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MICHAEL SLOMICH was contacted at the residence of his father, 2660 Flores Avenue, San Mateo, California, during the evening of June 5, 1968. He was interviewed in the presence of his father, SIDNEY SLOMICH. He stated that he is at present a graduate student at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, and resides at 2464 California Street, San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL SLOMICH stated that he attended Pasadena City College approximately one and a half years and subsequently attended University of California at Los Angeles from approximately February, 1966, to December, 1967, at which time he graduated.

MICHAEL SLOMICH stated that he is aware that there is a Syrian-Lebanese Cultural Center, possibly known as the Syrian-Lebanese-American Cultural Center, located on Hollywood Boulevard near Sunset Strip. He stated that this group is a far right group, and he has knowledge that in the past the organization has permitted the American Nazi Party to utilize their headquarters to hold meetings and conduct action against "peace" demonstrators and to "eliminate traitors." These meetings occurred in approximately August 1967.

SLOMICH stated that he may have seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at some of these meetings or in connection with this group. SLOMICH said he is not positive at all that he has seen SIRHAN and states he has no acquaintance with him.

SLOMICH further advised that in Pasadena, California, on Colorado Boulevard, across the street from Pasadena City College, a bookstore known as the Americanism Book Store was formerly located. This store is now out of existence and has been gone for approximately two years. MICHAEL SLOMICH stated this book store was operated by a former Navy Petty officer whose name he does not recall, and it is his impression that in its stock it carried the far right Arab literature which was strongly anti-Semitic. He stated that he felt this could

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be significant in that SIRHAN was from Pasadena.

Further interview with MICHAEL SLOMICH elicited from him the fact that he attended DuBois Club meetings at the University of California at Los Angeles from approximately February, 1966, to December, 1967. He stated that he was very friendly with one WALTER CROWE, who was one of the significant individuals in this group. SLOMICH requested that in the event CROWE were contacted for any reason that his (SLOMICH's) identity be completely concealed. SLOMICH stated that in his association with the DuBois Club, which also included three city-wide meetings and twelve city-wide parties, he had never observed SIRHAN at any of these affairs. He indicated that he considered the DuBois Club to be a conservative-type organization composed of middle-class students who were rebelling against their parents. It was a non-militant, nonactive group interested principally in theory. He advised that the DuBois Club at Pasadena City College was never active to any extent.

In addition, MICHAEL SLOMICH stated that he was in the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at the University of California at Los Angeles from February, 1966, to December, 1967, and attended many meetings of this organization. He expressed the opinion that he knew everyone in the SDS in Southern California, including students from University of California at Los Angeles, Pasadena City College, Los Angeles City College and University of Southern California. He stated that he does not recall SIRHAN as ever being in attendance at any of these meetings, nor was he known to him in any way through these activities.

SLOMICH advised that he is presently active in the SDS at San Francisco State College and has been one of the activists protesting the Naval ROTC unit on the campus, and that he has been involved in the current demonstrations at this school.

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MYRTLE CLAYTON, San Francisco Police Department Switchboard Operator, advised that at approximately 8:20 p.m. on June 6, 1968 she received a call from an unknown male who advised he was calling from Muncie, Indiana. The caller asked if the assassin of KENNEDY was being held in San Francisco and she told him that he was not. The caller then stated "It's a good thing he isn't and in fact whoever has him should guard him closely as I intend to kill him." The operator transferred the call to one of the police department inspectors and he talked to the man for only a few seconds before he hung up. Apparently he made this same threat to the police department inspector. An attempt was made by the police department to trace the call through the Muncie, Indiana operator which was unsuccessful since the caller had hung up. It was determined through the operator that when the man placed the call he had given a non-existent telephone number as the number he was calling from.

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JUANITA OLMSTED, 237 Velvetlake, Sunnyvale, California, advised on June 6, 1968, that at 12:30 p.m., she was at a bus station in Los Angeles. In the waiting room of the bus station she observed a young man sitting down and reading a book. There was another young man sitting next to him, however, she did not know if these two men were together. OLMSTED described the young man in question as possibly identical with SIRHAN SIRHAN. She noted the man wore tennis shoes and blue jeans. OLMSTED said that this man appeared to possibly be identical with the KENNEDY assassin whose picture she has observed on her TV which gives a relatively dark picture.

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Chief of Police KEN HIVELY, Calistoga, California, telephonically advised on this date that one LOUIS BARDES, owner of the Green Hotel, Calistoga, has identified a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as being identical to one BELA FOLDI, who registered at the hotel in September, 1967. FOLDI gave his address when registering as Countryside Hotel, LaGrange, Illinois. He stayed in Room 8 at the Green Hotel, and was employed at the Colonial Cafe in Calistoga. Upon departure he gave a forwarding address of 675 North Kenmore, Hollywood, California.

Chief HIVELY stated he personally did not feel there was any credence to the statement of BARDES since JOE GUERRERO, owner of the Colonial Cafe, who was the employer of FOLDI, says the photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is not identical with FOLDI. However, BARDES made such a "stink" around Calistoga that he felt he should call this office. Two letters addressed to FOLDI, one from Las Vegas and one from Hollywood, are in possession of Chief HIVELY if needed.

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Characterizations concerning the American Nazi Party, Students for a Democratic Society, and W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America are attached as appendix pages to this section of the report.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
(ANPLA), Also Known As The
American Nazi Party
Western Division (ANPWD)

A source advised on August 2, 1966, that the American Nazi Party, Los Angeles, California (ANPLA), which branch has also been known as the American Nazi Party, Western Division (ANPWD), maintains its headquarters at 4375 North Peck Road, El Monte, California, and that RALPH PERRY FORBES is the Captain in charge of the Western Division.

At a press conference on May 2, 1963, in Los Angeles, California, RALPH PERRY FORBES stated he was at that time a Lieutenant in the ANP and the ninth-ranking officer of the organization. He stated he arrived in Los Angeles May 1, 1963, to take charge of the party's headquarters in the Los Angeles area, which has control over party activities in the Southwestern United States.

The late GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, self-styled national commander of the ANP, arrived in Los Angeles on May 6, 1963, and was photographed by the local press with RALPH PERRY FORBES.

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APPENDIXSTUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us". At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes", the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

APPENDIXW. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that Mike Zagarell, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that Daniel Rubin, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that Gus Hall, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that Jarvis Tyner was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that Jarvis Tyner is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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RODERICK LYNN MAC KAY was interviewed at 2527 Third Street, Santa Monica, California. MAC KAY stated he is a self-employed salesman, born [REDACTED], at Quebec, Canada, and has resided in Santa Monica, California, for the past four years.

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In May, 1967, he became irate at an attorney, J. B. TIETZ, since TIETZ was assisting draft dodgers in the Los Angeles area. He said he has two sons in the military service and does not condone this type of activity. He issued a complaint to the American Bar Association concerning TIETZ; however, when they did not appear to take any action, he decided to conduct his own investigation in an effort to obtain evidence against TIETZ.

In connection with this, he has attended numerous anti-draft and peace movement meetings in the Los Angeles area. His primary source of information concerning these clubs and meetings was obtained through a coffee shop formerly located at Venice Boulevard and Ocean Highway in Venice, California, and a meeting place for the W. E. B. Du Bois Club.

He remained anonymous at these meetings to the extent that he never furnished his full name and used the name LYNN or MACK. He did not take an active part in any of these meetings, but merely listened and mingled with those attending.

MAC KAY stated shortly after January, 1968, he discontinued attending these meetings since this endeavor was costing considerable time and money and he did not feel he was obtaining sufficient results to execute the disbarment of TIETZ.

He said, however, when reading the account of the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he observed the address of SIRHAN SIRHAN at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and felt this address was familiar to him. He stated, however, he viewed photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspaper and did not connect either the name or the individual

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with this address. He said to his knowledge, he has never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN or heard his name prior to June 5, 1968.

As a result, he began reviewing various documents and notes he had obtained from attending anti-draft meetings and on five separate documents, spotted the Howard Street address.

He said he could not recall the significance of the addresses on Howard Street, except that it must have been furnished to him as an address for draft counseling

MAC KAY continued that the address of 696½ East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, appears with the name JOANN on a Peace Exchange Calendar for May, 1967. He said this is a pencil notation written on the side of the calendar opposite a notice for a meeting on May 10, 1967, at the Workmen's Circle Cult Center, 1619 South Robertson Boulevard, West Los Angeles, California. The caption of this meeting was entitled, "A Progressive Israeli's Interpretation of Problems in the Middle East". Avri Fischer of Kibbutz KFAR Masryk, Israel.

MAC KAY said he attended this meeting and as best he can recall, this address would have been furnished to him by JOANN (last name unknown), who was also in attendance at the meeting. He recalls JOANN being present at numerous meetings he attended and especially at W. E. B. Du Bois Club functions.

He described JOANN as a Caucasian, female, 24 to 25 years of age, five feet six inches in height, dark hair, and below average intelligence. He commented that most of the individuals attending these meetings were college students; however, he did not feel JOANN was a college student.

MAC KAY said the address of 696 East Howard Street, city not listed, also appeared on two Draft Counselors lists which had been obtained through attending anti-draft meetings. He said again the address is merely penciled in on the side of a typewritten list and he could not recall the reason for

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the address, except that it must have been in response to telephone soliciting which he made. He clarified this by saying, upon obtaining a Draft Counselors list, he would make pretext telephone calls to individuals on the list and on many occasions was referred to a specific address for draft counseling. He said the address of 696 East Howard Street must have been given to him for this purpose.

MAC KAY also discovered the address of 696 East Howard, Pasadena, on a slip of notepaper and next to the address was the name JOE HANDY. Again, he could not recall the significance of this address or any connection with the name JOE HANDY and the address. He said he did not know anyone by the name of JOE HANDY and could only surmise that it might have been a code name to be used at 696 Howard Street for obtaining draft counseling.

He also discovered a Security First National Bank Check Order Blank concerning WALTER W. and MARIE K. KOENIG, 3201 East Barhite Street, Pasadena, California, which contains the handwritten name and address of MARIE K. KOENIG on the back of the order blank and under her address is the address 688-696 East Howard Street, and the name JOE HANDY. As he recalls, he must have obtained this address from MARIE KOENIG at an anti-draft meeting; however, he could not recall anything additional concerning MARIE KOENIG.

MAC KAY said he furnished the original of all documents, containing any addresses relating to the Howard Street address, to the Intelligence Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, however, he was continuing to go through all his records to determine if there are any other references to the address.

The following description of MAC KAY was obtained through observation and interview.

Name	RODERICK LYNN MAC KAY
Race	White
Sex	Male

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Birth Data

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	Quebec, Canada
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	175 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Occupation	Salesman, writer
Current	
Employment	Unemployed
Marital Status	Married
Former	Littleton, New Hampshire;
Residences	Portland, Maine
Arrests	Driving while intoxicated, Santa Monica, California 1965

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Mrs. RACHAEL PHILLIPS, 11365 Jeff Avenue, was interviewed and she advised that back in 1966 and the Spring of 1967, she attended about six meetings of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights. These meetings were held at various locations in Los Angeles and the exact dates and places of the meetings could not be recalled by her. Mrs. PHILLIPS stated that she has recently seen photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspapers, and this made her recall that she believes that she had seen this individual at some of the meetings of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights, mentioned above. She stated this individual did not take an active part in these meetings, was a loner, and usually said nothing at all.

PHILLIPS was shown Los Angeles Police Department photographs of SIRHAN taken June 5, 1968, and she advised that this is the same individual whom she recalls attending the meetings noted above.

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A characterization of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights is attached as an appendix page to this section of the report.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS,
formerly known as Los Angeles Committee for
Protection of Foreign Born (LACDBR)

A source advised in May, 1968 that the LACDBR has expanded its former scope of interest relating to the foreign born, and has become a militant general defense organization allegedly seeking to safeguard the rights of all individuals, including the Foreign Born, as well as those seeking to avoid military service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The LACDBR is a non-membership organization which is represented by an Administrative Board of about 125 individuals from loosely organized area committees interested in the work of the LACDBR. These board members are invited by ROSE CHERNIN, Executive Director of the LACDBR, who is the guiding, dominant, and motivating force behind the LACDBR. Its headquarters are maintained at 326 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

Another source advised in May, 1968, that ROSE CHERNIN is currently Organizational Secretary of the Moranda Smith Section of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with activities of the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights (LACDBR) was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, which photograph was taken by the Los Angeles Police Department June 5, 1968. This source advised that SIRHAN does not appear identical with any individual who has been involved in activities of the LACDBR, 326 West Third Street, Los Angeles, during the Fall of 1966 or during 1967 or 1968.

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BILL CHANDLER, 2827 Winters Avenue, East Los Angeles, (telephone 262-5479), advised that he is an organizer for the United Farm Workers Union, stated that his residence also serves as his office, and furnished information as follows:

CHANDLER advised that he attended Pasadena City College, the academic year 1964-1965, at which time he attempted to start a chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). He related that during that time, he and several associates would often frequent the school cafeteria and usually went to one particular table. During that time many students would often stop and talk to him and his associates. He stated that on one occasion four Arab students stopped at the table. He stated that he believes this was the fall of 1965. CHANDLER was displayed a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that he believes that possibly SIRHAN was one of the Arab students. He stated, however, that if the individual was SIRHAN, he did not speak throughout the conversation, which lasted about 15 minutes. He stated that he does not believe that he has ever seen SIRHAN since that time and recalled that none of the Arab students appeared interested in the SDS, but rather were interested in telling about their country.

CHANDLER concluded by saying that he has no further knowledge concerning SIRHAN or any knowledge of the KENNEDY assassination, which might possibly be of value to the FBI in the current investigation.

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After having been advised of the identity of WILLIAM J. REHDER as a Special Agent of the FBI and after having executed a Waiver of Rights form STEPHEN DALE AHERN, 14372 San Jose, Mission Hills, California, executed the following statement and furnished the following information:

"STATEMENT

"I, STEPHEN DALE AHERN, called the Greek Theatre in March of 1968, at 1:45 p.m. on day prior to the scheduled speaking appearance of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. When the operator at the Greek Theatre answered the telephone I said, 'There is a bomb inside, it will go off tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m.' I knew prior to making this bomb threat that the Senator was to address a rally at the Greek Theatre at 4:15 p.m. the day after I made the telephone call.

"Later that same day (ie. the day before Senator KENNEDY was to appear at the Greek Theatre) at approximately 4:00 p.m. I telephoned the Los Angeles Times and told whoever answered the telephone that 'Senator KENNEDY will be shot.'

"Both of the aforementioned phone calls were made from a public phone booth in Sylmar, California.

"At approximately 1:00 p.m., I telephoned American Airlines at Los Angeles International Airport and told whoever answered the telephone 'Senator KENNEDY will be shot when he lands'. This call to the airport was made from a public phone booth on Laurel Canyon Blvd., San Fernando, California.

"Immediately after making the telephone call to the Los Angeles Airport I drove to the airport and saw Senator KENNEDY land and was even able to

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"shake his hand. After having seen the Senator at the airport, I drove to the Greek Theatre where I observed the entire KENNEDY rally.

"I originally made the three calls involving the aforementioned threats in order to see what news that it would create.

"I have read the statement contained on this and one (1) other page & I now sign this statement because I know that is true & correct.

"/s/ STEVEN DALE AHERN

"Witness:

/s/ WILLIAM J. REHDER, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Cal."

AHERN advised that on the following Monday after Senator KENNEDY's appearance at the Greek Theatre he made an appointment with his psychiatrist, Dr. CAGLE, Oliveview Sanatorium, to explain to Dr. CAGLE that he had an urge to kill Senator KENNEDY for some reason which he was unable to explain within himself. Once AHERN's actions regarding the telephone threats against Senator KENNEDY's life and the accompanying urge on the part of AHERN to assassinate Senator KENNEDY were explained to Dr. CAGLE, Dr. CAGLE notified AHERN's probation officer, Mr. GOTTLEIB, Van Nuys, California and GOTTLEIB arranged to have AHERN's probation suspended and on May 3, 1968 in Division 20, Municipal Court, Los Angeles, California AHERN's case was certified to Department number 95, Superior Court, Los Angeles County for a sanity hearing.

On May 9, 1968, AHERN was interviewed by two court appointed psychiatrists who declared AHERN legally sane on May 10, 1968. On May 15, 1968 Judge FAIRNER (phonetic), Municipal Court, Los Angeles, California, sentenced AHERN to 36 months active probation under the supervision of Officer GOTTLEIB on condition that AHERN regularly see a psychiatrist.

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The following description of AHERN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	STEPHEN DALE AHERN
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Glendale, California
Height	6'
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Current address	14302 San Jose Mission Hills, California
Relatives	Father, DAVID JOSEPH AHERN; Mother, HELEN FRANCES AHERN, nee Hutchinson
Occupation	Student, Valley College Van Nuys, California
Former political associates	Member of American Nazi Party from December, 1964 to May, 1965

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M. SAFOUH AL-AKHRASS, 911 9th Street, Apartment 57, Albany, California, advised that he is a National officer of the organization of Arab Students (OAS), whose headquarters is located in New York. AL-AKHRASS stated that there are seven National officers and approximately one hundred and twenty local chapters of the OAS. He stated that all local chapters are affiliated with the National Organization made known and has membership to the National office; however, a few local chapters are not necessarily members of the National Organization. AL-AKHRASS stated the seven National officers are:

President -
HUSAMI, ZIYAD
725 Lawrenceville
Trenton, New Jersey
Telephone 609-883-0945

Vice President -
KHADDURI, WALID
1414 17th Street NW
Apartment 200
Washington, D.C.
Telephone 202-483-5249

Treasurer -
Name not immediately available to AL-AKHRASS.

Chapter's Chairman -
AL-AKHRASS, SAFOUH M.
911 9th Street
Apartment 57
Albany, California

Secretary -
Name not immediately available to AL-AKHRASS.

Cultural Chairman -
Name not immediately available to AL-AKHRASS.

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Publications Chairman -
Name not immediately available to AL-AKHRASS.

AL-AKHRASS stated that he never heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN until the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. AL-AKHRASS advised that to his knowledge, SIRHAN SIRHAN has never been a member of OAS or affiliated in any way with the national or local chapters of OAS. He stated he had contacted both the National President and the President of the Pasadena, California, local chapter of OAS and both advised that they had no record or knowledge of any connection of SIRHAN SIRHAN with the OAS.

AL-AKHRASS advised that the OAS issued a press release nationally on June 5, 1968, which states the following:

"News reports have claimed that the suspected assailant of Senator Kennedy was a member of the Organization of Arab Students in the U.S.A. and Canada. The National Executive Committee of the Organization of Arab Students states that he has not been a member of the national or local organization.

"The Organization of Arab Students was established in 1952 to further Arab-American friendship and to assist Arab students in adjusting to academic lives away from home. Those branches are recognized activity organizations on over a hundred campuses.

"The Executive Committee of the Organization of Arab Students was deeply grieved by the news on the attempt of Senator Kennedy's life and immediately sent the following telegram to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy:

"We are shocked and dismayed to learn of the deplorable attempt made at the life of Senator Kennedy. We express our heartfelt sympathies to you, to the Kennedy family, and to the American people. We hope that Senator Kennedy will recover soon."

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LAVERNE BOTTING, also known as, Bobbie, was contacted at Democratic Headquarters, 101 West Huntington Drive. BOTTING stated that she resided at 359 Mount Olive, Bradbury, California.

BOTTING related that up until June 5, 1968, this office was used as the campaign headquarters by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that this office covered the entire San Gabriel Valley. She recalled that on May 30, 1968, she was sitting at her desk at campaign headquarters and during the afternoon three individuals entered the headquarters. Two of the individuals stayed outside a counter and the other walked by the counter and walked up to her desk and inquired whether or not KENNEDY was expected to visit the headquarters. She recalled this individual was told that KENNEDY was not scheduled to make any additional appearances in the San Gabriel Valley. She is not certain, but she believes the individual said that he was from Kennedy Headquarters in Pasadena, and that they were wondering if Senator KENNEDY was planning a visit to the area. BOTTING stated that she did not take the names and addresses of any of these individuals.

BOTTING noted that during her conversation with this individual ETHEL CREHAN was sitting in her presence with her back to the counter.

Mrs. BOTTING stated that the individual who approached her closely resembles SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. A photograph of SIRHAN, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office No. [REDACTED], was exhibited to BOTTING and she said from this photograph, she believes that the individual was SIRHAN, or a person who very closely resembles SIRHAN. She added that there is a reasonable doubt in her mind that the individual was SIRHAN; however, she believes that she could definitely say one way or the other whether the individual was actually SIRHAN, if she had the opportunity to view SIRHAN in person.

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She stated that some of the things about the individual that she definitely recalls is that his face had the appearance that at one time he had a problem with acne. The individual had a foreign look about him; however, he spoke in excellent English. She stated that when the individual first entered the headquarters she thought he was MARIO AGUAYO, a campaign headquarters' worker; however, as it turned out the individual was much shorter than AGUAYO, but did have certain facial resemblances to AGUAYO. She noted that AGUAYO resided at 405 East Second Street, Azusa, California.

BOTTING stated that the two individuals, who entered the headquarters with the person she thinks is identical to SIRHAN, stayed behind a counter and she described them as being a male and female. She did not observe the male, but she furnished the following description of the female who she believes she could identify if she observed her again:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	22-25
Height	5'7"
Build	Slim (excellent figure)
Hair	(Dishwater) blond

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ETHEL CREHAN, 1001 Fish Canyon Road, telephone number 359-6493 and 334-2811, advised that up until June 5, 1968 she worked at the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters in Azusa, California. During the afternoon and evening of June 5, 1968, she saw pictures of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN SIRHAN on various television programs. At the time she observed these **pictures**, she had no reactions.

CREHAN stated that at approximately 3 a.m. on June 6, 1968, she awoke from a sound sleep at which time she realized that she had seen SIRHAN at the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters in Azusa, California. She immediately telephonically contacted BOBBIE BOTTING, who was the Campaign Headquarters' Manager and the person whom she recalled talked to SIRHAN at the campaign headquarters. She told BOTTING about the situation and BOTTING agreed that the person, referred to by CREHAN who visited the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters, closely resembled SIRHAN.

CREHAN related that during the afternoon of May 30, 1968, she was working at the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters. An individual entered the headquarters and walked up to Mrs. BOTTING and asked if KENNEDY was scheduled to visit the Azusa Headquarters. He was told that KENNEDY was not scheduled to make any more appearances in the San Gabriel Valley. She believes the individual said that he was from the Kennedy Campaign Office in Pasadena; however, she is not certain of this. She recalled that this individual entered the campaign headquarters with another male and a female, who appeared to be older than the individual she believes was SIRHAN.

CREHAN stated that the three individuals remained in the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters approximately two or three minutes. She recalled that the individual she thought to be SIRHAN, had scar tissue from pock marks on his face and he had an olive complexion. She got the distinct impression that the three were college students interested in the Kennedy campaign.

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CREHAN stated that no attempt was made to obtain the names and addresses of the three individuals, as she recalls the individual to say that they were from the Kennedy Headquarters in Pasadena. A photograph of SIRHAN, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office No. [REDACTED], was exhibited to Mrs. CREHAN and she stated that she is fairly certain that the individual she referred to above is SIRHAN. She noted, however, that at this time she would not like to have to testify to the fact that this individual and SIRHAN are identical without first seeing SIRHAN in person.

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Mr. IAN BRODIE, reporter for the London Daily Express made a telephone call from Montreal, Quebec, Canada to SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN in the New York, New York Office.

Mr. BRODIE stated that he had been covering Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's Presidential campaign, but that he (BRODY) was in New York, New York, on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mr. BRODIE stated that HARRY BENSON, a photographer for the London Daily Express and IVOR DAVIS, a reporter for the London Daily Express were in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4-5, 1968, but that they are presently on vacation in Great Britain. BRODIE added that BENSON and DAVIS would call SA CASHIN when they return to the United States.

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LOUIS BURNETT, 7451 Lurline Avenue, Canoga Park, California, was contacted at his place of business, 7-11 Store, 21616 Roscoe Boulevard, Canoga Park, and advised as follows:

On the morning of June 5, 1968 at approximately 8:00 A.M., a young lady came into his store who he recognized as a frequent customer. The girl was wearing a white dress with large dark polka dots and a large KENNEDY button. The girl appeared very tired and told BURNETT she had been up all night and had been at the Los Angeles Police Department to identify the person who shot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY as she had been at the Ambassador Hotel and witnessed the shooting.

BURNETT stated he had no reason to doubt the girl's story but after hearing news reports about the girl in the polka dot dress he wondered if this could be the girl and telephoned the Los Angeles Police Department. He stated he has not seen the girl since June 5, 1968 and does not know her name or where she lives. She always walked to his store alone and when leaving would walk west toward the intersection of Roscoe and Owensmouth Avenue.

BURNETT described the girl as follows:

Race	White
Age	Early 20's
Height	5'2"
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark, possibly Latin
Remarks	Had small facial features and crooked nose

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by SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR./llg Date dictated 6/27/68

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON at Washington, D. C. on June 18, 1968:

JEREMY CAMPBELL, Reporter, London Evening Standard, 1101 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., advised that during the Oregon primary he divided his time between covering the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns. During the California primary he joined the KENNEDY party and traveled with them throughout the state. At the time of the shooting CAMPBELL was in his hotel room at the Chancellor Hotel in Los Angeles which is one block from the Ambassador Hotel. He had previously been at the Ambassador but had returned to the Chancellor about 7:00 p.m. to dictate his story. After he learned about the shooting he went to the Ambassador and talked to the people there.

CAMPBELL did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel and does not remember having ever seen him during the campaign. In addition, he did not remember seeing a girl in a polka-dot dress at the Ambassador and had no knowledge of the scheduled route KENNEDY was to take immediately after his victory speech.

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HOWARD CAMPBELL, 1618 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, was contacted at his place of business, 2610 Crenshaw Boulevard, and advised he and his wife attended a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel following his victory in the Indiana primary about one month prior to his assassination. This reception was also held in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel but Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY did not attend this reception but his brother, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, attended and made a brief speech and received a long distance telephone call from his brother during the reception.

The CAMPBELLS attended this rally with RAY and JUANITA BLANCHEY and arrived at the hotel about 7:30 P.M. and left shortly after 10:00 P.M. During their stay, they stood near the front of the Embassy Room near the bandstand and speakers' area. In the front of the bandstand was a piano and bench which the orchestra did not use and sitting on the bench was an olive complected short male wearing a dark suit. This man had long dark hair and wore dark rimmed glasses. He was with a young blond haired female who was sitting on his lap or standing between his legs most of the evening. The couple had several drinks and were hugging and kissing and ignoring the various speakers. He recalled the couple spoke to a few other dark complected persons while they were there. CAMPBELL recalled the man made some derogatory remarks about Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and CAMPBELL asked the man why he was there and he replied he wanted to give KENNEDY hell. CAMPBELL had no further conversation with this man.

Following the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, CAMPBELL and his wife recalled the man they saw at the Indiana reception and wondered if it could have been SIRHAN SIRHAN. CAMPBELL could not identify the photograph of SIRHAN as being this man but stated SIRHAN's hair and complexion resembled the man.

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Mrs. BOBBIE CAMPBELL, 1618 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was contacted at her residence and advised as follows:

She attended the reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel following his victory in the Indiana primaries which was about three weeks prior to his assassination. She attended this reception with her husband, HOWARD CAMPBELL, and friends, JUANITA BLANCHEY and RAYMOND BLANCHEY. They arrived at the reception about 7:30 P.M. and stayed to about 10:00 P.M.

During their stay at the reception they stood in the front of the Embassy Room near the bandstand and the speakers' platform and while there observed a man and a young woman sitting on a piano bench in the front of the bandstand which was not being used by the orchestra. The man appeared to be of Latin descent as he was olive complected and had long dark hair. The woman was in her early twenties and had long blond hair and wore a light colored dress. The man appeared to be in his early twenties and wore a gray suit with a white shirt and tie and wore dark rimmed glasses. She recalled the couple did not pay any attention to any of the speakers and were only interested in each other and were hugging, kissing and carrying on the entire time. The couple had several drinks and appeared to be enjoying each other's company and completely ignored the events of the evening and the speakers.

She stated that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY did not attend this reception but did make a long distance telephone call to the rally and his brother, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, was in attendance and made a brief speech following his brother's victory in Indiana. The couple did not pay any attention to the speech or the telephone call.

Mrs. CAMPBELL recalled that there were several persons in attendance who appeared to be of Latin, Arab and Indian descent and she remembered that she saw one or two persons wearing turbans

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about their heads. She stated that one Latin appearing individual spoke a few words to the couple but cannot recall anyone else speaking to them.

After she heard the news about Senator KENNEDY's death she was talking to JUANITA BLANCHEY and they both wondered if the young man they saw with the girl could have been SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mrs. CAMPBELL was shown photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated she could not say if SIRHAN was the person she saw or not but that his complexion and long dark hair appeared similar.

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RAYMOND BLANCHEY, 6119 Brynhurst, Apartment 9, Los Angeles, advised he and his wife, JUANITA BLANCHEY, attended a victory celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY following his victory in the Indiana primary about three weeks before his assassination. This celebration was at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel and he and his wife attended with BOBBIE and HOWARD CAMPBELL. They arrived at the hotel about 8:30 P.M. and left shortly after 10:00 P.M.

While at the celebration they stood near the bandstand and speakers' area as all the seats were taken. There was a piano and bench in front of the bandstand which were not used by the orchestra and seated on the piano bench was a short, olive complected man in a dark suit who was with a taller, blond haired, fair complected girl about 19 years old. This couple was "carrying on" during the entire evening. He explained they were drinking, hugging, and kissing and paying no attention to the speakers or the program. He stated they were not loud or noisy and he does not recall either of them talking to anyone else.

BLANCHEY recalled there were several other olive complected persons in attendance and one man was wearing a turban on his head.

He stated Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY did not attend this celebration but Senator EDWARD KENNEDY did attend and made a speech during which he received a telephone call from his brother which was related to the group in attendance. Shortly after this speech they left the Embassy Room and departed through the kitchen area where he noticed some of the kitchen employees appeared to be olive complected.

He advised he and his wife heard about the assassination of Senator KENNEDY while they were at work at the Terminal Annex Post Office and they heard the assassin was an olive skinned male. They discussed the possibility that the man they saw at the Indiana celebration may have been the assassin and the next day his wife called Mrs. CAMPBELL and discussed the matter following which Mrs. CAMPBELL called the Los Angeles Police Department.

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BLANCHEY was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated the photograph resembles the man he saw but he could not say the photograph was identical with this person.

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JUANITA BLANCHEY, 6119 Brynhurst, Apartment 9, Los Angeles advised she and her husband, RAYMOND BLANCHEY, attended a victory celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY following his victory in the Indiana primaries approximately three weeks before his assassination. This celebration was held at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel and they attended with HOWARD and BOBBIE CAMPBELL, arriving at the celebration about 8:30 p.m. and departing about 10:00 p.m.

While they were at the celebration, they stood near the front of the Embassy Room where the speakers platform and bandstand area was located. There was a piano and piano bench in front of the bandstand which were not being used by the band and seated on the piano bench she observed a young olive complected male who was accompanied by a taller, fair skinned, blond haired girl. She recalls this couple because they were hugging and kissing and not paying any attention to the speakers or the program. The couple had several drinks but they were not noisy or causing any disturbance other than "carrying on" with each other.

Mrs. BLANCHEY described the man as being in his early twenties, olive complexion, long dark hair, and wearing a dark suit. She described the girl as being about 19 years old, long stringy blond hair, light complexion, and wearing a light colored dress.

Mrs. BLANCHEY stated she felt the couple acted like a "pickup relationship" because of the attention they paid to each other as she does not think if they had known each other they would have been so attentive to each other in front of such a large crowd of people.

She stated there were several dark complected persons at the celebration and she recalls one man was wearing a turban.

She advised that when leaving the Embassy Room her group left through the kitchen area where they observed several

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of the kitchen employees appeared to be olive complected.

After hearing the news about Senator KENNEDY being shot, she and BOBBIE CAMPBELL discussed the couple and wondered if the man could have been SIRHAN SIRHAN and following their discussion, BOBBIE CAMPBELL called the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mrs. BLANCHEY was shown photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and she stated she could not say if the man she saw was identical or not but the complexion and long dark hair were similar.

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By communication dated June 11, 1968, the San Francisco Division advised that a FRED CANNON, California Blue Shield, San Francisco, advised that he was in the Tudor Room of the Sheraton-Wilshire Hotel at Los Angeles, California the day before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated, and overheard a Negro bartender say that he had been asked to serve at the victory reception for Senator KENNEDY. The Negro bartender then added that he hoped he would not get shot at, according to Mr. CANNON. Mr. CANNON said he could not further identify the bartender.

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CLYDE STRIBLING, Bartender, Tudor Room, Sheraton Wilshire Hotel, 3515 Wilshire Boulevard, stated that he has no permanent address at this time. STRIBLING advised that he was the bartender who talked to a man whose name he does not know at the Tudor Room, Sheraton Wilshire Hotel, on April 3, 1968, concerning his (STRIBLING's) having been asked to work at the victory reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel. STRIBLING said that he does recall jokingly stating to the man that he hoped he (STRIBLING) did not get shot at the reception. STRIBLING said this was strictly said in jest, and he had no knowledge of any possible assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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MARK EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the interview and then furnished the following information:

CHAMBERLAIN was interviewed at his apartment, 5400 Franklin Avenue, apartment 215, Los Angeles, California, telephone 452-7803. CHAMBERLAIN was asked if he had been at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he was in his apartment watching the election returns, saw the events of the shooting on television, and stayed up all night watching the reports. He stated that he knows nothing concerning the shooting or concerning the suspected killer SIRHAN SIRHAN, other than what he had seen on television and read in the newspapers.

He further stated that DONALD WRIGHT, who lives in apartment 314, was with him in his (CHAMBERLAIN's) apartment all that evening. They were using WRIGHT's portable television, CHAMBERLAIN stated that shortly after the shooting he called Mrs. VAN OLINDA, who lives in the apartment immediately below his and told her that KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that he later visited Mrs. VAN OLINDA in her apartment, they both were crying and consoling each other. CHAMBERLAIN related that his roommate is DONALD BOLING, who is a male nurse, and while he has in the past been working for the San Vincente Hospital, he is currently working on a private case and comes home only on Sundays.

CHAMBERLAIN stated that BOLING was not in the apartment on the night of the shooting. CHAMBERLAIN related that he also called his sister, Mrs. LESLIE PUTMAN, in Campbell, New York and told her of the shooting. He stated that his sister admonished him since she had been in bed and knew nothing of the shooting. He told her to turn on the television or radio. CHAMBERLAIN stated that he was sober that night but several days later called his sister again and cannot recall the conversation that took place because he had been drinking heavily.

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CHAMBERLAIN also recalled calling his mother on the night of the shooting but does not recall mentioning anything to her concerning the shooting. He stated that Mrs. PUTMAN is his favorite sister and he called her on the night of the shooting because he wanted to talk to her and tell her what had happened. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he is divorced, has lived in Los Angeles, California since 1949 and since that time has been arrested twice for drunk driving and once for assault upon his ex-wife, for which he spent 40 days in jail. CHAMBERLAIN also related that he served 14 months in prison in Pennsylvania as a juvenile for the theft of a carburetor from a car. CHAMBERLAIN advised he is currently unemployed having injured his hand in a car door. He stated his last job was as a chef at the Westside Hospital on Fairfax and San Vincente. He has not worked there for three months and he worked there for a period of only three months. Prior to that time he had been manager of the Big "D" Restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard.

CHAMBERLAIN was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that he had never seen him in person and had never seen him before seeing him on television on the night KENNEDY was shot. CHAMBERLAIN denied knowing anything pertaining to SIRHAN other than what he had seen in the newspapers.

CHAMBERLAIN denied being a member of any organization or group whatsoever.

CHAMBERLAIN advised that his boy CHARLES had recently been arrested on a narcotics charge in Los Angeles, California and that after several trials had been placed on probation to live with his mother in Elkland, Pennsylvania. He related that on June 13, 1968 he put his boy on a bus to New York and Elkland, Pennsylvania.

CHAMBERLAIN noted that this inquiry possibly is a result of the phone calls that he made to his sister and noted that it is apparently a misunderstanding in her interpretation

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of what he said, although he cannot remember his conversation with his sister when he was drunk. CHAMBERLAIN reiterated that he cannot recall making any statement that would indicate that he was involved in the KENNEDY shooting or knowing SIRHAN SIRHAN or any of his activities or organizations.

CHAMBERLAIN further advised that he has never been armed at any of the times he was arrested and does not now own or possess a gun.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MARK EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, gray sideburns
Date of birth	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>
Place of birth	Blossburg, Pennsylvania
Residence	6400 Franklin Apartment 216 Los Angeles, California telephone 462-7083

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Mrs. LEA P. VAN OLINDA was interviewed in her apartment number 116, 6400 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 465-2637.

Mrs. VAN OLINDA was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry. Mrs. VAN OLINDA related that she had been up all night because one of the nearby apartments had a fire and a cat near the apartment kept her dog barking most of the night. Mrs. VAN OLINDA advised that she remembers receiving a telephone call from "MIKE" CHAMBERLAIN on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot telling her of the shooting. She related that the phone call got her out of bed. Mrs. VAN OLINDA advised that she is reasonably certain that sometime after the phone call CHAMBERLAIN came down to her apartment. Mrs. VAN OLINDA related that she is somewhat hazy about this because of her lack of sleep and because CHAMBERLAIN visits her apartment almost daily. She stated she vaguely recalls that he did visit her apartment, that they both were crying and consoling each other.

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Mr. DONALD WRIGHT was advised of the identity of the interview Agent and the purpose of the interview. Mr. WRIGHT advised that his home is apartment 314, at 5400 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, California, and he has no telephone.

WRIGHT stated that he was in the apartment of MARK CHAMBERLAIN on the evening of June 4, when KENNEDY was shot. They were watching the election returns on his (WRIGHT's) portable television. Shortly after the shot, WRIGHT recalls that CHAMBERLAIN telephoned his sister in New York and told her of the shooting. CHAMBERLAIN also telephoned the lady in the apartment just below CHAMBERLAIN's apartment and told her of the shooting. WRIGHT advised that they continued to watch the events on television in CHAMBERLAIN's apartment until approximately 4:30 a.m.

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BERNARD MARRO, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, New York State Police, Painted Post, New York, telephonically advised that several days ago he received information from LESLIE and SHIRLEY PUTNAM, RD 1, Tannery Road, Campbell, New York, as follows:

MARK CHAMBERLAIN, white male, age about 42, an alcoholic and half brother to SHIRLEY, has been residing at 6400 Franklin Avenue, Apartment 216, Hollywood, California. MARK began telephoning SHIRLEY prior to June 8, 1968, and he telephoned her three times on June 8, 1968, with various complaints. He finally told SHIRLEY that he was involved in the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY; he claimed he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN; he claimed he knew that the assassination of Senator KENNEDY would be attempted, but he had nothing to do with it; and he claimed he and SIRHAN are members of the same group. MARK also indicated he now resided in a hotel at Los Angeles, California, with some negro woman.

MARRO advised he could not elaborate on any of the above information.

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On the evening of June 13, 1968, Mrs. LESLIE (SHIRLEY) PUTNAM, Tannery Road, Campbell, New York, furnished the following information concerning her half brother, MARK E. CHAMBERLAIN, whom she claims has drifted around the country for years:

PUTNAM has not had contact with MARK in several years up until May 26, 1968, when he telephoned her, New York time, at about 8:45 A.M. He claimed he was calling from his residence, 6400 Franklin Avenue, Apartment 216, Hollywood, California. MARK stated he was homesick and he inquired about PUTNAM and her family and he asked her to write to him and send him photographs of her children. During this call MARK stated that his son, CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN, who is about age 20 according to PUTNAM, had recently been arrested for pushing narcotics. During this same call MARK claimed he is an alcoholic and had been up all night drinking and gambling. He also stated at this time that he worked in a hospital indicating he was more or less in charge of the hospital kitchen and claimed he dated a negro girl who also worked at this same hospital.

About 5:00 P.M., New York time, the same day, MARK telephoned PUTNAM again saying he wanted PUTNAM to ask their mother, LEAH YOUNG, who resides Meads Creek Road, Painted Post, New York, to telephone him at 1-213-462-7803 the same evening. According to PUTNAM, YOUNG did telephone MARK the same night but he was emotional and broken up and could not talk and YOUNG therefore, spoke in generalities to a person identified as MARK's roommate, "DJ," an alleged disc jockey.

On June 4, 1968, at about 4:50 A.M., New York time, MARK telephoned PUTNAM's residence again to inform PUTNAM that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been assassinated. PUTNAM could hear background music during this call and MARK claimed he was telephoning from his apartment.

On June 8, 1968, at about 8:45 A.M., New York time, MARK telephoned PUTNAM again to tell her that he had mailed her a postcard and during this call he stated he had broken either

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