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They were guests at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California until shortly after breakfast on June 5, 1968 when they left by train for San Francisco to get the President Line Ship, Cleveland, for a trip to Japan. Neither of them were aware that ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot until they arrived in San Francisco and had a hard time obtaining a paper.

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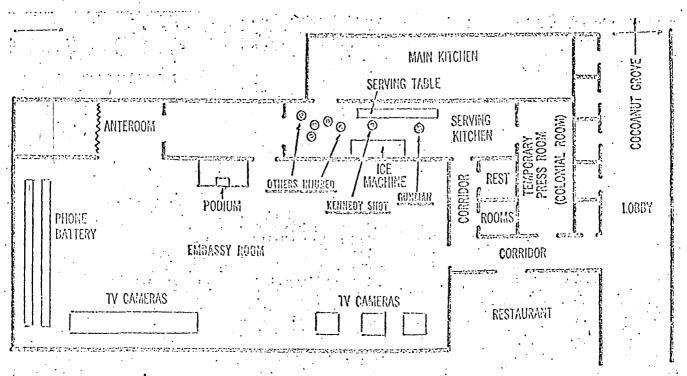


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Person(s)	Interviewed: Charlotte Brown
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Time-4PM

Business Address & Phone Venice High School

Residence Address & Phone 550 S. Barrington; WLA #1320 476-2606

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FOLLOWING ARE PEOPLE SEEN AT THE HOTEL:

Martha Fox (I-566). John BAsson (I-835).

Rhoda Hertzberg (I-597).

Madeline Soloway (no interview, PH#479-3427).

Gerry Chalott (1-846).

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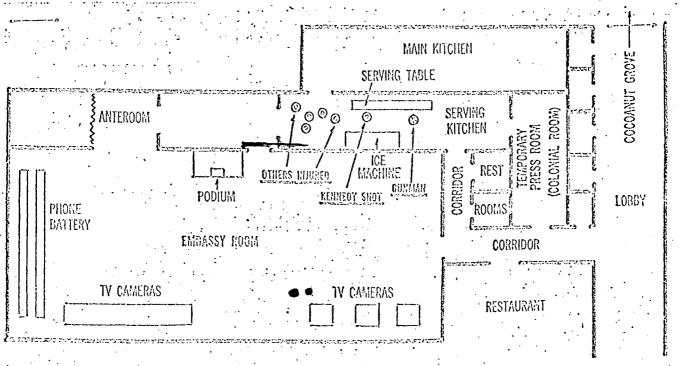


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# Memorandum

то : SAC (56-74)

DATE: 9/18/68

FROM : SA THOMAS F. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: KENSALT

OO: LOS ANGELES

DONALD DOWD, mentioned in Los Angeles letter 9/10/68, is a resident of West Springfield, Mass., who formerly served as Chairman of the Board of Health in that community.

He 18 has been activly involved in Democratic politics for years and is known to have accompanied Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during the campaign in which he was fatally shot.

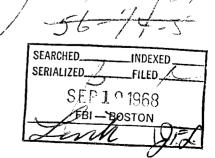
DOWD is presently employed in the New England Regional Governors Office. Post Office Building, P.O. Square, Boston, telephone 223-6384 or 223-6385 and is in temporary residence at Boston.

#### LEAD:

#### BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASS.

Reassign case for contact and interview of DOWD.





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Date	10,	/3/68	

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 uring the campaign of 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 whomno one recognized and who refused to move from the area when requested to do so by KAY HACKET, who was one of POLLY FITZGERALD's girls on the

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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:

518" of 519"

Clothes':

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

Mr. DOWD stated that Mr. GENE DELLEA of Pitts-field, 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 hildren 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:	
Place of birth:	Holyoke, Massachusetts
Height:	5.10".
Weight:	165
Hair	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and marks:	None
Social Security:	
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

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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.

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DATE: 10/8/68

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SA JAMES LINA

SUBJECT: KENSALT (00: LA)

> DONALD DOWD was interviewed on 9/26/68, at Boston, Mass., the results of which are set out on enclosed FD 302.

During interview, DONALD DOWD stated that Mr. GENE DELLEA, Pittsfield, Mass., and Mr. JOSEPH SCANLON, Custom House, Providence, R.I., were also present at the convention and were in the immediate vicinity where Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot. He stated that both SCANLON and DELLEA might possible have more information concerning the unknown individual described in the attached FD 302.

#### LEADS

#### BOSTON

#### AT PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Locate and interview DELLEA as set out in attached Los Angeles letter. DELLEA can be reached at Hillcrest Hospital, telephone #443-4761, or at the Lab Clinic (home) #443-3651.

#### AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Locate and interview JOSEPH SCANLON, Custom House, Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. SCANLON is Administrative Assistant to Congressman FERDINAND ST. GERMAIN, Providence, Rhode Island. Interview as requested in attached Los Angeles letter.

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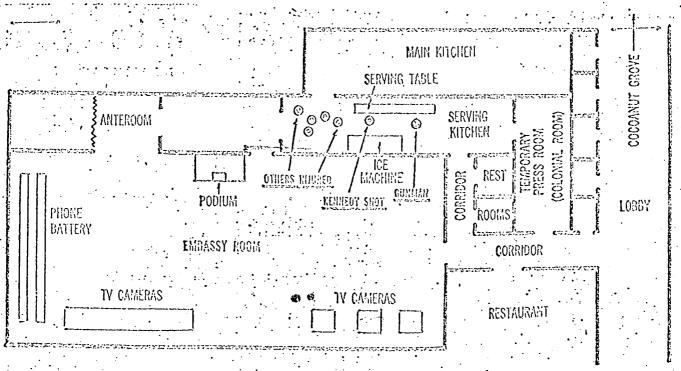


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On Tuesday evening, June 4, 1968, DOWD stated he saw this same man again roaming around the Embassy Room. He last saw this individual around 10:00 p.m., June 4, 1968. He did not notice if this individual had a pass or identification which would allow 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 Embass; 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:

518" of 519"

Clothes:

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

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

Mr. DOWD was shown a photograph of SIRHAN D. 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. said he received this information from one of the television network employees. DOWD stated he could not get across the Embasiy Room so he left the room by the door mentioned above, which was located behind the television 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 dildren 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 69 Hale Street Address: West Springfield, Massachusetts Date of birth: Place of birth: Holyoke, Massachusetts 5110" Height: Weight: 165 Hai: Brown Eyes: Brown Scars and marks: None Social Security: #111-081-68 Air Force Serial: Parents: EDWARD J. and NORA M. DOWD Springfield, Massachusetts

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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 Cathodral 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

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a consultant in the Department of Public Works, Northalpton, 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.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) TO

DATE: 10/8/69

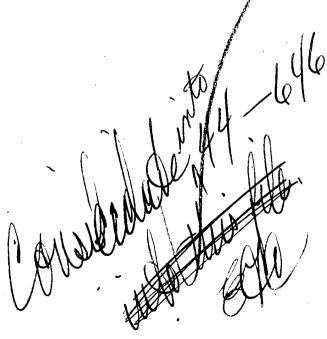
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KENSALT SUBJECT: (00: LA)

Re Los Angeles letter to Boston, 9/10/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Los Angeles Division are 22 copies of an FD 302 reflecting investigation and interview of DONALD DOWD on 9/26/68.

During the course of interview, DOWD advised that GENE DELLEA, Pittsfield, Mass., and JOSEPH SCANLON, Custom House, Providence, Rhode Island, were also present at the time Senator KENNEDY was fatally shot in Los Angeles. Appropriate leads have been set out and Los Angeles will be forwarded 302's covering interview with SCANLON and DELLEA.



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Mr. JOSEPH SCANLON of 27 Fir Avenue, Tiverton, Rhode Island, was contacted for interview at his office in the United States Customs Building, Providence, Rhode Island.

He advised that at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY he was with his wife in Room 24B at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that because of this he had no opportunity to observe anything that happened either directly, during, or after the assassination.

He said that the only item of interest that he could recall was that on the evening of June 2, 1968, a Sunday evening, a reception was held for Senator KENNEDY in the Coconut Grove Club. He said that many stars of the stage and screen and other celebrities were present and were entertaining. He said that he and a GENE DILLEA of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and a DONALD DOWD of Boston, Massachusetts, noted that a big stocky man about 6 feet 2 inches, 250 pounds, dark hair, large features kept trying to get behind the stage area. He was told several times to leave the area but would not, until finally he, SCANLON, and the other men told him to get out of there and pointed him out to other aides; and he was removed from the area. He said that he did not know of his identity and that this was the only incident he saw prior to the assassination at any time that cause any suspicion on his part.

On 9/27/68 of Providence, Rhode Island File# Boston 44-646 -96

SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY/gb

Date dictated 10/1/68

SAC Bestop 44-686 D SA James JE. Harvry KENSALT 00: LA (LA 56-156)

> Re: FRANK GILLAR 100 S. Horence, Em. 227 Ar. attleboro. Boston, Mass.

The attlebord telephone directory reflects one FRANCIS J. GILLAN, 100 FLORENCE AVE, So. attleboro, mass tel. 761-8792.

St is suggested above individual be interviewed as requested per perial 44-646-74 and 44-646-73.

### Memorandum

ro : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 9/16/68

FROM

SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT:

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00: LOS ANGELES

Re: JOHN MARQUAND

205 W. 57th St.

NEW YORK, N.Y.

On 6/4/68 the above-captioned person was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

At 12:15 A.M. on 6/5/68, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, at the conclusion of a victory rally by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY (D-New York), in the kitchen area leading off the Embassy Ballroom shot and killed Senator EENNEDY, utilizing a .22 caliber revolver.

The Los Angeles Police Department requested the assistance of the Buresu in the location and interview of guests of the hotel in an effort to determine whether or not any of the guests might be in possession of any information concerning a possible conspiracy, might know SIRHAM, or might have seen him about the hotel on the night of 6/4/68.

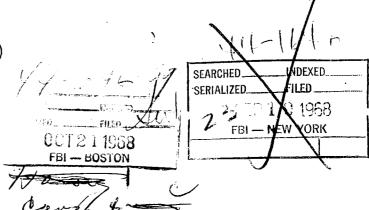
All information, negative or positive, should be incorporated into an FD-302, as all information is being disseminated to the District Attorney, Los Angeles County, in report form, such reports being prepared by Los Angeles.

Trial date is tentatively set for the first part of November 1968, and it would be appreciated if the lead is covered in an expedite fashion. For your assistance, there is enclosed a diagram of the hotel area and location of the shooting.

22 copies of FD-302 should be submitted.

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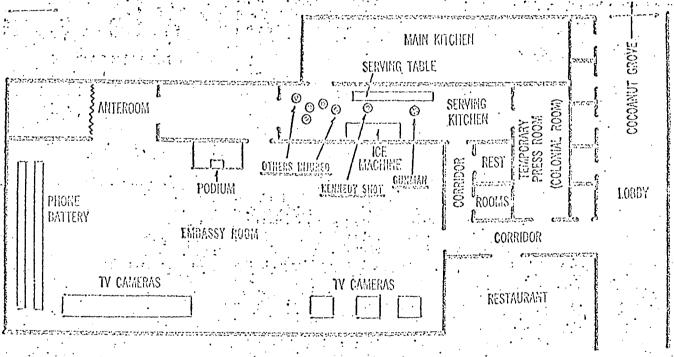
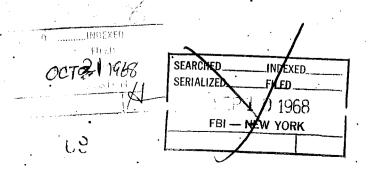


DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE-Sketch shows the doors leading from behind podium at Embassy

Room and the serving kitchen through which San. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot. Times drawing by Oliver French



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JIM PLUC, Senator EDVARD KERNEDY's Office. Old Senate Office Building, WDG, advised that the fellowing individuals, who were registered at the Ambassader Notel, Los Angelps, California, on 6/4 - 5/5/68; can be located through the herein listed telephone numbers or addresses.

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### BOSTON, CLEVELAND, NEWARK and NEW YORK DIVISIONS.

Locate above-listed persons and interview them regarding their location at the time of shooting (12:25 a.m., 6/5/68) of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. Determine what each was doing at the time of the shooting, and ascertain if they have any knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN being in the Ambassador Hotel prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. Report results of interview (negative or positive) on FD-302, designating 22 copies for Los Angeles.

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Re Los Angeles letter to Boston dated 9/10/68, captioned "NORMAN JACQUES; State Senator from Rhode Island, 16 Comstock, Pawtsieket, Rhode Island.

Enclosed herewith are 22 copies each of two FD-302s, reflecting interviews with JOHN V. KENNY. 249 Rankin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

For the information of the Los Angeles Division several negatives which are unknown value taken at the scene of the killing of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, in Los Angeles, California, by JOHN V. KENNY, are being formersed to the FBI Laboratory to determine if these negatives can be developed to such a degree that they would reflect readable prints of the individuals who were surrounding Senator ROMERT F. KENNEDY at the time that he was shot.

It is to be noted that the negatives contain darken impressions which may or may not be of value to the investigation of this case.

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DIRECTOR, PBI (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY MECHANICAL SECTION)

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Enclosed herewith are six negatives obtained from JOHN V. KENNY, a Providence College student, who was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel at Los Angeles, California, and who was in his own words approximately twenty-five feet from the location where Senator ROBERT P. KERNEDY was shot on 6/4/68.

Mr. KEBN advised that he had in his persention a camera which he held over has head and continued to anap pictures of Senator BOHERT F. LENNERS as he passed through the kitchen corridor immediately prior to the shooting.

Mr. KERRY stated that the pictures taken in the corridor apparently were not clear enough to be developed, but he did have them in his possession when interviewed on October 17, 1968.

Mr. ERMY stated that he believed that the negatives number 18A through 20A were the shots taken by him immediately prior to the shooting of Senator KRAMEDY.

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Mr. KEMMY stated that he had no objections to any experimentation done by the PEI Laboratory to try to devalop these enclosed negatives.

The Laboratory is requested to develop the photographs of the enclosed negatives if possible, and to forward one set of prints to the Los Angeles Division and one set to the Boston Division.

The Laboratory is also requested to return the negatives to the Boston Division for disposition to Mr. KENEY.

SAC, BOSTON (56-73) (P)

KENSALT (00: LA)

Re NORMAN JACQUES, State Senator from R.I., 16 Comstock St., Pawtucket, R.I.

Enclosed herewith are 22 copies of an FD 302 pertaining to the interview with NORMAN JACQUES.

On 10/14/68, Lt. JOSEPH BARRY, Pawtucket, R.I. P.D. advised confidentially that NORMAN JACQUES, Rhode Island State Senator for Pawtucket, R.I. has been active in politics during the past few years. He stated that he unsuccessfully ran for a congressional seat and has bucked the Democratic Party in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He stated that JACQUES has been suspected of being involved illicit activities with regards to young children. He stated that JACQUES does not have a job but seems to gain his living by association with "odd balls".

Lieutenant BARRY stated that JACQUES in his opinion is a publicity hound who would do anything to get his name in the newspapers and in front of the public eye.

HARRY MC KENNA, News Director, WEAN Radio Station, Providence, Rhode Island, advised on 10/16/68, that JOHN V. KENNY, a senior at Providence College was working for his station on a part time basis and was an eye witness to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California. Mr. MC KENNA advised that KENNY took photographs at the acene but the photographs were poor quality.

Mr. MC KENNA related that KENNY gave an interview with him for radio which was taped several days after the shooting.

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MC KENNA described JACQUES as "a phony" who was an eye witness to the shooting until he was told of the emistence of Mr. KENNY.

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AT PROVIDENCE R.I. Will interview KENNY.

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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 unsuccessful 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 where he 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 individual's seated in and around the Embassy Ballroom. He stated that the room was 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

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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:	

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Place of Birth: Pawtucket, Rhode Island

5 feet 7 inches Height:

Weight: 138 pounds

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Great Road and Wilbur Road Lincoln, Rhode Island Residence:

Occupation: State Senator

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date	10/24/68	

JOHN V. KENNY, a Political Science Major, and presently residing at 249 Rankin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, while he is attending Providence College, in Providence, Rhode Island, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, where he heard and observed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY deliver an address to his campaign forces.

He stated that at that time he was not employed by the Radio Station WEAN, Providence, Rhode Island, but was subsequently employed when he contacted an individual by the name of HARRY MC KENNA, News Director, for the Radio Station WEAN.

Mr. KENNY stated that he was on the stage when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY addressed his campaign forces, and took several pictures of the KENNEDY entourage as well as a number of individuals in the audience.

He stated that he took several pictures of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, as he was speaking at the podium.

He stated that after Senator KENNEDY spoke he walked to his right, on the stage, and then turned around and proceeded to the rear of the stage and jumped off the stage and proceeded into an area, which he now knows as the kitchen corridor area.

He stated that he with his camera continued to follow after Senator KENNEDY and continued to take pictures of him proceeding through the kitchen corridor door, which is located to the rear of the Embassy Room.

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He stated that he held his camera over his head and took a number of shots.

He stated that when he entered the small corridor of the room he heard a loud explosion and then observed the individual, now known to him as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, being held by a very large Negro male, who he now knows as ROSEVELT GRIER.

He stated that a union official who was shot in the corridor, and who was previously standing on the stage, next to Senator KENNEDY as he addressed the crowd fell down in front of him.

KENNY stated that to the best of his kneeledge and recollection he did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHA or retime that he saw him being subdued by

KENNY pointed out that as he trail benind Senate KENNEDY, who was departing through the kitchen corridor, he extended his hands over his head and with his camera attempted to take photographs in the kitchen corridor.

He stated that he had submitted the photos for development, but they were returned with a notation that they were not good enough for printing.

Mr. KENNY stated that upon his return to Providence, Rhode Island, he was interviewed by HARRY MC KENNA, News Director, of Radio Station WEAN, Providence, Rhode Island, and stated that he kept a tape of the interview with MC KENNA.

Mr. KENNY advised that he was born on September 2, 1947, at New York, New York, and resides at Apartment 1B, 1675 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, when not in attendance at Providence College.

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date	10/24/68	
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JOHN V. KENNY made available six negatives of photographs which he attempted to take on June 4, 1968, in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

These photographs were taken in and about the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot by SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE:

10/21/68

SAC, BOSTON (44-646) (P)

SUBJECT:

00: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles letter to Boston dated 9/16/68.

Enclosed herewith are twenty-two (22) copies each of FD-302's pertaining to interviews of the following individuals:

> Dr. JAMES V. MC HUGH Leominster, Mass.

DONALD J. GEARY Leominster, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES S. EASTHAM Andover, Mass.

JOSEPH SCANLON Tiverton, R. I.

Investigation at Boston is continuing in an effort to locate and interview other individuals who were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, during pertinent period.

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# UNITED STATES CERNMENT

TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: 9/16/68

FROM

EAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT:

KERNSALT

00: LOS ANGELES

Re: CAROL ASH (Kennedy Campaign)

2331 Cathedral Avenue N/W

Washington, D.C.

On 6/4/68 the above-captioned person was a registered guest at the Ambassador Rotel, Los Angeles, California.

At 12:15 A.M. on 6/5/68, STRHAN B. STRHAN, at the conclusion of a victory rally by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY (D-New York), in the kitchen area leading off the Embassy Ballroom shot and killed Senator KENNEDY, utilizing a .22 caliber revolver.

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22 copies of FD-302 should be submitted.

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Re LA let 9/16/68.

Enclosed for Boston one copy each of referenced letter, diagram of Ambassador Hotel area, and one photo of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

For infe of Boston CAROL ASH (Kennedy Campaign) 2331 Cathedral Ave., N.W., WDC, advise she was present at Ambassador Hotel, LA, shortly after 7:00 P.M. to about 11:45 p.m. on 6/4/68. She had had a room at that hotel but had earlier been moved to the Chancellor Hotel, LA, to make room for newspaper people. ASH related she worked at Wilshire Blvd. headquarters until about 7:00 p.m. on 6/4/68, then went to Ambassador Hotel ballroom (Embassy Room). Room was growded and hot so she and friends went to Palm Ber, Ambassador Hotel to await KENNEDY assouncement but because apprehensive about restaurants closing and left about 11:45 p.m. to dine at Chancellor Hotel. Learned of assault on KENNEDY while eating dinner. She was accompanied by WALTER SHERIDAN, NBC, WDC; TEXESA

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