

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ROGER MUDD, reporter, Columbia Broadcasting System,
2020, H Street, N.W., furnished the following information:

MUDD traveled with the KENNEDY Campaign party throughout Oregon and California Monday through Friday (June 3, 1968 - June 7, 1968). During the time KENNEDY was giving his victory speech MUDD was standing in front of the speaker's platform. MUDD did not know which way KENNEDY would go after the speech and it was MUDD's intentions to remain in the Embassy Room and film a short news report when the crowd left the room.

He heard shouting and then heard that KENNEDY had been shot. He made his way toward the kitchen where he assisted Mrs. KENNEDY in getting through the crowd to her husband. He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN at that time and does not remember seeing a person resembling SIRHAN during the campaign. He does not remember seeing a girl in a polka-dot dress at the Ambassador Hotel.

MUDD heard from ROY RINGER, either a KENNEDY aide or a reporter with the Los Angeles Times, that RINGER's secretary, possibly named JUDY LNU, had earlier in the evening asked SIRHAN to leave the area she was guarding because of excessive crowds. She made this statement to RINGER after she saw SIRHAN when he was in custody of JOHNSON and GRIER.

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WILSON stated he is a photographer and at the time of assassination was under contract for CBS. He was with Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in Oregon and California, carrying out his assignment with other members of his team. The other two members were JOHN W. LEWIS and BOB FUNK.

WILSON said, prior to the Senator's speech in Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, he had met with the Senator and BILL BARRY to discuss coverage of the speech. He asked permission of the two to let him precede them into the Embassy Room for filming purposes. Permission was granted and they left the Senator's room to ride the elevator downstairs. He missed the first elevator but got onto the second one. This elevator did not work so he ran down five flights of stairs and arrived in the Embassy Room before the Senator. He filmed the party entering the room and up to the stage. During the speech he stood on a chair on the stage and filmed the speech. After the speech was completed he filmed the Senator until he reached the curtains at back of stage then followed him. WILSON said the means of exit was of no surprise to him. He had no difficulty with the crowd at this time and followed the Senator and his party down the corridor. Near the swinging doors in corridor he heard the first shot but did not realize what it was. At the sound of the second shot BILL LEWIS said, "They are shooting." He said he did not recall seeing BILL BARRY or ERNEST KENNEDY at this time. WILSON stated there were approximately fifteen rows of people between the Senator and his crew when the shooting started but they moved over to the wall leaving an open aisle from him to the Senator who was on the floor. He moved forward filming to within five feet of the Senator's head and dropped to his knees. WILSON said

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WILSON said he and another person moved two laundry carts in front of the corridor which led to the elevator to block this entrance off. A few minutes later two Los Angeles policemen entered through this corridor and WILSON had to move the carts to allow them to enter. The only others who left or entered by this corridor were the ambulance attendants and then Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was removed on stretcher through the same corridor.

WILSON stated he stayed in the corridor approximately ten to fifteen minutes following the removal of Senator KENNEDY then went into the Ballroom and talked to WALTER DOMBROW of CBS. He was with him a short time and then went to his room at the Ambassador Hotel.

WILSON said that his crew was the only crew with Senator KENNEDY at time of shooting. The other newsmen that he could recall were BILL ZAPPINICK, Life Magazine, New York, and HARRY KOKOJIAN, NBC, Washington, D. C., that were in the corridor during the shooting. He, at no time, saw SINNEMAN either before, during or after the shooting. He said he could not recall seeing SINNEMAN in Oregon but if he had it would not have registered. He said he could not recall seeing "the girl in the polka dot dress."

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Instead when KENNEDY left the stage he went to the left side of the room and exited into the kitchen. HART tried to follow KENNEDY and in doing so he had to break through the path which had been formed leading to the right. When the shots were fired HART could not see KENNEDY. HART was about 15 to 20 feet behind FRED BUTTON who was following KENNEDY. HART proceeded into the area where KENNEDY was lying, stayed a few minutes, and then left the area with some film given him by a cameraman.

HART never remembers seeing a person resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN during the campaigning in Oregon or California. In addition he does not remember seeing a girl in a polka-dot dress at the hotel the night of the assassination. HART stated he did not think he could furnish any additional information.

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THOMAS LITTLEWOOD, Washington Correspondent for the "Chicago Sun-Times", National Press Building furnished the following information:

LITTLEWOOD was in the Colonial Room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California during the evening of June 4 - 5, 1968. He watched a television set in the room and saw on it Senator ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY deliver his victory speech to the group in the Embassy Ballroom at the hotel. LITTLEWOOD was about ten paces from the double doors which led to the kitchen area of the hotel. He was waiting for KENNEDY to finish his speech and came to the Colonial Room to talk with the reporters in the press headquarters set up there. About fifteen to thirty minutes before KENNEDY was shot, HUGH MAC DONALD or RICHARD DRAKE of the KENNEDY Press staff said KENNEDY would talk with the press in the Colonial Room after he gave his victory speech in the Embassy Room.

About 12:15PM to 12:20PM, LITTLEWOOD heard three distinct shots. About a dozen persons ran from the Colonial Room into the kitchen area. One of these persons was DAVID MURRAY of the "Chicago Sun-Times". LITTLEWOOD rushed with the second wave of people through the door. The scene was utter confusion. LITTLEWOOD saw an arm and hand holding a gun but could not see the rest of that person. LITTLEWOOD went back into the Colonial Room as it appeared more shots might be fired. About thirty seconds later, LITTLEWOOD went through the doors and saw the situation was still chaos but the gun was no longer visible.

The suspect was still being held and one of the persons helping hold him was ROOSEVELT GRIM who had his arms around suspect's neck. Some people were making angry

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About fifteen minutes before the shooting, LITTLEWOOD had walked through the kitchen area to the Embassy Ballroom. He could not recall ever having seen the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN before. Also, he could not recall having seen a young lady wearing a polka dot dress in the kitchen corridor of the hotel. LITTLEWOOD said he did not hear anyone call out, "We've shot him."

LITTLEWOOD did not know what route KENNEDY would use to go from the Embassy Room to the Colonial Room but thought he probably would walk through the crowd of supporters as it was his custom to walk through groups of well wishers. The reporters had been told to use the kitchen area as a corridor since the hotel was crowded. LITTLEWOOD described the people in the Embassy Room as an orderly one prior to the shooting. It was air conditioned but the television lights made it seem very warm. LITTLEWOOD did not know what KENNEDY planned to do after talking with the press in Colonial Room.

A lot of non press people came to the Colonial Room during the evening because of the television set there. Several times an effort was made to have a guard at the door to keep out people who did not have press credentials but this was difficult to do and persons could enter the room from the kitchen corridor also. Complaints were made about the number of the people in the room who were not with the press. These complaints were made to HUGH MAC DONALD.

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Other persons representing the press who LITTLEWOOD recalled being present at the time of the shooting are:

JULIUS WHITCOVER, Newhouse Papers,
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WILLIAM TRIS, United Press

LITTLEWOOD added, he was with KENNEDY the day before the primary election in California. He was not with KENNEDY in the Oregon primary campaign. LITTLEWOOD was with the earlier KENNEDY campaign in California, in April, 1968. On the Sunday preceding the election in California, LITTLEWOOD was with KENNEDY in Santa Anna, San Francisco and San Diego, California.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (89-64) -P-
KENSALT

Re Washington Field Office airtel to the Director,
dated 6/18/68.

Enclosed for Phoenix is one copy of Washington
Field Office airtel referred to, in view of that division's
interest in HAGOP DJEREDJIAN.

Information copies designated for offices in
view of investigative interest.

For the information of the Bureau and all offices,
in view of the apparent desire of HAGOP DJEREDJIAN's to
attend school at Wilburton, Oklahoma, full time, and also in
view of the information reported in referenced airtel, the
Oklahoma City Office is opening a separate 105 investigation
concerning DJEREDJIAN.

Any information developed in this investigation which
pertains to KENSALT will be appropriately disseminated and
indexed.

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BOB FUNK, 7019 Sheridonna Lane, Alexandria, Virginia, was interviewed on June 21, 1968, and furnished the following information.

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He said prior to the shooting they had been in the room where the victory party was being held and was told by JERRY BRUNO that KENNEDY was going to the Embassy Room. They went up to KENNEDY's suite of rooms in order to do proper coverage. When KENNEDY got onto the elevator to go to the Embassy Room FUNK said he and his crew ran down five flights of stairs to be able to film the acceptance speech. By the time they arrived KENNEDY was on the stage. He said they had to shoulder their way through the crowd to the stage and he does not think Senator KENNEDY came in through the crowd. After the speech, KENNEDY turned and looked left then right as though trying to decide how to leave. FUNK said he heard a man, unknown say "this way Senator, it's clear." As the Senator left through the rear they followed. At approximately the swinging doors he heard what sounded like paper cups popping when someone stamps on them. He first realized it was gun fire when he saw plaster fall from the ceiling where a bullet hit. His crew shoved their way to the Senator, filming. As he knelt he could see the Senator moving his eyes and his lips were moving but FUNK said he could not hear what he was saying. FUNK stated WILSON kept filming until the magazine was empty. LEWIS left to get more film and when he brought it back WILSON removed the empty magazine and re-threaded the camera. WILSON then laid the camera down.

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FUNK said LEWIS and he then tried to keep the crowd away. When the ambulance crew arrived FUNK said he gave the camera to JERRY SIMS and the two of them followed the ambulance to both hospitals taking photographs.

FUNK said he had given one of his passes to JENNY RONNELLI (phonetic), North Hollywood, California, telephone number 766-7626, so she could attend the speech in the Embassy Room. The day following the assassination RONNELLI told him that a man had approached her in the Embassy Room and asked for one of her passes so he could go to the kitchen and see the Senator. She refused and when she saw SIRHAN on television she said that was the man who had asked her for the pass.

FUNK said he has never seen SIRHAN or the girl in the "Polka dot-dress."

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FUNK said he had given one of his passes to JENNY RONNELL (phonetic), North Hollywood, California, telephone number 766-7626, so she could attend the speech in the Embassy Room. The day following the assassination RONNELL told him that a man had approached her in the Embassy Room and asked for one of her passes so he could go to the kitchen and see the Senator. She refused and when she saw SIRHAN on television she said that was the man who had asked her for the pass.

FUNK said he has never seen SIRHAN or the girl in the "Polka dot-dress."

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Apartment 518 said he is the White House Correspondent
for the "New York Daily News" and has an office in the
 National Press Building. HEALY said he was at the
 Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California during the
 evening of June 4 and early morning of June 5, 1968.
 About 12:15AM on June 5, HEALY left the press room
 and went to Room 359 where he telephoned his paper.
 On the way, he met an old friend CARLTON BELLING who
 also had a room on the third floor of the hotel.
 BELLING was described as an advance man for KENNEDY.
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 to the Central Receiving Hospital and later to the
 Good Samaritan Hospital.

HEALY furnished the names of the following
 persons who were at or near the scene of the shooting:

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WILLIAM TURNER, Press Papers, Washington, D. C.

ROBERT HEALY, "Boston Globe", Boston, Massachusetts

MICHAEL MARWOOD, reporter for the "Washington Post"

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RICHARD HARWOOD, reporter for the "Washington Post"

MARILYN ROGERS

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At the time of the shooting in the Ambassador Hotel, Mr. HOPE was in the press headquarters located in the Colonial Room of the hotel.

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While in the Colonial Room, Mr. HOPE heard shots in the nearby kitchen area, and immediately rushed out to see what had happened.

After determining that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, he saw a man later identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN struggling with several persons.

Mr. HOPE advised he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN before, either on the campaign or earlier in the evening.

He did not see or notice any woman in a polka dot dress.

When he learned that Senator KENNEDY would attend a press conference in the Colonial Room, he either assumed or heard the Senator would come through the kitchen area from the Embassy Room which he described as being "jammed".

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JULES WITCOVER, Newhouse Newspapers, Washington, D.C.

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SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Butel to Phoenix dated 6/20/68.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, this is a criminal investigation and as such, unless unusual circumstances prevail, results should be forwarded on 302 Form for inclusion in investigating report by Los Angeles.

Los Angeles prepares 30 copies of each report in this matter. Each office should either forward stencils to Los Angeles, in which case an original 302 will be returned, or forward 30 copies of respective FD-302.

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Re CI airtel to Bureau, 6/14/68.

Enclosed for CI, IA and WFO is a photograph of ROBERT LEE DRIGGS, Lima State Hospital #63H21068, FBI #604490 F.

On 6/21/68 Mr. BYRON NEWLAND, Chief, Security, Lima State Hospital, Lima, Ohio, advised SA JAMES O. LANG that ROBERT LEE DRIGGS, white male, born [REDACTED] in Chillicothe, OHIO, 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$, 143 lbs., gray eyes, dark brown hair, fair complexion, medium build, SSN [REDACTED], was admitted to the Lima State Hospital (LSP) on 4/29/66 from the Common Pleas Court, Ross County, Ohio, and was discharged on 5/31/68 to the same court.

NEWLAND had been charged in Ross County Court with assault on a minor female.

He gave his address in 1966 as 41 Ewing Street, Chillicothe, Ohio and the person to notify in case of emergency as BYRNE DRIGGS, same address.

His military service was listed as 6/1/57 to 10/1/60, USMC, SN [REDACTED] and his last station as Paris Island, S.C.

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The file indicates he had about average IQ, but lacked insight. It also indicated he had traveled extensively. He said he was interested in Buddhism although his religion was listed as Catholic. He stated he was interested in "civil rights" and indicated he had spent time in Mississippi with voter registration activity and in assisting in the rebuilding of a damaged church.

The doctor's statement in the file upon discharge of DEB/SS was "Patient discharged without psychosis, not mentally deficient, not psychopathic".

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TAPES OF LAPD INTERVIEW OF SIRHAN AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL FORWARD AVAILABLE TAPE OF RE RADIO PROGRAM TO RADIO ENGINEERING SECTION, FBI LAB FOR VOICE COMPARISON WITH SIRHAN TAPES.

SAN FRANCISCO ADVISE LOS ANGELES WHEN TAPE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED.

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HAYS COREY, residence 4606 Tournay Road, Washington, D. C., a political correspondent for Time Magazine, stated that as Senator KENNEDY completed his victory talk in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, he proceeded to the Colonial Room as Senator KENNEDY was to address the press in that room.

GOREY said that he was standing near the door of the Colonial Room when he heard shots and he opened the door of this room and saw GEORGE PLIMPTON and JACK CALLIVAN holding the suspect in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He said a very small man in suit clothes possibly a sports jacket was jumping on the hands of the suspect, later identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

GOREY stated he did not see the shooting, however, he believed he was one of the first into the area from the Colonial Room. He said he did not recall ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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JEAN MARY MAIN, 2254 Hall Place, North West,
Washington, D. C., stated she was a secretary traveling
with the official party of Senator KENNEDY on his
West Coast presidential campaign.

She said she was in the seventh floor suite of
the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot
and therefore could furnish no pertinent details.
She said, to her knowledge, she had never seen SIRHAN
SIRHAN, the suspected assassin of Senator KENNEDY.

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PROVIDENCIA F. PAREDES, 2415 20th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C., a clerk in the Office of Senator ROBERT
F. KENNEDY, advised that she accompanied the official travel-
ing party of Senator KENNEDY on his West Coast campaign.
She said on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot, she was in
the seventh floor suite of the Ambassador Hotel and there-
fore could not furnish any pertinent information.

She said she could not recall ever seeing SIRHAN
SIRHAN, the suspected KENNEDY assassin, during her travels
with the KENNEDY campaign official party.

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CAROL ANN WELCH, 2320 20th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that she was a secretary traveling with the official travel party of Senator KENNEDY on his West Coast campaign.

She stated at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot in the Ambassador Hotel, she was in a upstairs suite of that hotel. She stated that she could not recall ever seeing the suspected assassin SIRHAN SIRHAN during her travels with Senator KENNEDY.

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RICHARD G. TUCK advised he was an aide to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on his West Coast presidential campaign and that he handled the press. TUCK stated that he was an "itinerant" as far as permanent residence, however, he could be reached at 900 North Beverly Glen, Los Angeles, California, phone CR4 -4396.

TUCK stated that after Senator KENNEDY had completed his short victory statement and had left the podium, he was trailing the Senator by 12 to 15 feet when he heard a noise sounding like a piece of wood cracking. He said he took his coat off and went to the assistance of Senator KENNEDY. He said the crowd was intense and he did not see the assailant during the commotion that followed, as he went to the side of Senator KENNEDY.

TUCK stated that it was agreed that Senator KENNEDY following the victory talk would go to the Colonial Room to talk to the press.

TUCK stated that he could not recall ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN, the suspected assassin of Senator KENNEDY during his travels with the KENNEDY campaign.

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RICHARD C. DRAYNE, residence 3141 Livingston Street,
N. W., Washington, D. C., the Press Secretary of Senator
EDWARD KENNEDY advised he was the Assistant Press Secretary
to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during his presidential campaign.

DRAYNE stated about an hour before Senator KENNEDY
made his victory speech, PIERRE SALINGER had stated that
it was all arranged for Senator KENNEDY to go to the Colonial
Room after the victory speech to talk to the writing press.

DRAYNE stated that he had earlier walked through the
passageway through which Senator KENNEDY was shot, however,
he noted nothing that caught his eye and he believed that
the suspected assassin SIRHAN SIRHAN had probably been hidden
in the passageway.

DRAYNE stated that he was in the Colonial Room with
the press when he heard shots, and by the time he entered
the passageway, Senator KENNEDY was on the floor.

DRAYNE said he did not recall ever seeing SIRHAN
SIRHAN during the campaign of Senator KENNEDY.

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JOSEPH DOLAN, Administrative Assistant, Senator KENNEDY's Office, new Senate Office Building, advised on June 19, 1968, that he assisted in the primaries in both Oregon and California. He related that his duties were that of an "advance-man"; specifically, he would precede the official KENNEDY Party by one to two weeks, and set up schedules, and make arrangements prior to scheduled primaries.

DOLAN related that he was not at the hotel at the time of the shooting, and in fact, had returned to Washington, D.C. He has no firsthand knowledge of the shooting, and to his recollection, he has not observed STEELIAN SIEGMUND in the past. DOLAN was interviewed by SAs WALTER B. SAVAGE and PHILIP E. COGHLAN.

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EMILY LOUDELL INSLY, 201 I Street, S.W., advised SA PHILIP E. COGHLAN that she was one of the secretaries assigned to Senator KENNEDY's staff as it was traveling on the West Coast, handling the Oregon and California presidential primaries.

She advised that at the time of the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, she was in the Senator's suite, Ambassador Hotel, with numerous other individuals, watching the television reports. She related that she has no firsthand knowledge of the shooting, and to the best of her recollection, she has never observed SIRHAN SIRHAN in the past.

INSLY related that Senator KENNEDY was scheduled to attend a victory party with his volunteer workers after his speech; however, he decided to meet with members of the press before attending this party.

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On June 20, 1968, DANIEL BLACKBURN, 2003 Millisboro Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland was contacted by SA R. STEVEN POLACHEK. He advised that he is a political reporter for Metromedia, Incorporated, Washington, D. C. He said that on June 5, 1968, he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel as Senator KENNEDY delivered his speech. He said that it was his understanding KENNEDY would exit through the Embassy Room when the speech was finished. He said that he has no idea why KENNEDY left through the kitchen area.

BLACKBURN said that he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the shooting and could not recall seeing a girl in a polka-dot dress.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
JOHN L. PATTERSON at Washington, D. C. on June 19, 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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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON at Washington, D.C.:

JOHN FARMER, Reporter, Newark News, 507 National Press Club Building, advised on June 19, 1968, that he traveled with the KENNEDY Campaign Party throughout Oregon and California, but was not with the Party full time. On election night, California primary, FARMER left the Ambassador Hotel and went to the Los Angeles Times Building, where he watched KENNEDY make his victory speech. After learning that KENNEDY had been shot, he went back to the hotel.

FARMER does not remember ever having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN during the campaign in either Oregon or California. In addition, he does not remember seeing a girl in a polka dot dress at the Ambassador Hotel.

MARIE RIDDER, 1325 F Street, N.W., advised, on June 20, 1968, that she is a reporter for Ridder Newspapers. She accompanied the KENNEDY campaign throughout Oregon and California. She was with KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, but left the hotel before KENNEDY came down to give his victory speech. She left Los Angeles by plane and did not learn about the shooting until she landed in Chicago.

Mrs. RIDDER never saw SIRHAN SIRHAN before, and did not see a girl in a polka dot dress at the Ambassador Hotel.

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JOHN OBERDORFER, Knight Newspapers, Room 1195, Press Building, 14th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., (WDC) furnished the following information to SA JOSEPH C. KELLY on June 20, 1968:

Mr. OBERDORFER was a member of the press party assigned to the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Mr. OBERDORFER was with the campaign in California and Oregon.

He was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles when Senator KENNEDY was shot. He worked his way through the crowd, into the kitchen area where the shooting took place, and saw Senator KENNEDY being placed on a stretcher.

Mr. OBERDORFER did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN either before or after the shooting.

It was his understanding that a Mr. SCOTT, who is employed by Station WNYA in New York, had seen SIRHAN SIRHAN on one or two occasions during the evening before the shooting.

He also recalled a young female free-lance correspondent who later stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN had been "ejected" or asked to leave the press headquarters in the Colonial Room or the kitchen area. He believed SIRHAN had been told to leave by a female member of the KENNEDY staff.

Mr. OBERDORFER stated it was his impression that Senator KENNEDY's plan was to appear at press headquarters located in the Colonial Room before going to the victory party.

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ERNEST EUGENE PELL, National Political Correspondent, Westinghouse Broadcasting Company (NBC) News Bureau, Room 6, 1625 K Street, North West, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information to SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on June 20, 1968. PELL was in the KFWB Studio in Los Angeles, California broadcasting on radio when a copy boy brought him a message Senator ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY had been shot. PELL said he traveled with KENNEDY during the primary campaigns in Indiana, Nebraska, Oregon and California. PELL said he has seen photographs of the suspect in this assassination, SIRHAN SIRHAN in newspapers. PELL could not recall ever having seen SIRHAN. PELL added JERRY UDWIN of NBC, Washington, D. C. was with PELL in the KFWB Studio when KENNEDY was shot. PELL served as anchor man for the KFWB Studio while reporters obtained on the scene reports for the station and network.

JOHN MARSHALL was the KFWB reporter at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4 - 5, 1968. MARSHALL works at KFWB, 6419 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. WARREN WILSON was another reporter for KFWB who was at the hotel at the time of the shooting or within minutes after it happened. Station KFWB had an Engineer in the Embassy Room at the hotel. PELL could not recall the engineer's name but believed his nickname is LOU.

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On June 20, 1968, STAN TRETICK, 2953 Arizona Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WFO) was contacted by SA K. STEVEN POLACHIK. TRETICK said that he is a reporter for "Look" Magazine and was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968. He said that at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot he (TRETICK) was in the KENNEDY suite on the 5th floor of the hotel. TRETICK advised that he did not know which way the KENNEDY party intended to leave the Embassy Room and he said that he had not seen SIMON prior to the shooting. He could offer no information concerning the girl in the polka-dot dress.

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Mrs. JANIS WITTAKER, 2434 West Sammamish, North Redmond, Washington (206-TU 5-1153), advised SAs WALTER E. SAVAGE and PHILIP E. COGHLAN that she is a personal friend of the KENNEDY family and is presently residing with Mrs. KENNEDY at their Mc Lean residence. She related that she was in the suite of Senator KENNEDY's party at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, when the assassination of Senator KENNEDY occurred.

Mrs. WITTAKER did not see the individual who shot Senator KENNEDY at any time prior to the shooting and is totally unfamiliar with the Senator's departing route after giving speeches.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA KENNETH L. PLESS:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

On May 5, 1968, Mrs. STELA BROWN, age 40, maiden name, ALARCON, 135 Richmond Drive, Woodbridge, Virginia, telephone number 703-494-9844, advised that she is married to GERALD L. BROWN, Staff Sergeant, United States Air Force, presently stationed at Bolling Air Force, Washington, D.C. She was first married to HOMER CLIFFORD STRICKLAND until her divorce in 1956. She has been in Woodbridge since August, 1967. She was in El Paso, Texas prior to moving to Virginia.

BROWN advised that while watching channel 9 Television Station, she observed a photograph, front and profile view, of a man, and the commentator asked for anyone who recognized the man to contact the television station. She called the TV station in Washington, D.C. and left her name and telephone number.

BROWN advised that she recognized the photographed man as a person she first met in the last part of 1955 or the first part of 1956, in Los Angeles, California. She was visiting a friend, MARGUERITA GONZALES, in an apartment located on the corner of First and Olive Streets. The apartment was located in the second building off of First Street on Olive.

The young man said his name was ANGEL SIEKHAN or SIRKHAN, and that he was 16 years old. He was associated with a gang of young "hoods" who were known to be dope addicts, robbers, and a real rough bunch. The other boys around him laughed when he gave his name. He then stated his name was ANGEL LUIS CALDERON. He said that he was from Puerto Rico and had not been in the United States very long. He was in Los Angeles looking for work and his family was living in Pasadena, California. BROWN advised that CALDERON was living in the same apartment building as GONZALES. She visited GONZALES for two weeks and saw CALDERON in the area everyday. She has not seen or heard of him since.

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