

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/13/68

CHARLES D. HALL, Instructor, John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln, and who resides at 920 Cynthia, Pasadena, advised that although school records reflect SIRHAN SIRHAN as being a student in one of his Social Studies classes, HALL could not recall any details about SIRHAN.

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1Date 6/15/68

Mrs. CLAIR SCHWARTZ, English instructor, Blair High School, Pasadena, California, was contacted at her residence, 1320 El Cerrito Circle, South Pasadena, California, telephone Number 255-7864, to arrange an interview in regard to SIRHAN SIRHAN being enrolled in her eleventh grade English class in 1962 at John Muir High School in Pasadena. At this time, Mrs. SCHWARTZ advised that when the newspapers carried the story she had checked the high school records to determine if she had taught SIRHAN. Mrs. SCHWARTZ advised that although she had taught SIRHAN, she could not recall him specifically, for he appeared to be neither a very good student or a very bad student. Mrs. SCHWARTZ stated that she had probably checked many of his composition papers, but she could not recall their contents due to the length of time involved and the many students she has had in the intervening six years. Mrs. SCHWARTZ advised she would not be able to observe handwriting samples and state that they were nor were not written by SIRHAN. Mrs. SCHWARTZ stated she could not recall anything specific about SIRHAN.

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DAVID OVERHOLT STEVENS, SR., history student, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, appeared at the FBI Office and furnished the following information concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN:

STEVENS stated that he was casually acquainted with SIRHAN at John Muir High School, Pasadena, California, during the school year of 1962-63. STEVENS was a junior and SIRHAN was a senior. He described SIRHAN as a Palestinian Arab believed to have been born in Palestine or some other Arab State. He recalled that SIRHAN at that time was bitterly opposed to and hated Jews particularly Zionist. According to STEVENS, SIRHAN listened to Radio Havana and he believed him to be pro-Castro at that time. He is not aware of any organizational affiliations of SIRHAN and he has no indication that SIRHAN is a Communist. He has not seen SIRHAN since 1963 and is not acquainted with members of his family.

STEVENS stated that one THOMAS D. GOOD, age 23, was a close friend of SIRHAN in high school and may be able to furnish information concerning SIRHAN's political views and a possible motive for the attempted assassination of Senator KENNEDY. STEVENS recalled that GOOD resided in the 1300 block of Elizabeth Street, east of Lake Avenue and just off Hill Avenue, Pasadena, California, where he had an unlisted telephone number. GOOD reportedly graduated from San Jose State College, San Jose, in 1967.

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Mr. DARWIN R. RUSSELL, 1001 Altadena Drive, Apartment 5, Pasadena, California, advised he had taught SIRHAN United States History when he was in the 11th grade at John Muir High School, Pasadena, California in 1962. RUSSELL stated he recalled SIRHAN well and considered him very polite, reserved and sensitive. SIRHAN did not have a language problem. RUSSELL recalled no political or social discussions with SIRHAN. He believed, but was not certain, that there was a boy named TOM GOOD in the same class with SIRHAN, however, he believed he recalled that GOOD and SIRHAN were close friends. He stated GOOD was very anti-government and the closest to being an anarchist in type of any boy of that age he had taught. GOOD's father was reportedly a disabled civil service employee and TOM and his family were apparently bitter as they felt his father had been cheated in his settlement made with the government. GOOD did not like to abide by the rules and was frequently in difficulty. RUSSELL recalled GOOD's favorite authors were ERIC FROMM and ALBERT CAMUS, whom he believed was a French - Algerian writer of a Revolutionary type. He considered GOOD to have been unusually aware politically at that age and believed that if GOOD had been a close friend he could have possibly influenced SIRHAN in his political development.

Mr. RUSSELL stated he had not seen SIRHAN after teaching him in the 11th grade.

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SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON LDJ/nmb Date dictated 6/13/68

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THOMAS D. GOOD was located at his place of residence, a rooming house at 22 South 11th Street, San Jose, at approximately 1:30 P.M., June 13, 1968. The interviewing agents identified themselves to GOOD through display of FBI credentials. GOOD advised SAs KIDWELL and SAMPLE that he would not be able to talk to them without first consulting his attorney, one AUBREY GROSSMAN, of San Francisco.

GOOD stated that he would attempt to reach his attorney by telephone and get an opinion from him regarding an interview with FBI agents. He placed a long-distance call to San Francisco with Agents SAMPLE and KIDWELL present, and was informed that Mr. GROSSMAN was not available. SA KIDWELL asked GOOD if the name SIRHAN SIRHAN was familiar to him. GOOD responded that he recognized the name. SA KIDWELL asked him if the name was familiar to him over and above what he had read recently in the press. GOOD replied that it was.

SA KIDWELL informed GOOD that the interviewing agents desired to discuss SIRHAN SIRHAN with him. GOOD stated that even though the topic of interview was to be in connection with his knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN, he still would need the approval of his attorney before being interviewed. In conclusion, he stated that he would attempt again to reach Mr. GROSSMAN during the afternoon of June 13, 1968, and upon receiving Mr. GROSSMAN's opinion in this matter, would immediately recontact FBI agents.

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1Date 6/17/68

Mr. HAROLD J. BENSON, who resides at 3180 Crestford Drive, Altadena, California, phone No. 797-0628, was interviewed at Pasadena City College (PCC) where he is an instructor in the Physiology Department.

BENSON advised that he remembered having SIRHAN SIRHAN as a student in one of his classes while he was at PCC. He stated that SIRHAN sat at a table by himself in the classroom and that he did not appear to attempt to mix with the other students although he was always pleasant, and smiling and treated everyone with courtesy and respect. He advised that during the time SIRHAN was in his class he was not even aware of SIRHAN's nationality and that he did not ever have any discussion of politics or ideologies nor did he ever hear anyone else discussing these things with SIRHAN.

BENSON advised that SIRHAN was an average, or slightly above average student, who was very consistent in his work with perfect attendance and that he did not remember any type of disciplinary problem ever arising. He stated that he certainly would never have thought SIRHAN to be an individual of a violent nature as he always seemed to be even-tempered.

He advised that he did not know of any close association between SIRHAN and any of the other students in the classes and that he, BENSON, never saw him except in the classroom on a teacher-student basis. He stated further that he had no contact with SIRHAN after the semester in which SIRHAN was a student in his class.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/681

On June 14, 1968, Miss NINA TIHOMIROV, Russian teacher at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised she recalled teaching Russian to SIRHAN SIRHAN in the fall of 1964 and the spring of 1965. She stated SIRHAN was not a very good student, although he appeared to have a natural ear for languages. She said he was frequently absent from class, and always had an excuse relating to working too hard, and part of the time because his sister was dying. She did not recall what his employment was. She stated she gave SIRHAN a grade of D in his first semester of work, and in the second semester, finally dismissed him from class due to lack of attendance. She recalled that as she was dismissing him, she learned he was being dismissed from school for general non-attendance. She stated she had never had any discussions with SIRHAN regarding his political or social ideas. She said he was a very nice, friendly person who was always polite, who sat in the front row in her class and was attentive. She had no further information concerning SIRHAN or why he might have been involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Date 6/18/68

Mrs. ANNABEL COONEY, Room 129 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 787 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that both she and her husband, MICHAEL COONEY, reside approximately one block from the SIRHAN residence. Mrs. COONEY advised that neither she nor her husband ever knew the SIRHAN family, but that occasionally a young boy by the name of MUNIR would ride his bicycle up and down the street in front of the COONEY residence and occasionally would drive into the driveway and say hello in a neighborly fashion. Mrs. COONEY advised that the boy had never been in her home and that the conversations between them never went any further than an occasional hello.

She stated that it was rumored in the neighborhood, as told to her by her husband, that a few years ago, in approximately 1965 or 1966, this young boy MUNIR left home to live with an older woman, reportedly twice his age. Mrs. COONEY stated at that time that it was believed by both she and her husband that the boy could not have been any older than 15 years of age. It was later rumored that there was a death in the family, a sister, and that MUNIR was so upset at the loss that it shocked him into returning to the family. Mrs. COONEY advised that as far as she knows this boy has never wandered from his parents' home since. She advised that she has never seen any other member of the family and that she never saw the boy MUNIR since his reported return. Her only knowledge of him was as a young boy riding his bicycle on the block.

Mrs. COONEY advised that she was unaware of the fact that MUNIR had an older brother and that she does not remember having SIRHAN SIRHAN in her English class at anytime. Mrs. COONEY furnished her seating chart for the fall semester of 1964 and advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not listed as a student of hers during that semester.

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Mrs. COONEY stated that should she, through review of seating charts, establish that she had SIRHAN SIRHAN as a student she would immediately advise the FBI.

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Mrs. NORMA G. SULLIVAN, Room 11 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 1165 Dover Way, Monterey Park, California, advised that she does remember SIRHAN SIRHAN in her Spring 1965 English class. Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that she recognized his picture on television and in the newspapers but knows nothing of the boy since he rarely attended class and either dropped out or was dismissed from the college during that same semester.

Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that she knew of no associates or any friendships which SIRHAN might have had. Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that although SIRHAN had been at Pasadena City College for more than a year, he could still be taking first year English due to the fact that it is not required for graduation and can be taken at the students' option anytime while enrolled.

Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that had she had SIRHAN in her reading course she might have known more about him since it is smaller and what she termed as intimate. The English 1A class is large and very impersonal and since SIRHAN attended infrequently, she knew nothing more about him other than to recognize his picture and his name.

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1Date 6/17/68

Mr. LEONARD C. PERRY, who resides at 6268 North San Gabriel Boulevard, Altadena, California, phone No. 287-3241, was interviewed at Pasadena City College (PCC) where he is an instructor in the Speech and Communications Department.

PERRY advised that he has been an instructor at PCC for approximately eight years and that he holds the position of Associate Professor. He stated that he could remember the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN having been one of his students in 1963, but that he could remember nothing else about this individual and was sure that he would not recognize him if he were to see him on the street. He advised that with the number of classes and students in each class it was impossible for him to become too well acquainted with any of his students.

PERRY stated that the course SIRHAN took from him was called Basic Communication and was a course required for all Freshmen at PCC. He explained that it was basically an orientation to the college atmosphere with aptitude and other type tests furnished the students to help them discover their interests and determine their fields of study.

PERRY stated that he could furnish no information concerning the personality or ideology. of SIRHAN.

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1Date 6/17/68

Mr. PAUL SHER, Instructor, Pasadena City College (PCC), Room 213-C, who resides at 765 La Mirada Avenue, San Marino, California, advised that he believed that SIRHAN SIRHAN dropped his course in history in the fall of 1963. SHER advised that to the best of his recollection, he had written absent slips on SIRHAN because SIRHAN never attended the class and that later SIRHAN was withdrawn from the course.

SHER advised that if he were mistaken and SIRHAN did complete the course, SHER could not remember anything about him.

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Mr. J. ROBERT TREVOR, Room 137 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 665 Westbridge Place, Pasadena, California, advised that he has no recollection of having ever had SIRHAN SIRHAN in any of his English classes. TREVOR advised that all the records had been turned in to the Record Department of the college at the end of each semester and that he has no record from which to refresh his memory. He stated that should he remember who SIRHAN was or anything about him he would immediately contact the FBI.

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1Date 6/17/68

Mrs. ALBERTA CRAGGETT, Room 117 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 2659 Calenda Street, Altadena, advised that she has no recollection of having ever had SIRHAN SIRHAN in any of her English classes. CRAGGETT advised that all the records had been turned in to the Record Department of the college at the end of each semester and that she has no record from which to refresh her memory. She stated that should she remember who SIRHAN was or anything about him she would immediately contact the FBI.

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1Date 6/24/68

Mr. NORMAN H. WAKEMAN, 2205 Mendocino Lane, advised that he is a teacher of biology at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California. He stated that according to the school records there was a student in his class in the fall semester, 1964, by the name of SIRHAN SIRHAN; however, WAKEMAN stated that he did not remember this individual at all and could furnish no information concerning him, other than the fact that, according to the college records, he had been an average student.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/17/68

JEANNETTE D. STRAWN, Instructor, Pasadena City College, Room 213-C, who resides at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Altadena, California, advised that she could not recall SIRHAN SIRHAN, although she was certain SIRHAN had been a student in one of her history classes. She advised she thought he had been a quite withdrawn person but she could provide no other information regarding SIRHAN.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/681

On June 14, 1968, Mr. ALVAR KAUTI, instructor at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised his records reflect he had taught a course in Health Education to SIRHAN SIRHAN in the fall of 1963. He stated he had no personal recollection of SIRHAN, and had no information concerning him.

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Date 6/18/681

On June 17, 1968, Mrs. MAURICE DUNN, retired former teacher at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, who resides at 135 Harkness Street, Apartment E, Pasadena, advised she had no personal recollection of teaching SIRHAN SIRHAN ballroom dancing (under a classification of Physical Education) at the college in the fall of 1963. She stated her classes in ballroom dancing often numbered as many as 300 members, and she had no personal recollection of SIRHAN of any sort.

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1Date 6/20/68

Mrs. SENSON, former landlady of JOHN H. WALKER, who taught English to SIRHAN SIRHAN at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, in the spring of 1965, advised WALKER had enrolled at Leeds College, London, England, for two years of graduate work in English. Mrs. SENSON believed WALKER would have just finished his two years at the present time, and had no knowledge of his present whereabouts.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/13/68

KEITH A. YOUNG, home address 400 South Myrtlewood Street, West Covina, California, was interviewed at his place of business, the American Oil Station which he leases, located at 797 East Mission Boulevard, Pomona, California, and furnished the following information:

YOUNG advised, during the latter part of 1963 and the early part of 1964, exact month unknown, he was employed by CLARENCE COPPING at the Elite Motor Service, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California. YOUNG went on to say that, during 1964, CLARENCE COPPING sold the Elite Motor Service to one JACK DAVIES, who operated this business as the Jack Davies' Richfield Station and he was also employed by DAVIES on a part-time basis during the latter part of 1964.

YOUNG advised that, while working for CLARENCE COPPING and JACK DAVIES at the same place of business located at 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, he first came into contact with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. YOUNG advised that he first met SIRHAN while working for CLARENCE COPPING. He advised that, on one occasion, he worked with SIRHAN, the reason being SIRHAN was to take over the night shift and YOUNG's job was to break in SIRHAN on the night shift. YOUNG advised that, on this occasion, he recalls SIRHAN telling him that he was from Jordan and he asked SIRHAN if Jordan was a good country to live in, and SIRHAN told him Jordan was one of the best places in the world. He advised that SIRHAN then asked him what he thought about the United States and he told SIRHAN that the United States was no doubt the best country in the world, and he recalls SIRHAN stating "Like hell, it is". YOUNG advised that at this time he discontinued his conversation with SIRHAN and they never had any further discussions. He advised that at no time did he ever have any political discussion with SIRHAN or have much to do with SIRHAN after having heard him make this statement, which was sometime during the latter part of 1963 or early 1964. YOUNG advised that, to his knowledge, SIRHAN did not have any

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friends and he never met any of his relatives or saw him with any girls. He advised that, when SIRHAN was not working, he would sometimes drop by the station but never seemed to talk to anyone.

YOUNG further advised that during 1964 he can recall that SIRHAN purchased a 1956 pink and white DeSoto, name of the previous owner unknown, but believes SIRHAN paid \$150.00 for this automobile. YOUNG added that, although he was not fond of SIRHAN because of the statement he had made during their only discussion, he described SIRHAN as having an excellent personality, a very good worker, and any time he was told to do something at work he always responded to it immediately. He advised that SIRHAN did not seem to be a violent person and, when he was informed by ROGER MOORE that the individual who shot Senator KENNEDY was SIRHAN, it was hard for him to believe.

YOUNG added that he would not know of anyone who would have been close to SIRHAN and the best way he could describe him was as being a loner. He advised that the last time he saw SIRHAN was during the first part of 1966 when he was at the Jack Davies' Richfield Station visiting with JACK DAVIES and he recalls speaking to SIRHAN and SIRHAN saying hello. He advised that SIRHAN at this time did not seem to be any different from the last time he had seen him and seemed to be the same quiet person.

YOUNG stated that he never was aware that SIRHAN had ridden horses or worked at any type of race track until he read it in the paper after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

YOUNG advised that, during the time he knew SIRHAN, he never observed SIRHAN with any type of weapon and, from his relationship with SIRHAN, he was under the impression that SIRHAN would not be the type of person to participate in any type of violence.

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ROGER GLEN MOORE, 977 Lewiston, Duarte, advised that he is presently living at this address with his sister-in-law, SHERRY RAY. He was born [REDACTED] in Clay County, West Virginia, was in the U. S. Army from February 1954 to April 1963 and was assigned Serial No. [REDACTED]

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MOORE advised that he worked as a mechanic for Jack Davies Garage, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, from August or September 1963 until June 1966, at which time he left this employment. He said that he worked the day shift and, while there, came to know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN who was also working for DAVIES in the service station section of this business. MOORE said that he believes SIRHAN was a part-time employee and employed also at night inasmuch as he, SIRHAN, was attending Pasadena City College.

MOORE said that he recalls having worked on an old car of SIRHAN's, a "Cadillac", but that he and SIRHAN never became particularly friendly during the time both were employed at this business nor did they socialize. He stated that on occasion he and SIRHAN may have had a beer at the station after the station had closed but they never went out together.

MOORE said that, as best as he could recall, SIRHAN did not socialize with anyone and that he, SIRHAN, did not have friends come by the station to visit him. He recalls SIRHAN as a regular and steady worker and that he did not cause any problems while he, MOORE, knew him. MOORE said that he and SIRHAN never had any political discussions whatsoever and that he cannot recall SIRHAN ever having made any remarks whatsoever which could be construed as being against the United States. He said that he did not even recall SIRHAN's nationality.

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MOORE said that, after he left DAVIES' employment in June 1966, shortly afterward he did ride to the Hollywood Race Track with SIRHAN one day, but he could not recall anything regarding this time together other than the fact that he does recall that he did not like SIRHAN's freeway driving. He said that he has seen SIRHAN only one time subsequent to this, which was in January 1967 at the Santa Anita Race Track, but that he and SIRHAN did not engage in any conversation at this time.

MOORE said that he could not recall anyone who might have been close to SIRHAN.

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1Date 6/17/68

GORDON HOUGH, 1009 South 5th Street, Alhambra, California, phone 282-6982, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He is the owner and operator of the Hough Patrol Service. He recalls that in 1965, he was servicing the Jack Davies Richfield Service Station at 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, which station he continues to service. HOUGH could recall only one individual who could have been involved in any verbal argument with an employee at the above station. He stated this man's name is CORNELIUS H. CARROLL. HOUGH advised that CARROLL has not been in his employ for several years and that he did not know his current residence. However, the last location that HOUGH was aware of was 729 Locust, Pasadena, California. He said that he had had complaints in the past concerning CARROLL and arguments that he had engaged in while in HOUGH's employ. HOUGH knew of no other employee who had ever had any arguments with customers.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/21/68

CORNELIUS H. CARROLL, 1266 Bresee, Pasadena, California, telephone 797-7127, provided the following information:

He is presently employed as a guard at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, and has been so employed for approximately one year. He recalled that he had worked for the Hough Patrol Service in 1965 and said that he recalled making calls to the Jack Davies Richfield Service Station, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, during the course of such employment. He said that it is his recollection that he has never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and did not recognize pictures of SIRHAN that were shown to him. CARROLL said that he did not recall ever having a verbal argument with any person at the above service station and knew of no one who might have.

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Mrs. DONALD BOYKO (ELSIE) resides with her family at 1545 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, California. She is 42 years of age. She is nominal Vice President of D.B. Electronics Company, a firm which her husband previously owned and now manages. Mrs. BOYKO was born in Lodi, California, attended College of the Pacific and Walla Walla College in that city. She is active in the affairs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and has been a member of this church since childhood. Mrs. BOYKO has lived at the above address for six years, and previously resided at 15½ El Dorado Place in Arcadia, California.

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. BOYKO met a Jordanian student named ABDUL MJED DOBASS, a visitor to the United States who was sponsored for study here by some neighbors. She had known DOBASS as a student, but has not seen him during the past four or five years. He has remained in the United States, married, and become a United States citizen. She does not know his present whereabouts.

Mrs. BOYKO first met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN shortly after Christmas of 1967, when she went to work as a saleslady in a health foods store owned by JOHN WEIDNER at 1380 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena. SIRHAN, whom she referred to as SAUL, was already working in the store as stock clerk and delivery boy. WEIDNER owns two other health food stores, one in Monterey Park which is known as "Monterey Nutrition" and another in Downey, California, on Florence Avenue (name unrecalled). In addition to his duties as a store clerk, SAUL would drive WEIDNER's station wagon to make deliveries between the stores. She knew SIRHAN from December 1967 to March 1968, when he left WEIDNER's employ because of daily differences between them. When he was at the store, she would talk to him during slack business times and found him to be a serious, sensitive person and one with strong feelings. From the beginning of their association, she made it clear that she would not and could not discuss the politics of his country and

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that of the Near East because she did not wish to and was not sufficiently versed in this subject, but told him that she would talk to him about religion and he very eagerly accepted this arrangement. He told her that he was very much interested in religion - all religions and was making a comparative study of religion. In this connection, Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN's mother had been attending her church (Seventh Day Adventist) in Pasadena for a couple of months prior to her meeting SIRHAN, but she did not know her until some time later when SIRHAN attended this church with his mother. He did not attend often, perhaps three or four times, then dropped out. His mother ceased attendance about a month after (February 1968). Mrs. BOYKO has never met any other members of the SIRHAN family.

Mrs. BOYKO said she understood that during part of the time that SIRHAN worked for WEIDNER, he took some religious instruction from a relative of WEIDNER's who was living in Pasadena at the time with his wife and was visiting the West Coast. This person's name was \_\_\_\_\_ PETERS, an older man who originally came out to California from Wisconsin and has since returned. The instruction Mr. PETERS gave to SIRHAN was in Bible Study. Mr. PETERS is a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wisconsin (place unrecalled).

It is Mrs. BOYKO's further reflection that Mr. PETERS was highly incensed at JOHN WEIDNER's alleged harsh treatment of SIRHAN. He indicated to Mrs. BOYKO that WEIDNER's treatment of SIRHAN was undoing any good effort he could make with the boy, from the standpoint of religious instruction

Mrs. BOYKO feels she had a good relationship with SIRHAN and he seemed to like her. They talked of many things - nothing of a serious nature - none of a political nature. Through these conversations and other events that transpired in the store (his relationship with WEIDNER), Mrs. BOYKO gained something of an insight into his character. For example, she soon learned that he harbored a great envy for the good fortunes of others. He said he did not like wealthy people. She cited as an example of his dislike NELSON ROCKEFELLER who he said had too much wealth. He did not mention ROBERT KENNEDY in this connection and never mentioned his name to Mrs. BOYKO's knowledge. It was in this connection - in his comments about wealth and his dislike for

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wealthy people that he mentioned, inferentially, his dislike for Jews. He did not mention these things with any discernible emotion, but she remembers them from parts of his conversations.

SIRHAN's relationship with JOHN WEIDNER, in Mrs. BOYKO's opinion, was never good, and as nearly as she and others in the store could judge, SIRHAN was really not at fault in this. WEIDNER is domineering, harsh and rude with his employees, she said. He seemed particularly harsh with SIRHAN at times. He insisted on strict compliance with his orders, i.e. "SAUL come here at once!" SIRHAN might have had a box of groceries in his arms and would deposit them in a car or whatever before complying. This would infuriate WEIDNER. He would regard this as a challenge to his authority. He would berate SIRHAN and accuse him of laziness and insubordination. SIRHAN would defend himself shouting as loud "You just don't talk to me like that" "You have to treat me like a man", and he would stand his ground; then walk away in desperation and frustration. Mrs. BOYKO tried to be the mediator, but the arguments and flashes of temper on both sides became an almost daily occurrence. SIRHAN wanted WEIDNER to fire him so he could get some severance pay, but WEIDNER sensed this and would not fire him.

After these outbursts, SIRHAN would calm down and talk to Mrs. BOYKO about his abiding interests. He indicated he was interested in spiritual things. He definitely was interested in horses. He spoke about his desire to be a jockey and talked about his weight problems. He was also interested in the gambling aspect. He went to the track frequently; every Saturday (at Santa Anita) and apparently was a consistent loser. This bothered him because he was interested in money and wanted money. He was very conscious of his size. Being a little person, he felt disadvantaged. He felt this very strongly and had a defensive complex about it. He felt it was a handicap, even though he had aspirations to be a jockey.

He showed no interest in, or interest in talking about, girls. He indicated that dating girls was a waste of time, and did not wish to discuss the subject. Mrs. BOYKO doubts that he did date girls during this time.

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Finally SIRHAN left the shop, sometime in March 1968, and subsequently either sued or filed charges against WEIDNER for back pay. Mrs. BOYKO does not know the particulars about this.

Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN was strong in his beliefs - strong in his convictions. With regard to other aspects of his activity as known to her, Mrs. BOYKO said no one ever came to the shop to visit him. He received no mail at the shop. He received no telephone calls at the shop. He never waited on customers except to carry groceries to waiting cars. He was polite. He was respectful. He never expressed any strong hatred even after his heated exchanges with WEIDNER.

He never came back to the store after he left and Mrs. BOYKO last talked to him sometime in March.

He did complain about the poor condition of WEIDNER's delivery station wagon.

Mrs. BOYKO said she has seen newspaper accounts datelined Washington, D.C. which have quoted her as saying, "SIRHAN was a religious fanatic." Mrs. BOYKO said she never said any such thing.

Mrs. BOYKO said the only Jordanians she has ever met were ABDUL DOBASS (mentioned initially), SIRHAN and a local barber named SIMON SHARU. Mrs. BOYKO recalls asking SIRHAN if he knew DOBASS (above) and he acknowledged that he did, but said no more, so that Mrs. BOYKO could not determine what the degree of association was.

After the news of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and SIRHAN's picture was published in the morning newspaper, all the persons at the store knew who it was, but could not believe it. Mr. WEIDNER's reaction was electric. He walked around the store beating his fists to his head saying, "it's him, it's him - it's got to be him;" and then to a customer who had been friendly to SIRHAN in the past, he said "you see I was right about him. I don't know why he didn't kill me - he hated me so."

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Mrs. BOYKO said she has no explanation for SIRHAN's terrible act. She is shocked and unable to fit it with her recollection of him. It is her opinion that she never did see him except for some surface manifestations, and these were, to say the least, contradictory.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/18/68

RETTA DRAKE 2516 Strathmore, Rosemead, California, telephone 573-3897, advised that she was employed at the Organic-Pasadena Health Food Store, 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, as manager from December 15, 1967 until March 7, 1968, when she resigned. During this period of time SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was also employed at this store as a general stock clerk and delivery boy. He had been so employed both part time and full time since prior to Mrs. DRAKE beginning her employment. She advised that she did not know him and had never seen him prior to her employment at this store.

Approximately one and one-half weeks prior to her quitting on March 7, 1968, she submitted her letter of resignation to the owner of the health food store, JOHN WEIDNER. She advised that she left the employment at the above store on the same date that SIRHAN was fired. On the morning of March 7, 1968, she overheard WEIDNER tell SIRHAN that he may leave the store, meaning that he was fired. SIRHAN then proceeded to sit down in the store waiting to be paid his wages due. Mrs. DRAKE said the situation at the store at this time was tense after WEIDNER had fired SIRHAN, and to ease this situation she made a statement to SIRHAN just in general conversation. When she spoke to him WEIDNER then came up to her and told her that she was not to speak to SIRHAN since he was no longer working there. Mrs. DRAKE advised that this infuriated her to the extent that she quit her job on the spot.

WEIDNER eventually called the police on SIRHAN to evict him from the store since SIRHAN would not leave until he was paid.

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WEIDNER refused to pay either SIRHAN or Mrs. DRAKE and they both eventually filed claims for wages due before the Industrial Relations Board. She advised that they did not file these claims together but the cases were held together on the same date before the Industrial Relations Board, 107 South Broadway, Room 5015, Los Angeles, California, on or about April 23, 1968. Her claim was eventually honored but she has no idea whether SIRHAN received his money or not.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she saw SIRHAN twice after they terminated their employment at the health food store. She once went over to his house to receive his help in filling out her claim for wages due, and she met his mother. She also saw SIRHAN on the date of his being fired from the health food store in Katies Place Restaurant just down from the health food store. She advised she was in there having coffee on this date and he came in and joined her.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she never saw SIRHAN either before or after working hours while they were employed. The last she saw of him was on the date that the claims were held before the Industrial Relations Board.

In addition she did talk with him once or twice over the telephone after leaving the health food store's employment and prior to the claims being submitted before the Industrial Relations Board.

She stated that SIRHAN never did talk very much and what little conversation they did have at the store was just general conversation. They never had any political conversations and she cannot recall him talking of any of his personal interests. On the one occasion that she was at SIRHAN's house they talked only of Mr. WEIDNER and his health food store.



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Other than his mother, Mrs. DRAKE never met any of his friends or relatives, and has no idea what he did on his off hours. It was her understanding, however, that SIRHAN was taking Bible lessons from Mr. WEIDNER's uncle.

She advised she has not seen nor heard from SIRHAN since the claims were presented before the Industrial Relations Board on April 23, 1968.

Her opinion of SIRHAN is that he was an extremely nice person and that he did not seem bitter over being fired by Mr. WEIDNER.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/14/68

Mrs. CAROL BURGESS, wife of Lance Corporal BERNARD BURGESS, U. S. Marine Corps (USMC) USMC Quarters, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Washington an employee of the restaurant at the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, advised on June 14, 1968, that she had known SIRHAN SIRHAN while she was employed from about November 1967 to about January 1968, at the Organic-Pacific Health Food Store owned by Mr. JOHN WIEDNER, Pasadena, California. She said SIRHAN, known generally by the nickname "SOL", told her he had changed his name to SIRHAN SIRHAN so he could have two similar names; however, he did not say what his name had been before the change.

She said SIRHAN was a produce boy and took produce from the above store to the Monterey Park store and the Downey store. She said SIRHAN lived about a block and one-half to two blocks from the store and that she had dropped him off at his residence in her car a few times. She said this residence was one block off Lake Avenue, but she did not know the address. She said she understood SIRHAN lived with his mother and brother, but she had not met them. She said SIRHAN stated he was "close" to his brother and he had "nice" parents. She said she believed SIRHAN had an automobile at home, but it was not in running condition.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN told her he was attending night school at Pasadena City College and that he liked history. She said one day SIRHAN came back from lunch with whiskey on his breath and made some remark that he would have to stay away from the boss that afternoon. She said she therefore assumed he drank a little.

She said SIRHAN was always by himself, that he came to work and left by himself and he had lunch by himself. She said he never spoke of having a girl friend and said at one time he had "bad luck" with girls, which remark he did not explain. She said no one visited him at the store.

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She said SIRHAN believed in what he called "Witchcraft" and believed he had power to do greater things than did others. She said he had indicated in words not now recalled, that he "could do anything that God could do". She said he seemed not to "understand our religion", however, he never explained what his religion was. She added he said, "There are lots of things you can do if you put your mind to it."

Mrs. BURGESS said that Mr. WIEDNER had been in the "Underground" in France and had helped Jews escape from Germany and SIRHAN could not understand why he would help the Jews escape. She said SIRHAN and Mr. WIEDNER had some discussions concerning Jews but she could not recall the details of these conversations except that SIRHAN and WIEDNER argued about Jews. She said SIRHAN sometimes waved his hands when he got somewhat excited in these conversations.

She said SIRHAN did not smoke and she assumed he did not use drugs or narcotics. She did not know him to have a gun and never talked about guns. She said he did not seem to be the violent type and although he occasionally got mad - usually at the boss who expected his employees to work diligently, he "cooled off" quickly.

She said SIRHAN never talked about politics and he was generally very quiet, polite, and likeable. She said he appeared to be quite intelligent and had an extensive vocabulary, often using words she did not understand. She said SIRHAN also spoke "some other language" besides English and would interject some foreign phrases into conversation. She added he was a good worker.

She said SIRHAN was interested in horses and had been an exercise boy. She said he used to go to horse races on weekends and that he "loved horses". She said he had hurt his back in a fall falling off a filly and was going to a doctor about his back. She said SIRHAN a small individual, wanted people to think he was strong, but he complained about his back when picking up

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boxes. She said SIRHAN would also bet on horses at the track and would win and lose bets based on information given him by jockeys. She remembers on one occasion he won \$35. She said he wanted to be a jockey some day.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN had once given her a paperback book, title and author not recalled, concerning "Witchcraft", for her to read. She said she took it home, did not read it, and brought back the book the next day. She said SIRHAN had said he read by candlelight from candles on a table. She said she asked him in connection with his Witchcraft, what he did, would he lift tables by Witchcraft.

SIRHAN said he did. She said she told him he could not be serious and SIRHAN remarked that he was. She said he came back from lunch one day with two red candles and two blue candles, apparently to read by or to use in his "Witchcraft".

Mrs. BURGESS said she was training one RITA or RETA to be manager at the store about a month before she, Mrs. BURGESS, left and RITA or RETA would also know SIRHAN.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/15/68

MARGARET V. ROLAN, 11005 Stockwell Drive, Lynwood, California, telephone 631-7112, telephonically furnished the following information:

ROLAN advised that she is presently employed as sales personnel for one of JOHN H. WEIDNER's health food stores, located at 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, California.

She said the only thing she could recall regarding SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is that he made deliveries to her store from their main store approximately three times a week and would remain in their store for approximately ten to fifteen minutes on each delivery. She believed he first started making deliveries around Christmas 1967 until about February or March 1968.

During these deliveries, she recalled SIRHAN to be a very polite, cooperative young man. She said he seemed to be very nice and could not think of anything derogatory regarding his conduct. She knew of nothing regarding his personal life or beliefs and actually she did not know his full name. She recalled when she first saw him that she and her co-worker, LOIS PALMER, asked him his name. He replied, "Call me SAUL".

She concluded that she was very shocked by the incident involving SIRHAN and if there is any further information concerning this matter, she would be more than willing to furnish the same.

Mrs. ROLAN is leaving the city for a visit at a relative's home in San Bernardino, California and will be on vacation for approximately two weeks.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/24/68

Mrs. LOIS V. PALMER, 7847 East Blandwood Road, Downey, California, telephone 869-8126, manager, Nutri-Ville, a health food store located at 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, telephone 869-8026, advised she is employed by Mr. JOHN WEIDNER, who also owns the Organic Health Food Store in Pasadena, California, and the Monterey Nutrition Health Food Store in Monterey Park, California. She then furnished the following information:

Mrs. PALMER knew SIRHAN SIRHAN as SOL SIRHAN who was employed by Mr. WEIDNER as a delivery boy for about six to seven weeks during February and March of 1968. SIRHAN came to Nutri-Ville about four times each week remaining no more than ten minutes on each occasion. He delivered stock to the store, picked up stock from the store and picked up money from her for delivery to Mr. WEIDNER.

According to Mrs. PALMER, SIRHAN was always very respectful. He appeared to be very intelligent and once, when she asked him if he went to college, he replied, "No, but I read a hell of a lot". However, he did not explain precisely what he read.

She also learned from him that he rode horses. Moreover, he told her that he and his brothers went to Santa Anita Race Track on week ends.

Mrs. PALMER stated she knows nothing of SIRHAN's background or his associates.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/15/68

On June 15, 1968, Mrs. LINCOLN (VIRGINIA) LYTTLE, 11703 Samoline Avenue, Downey, California, telephone number 862-1992, advised that she is employed part-time at the Nutriville Health Food Store, 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, California. Mrs. LYTTLE stated she is employed approximately 24 or 25 hours a week as a sales person.

Mrs. LYTTLE explained that about November or December 1967, while at work one day she was introduced to a person by the name of SAUL (Phonetic) by the Store Manager, LOIS PALMER. LYTTLE stated that SAUL made deliveries for the company from the Pasadena store to the store in Downey and on his return trip, he took merchandise and/or money to the Monterey and/or the Pasadena store for this company. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that subsequent, she saw SAUL in the store almost everyday that she worked, which was about two or three times a week. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that some times she would not see SAUL because he had already been at the store before she arrived for work or he did not come to the store at all on some particular days.

Mrs. LYTTLE stated that she had very little conversation with him. She stated that it consisted primarily of hello and how are you? Mrs. LYTTLE stated that she had no extended conversation with SAUL and would be unable to furnish anything concerning his ideas, as she does not know his ideas or opinion about anything. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that all she could say was that he was a nice looking person, with a pleasing personality.

Mrs. LYTTLE stated that the first she knew that SAUL was identical with a person named SIRHAN SIRHAN, who was alleged to have assassinated Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was on the Thursday after KENNEDY's death, when Mrs. WEIDENER, the wife of the owner of the store, telephonically advised the store manager, LOIS PALMER, that the person who was arrested for shooting Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was SIRHAN SIRHAN, who is the same person as SAUL who made deliveries to the Nutriville Health Food Store. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that after LOIS PALMER

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talked to Mrs. WEIDENER she related what Mrs. WEIDENER had told her, Mrs. PALMER.

Mrs. LYTTLE advised that she was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this matter.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/11/68

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TERRY MICKEY WELCH, 25173 Farmbrook, Southfield, advised that he recognized SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from photographs on telecast concerning the attempt on the life of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WELCH then called WWJ Television, Detroit, Michigan, and made them aware of the fact that he knew SIRHAN and he was subsequently interviewed on that station.

WELCH stated that he first met SIRHAN approximately three years ago when both were employed as exercise boys at Granja Vista Del Rio, a thoroughbred horse farm located at Corona, California, and owned by BURT ALTFILLISCH (Phonetic). From that time until May 1967, WELCH was closely associated with SIRHAN and considered him to be his closest friend. He said that approximately 1½ years ago, probably between September, 1966 and December 1966, SIRHAN suffered a very bad fall from a horse at Granja Vista Del Rio and was admitted to the hospital at Corona, where he remained in critical condition for several weeks. He suffered head and back injuries which resulted in his being partially blind in his left eye and since the time of the accident, he has suffered from severe headaches. WELCH stated that SIRHAN was supposed to get a settlement as a result of this accident and was angry because he did not get as much as he thought he should.

WELCH advised that SIRHAN underwent a complete personality change after the above-described accident. He stated that prior to that time, SIRHAN had been good natured and easy to get along with. He was popular with other employees at the horse farm and with horse owners who kept race horses at this farm. WELCH listed DESI ARNEZ, BUDDY EBSON, and DALE ROBERTSON, prominent television personalities, as horse owners who were well acquainted with SIRHAN. He described SIRHAN prior to the accident as well mannered, neat, clean, intelligent, and a gentleman in every way. He said that while SIRHAN was thrifty and would sometimes save his checks for three or four weeks before cashing them, he was also generous in providing money to friends who were temporarily in need,

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and in addition stated that although SIRHAN did not drink himself, he accompanied WELCH and other employees to local bars and would often purchase drinks for everyone present.

Following his fall from the horse in 1966, SIRHAN became a "loner" who was resentful toward anyone who had wealth. He, at this time, became unpredictable and unreliable in that he would make plans to do things or go places with WELCH and then for no apparent reason would change his mind.

After he was released from the hospital at Corona, SIRHAN obtained a job with ROBERT WHEELER, an owner and trainer at the Santa Anita Race Track. He remained on this job for 3 to 5 weeks and when he found that he did not know enough about the job, he quit and went back to Granja Vista Del Rio to learn more about handling horses. WELCH said SIRHAN had a great desire to be a good rider and although he was frightened after the accident, he refused to quit riding even after being repeatedly thrown from horses.

TERRY WELCH advised that SIRHAN was also known as Sol by race track acquaintances and fellow employees. He said that inasmuch as persons of all nationalities frequent race tracks and horse farms, he and SIRHAN worked with Mexicans, Negroes, Irish, Greeks, Italians, Jews, and Hungarians, and SIRHAN never gave any indication to him of prejudice toward any nationality. He said that before the accident SIRHAN was curious and was always attempting to learn and improve himself. He would visit dairy and poultry farms for example during his off-duty hours, and could talk intelligently on almost any subject. He spoke excellent English with little or no accent. He was an avid reader, particularly with regard to law and frequently discussed cases which he had read about. SIRHAN did not appear to be particularly interested in politics and WELCH does not recall any pertinent discussions of political issues.

SIRHAN appeared to be devoted to his mother and told WELCH he visited his mother in Pasadena, California, every other weekend when he was not working. WELCH said he never went with SIRHAN to visit his mother and does not know the names of any of SIRHAN's relatives, but recalls SIRHAN stated his mother's name was MARY. His father was overseas, according to SIRHAN, and supposedly wealthy.

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WELCH believes that the Reverend LEO HILL, Circle City Baptist Church, Ninth and Sheridan, Corona, would possibly know SIRHAN inasmuch as SIRHAN gave WELCH a card for this church and suggested that he see Reverend HILL when he was having personal problems.

SIRHAN told WELCH on one occasion that he had been expelled from a college in Los Angeles, California, as a result of trouble with a girl. This incident supposedly occurred before WELCH and SIRHAN became acquainted.

SIRHAN also stated that at one time he had worked for a gun or skeet club in the Corona or Los Angeles area. WELCH believed that BURT ALTFILLISCH would possibly have more information concerning this.

TERRY WELCH said that when he first learned about SIRHAN's connection with the assault on Senator KENNEDY, he could not believe that SIRHAN had shot KENNEDY because he had previously been such a "nice guy". He has not seen or had contact with SIRHAN since May 1967. He does not believe that SIRHAN would have committed this assault for money, nor would he have been involved in a conspiracy. With regard to the money allegedly in SIRHAN's possession when he was captured, WELCH said it would not be unusual for SIRHAN to carry large sums of money in his pocket inasmuch as he was a thrifty individual and when he and WELCH were closely associated, SIRHAN habitually kept his wallet in the glove compartment of his car, which WELCH described as a 1950 or 1951 DeSoto. WELCH said it was common practice for race track employees to keep their wallets in the glove compartments of cars to prevent theft from their persons.

In conversations with fellow employees who were refugees from communist countries, such as Cuba and Hungary, SIRHAN always gave WELCH the impression that he was very much opposed to communism. He indicated a liking for the United States and never exhibited any particular loyalty or feeling toward the country of his birth, Jordan. WELCH said he does not recall having ever heard SIRHAN mention being or living in any state other than California in the United States.

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WELCH concluded by stating that he feels that the personality change which took place in SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after his accident must have gotten worse in the past year since WELCH has had contact with him, and that he "went out of his mind, or that something was preying on his mind."

WELCH said that SIRHAN was particularly friendly with FRANK DONORAMA, one of the bosses or supervisors at Granja Vista Del Rio. He added that prior to SIRHAN's accident, BURT ALTFILLISCH had been so impressed with SIRHAN's potential that he offered SIRHAN a good administrative job at Granja Vista Del Rio. SIRHAN declined this offer inasmuch as he preferred to work directly with the horses and become a good rider.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/17/68

Mr. GORDON BOWSHER, Horse Owner and Trainer, 13505 Oaks, advised that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had been employed by him from October 15, 1965, to March 31, 1966, when he quit on his own volition. He stated he hired SIRHAN as a stable hand at Santa Anita where SIRHAN walked hot horses for him. After the Santa Anita season was over, SIRHAN worked a little while for him at the Pomona Fair Grounds. SIRHAN resided at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and commuted to the tracks from that address in a pink DeSoto.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only thing he knew regarding SIRHAN was that he came from Jordan but that he had had no conversations with SIRHAN and knew nothing whatsoever regarding his background.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only other person who worked for him who would know SIRHAN and who probably had conversations with him is a TOM RATHKE, who resides at 8372 Stansbury Avenue, in Panorama City, California, but who is presently at the race track in Pleasanton, California.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/13/68

Mr. BUDDY EBSEN, television actor, was contacted following an attempt to contact him through his agent, JAMES MC HUGH, JR., 8455 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone number OL 1-2770. He was informed that an interview was desired regarding any knowledge he may have of SIRHAN SIRHAN, who had been accused of shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SIRHAN reportedly had worked as an exercise boy at Granja Vista Del Rio, Corona, California, a horse ranch where Mr. EBSEN was said to have kept horses.

Mr. EBSEN said he could relate what information he had inasmuch as he did not recall SIRHAN. Two or three years ago he stabled some horses at the above ranch, owned by BURT ALTFILLISCH. His horses had been handled by FRANK DELMARA, who was no longer employed at this ranch. BURT would probably know FRANK's whereabouts. There were several apprentice boys who handled EBSEN's horses whom FRANK would know or recall. It was possible SIRHAN may have been at the ranch at that time.

On Sunday, June 9, 1968, Mr. EBSEN received a call from GAYLE ROSENBERG, a representative of "Life" magazine, seeking data and photographs of SIRHAN at the ranch as "Life" was doing a story on SIRHAN. Mr. EBSEN checked through his photographs taken of his horses and came up with one showing an exercise boy who could have been SIRHAN, but EBSEN was not sure as only half of this boy's face showed in the photograph. It was given to the "Life" representative who could be reached at telephone number CR 3-1530 if it was desired to see the photograph.

The exercise boys were paid by the owner of the ranch and EBSEN paid a fee to the ranch to stable his horses.

Mr. EBSEN can be reached at General Service Studios, 1040 North Las Palmas Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 467-7935.

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WALTER THOMAS RATHKE, Groom for VERN HUNTER, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, California, advised he first met SIRHAN SIRHAN at least three years ago when both worked for GORDON BOWSHER, Yellow King Ranch, Chico, California. He has also met SIRHAN's mother and one of his brothers, not the one reportedly up for deportation. RATHKE got to know SIRHAN quite well during this time and SIRHAN never exhibited any leanings toward Communism or ever became violent or exhibited any violence. RATHKE got the impression SIRHAN did not want to return to Jordan and from conversations thought SIRHAN had made a move for American citizenship. At no time during their conversations can RATHKE recall SIRHAN ever mentioning any of the KENNEDYS or was the subject of guns ever mentioned.

SIRHAN was working a quarter horse at Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch near Chino when SIRHAN's horse bolted and SIRHAN suffered head injuries from hitting the fence and required hospitalization. RATHKE believes this happened approximately September 1966 but is not sure of that date. As a result of injury SIRHAN's pupil in one of his eyes, believed his left, remains large and will not close and he apparently has no peripheral vision out of that eye and can no longer gallop horses so he had to give up being a groom.

RATHKE last saw SIRHAN in approximately June 1967 in Pasadena where SIRHAN was working at a health food store. He also saw SIRHAN's mother during this time and she indicated SIRHAN "just wasn't himself" after the accident and RATHKE stated SIRHAN was "more incommunicative" since the accident but could not explain the exact changes in SIRHAN. RATHKE has only seen SIRHAN for short periods of time since the accident and has had no extensive conversations during these meetings. When he last saw SIRHAN in Pasadena, RATHKE told SIRHAN he was joining the Theosophical Society but did not discuss very extensively and has now read in the newspapers that SIRHAN is reading books published by this society.

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RATHKE stated that if SIRHAN was bitter at anyone he would have thought it would be the insurance company as RATHKE understands SIRHAN received little more than payment of hospital bill as a result of the accident.



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Date 6/13/68

ALBERT C. BEESON, Director, Industrial Relations, State of California, San Francisco, telephonically advised that his department handled an accident involving one SIRHAN B. SIRHAN of 696 Howard Street, West Pasadena, California, in which SIRHAN, while employed by the Altfillisch Construction Company, working as an exercise boy on the Grand Vista Alta Rio Ranch, Corona, California, on September 25, 1966 was thrown from a horse and suffered head injuries. As a result of this accident SIRHAN, on March 27, 1968, was paid about \$2,000 by the Argonaut Insurance Company of Menlo Park, California. The Referee who handled this matter was ERNEST A. LACKMANN, Referee in Industrial Relations, State of California, Los Angeles, telephone 620-4471.

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ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, Assistant Secretary, Argonaut Insurance Company, Menlo Park, advised that the claim filed for the claim of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN is at the Argonaut Insurance Company, 443 Shattow Place, Los Angeles, under Policy # 20-210-056370 and Claim #02-203445. She stated that the claim filed has been made available to the FBI in Los Angeles. The claim was settled for \$1,705 in April 1968 and the cancelled check is at the Menlo Park Office of Argonaut. She made available a copy of the cancelled check and settlement of the above claim and the following information was obtained therefrom:

Check number 262013 dated April 5, 1968 for \$1,705 is payable to SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. The policy number and claim number are listed on the check as stated above and the injury date is shown as September 1966. The claimant is shown as Alt - Illisch Construction Company. The check is endorsed with the name SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, under which is written his California Drivers License # [REDACTED]. The check was cashed April 8, 1968 at the Pasadena Main Office of the Crocker Citizens National Bank, Pasadena, California, and bears tellers stamp #101P on the front of the check. The check was drawn on the Crocker Citizens National Bank, #1 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

On June 10, 1968 the original of this check was made available by PHILLIPS and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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