would have in their investigation. She was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN taken following his apprehension and she advised that the individual who stood in front of her at the bottom of the platform steps in her opinion, is not identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. She stated that in a previous interview, an officer of the Los Angeles Police Department, had shown her other photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, who was dressed up at the time, and she does not consider those photographs shown as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN either. She also saw photographs of the brothers of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and she recalls that the photograph of ADEL SIRHAN is a likeness, however, she does not feel that ADEL is identical with the individual who was in front of her.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/19/68

MAXIE FILER, 542 West Arbutus, Compton, California, upon interview, supplied the following information:

FILER advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for the Senator KENNEDY victory celebration in the California Primary Elections.

FILER stated that at the time of the shooting, he was in another room some distance from the Embassy Room, where Senator KENNEDY was shot. He advised that he could provide no information of value regarding the activities surrounding the shooting either prior to, during or after the assassination.

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Date 7/31/68

RICHARD JOHN FRICK, 205 North Armel, age 21, advised during the previous semester, he was working for "Students for KENNEDY" at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He advised as follows:

On June 4, 1968, he departed Santa Barbara, California, arriving at Los Angeles about 10:00 p.m. and went to the Ambassador Hotel. He met a friend and obtained a Press Pass so that he could go to the Embassy Room, but first he visited the KENNEDY suite on the Fifth floor and talked briefly to Mrs. KENNEDY there. Then he went downstairs with the KENNEDY party, and as he entered the Embassy Room, he and his girl friend, VAIERIE SCHULTE, from Santa Barbara, were challenged by security guards. They would not let the girl into the room and also attempted to exclude several cameramen, but they finally let him through with the Press Pass. During Senator KENNEDY's speech, he stood about twenty feet in front of the platform, and as KENNEDY exited from the platform, he attempted to follow him but could not get very close because of the crowd and the number of newsmen who were pushing ahead of him. He did not see KENNEDY again until after the shooting.

He was about twenty or more feet behind the KENNEDY party in the corridor, when he heard what he ~~thought~~ were either shots or the slamming of refrigerator doors in the kitchen. Next, he heard someone shout to the effect that KENNEDY had been shot, and persons he believed to be KENNEDY aides were screaming for people to get out. There was much shoving as the crowd surged forward, and he could see cameramen with television lights focusing on somebody on the floor. There was complete confusion and someone hit him in the left ribs. He saw Mr. SCHRADE lying on the floor, and at this time there were about twenty-five or thirty persons in that area.

He worked his way close to the left wall and got within a few feet of where the Senator was lying on the floor.

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A Negro doctor came in and began to administer to Mr. SCHRADE, and someone insisted that he look at the Senator. At this point he saw his girl friend, VALERIE SCHULTE, standing near IRA GOLDSTEIN, who was wounded. Shortly thereafter, someone placed partitions around the wounded Senator, and he could not see him again, but he stayed in this room for one hour, staying near his girl friend, VALERIE, who was very upset and who was sitting on the floor. She was recuperating because of a broken leg.

He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN at all and was not a witness to the shooting.

The only other witness he knew in that room was NANCY WALLACE, nee Webber. She recently married JOHN WALLACE and at present is living in San Francisco where her husband attends the University of California at San Francisco, Dentistry School.

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1Date 7/29/68

SUE HARRIS, 10280 Cheviot Drive, Los Angeles 90064, telephone 273-0418, telephoned the Los Angeles Office of the FBI following attempts to contact her for an appointment and related the following:

SUE HARRIS, during the recent campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, acted as secretary for DICK KLINE, Press Relations Manager for Senator KENNEDY in the Los Angeles area. HARRIS, just prior to the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, was in the Press Room set up for the KENNEDY campaign party at the hotel. When Senator KENNEDY was about halfway through his speech in the Embassy Room, she went to her room in the hotel to pack and prepare to leave. When she returned to the area of the Embassy Room, she learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) had talked to SUE HARRIS, and she had furnished an address book of individuals who were connected with the KENNEDY campaign staff.

HARRIS stated that she had a boy friend, HARVEY PEPPER, who had been in the Embassy Room at the time of the shooting and had stated to her that he had been really close to the shooting. She did not know whether HARVEY PEPPER had been interviewed in this matter by the FBI. She was of the opinion that the Police Department had interviewed Mr. PEPPER who lived in an apartment on Kings Road near Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles, telephone 653-5366.

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8/2/68

ROBERT M. KLASE, 7800 Clearfield Avenue, Van Nuys, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, 3850 Wilshire Boulevard, at which time he furnished the following information:

He himself was not a volunteer for the Kennedy Committee, however, he and his wife are good friends of JUDY ROYER and on the night of June 4, 1968, they went to the Ambassador Hotel to await the results of the California primary election. They arrived at approximately 7:30 PM and, with the use of some blue passes which JUDY ROYER had obtained for them, they went to the Embassy Room of the hotel.

KLASE and his wife spent most of the evening in the Embassy Room, but at approximately 11:00 PM he left the room to get some drinks. After leaving the room, the security guard at the main entrance refused to let him in because the room had become crowded. In an effort to reenter the room, he went through the kitchen area. At that time, he did not notice anyone in the kitchen.

Upon reentering the Embassy Room, he went to the area where the ABC television cameras were set up to await the arrival of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

While waiting in the vicinity of the television cameras, a man, who was monitoring one of the doors adjacent to the podium on which Senator KENNEDY was to give his speech, asked him if he would mind watching the door for a few minutes. KLASE consented to watch the door and while doing so he observed a man who was later identified to him as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN attempting to pass through the door. As SIRHAN attempted to go through the door, KLASE tapped him on the shoulder and said that no one was allowed in the area other than members of the ABC staff. At this point, SIRHAN turned around and went back into the central area of the Embassy Room. At the time KLASE observed him, he was wearing a light blue pullover shirt and blue wash trousers. SIRHAN did not have a jacket on and KLASE observed that since the shirt and trousers were tight fitting it was unlikely that SIRHAN had a gun in his possession at this time.

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Approximately one half hour after the incident involving SIRHAN, Senator KENNEDY arrived to give his victory speech. On the arrival of Senator KENNEDY, one of the doors, which KLASE had previously been watching, was opened directly in front of him and he was unable to see Senator KENNEDY. After listening to the Senator for a few minutes, he left the Embassy Room, passed through the kitchen and went to the Colonial Room. While passing through the area of the kitchen, he met JUDY ROYER and she accompanied him to the Colonial Room. Upon arrival at the Colonial Room, they watched the Senator on television for a few minutes and then decided to try to return to the Embassy Room by means of the kitchen area.

As he and ROYER were walking through the kitchen, they saw the crowd moving towards the Colonial Room and realized that Senator KENNEDY had finished his speech and was now making his way towards the Colonial Room by way of the kitchen area. Since they wanted to avoid the crowd surrounding Senator KENNEDY, they both turned around and were making their way back towards the Colonial Room when KLASE heard several loud pops which sounded like firecrackers. At this point, he was approximately 30 feet from Senator KENNEDY and he could not actually see the Senator. However, he did see people pushing and struggling with someone. At this point, there was a great deal of shouting and someone yelled that the door should be watched and no one be allowed to come in. KLASE went to the door of the Colonial Room and refused to allow anyone entrance into the kitchen area. After standing at the door to the Colonial Room for a few minutes, one of the security guards came by and KLASE asked him to keep the people from coming into the kitchen area. He then attempted to go to the area where the shooting had occurred, but because of the crowd he was unable to see any of the injured people.

While standing in the vicinity of the Colonial Room door, he observed officers of the Los Angeles Police Department taking SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN out of the area. At this point, he unquestionably recognized SIRHAN as the same man that he had

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seen earlier attempting to pass through the doors in the area of the ABC television cameras.

KLASE stated that during the time he was in the kitchen, just prior to the arrival of Senator KENNEDY and the shooting he noticed some of the cooks and waiters in the area, but did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. KLASE further stated that while he was in the kitchen area his wife remained in the main portion of the Embassy Room and did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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INNGARD MITCHELL, 1190 South Ken~~Denton~~, who is employed as a Sales Clerk, Evening Gown Department, of the May Company Department Store, Wilshire and Fairfax, Los Angeles, California, advised the following:

INNGARD MITCHELL had attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968 and the morning of June 5, 1968. She was in the Embassy Room at the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot. She did not see the shooting nor did she see SIRHAN SIRHAN and has no recollection of seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN. MITCHELL said that she had talked to a female who was in the Embassy Room at the time of the shooting, who had claimed that she had seen a person she thought to be SIRHAN SIRHAN in the Embassy Room prior to the shooting, but she did not know this person's name and could not furnish a good description at this point except she was a Caucasian. MITCHELL said that the Los Angeles Police had questioned her at the Ambassador Hotel shortly following the shooting, at the time that they were seeking witnesses. Later, a Sergeant from the Los Angeles Police Department had contacted her and she had given him all of the negatives of the pictures she had taken during the evening. She could not recall the full name of the Sergeant but she had said the phonetic spelling of the last name was KARCHATI.

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Mr. ALBERT ORFALEA, 4131 Adlon Place, Encino, California, advised the following:

He stated his son, RICHARD ORFALEA, who had attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the a.m. of June 5, 1968, was not residing in the Los Angeles area. He, at this time, was in the Phoenix, Arizona area on a United States Air Force Reserve two-week training program. RICHARD is scheduled to return to his residence at 455 Eddy Street, San Francisco, California, telephone (415) 771-7052, on August 12, 1968. RICHARD is employed in the International Department of the Bank of America in San Francisco.

Mr. ORFALEA said that on the basis of what RICHARD had related following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, RICHARD had not actually observed the shooting. There had been some speculation concerning whether or not RICHARD had observed SIRHAN SIRHAN in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel prior to the shooting.

Concerning the identity of DAVID ROCHE, who reportedly had been in the company of RICHARD ORFALEA, Mr. ALBERT ORFALEA said that he did not know DAVID ROCHE by name or description but that RICHARD could possibly identify DAVID ROCHE.

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RICHARD ORFALEA, 455 Eddy Street, telephone 771-7052, furnished the following information:

ORFALEA is presently a trainee in the International Banking Department of the Bank of America and temporarily assigned to the Columbus Branch of the Bank of America at 1455 Stockton Street, San Francisco.

On the night of June 4, 1968, following the primary elections in the State of California, ORFALEA and a friend, PATRICK MC LAUGHLIN, went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, about 9:00 p.m. On that evening the Ambassador Hotel was the location of victory celebrations being held by the various successful candidates in the primary elections.

During the course of the evening, ORFALEA and MC LAUGHLIN visited several of the different celebrations and were the recipients of a number of free drinks being offered.

About 11:00 p.m. ORFALEA was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, which was the scene of the victory celebration of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. At that particular time ORFALEA was alone and noticed a young man standing along the side of the room off to the right of the speaker's platform. This individual seemed out of place as he was dressed shabbily and appeared to be of foreign extraction, possibly Cuban. He was probably about 22 to 24 years of age, approximately 5'5" tall, had dark eyes, dark hair, and was of slight build. He was wearing a nylon-type jacket similar to a wind-breaker, but ORFALEA does not recall the color of the jacket. MC LAUGHLIN later joined ORFALEA in the Embassy Room; however, he did not see the individual referred to by ORFALEA.

Sometime after Senator KENNEDY had finished speaking, there was a commotion in the room, and ORFALEA heard someone yell what he thought was the word "fire". At this point MC LAUGHLIN suggested that they leave the Embassy Room. They then went over to a room on the same floor where candidate

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ALAN CRANSTON was having a victory celebration. Upon entering this room they learned from conversation that someone had been shot. MC LAUGHLIN suggested that they go over by the telephone booths on the second floor as there would be reporters congregating in that area and they might learn who had been shot. They went to the telephone booths and talked to an unknown reporter who told them Senator KENNEDY had been shot. About this time a security officer, who was not a Los Angeles Police Officer, came by with a young boy who appeared to have his hands handcuffed behind his back. This boy was of foreign extraction, short, and of slim build. ORFALEA could furnish no further description of the individual. At the time, ORFALEA was of the opinion this individual was the same person he had seen earlier in the evening in the Embassy Room and who appeared to be out of place. However, he now is not sure that it was the same individual.

ORFALEA was shown three pictures of SIRHAN SIRHAN, and after studying these pictures, stated that the strange individual he saw in the Embassy Room about 11:00 p.m. on the night of June 4, 1968, could possibly have been SIRHAN SIRHAN but that he is rather hazy about the matter at this time and cannot be certain.

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Miss VALERIE SCHULTE, interviewed at her temporary residence Apartment 3, 6587 Del Playa, furnished the following information:

She was, during the past year a student, at University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). During this past spring, she was Headquarters Manager of the Kennedy for President Headquarters in Isla Vista which is adjacent to the UCSB campus.

On the night of June 4, 1968, she, and others on the staff, worked at the headquarters until about 8:00 P.M. and then went to Los Angeles to join in the festivities at the Ambassador Hotel where Senator KENNEDY had his headquarters on the fifth floor. They arrived at the hotel at approximately 10:00 P.M. and went to their rooms on the third floor of the hotel. After "partying" awhile, a couple of the girls in the group went to the fifth floor to the KENNEDY headquarters and when they came down, they heard that Senator KENNEDY was going to leave his room and go to the ballroom on the first floor.

She, and several others, decided to go to the fifth floor where they could get a look at Senator KENNEDY. They took the elevator and when they arrived at the fifth floor and the doors opened, a rush of reporters into the elevator kept them from getting off. The reporters said that Senator KENNEDY had gone down to the main floor so they stayed on the elevator and went to the first floor. They then learned that Senator KENNEDY had gone into the Embassy Room at the hotel to greet the crowd. On the elevator she met DICK FRICK another member of the Isla Vista group of workers. FRICK had a press pass and he went into the Embassy Room with the press. She was not allowed in the room as she did not have a pass.

Miss SCHULTE stated that she was on crutches from a recent leg operation and did not want to get into the press of the crowd as she had very poor balance and she was afraid of getting knocked down and crushed. At the door of the Embassy Room she saw State Senator BEILENSEN and his wife. She recognized

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them as she had met them before. They also could not get in the Embassy Room, however, the security guard on the door told them of another way into the room. This way was through the back way and through a pantry apparently somewhere near the kitchen. She asked BEILENSEN if she could "tag along" with him and his wife.

She followed BEILENSEN into the pantry and through a door into the Embassy Room, which put them into the room about four to five feet from the stage. There was a tremendous crowd in the room and after listening to Senator KENNEDY speak she decided that she should get out of the way before he left and the crowd knocked her down. She then left the room and took a position where she thought she would be able to see Mr. KENNEDY and still be out of the middle of the crowd. She felt that he would leave from the front of the stage and pass through two lines of volunteer workers who appeared to be forming a passage-way for him.

She left the room and went into one of the small rooms just off the stage entrance. In a few moments she saw Mr. KENNEDY about three to four feet from her. He apparently had left the stage by a different route than had been planned. Mr. KENNEDY was leaving the Embassy Room via the back way, which was the way she came into the room.

While Mr. KENNEDY was leaving the room, he was talking and shaking hands and she "tagged along" in the crowd behind. She was about four to five feet from Mr. KENNEDY when she saw him turn to either greet or shake hands with a group of kitchen workers who were lined against the wall of the corridor. At almost the same time she saw a gun in the hands of a man who seemed to be reaching toward Mr. KENNEDY and pointing the gun at him. She noted that it was a small gun, black in color, and with a very short barrel. She thought at first it was a toy and then she heard what she later learned were shots. She still did not realize what was happening. She saw the gun and the man holding it and he seemed to keep shooting and shooting. She was not sure how many shots she heard but felt there must have been at least six. She then realized there was shooting and felt that someone was going to shoot everyone in the room. It appeared to