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**Title:** SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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**Synopsis:** At approximately 12:15 a.m., 6/5/68, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY proclaimed victory in California primary election in crowded Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. As Senator KENNEDY and party were leaving Embassy Room through kitchen exit, a series of shots were fired by an unknown individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. Senator KENNEDY fell backward onto floor, critically wounded with bullet in brain. SIRHAN wrestled to floor, disarmed, and turned over to Los Angeles, California, Police Department (LAPD). SIRHAN refused to admit identity to the LAPD, carried no identification, and booked as "JOHN DOE" on charge of assault to commit murder. Senator KENNEDY taken to Los Angeles Central Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment, and thereafter transported to nearby Hospital of the Good Samaritan, 1212 Shatto Street, Los Angeles. Neurosurgeons operated on Senator KENNEDY for about four hours to remove fragmented .22 caliber bullet in right brain area. Senator KENNEDY succumbed to brain injuries at 1:44 a.m., 6/6/68. Autopsy conducted. Cause of death on Death Certificate shown as "gunshot wound of right mastoid penetrating brain." On 6/6/68, jet provided by the President of the United States left Los Angeles International Airport for New York City, transporting body of Senator KENNEDY and some members of family, friends, and staff. Other victims of shooting by SIRHAN were Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS, Saugus, California, leg wound and scalp laceration; IRA GOLDSTEIN, Encino, California, back and leg wounds; PAUL HERMAN SCHRADE, Los Angeles, scalp wound; WILLIAM

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SWEET WEISEL, Washington, D. C., abdominal wound; and IRWIN NEIL STROLL, Los Angeles, foot wound. Five victims recovering satisfactorily. Room of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California, searched by LAPD after receiving oral consent from brother, ADEL SIRHAN. Among items found and seized by LAPD were numerous pages of handwriting. One page dated 5/18/68, contained numerous sentences among which were, "My determination to eliminate RFK is becoming more the more of an unshakeable obsession." "RFK must die - RFK must be killed. Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated." Near the bottom of this page is written, "Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated before 5 June 68." Other pages contain similar statements. Weapon taken from SIRHAN at time of shooting is .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol, Serial Number H53725. Pistol contained eight shots and all shots expended. Pistol sold in Pasadena, California, in 1965 to ALBERT LESLIE HERTZ, and subsequent ownership traced through several owners to MUNIR SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. MUNIR SIRHAN purchased weapon in mid-February 1968, at which time accompanied by SIRHAN, who loaned him six dollars toward purchase. LAPD advised one bullet removed from Senator KENNEDY's body definitely fired from this .22 caliber pistol. 1956 De Soto, registered to SIRHAN, located by FBI Agents 6/5/68, a few blocks from Ambassador Hotel. LAPD obtained search warrant and searched vehicle, locating two lead projectiles on front seat. An empty box for .22 caliber bullets found in glove compartment. Sales receipt in glove compartment revealed purchase 6/1/68, of four boxes of .22 caliber bullets in San Gabriel, California. Los Angeles County Grand Jury, 6/7/68, returned True Bill charging SIRHAN with one count murder and five counts assault with deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. Arraigned 6/7/68; date of plea set for 6/28/68. Judge issued court order restricting comment by any public official or anyone connected with case. SIRHAN confined Los Angeles County Central Jail under strict security measures. LAPD has attempted to interview SIRHAN but he refuses to discuss shooting. Investigation determined SIRHAN born [redacted] in Jerusalem. Entered U. S. in 1957 with parents and family. Attended junior high school, high school, and

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junior college in Pasadena, California, 1957 to 1965. Mother and brothers living in Pasadena advise SIRHAN had no female associates and very few male friends. Has reputation of being "loner" who did not drink or smoke, always had great ambitions, but continually failed to reach his goals. SIRHAN reportedly had little communication with other members of family and read a great deal of books concerning history or politics. In September 1966, SIRHAN thrown from horse and reportedly injured head. Received \$2,000 settlement from insurance company for this injury. SIRHAN's mother advised in her opinion he was never the same person following this fall. GAYMOARD MISTRI, Pasadena, advised that shortly after 6:00 p.m., 6/4/68, SIRHAN joined him in local Pasadena restaurant. MISTRI talked with SIRHAN while SIRHAN ate dinner and then both walked across street to Pasadena City College. SIRHAN departed between 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., 6/4/69, without indicating any definite plans for evening after MISTRI indicated he did not want to play pool that evening. HUMPHREY CORDERO and ENRIQUE RABAGO advised had conversation with individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN, at approximately 9:30 p.m., 6/4/68, at the Ambassador Hotel. Both of opinion SIRHAN was at Ambassador alone, and no one appeared to be accompanying him during the ten minutes they talked. SIRHAN reportedly made derogatory comments regarding "rich people" in general and Senator KENNEDY in particular. SIRHAN told RABAGO that KENNEDY was going to "buy the Presidency" for personal reasons and referred to KENNEDY as an "S.O.B." Neither CORDERO nor RABAGO had further conversation with SIRHAN during the evening of 6/4/68, and neither had ever seen him before. SIRHAN reportedly vocal in support of Arab effort in Arab-Israeli conflict, and anti-Semitic.

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PREDICATION

Investigation into all aspects of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, is being conducted upon the request of the Attorney General of the United States. The investigation is being conducted under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,  
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
ON JUNE 5, 1968

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS  
CONCERNING SHOOTING FROM  
LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, moments after delivering an election victory speech before a crowd of approximately 1,000 people in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot by an unidentified assailant. The shooting occurred as Senator KENNEDY and his entourage left the ballroom through a kitchen exit.

The assailant, later identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, fired a series of shots in rapid succession, injuring five other individuals in the melee.

As Senator KENNEDY fell backward onto the floor, SIRHAN was seized by Los Angeles Rams Lineman ROOSEVELT GRIER and wrestled to the floor by GRIER and former Olympic Decathlon Champion RAFER JOHNSON, who disarmed SIRHAN of a .22 caliber revolver.

SIRHAN, who carried no identification and refused to admit his identity, was turned over to the Los Angeles Police Department and booked as "John Doe" on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Senator KENNEDY, at that time, was believed to have been shot in the head and right shoulder and was subsequently taken to the Los Angeles Central Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment. He was immediately thereafter transported to Hospital of the Good Samaritan, 1212 Shatto Street, Los Angeles, which is approximately three and one-half blocks from the Central Receiving Hospital.

Upon his arrival at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, six neurosurgeons operated on Senator KENNEDY for approximately four hours to remove the .22 caliber bullet which had fragmented into several parts in his right brain area.

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Senator KENNEDY succumbed to brain injuries at 1:44 AM on June 6, 1968, at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles.

At approximately 11:05 AM, June 6, 1968, the autopsy on the body of Senator KENNEDY was completed.

At 1:28 PM, June 6, 1968, a jet, provided by the President of the United States, left Los Angeles International Airport for New York City, transporting the body of Senator KENNEDY, some of the members of his family, friends, and members of his staff.

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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY accompanied by his wife, ETHEL, toward the conclusion of his victory speech given at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. This photograph was made available by Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department.



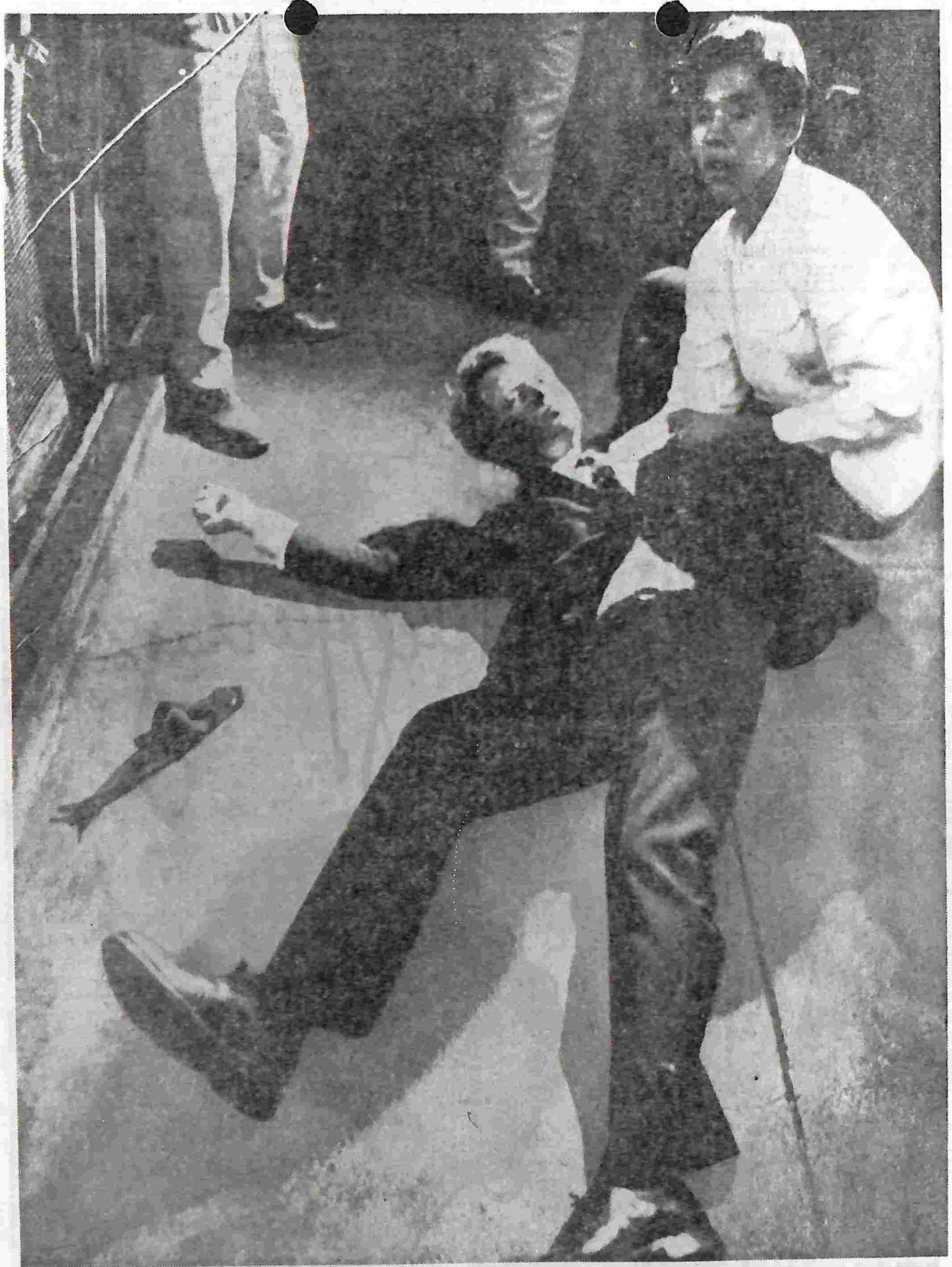
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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY immediately after being shot, on the floor of the kitchen area of the Embassy Room in the Ambassador Hotel at Los Angeles, California. JUAN ROMERO, a busboy at the hotel, is attempting to assist him. This photograph was taken by "Los Angeles Times" photographer BORIS YARO.



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On June 7, 1968, Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, furnished SA EDWARD A. PLEVACK a photograph taken at the scene of the assassination. This photograph depicts Senator KENNEDY apparently on the floor of the Embassy kitchen area with an unknown individual holding his head from the floor. Beneath his head appears to be a pool of blood.



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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY being comforted as he lies on the floor of the kitchen area to the rear of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Directly beneath his head being supported by an unknown individual, a pool of blood has accumulated as a result of the injuries. The photograph was made available by Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department.



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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY lying on the floor of the Embassy Room kitchen shortly after having been shot. Some unidentified person had placed a pair of rosary beads in his right hand. The photograph was made available by Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department.



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DONALD CLAUS RUS, 10951 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, California, telephone 632-7897 advised he is employed as an ambulance driver for the City of Los Angeles presently assigned to the Boyle Heights Station, 2111 East First Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone 483-7311, extention 32. He advised that he has ten years experience as an ambulance driver for the City of Los Angeles and a total of 15 years experience as an ambulance driver. He stated he is presently working a shift from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. He stated on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968 he was assigned as a driver to Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California.

He further advised he appeared before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on June 7, 1968 and testified to his knowledge of the events surrounding the KENNEDY shooting.

RUS furnished the following signed statement which he advised was substantially the same testimony which he furnished to the Grand Jury:

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Los Angeles, Calif.

"I, DONALD C. RUS, am employed as an ambulance driver for the city of Los Angeles, California. I was so employed on the night of June 4 - 5th.

"At about 12:20 a.m., on June 5th, I and my partner, TOM RATLIFF, were in ambulance G-15, at Sixth Street and Alvarado, without any patients in vehicle. I heard a radio call of an ambulance - shooting at 3400 Wilshire Blvd., at which time I told my partner that address was the Ambassador Hotel. I was not assigned to respond to this call. We proceeded to Central Receiving Hospital at 1401 West 6th St. to turn in time and hospital records.

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SA FRED B. LAFFERTY, III and  
by SA BERNARD P. FLANIGAN BPF/nmb Date dictated 6/8/68

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" "At about 12:25 a.m., I was in the ambulance office with several other drivers and attendants. I noticed a yellow cab drive to ambulance entrance of hospital. There was a motorcycle escort guard with the taxi cab. One of the passengers of the cab entered room requesting help because someone had been shot. Then, about six drivers and attendants went outside to ambulance ramp and observed a young white male sitting in rear of the cab. I assisted him removing him from the cab and placed him in a wheelchair. I determined he had bullet wounds in his left leg. Attendant TOM RATLIFF took the patient into the hospital and I ordered the cab and the motorcycle to clear the ambulance area. The man who came in the ambulance office told us KENNEDY was shot.

"At this time, approximately 12:30 a.m. ambulance G-18 arrived at the ambulance ramp. The ambulance backed up to the dock. I opened the rear door of the ambulance. I opened the Gilson belt, a belt which covers the rear door and is a protective device in case the rear doors of the ambulance doors open. In the rear of the ambulance, I observed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the stretcher. MAX BEHRMANN, the attendant was at the rear of the ambulance. Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY was sitting next to BEHRMANN. There was at least another white female in the ambulance rear. ROBERT HULSMAN was the ambulance driver. In the cab, I observed Mr. BARRY, KENNEDY's bodyguard and at least one other person riding in the cab. Dr. BAZILIAUSKAS entered the ambulance and attended to Mr. KENNEDY. I released the stretcher and proceeded to roll it from the ambulance. We wheeled the stretcher inside the hospital to treatment room #2. As we were entering room #2, Mrs. KENNEDY, grabbed a camera from a news cameraman and knocked it to the floor. She also swung at him and hit him in the chest area.

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"KENNEDY's bodyguard jumped over the stretcher and attacked the photographer. They wrestled with each other for several seconds and were separated by L.A.P.D. officers, Hospital Detail. I then wheeled the stretcher into room # 2 and helped lift Mr. KENNEDY onto the treatment table. I removed the stretcher from room # 2. In treatment room # 2, there were doctors, nurses, and members of the KENNEDY group.

"I was then paged over the public address system and dispatched to the Ambassador Hotel as a request for 2 more ambulances had been received. RATLIFF and I drove ambulance G-15 to the hotel. On arrival, we were guided to rear entrance of the hotel. We took our stretcher and first-aid kit and entered the hotel by the rear entrance. We were guided to the freight elevator which we took to the third floor. We were guided through the corridors. We located one victim in a corridor. He was lying on the floor. We examined him and determined he was not critical. I do not recall his injuries. We left him and told him a private ambulance following us would take him. We were led into the Embassy Room where we found Mrs. EVANS. She was just to the left of the speakers stand in the Embassy Room. The room very crowded with people. The time was about 12:40 a.m. Mrs. EVANS was lying on her back on a table. There was a man, who claimed he was a doctor attending to her. He said she had a 'bleeder' in the forehead. RATLIFF and I examined her and determined she had a laceration on her forehead. We applied a pressure dressing over the wound and placed her on the stretcher. We were then advised of another injury of a photographer who had been hit in the head with a camera. We examined him and determined he had a laceration on the rear of the head. We took both patients down the freight elevator and out the rear entrance. We loaded them in

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"in the ambulance and proceeded to Central Receiving, Code 3. On arrival at the hospital, we unloaded the patients and placed them in treatment rooms.

"At about 1:00 a.m. I went to treatment room # 2 and assisted transferring Mr. KENNEDY from treatment table to stretcher. We wheeled the stretcher out to the loading ramp and placed it into ambulance G-16. Mrs. KENNEDY and several other people in the KENNEDY group and a doctor went in this ambulance which was transferring Mr. KENNEDY from Central Receiving Hospital to Good Samaritan Hospital at Lucas and Shatto St. about 4 blocks from Central Receiving. During the time we were loading Mr. KENNEDY into ambulance, the hospital corridors and entrance were jammed with crowds. We were slowed in our efforts to load him into the ambulance due to the large unruly crowd in and in front of the hospital.

"During the course of the entire affair, I saw or heard nothing which could aid in identifying a suspect or could be evidence to the shooting.

"I have read this written statement which is six pages long. I have initialed all page and corrections. This is a true statement.

"/s/ DONALD C. RUS, 6/8/68

"Witness:

/s/ SA BERNARD P. FLANIGAN, FBI, 6/8/68, Los Angeles, California  
/s/ SA FRED B. LAFFERTY, FBI, 6/8/68, Los Angeles, California."

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MAX ALMA BEHRMANN, residence address 6259 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following signed statement to SAs RUSSELL C. ANDERSON and PHILIP G. JACKSON:

"I, Max Alma Behrman make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents Philip G. Jackson and Russell C. Anderson who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am 48 years of age; reside at 6259 De Longpre Ave, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 464-7948. I have been employed by the City of Los Angeles for the last 19 years as an ambulance driver, and last October, 1967, I changed my position to that of an ambulance attendant. In March and April of 1968, as a part of a continuing program of in-service training, I received approximately 20 hours of emergency first aid instruction. I am presently working out of the Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, California.

"On June 5th, 1968 I received a call from Miss Norma Case, Dispatcher, at the previously mentioned hospital, that there was a report of an injury at the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard and the location was noted as the Embassy Room. I went with my driver, Robert Hulsman, residence address La Puente, California in ambulance unit number G-18 to the Ambassador Hotel.

"We proceeded, code 3, which means red lights and siren and I noted the time as 12:17 A.M June 5, 1968. We drove down Wilshire Boulevard and entered the Ambassador Hotel parking lot and stopped the ambulance at the front parking lot close by the kitchen entrance.

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SAs PHILIP G. JACKSON &  
by RUSSELL C. ANDERSON/RCA/vjh Date dictated 6/8/68

"I then saw a man described as a white male, American, six feet tall, 175 pounds, wearing an olive green suit and he said to me, 'bring a stretcher, follow me up the stairs.' I was rolling the stretcher and knew I could not get it up the stairs. I and my driver then went to an elevator and a hotel employee described as a white male 6 feet, 160 pounds, who I know as a handyman took us to the second floor. I then went to the second floor kitchen and it was very crowded and congested. I noted as I came near the victim there was a woman wiping the forehead of this individual with a cloth. I noted a white male, unknown to me, close by the victim.

"I then noted a pool of blood underneath the head of the victim. I knealt down again to pick Mr. Kennedy up and place him on the stretcher. As I knelt down by the victim the woman wiping the victim's head tried to pull me away and said, 'keep your hands off of him, I'm Mrs. Kennedy.'

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'We are from Central Receiving Hospital, Emergency Ambulance Crew and we are here to help you.' Mrs. Kennedy then replied 'I don't care who you are.'

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'We had a call here, If you don't want me to examine your husband, what do you want me to do?'

"I then heard an unknown white male standing close by say, 'Hurry hurry lets get him on the stretcher.'

"I then heard Mr. Kennedy say, 'No no don't please.' At this point Mrs. Kennedy tried to pull me away."

"The driver and myself then put Mr. Kennedy on the stretcher, and wrapped him in a blanket. I noted the white male pushing people away from in front of the stretcher and some people were falling over and tripping over each other. We got on the elevator with Mrs. Kennedy and a white male and the previously mentioned handyman was controlling the elevator.

"The elevator went by the first floor to the basement and then returned to the first floor. At this point I had not heard that the victim, Mr. Kennedy, had been shot.

"I then moved the stretcher out of the elevator and out to the ambulance. I noted that the white male was pulling on the stretcher so that I could not move it along and he said, 'take it easy.'

"I then said to this white male, 'For Christ's sake, let go so I can get him to the ambulance.'

"I then heard Mrs. Kennedy say, 'Don't hurry don't hurry.' I did not specifically notice any policemen immediately around me but it was extremely congested and people were shoving each other around. We lifted Mr. Kennedy into the ambulance and locked the stretcher in place. I then said to Mrs. Kennedy 'Would you get in please'. I observed standing with her was a white, male, American, age 60, weight 150, 5 feet 8 inches, medium build receding lt. brown hair, wearing a dark brown suit.

"This man then got into the ambulance and then Mrs. Kennedy entered the ambulance and I entered it. The driver, Hulsman came to the rear and started to fasten the safety webbing."

"I said, 'Robert, please come on lets go to the hospital.' Robert then closed the doors. I then noted that Mrs. Kennedy opened 1 door and pointed to a white, female, wearing a white dress and said, 'I want that lady in white to go with me.'

"I recall that just prior to Mrs. Kennedy opening rear door mentioned above I took Mr. Kennedys pulse and I would say it was very weak.

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'No, I'm not taking her with me.' I said to the driver, 'Bob come on close the doors, lets go.' The driver was having difficulty closing the rear doors and I said 'Put them in the front seat and lets go.'

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'Just for the records, Please, what happened?' At this point Mrs. Kennedy said, 'I dont give a damn what you say' and at this point Mrs. Kennedy grabbed my ambulance call record book and threw it out of the rear of the ambulance. I had noted on the ambulance call record ticket the following information: number B 20588, date 6/5/68, Division G 18, location Ambassador Hotel, received 12:17 A.M. and arrived at location 12:22 AM., Name Kennedy, address, Ambassador Hotel.

"I then noted that the driver closed the rear doors and I said, 'Come one Bob lets go, We've got a police escort.' I noted a police car in front of our ambulance and just before we pulled out 2 white males got in the front with the driver and we left.

"I noted that Mr. Kennedy was taking deep breaths, I reached over him to get an air-wick to insert in Mr. Kennedy's throat to aid"

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"his breathing prior to putting on an air-mask but elected not to use it (the air wick) in view of Mrs. Kennedy's behavior. I then reached under Mr. Kennedy's head to lift it up so I might put the band over his head which holds the air mask.

"At this point Mrs. Kennedy said, 'You keep your dirty filthy hands off my husband.' Mrs. Kennedy then said, 'How do you know the air is on?' and I replied, "you can hear it.'

"As we were proceeding to the hospital I again asked Mrs. Kennedy, 'Can you tell me what happened?' and she replied, 'I don't give a Goddamn what you want to know.'

"I then tried to place the previously mentioned guaze compress on the left side of Mr. Kennedy's head as he was bleeding profusely and breathing in deep gasps. At this point I was struck on the right side of my face by Mrs. Kennedy and I can only state I was stunned.

"I next recall Mrs. Kennedy saying 'Bruce, come back here and throw this ambulance man out; he's bothering me; he's asking too many questions.'

"I next recall that the white male was attempting to crawl through from the cab to the body of the ambulance. At this point the driver pulled him back and said, 'Sit there or you can cause an accident.'

"As the ambulance approached the hospital I could see that a large number of people had gathered. As Robert tried to back the ambulance up to the off-leading dock an individual by the name of Rus, who is employed at the hospital as an ambulance driver opened the rear doors and dropped the webbing. At this point Dr. Bas"

"(phonetic, not his full name) entered the ambulance and I said to him, 'What do you want Doc?' and he replied I want to examine Mr. Kennedy.' I then said to Dr. Bas, 'Not here Doc, in the treatment room where you belong.'

"I next recall getting out of the ambulance and then Mrs. Kennedy got out. The driver and I took the stretcher out and started to go through the entry doors. At this point a photographer took two pictures and Mrs. Kennedy then said 'Get that man', and pointed at the photographer. I then observed the white male leap over the stretcher and strike the photographer full in the face and he fell to the ground.

"I then worked the stretcher through the crowd and into treatment room number 2. I then heard Dr. Bas say, 'Come on, hurry let's get him on the table so I can examine him.' At this point Dr. Bas placed his hands under the middle back of Mr. Kennedy and attempted to lift Mr. Kennedy up onto the table. I observed that Dr. Bas lifted Mr. Kennedy approximately 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) off the stretcher and Robert and myself brought the stretcher up as he was being lifted. At this point Dr. Bas lost his balance and he (Dr. Bas) falls forward toward the table and placed Mr. Kennedy on the table. I observed that when Dr. Bas lifted Mr. Kennedy the oxygen bottle that was between his legs fell to the floor and the air mask was subsequently left on Mr. Kennedy's face but the air tube had been pulled out.

"At this point the driver and myself took the other items, put them on the stretcher and moved it out of treatment room #2.

"At this point, in the hall, I pointed to the white male previously referred to as having"

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"struck the photographer and I said, 'I want to file a complaint against him.' This was said in the presence of a Los Angeles Detective who is normally stationed at Central Receiving Hospital.

"At this point the previously mentioned individual above said to me, 'I'm going to file a complaint against you too; what's your name?' I then said, 'Ask my supervisor he's right over there,' and I pointed to Mr. Paul Clum my immediate supervisor.

"The next event I can recall is that the dispatcher notified me that I should return to the Ambassador Hotel as there had been a shooting. I then said to Norma Case, the dispatcher, 'In other words, Mr. Kennedy that we just brought in has been shot,' and she said 'I guess so.' The dispatcher then told me they were sending 5 or 6 more ambulances to the Ambassador Hotel.

"I then returned to the Ambassador Hotel and picked up a white male, age 52 - 55, weight 200, name not given, who indicated to me that he had been shot. After the driver and I placed this man in the ambulance a Negro male, age 50, wearing a dark brown suit stated he was a Doctor and requested to go along in the ambulance. I was further requested by a white male wearing a white shirt and a dark tie who identified himself as a Doctor, if he could also go along in the ambulance and I indicated he could. This individual being transported was asked by me, 'Would you like me to remove the hat from beneath your head and he replied, 'No I'm fine, tell your partner to go fast, but not too fast'.

"The next event I can recall after returning to the hospital was a telephone call I received from an officer at the Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division whose name"

"I recall to be Wilson. He stated that an individual in the Kennedy party that identified himself as Barry had 'complained charges' against you, that you struck Mrs. Kennedy.

"I replied that I did not touch her at any time other than to help her into the ambulance, but Mrs. Kennedy did strike me, and I further advised him of all the details of the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

"I remained at the hospital until approximately noon on June 5, 1968 writing a hand-written account of the events that took place during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

"I have read this statement of this page and eleven other pages and it is true and correct and best of my knowledge.

"Max Alma Behrman

"Witnesses

/s/Philip G. Jackson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles.  
/s/Russell C. Anderson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles."

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1Date 6/8/68

MAX ALMA BEHRMANN, residence address 6259 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, furnished the following voluntary information to SAs RUSSELL C. ANDERSON and PHILIP G. JACKSON, who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

MAX ALMA BEHRMANN stated that, on June 5, 1968 at approximately 6:30 P.M., he received a telephone call at his residence from a reporter on the Washington Post, name not recalled who related the following: "We have a report on the teletype from Los Angeles, California and I would like to verify it with you as to whether it is true or not." This reporter then asked BEHRMANN if it was true that Mrs. KENNEDY was suing him for a half a million dollars, and he replied, "Oh, my God, no, I don't know; I'm sleepy, I've been trying to get some sleep all day." This reporter then thanked him and he hung up.

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by PHILIP G. JACKSON/RCA/vjh Date dictated 6/8/68

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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Lieutenant CHARLES HUGHES, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), made available the following copy of the Medical Treatment Record of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, victim of shooting at the Ambassador Hotel.

This Medical Treatment Record is from the City of Los Angeles, Central Receiving Hospital, and is a handwritten copy of the original.

Lieutenant HUGHES advised that the original of this record is being utilized for the Grand Jury Hearing, being conducted on June 7, 1968, and is, therefore, not available at this time. The original of this record will be available through appropriate subpoena if required for any Federal court proceedings at a later date.

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CENTRAL REC. HOSPITALCITY OF LOS ANGELES — RECEIVING HOSPITAL  
MEDICAL TREATMENT RECORD

NAME (Last, First, Middle)					ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP
PHONE NUMBER		SEX	RACE	BIRTHDATE	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	(M.S.W.D.)	OCCUPATION
		M. F.	Caucasian					Singer
ACCIDENT LOCATION					ACCIDENT (Date and Time)		EMPLOYER	
Complaints of chest pain								
STATEMENT OF ACCIDENT					EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS			
Singer								
HOW ENTERED?		<input type="checkbox"/> WALKED	<input type="checkbox"/> WHEELCHAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRETCHER	<input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED IN	BROUGHT IN BY	EMPLOYER'S PHONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY AMBULANCE		<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE AMBULANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE CAR	<input type="checkbox"/> POLICE CAR	G-18 Dulceman	B-18 Dulceman		
REMARKS								
Pain here - last night								
in the here - patient								
HOW LEFT HOSPITAL		AMBULANCE		CALLED BY		WHERE TAKEN		
<input type="checkbox"/> WHEELCHAIR		G-18 Van Ness				Central Sanitation Hotel		
<input type="checkbox"/> WALKED		<input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED						
RELATIVES OR FRIENDS NOTIFIED		BY WHOM		ACCOMPANIED BY		Stat code 3		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO				Dr. Hart accompanied		
INDUSTRIAL INJURY		INSURANCE CARRIER				SOCIAL SECURITY NO. PT		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO						
IS PATIENT INSURED?		SPECIFY TYPE (Blue Cross, Kaiser, CPS)				MEMBER NUMBER	GROUP NUMBER	CODE/SCHED.
<input type="checkbox"/> YES								
NAME OF SUBSCRIBER:				SURGEON ON DUTY		NURSE ON DUTY		
				Burg-Hart		Eddy Nelson May 12 1965 Lightsey		

RH 340-3-67

LAPD Att. 2000

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1965-5-26 12:00 P.M. 5-261

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## CLINICAL RECORD

WAS PATIENT ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS INTELLIGENTLY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Blood Pressure <i>80</i>		EMERGENCY CARE:	TOTAL CHARGES \$ <i>100</i>	Statement/Receipt No. <i>123456789</i>
WAS PATIENT UNDRESSED? <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETELY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARTIALLY	Pulse	Temperature	Treatment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tetanus <input type="checkbox"/>	Ambulance Call Record No. <i>123456789</i>	

## Opinion and/or Findings:

*Cyanosis, moderate tachypnea, pulse in extremis  
bullet wound at midline L area 6 swelling  
respiratory & heart beat + breathing to CCM + heart lung machine  
Sound in good quality later. DTR's normal, elevated tenses  
Pulse 3-4 mil R+R+E - Rigidity began L ext L  
spastic abd tremors*

## Treatment and Advice:

*C. Cardiac Monitor - lidocaine 1cc, IV STAT Cg, Guaifenesin  
H&L machine - cardiac Defibrillator 11. adult size Semimallation  
Blood drawn T + Xmatch polygraphin sent to lab  
SINUS sinus sinus*

Narcotic Admin.	Time/By	Repeat/By	Condition on Discharge (initial) - general
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Surgeon's Signature *Kang Luster* Patient's Signature if Complete Exam Refused *I have been examined and found fit for release*

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Clerk FRANCIS SCHAMBERS, Los Angeles County Coroner's Record Bureau, Hall of Justice, telephone MADison 9-2451, Extension 82401, advised that the Certificate of Death for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been completed and issued, had been sent to the Hall of Records, Ninth Floor, for filing with the Los Angeles County Health Department, Death Certificate Records.

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## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

7097-UZ137

STATEMENT REQUIRED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TOTAL REGISTRATION OFFICIAL AND CERTIFICATE NUMBER

1A. NAME OF DECEASED - FIRST NAME	1B. MIDDLE NAME	1C. LAST NAME	2A. DATE OF DEATH - MONTH DAY YEAR	2B. HOUR
Robert	Francis	Kennedy	June 6, 1968	1:46 AM
3. SEX	4. COLOR OR RACE	5. BIRTHPLACE	6. DATE OF BIRTH	7. AGE (LAST BIRTHDAY)
M	White	Brookline, Mass.		42 YEARS
8. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER		9. MAIDEN NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER		
Joseph P. Kennedy Boston, Mass.		Rose Fitzgerald Boston, Mass.		

DECEDENT PERSONAL DATA  
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10. COUNTRY OF WHAT COUNTRY	11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	12. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY)	13. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE IF WIFE LATER MARRIED
U.S.A.		married	Ethel Skakel PII
14. LAST OCCUPATION	15. NUMBER OF YEARS IN THIS OCCUPATION	16. NAME OF LAST EMPLOYING COMPANY OR FIRM	17. KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS
U.S. Senator	4 years	United States Government	Government

PLACE OF DEATH

18A. PLACE OF DEATH - NAME OF HOSPITAL OR OTHER IN-PATIENT FACILITY	18B. STREET ADDRESS - STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION	18C. INSIDE CITY CORPORATE LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)
Good Samaritan Medical Center	1212 Shatto Street	yes
18D. CITY OR TOWN	18E. COUNTY	18F. LENGTH OF STAY IN COUNTY OF DEATH
Los Angeles	Los Angeles	10 days
18G. CITY OR TOWN	18H. STATE	18I. LENGTH OF STAY IN CALIFORNIA
New York	New York	10 days

USUAL RESIDENCE  
(IF DEATH OCCURRED IN  
INSTITUTION, ENTER  
RESIDENCE BEFORE  
ADMISSION)

19A. USUAL RESIDENCE - STREET ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION)	19B. INSIDE CITY CORPORATE LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	20. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF INFORMANT
870 United Nations Plaza	yes	Ethel S. Kennedy
19C. CITY OR TOWN	19D. COUNTY	19E. STATE
New York	New York	New York
Same as 19A		

PHYSICIAN'S OR CORONER'S CERTIFICATION

21A. CORONER: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED ABOVE FROM THE CAUSES STATED BELOW AND THAT I HAVE HELD ON THE REMAINS OF DECEASED AS REQUIRED BY LAW.	21B. PHYSICIAN: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED ABOVE FROM THE CAUSES STATED BELOW AND THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED.	21C. EXAMINER OR CORONER: Chief Medical Examiner
FROM ENTER MONTH DAY YEAR	TO AND ENTER MONTH DAY YEAR	LAST SAW THE ENTER MONTH DAY YEAR
Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, CORONER LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA		

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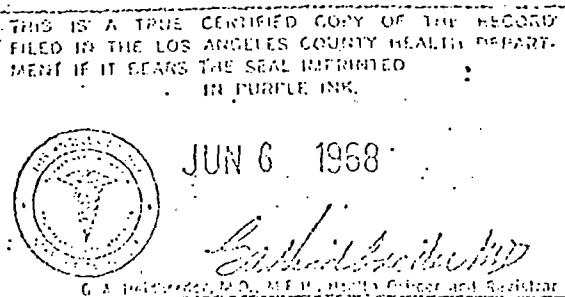
22A. SPECIFY BURIAL, ENTOMBMENT OR CREMATION	22B. DATE	23. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORIAL	24. EMBALMER - SIGNATURE IF BODY EMBALMED
BURIAL	6-6-68	CINNICKEN HOTEL, CEMETERY	Nate. Cem. (Signature)
25. NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR (FOR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH)	26. IF NOT CERTIFIED BY CORONER, WAS THIS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER? (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	27. LOCAL REGISTRAR - SIGNATURE	28. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION
Douglas Family	AS	(Signature)	1968

29. PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A) CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A), STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST. (B) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF (C) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF	ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR A, B, AND C		
	(A) GUNSHOT WOUND OF RIGHT MASTOID PENETRATING BRAIN		
	(B)		
(C)			

30. PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I	31. WAS OPERATION OR BIOPSY PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEMS 21 OR 30? (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	32A. ATTORNEY (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	32B. IF YES, WERE DEFENDANT'S CAUSE OF DEATH (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	
33. SPECIFY ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE	34. PLACE OF INJURY (SPECIFY HOME, PARK, FACTORY, OFFICE BUILDING ETC.)	35. INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	36A. DATE OF INJURY - MONTH DAY YEAR	36B. HOUR
HOMICIDE	HOTEL	NO	JUNE 5, 1968	12:15 A
37A. PLACE OF INJURY (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION AND CITY OR TOWN)	37B. DISTANCE FROM PLACE OF INJURY TO USUAL RESIDENCE, ITEM 19.	38. WERE LABORATORY TESTS MADE FOR DRUGS OR TOXIC CHEMICALS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	39. AFTER DRUGS OR TOXIC CHEMICALS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)	
3400 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES	3000 MILES	NO	NO	

40. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH RESULTED IN INJURY. NATURE OF INJURY SHOULD BE ENTERED IN ITEM 29)	SHOT BY KNOWN PERSON		
A.	B.	C.	D.
E.	F.	X	

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Mr. HERBERT MC ROY, Administrative Deputy-Coroner, Department of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, 104 Hall of Justice, 211 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, telephone MADISON 9-2451, Extension 82480, furnished the following information:

Mr. MC ROY is the Administrative Assistant to Dr. THOMAS T. NOGUCHI, M.D., the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner of Los Angeles County. Dr. NOGUCHI was in charge of the autopsy performed that morning on Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. MC ROY advised that an individual from the Photographic Laboratory of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as their official photographer of the Coroner's Department had made photographs of the decedent.

Mr. MC ROY stated that the results of autopsy had been dictated that morning by Dr. NOGUCHI and were presently being transcribed into a rough draft form. When the rough draft form is completed, Mr. MC ROY stated that he and the doctor would then take time to edit and make necessary corrections after which the results would be placed in their final form for approval. Mr. MC ROY said that this might take from five to possibly seven days.

Mr. MC ROY said that just as soon as this report is completed and is approved that a copy will be made available to the FBI, that he would immediately telephone the FBI to advise when this copy is ready.

Mr. MC ROY said that a set of the photographs made by his department would also be available to the FBI, which are in color. Mr. MC ROY said he did not know for sure how many photographs were taken, perhaps 80 to 100. Mr. MC ROY agreed to make six sets of these photographs available to the FBI.

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CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING LAYOUT OF  
AMBASSADOR HOTEL AREA WHERE SHOOTING OCCURRED

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ROBERT HUNTLEY, 6012 Condon Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he is self-employed doing business as Huntley Enterprises, Inc., with offices located in the arcade foyer, Ambassador Hotel, Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

He is the unofficial photographer for the Ambassador Hotel.

During the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, he was seated behind an open panel in the sloping ceiling of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel taking photographs of general interest of the KENNEDY contingent and supporters who were in the room below him. He was approximately 15 feet above the floor and approximately 50 feet from the podium directly across the room from ROBERT KENNEDY.

He was using a Topcon 35 mm camera with automatic diaphragm and shooting at 1/60 of a second. The camera was equipped with two lenses on a rotating swivel. One was a 135 mm lens and the other was a 53 mm wide-angle lens. He was using Tri-X black and white film.

He furnished three photographs and three negatives which were taken through the 53 mm wide-angle lens which were taken just prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He also furnished three photographs and three negatives taken through the 135 mm lens which were taken just subsequent to the shooting. All photographs show the crowd around the podium on the floor of the Embassy Room in the Ambassador Hotel.

The above photographs follow.

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Date 6/8/68

FRANS STALPERS, Assistant Manager of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, was contacted to arrange for the photographing of the interior and exterior areas of the hotel which were involved directly or indirectly in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

STALPERS directed SAA GREINER and FBI Photographer RICHARD FERNANDEZ to the Embassy Ballroom in which he said Senator KENNEDY had made his victory speech during the early morning of June 5, 1968, following the California State Primary Election.

STALPERS said that following Senator KENNEDY's speech from the speakers platform in front of the stage area of the Embassy Ballroom, the Senator made his exit through the stage area. After leaving the stage through double doors at the rear, he made a turn to the right in a corridor which leads to the serving kitchen area. STALPERS advised that he did not personally witness the route of exit being used by Senator KENNEDY, but he learned the details of same, he said, from talking to several other employees who were there.

STALPERS directed SAA GREINER and Photographer FERNANDEZ over the entire area where Senator KENNEDY had been immediately prior to the shooting and the route taken by him to the point where he was hit. STALPERS also provided copies of the floor plans of the hotel's Lobby and Casino Floors; the Embassy Ballroom being located on the Lobby Floor level, and the Ambassador Ballroom on the Casino level. He pointed out that the Senator KENNEDY party was utilizing both the Embassy and Ambassador Ballrooms.

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Pertinent portions of the floor plans furnished by FRANS STALPER have been reproduced and copies precede each photograph which was taken. Each copy of the floor plan shows by means of a directional arrow where the picture was taken. Additionally the area covered by the photograph has been marked in blue line showing general area of view taken.

Following the photograph is a chart which shows the speakers platform, stage area, hallway and vestibule which leads to the kitchen serving area in which Senator KENNEDY was shot. The scale of this chart is approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch representing 20 feet. The x marks shown on the chart show locations where individuals were shot. The x mark in front of the ice machine reportedly represents the area where Senator KENNEDY had fallen after being shot.