

1 A Probably. In fact, I believe it was.

2 Q You believe it was?

3 A Yes.

4 Q I have a tendency to go a little bit fast so we will  
5 slow down for the lady here. Is this girl in the black and  
6 white polka dot dress also the girl that you described with a  
7 pug nose?

8 A Yes.

9 Q She also had a pug nose?

10 A Yes.

11 Q When did you decide to intercept or inject this girl  
12 that you have described to me as being the girl that was in  
13 the kitchen?

14 A It's possible that when I did that I could--I don't  
15 remember exactly, it could have been I saw her night after the  
16 shooting in the area. I may have done that, too. I am not  
17 sure. There was so much confusion that night.

18 Q But you realize, and you are saying the truth now?

19 A Yes.

20 Q You did not see a girl in a polka dot dress--you did  
21 not see a girl in a black and white polka dot dress standing  
22 behind Birman on that evening?

23 A No.

24 Q Is there anything else that you have told me  
25 previously or that you have told Sgt. Patchett--

26 A Uh huh.

1 Q --or anyone else that you knew now is not the truth?

2 A No. Nothing. Only about the girl.

3 Q Only about the girl?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Well, I think--

6 A That good enough?

7 Q --I think this is about all we need.

8 A All right.

9 Q I think this is all that we are trying to determine,  
10 Is what, in fact, happened; what, in fact, you saw that night.

11 A Do you need any questions about the shooting? Or  
12 Is it just there--

13 Q As far as the shooting--

14 A Yes.

15 Q --did you see the man that shot Kennedy?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q You did see that?

18 A I did, sir.

19 Q Okay.

20 A I did see the man.

21 SGT. MERMANDEZ: If you will excuse me for about two  
22 minutes, I will be right back. I want to verify one thing  
23 then I will be coming back in, okay?

24 MR. DI PIERRO: Surely.

25 SGT. MERMANDEZ: Irene, excuse me?

26 REFORMER: Surely.

(Sgt. Hernandez leaves room briefly and returns)

Sgt. MERNANDEZ: Okay, Vincent, I think that we are pretty well cleared up as far as the girl with the black polka dot dress. The time is now 1 p.m. and this interview is now concluded.

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Date 6/18/68

JAMES D. EVERHART, 254 Witmer Street, Los Angeles, California, born [redacted] at Akron, Ohio, with Social Security Number [redacted] advised that he is an electrician in the Maintenance Department of the Ambassador Hotel.

EVERHART stated that on June 4, 1968 he arrived at work at 7:15 a.m. and left for home at 4:45 p.m. and was not present at the hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and has no first-hand knowledge concerning this incident.

EVERHART was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that to his knowledge he has never seen this individual in person.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

JULIO GUERRERO, Night Cleaner, Housekeeping Department, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 1219 Bellview Street, Los Angeles, California and his home telephone number is 623-1982.

GUERRERO advised he reported for work at 3:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968 and left work at 11:45 p.m. the same date. He advised at no time during the day did anything come to his attention to indicate that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would be shot, and after observing the photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, stated that it was not familiar to him.

GUERRERO stated that when he reported for work at 3:30 p.m. on June 3, 1968, two male Caucasians were speaking with Mrs. MARY VENABLES, a night cleaning supervisor, in the main office of the Housekeeping Department. These two individuals expressed the desire to see KENNEDY but GUERRERO told them they would be unable to enter the KENNEDY suite. GUERRERO then escorted the two gentlemen to the rear exit of the hotel and asked them to leave.

He described these individuals as follows:

Number one

Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Age	19 to 20 years
Height	5'6"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Straight light brown
Characteristics	No unusual characteristics

Number two

Sex	Male
Race	White

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Age	18 years
Height	5'7"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Dark straight brown
Characteristics	No unusual characteristics

GUERRERO again observed the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that neither of the above individuals resembled SIRHAN. Further that at no time subsequent to the above-described event did he observe the above two individuals.

GUERRERO furnished the following descriptive information concerning himself:

Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	Durango, Mexico
Height	5'9"
Weight	140 pounds
Social Security No.	[redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/26/68

ALBERTO GUERRO, Banquet Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised through an interpreter, BENITO ACOSTA, 915 South Saint Andrews Place, Los Angeles, that he, GUERRO, resides at 826 Fedora Street, Los Angeles, California. On the night of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he was not in the area of the incident. GUERRO learned of the shooting of the Senator only after people started rushing about seeking a way out of the hotel. GUERRO advised he did not see Senator KENNEDY on the night of the shooting and at no time did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/26/68

Mrs. TRUDY JENNINGS, Housekeeping Staff, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment regarding the events surrounding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

JENNINGS advised that she resides at 11231 Success Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 569-0548.

JENNINGS stated that on the evening KENNEDY was shot, she was assigned to work from twelve midnight to eight o'clock in the morning. She further stated that on that evening she had come in approximately two hours before her shift was to begin. She advised that she had done so in hopes of seeing KENNEDY. She stated that she had been hanging around the area of the Embassy Ballroom, and the adjoining kitchen where the Senator was shot. Shortly prior to the shooting, JENNINGS advised she had noticed some cocktail glasses on the floor near the women's restroom, just outside the kitchen. She picked up the glasses and brought them into the kitchen and placed them on a serving counter across from the ice machine. She then advised that she proceeded to the powder room downstairs to see if it was clean. While enroute to the powder room, she stated that she heard cheering coming from the vicinity of the Embassy Ballroom upstairs. Surmising that KENNEDY had won the election, she ran back upstairs to the kitchen to see KENNEDY.

JENNINGS stated that she returned upstairs to the kitchen and stood by the ice machine. She advised that she only noticed one other person in the room at that time. This person, she stated, was a dishwasher. Shortly after she had arrived in the kitchen, she saw the Senator coming into the kitchen from the Ballroom. She stated that he was accompanied by CARL (Last Name Unknown), the Maitre d', and two other unidentified white males in business suits. She stated that the Senator was followed by a number of persons, none of whom she recognized.

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When KENNEDY passed her, JENNINGS advised, he smiled at her and "gave her a little squeeze". JENNINGS advised that she had had occasion to see KENNEDY several times during his stay at the hotel and that he had always smiled at <sup>her</sup> whenever they happened to run into one another.

JENNINGS advised that KENNEDY then walked on past her and began shaking hands with the unidentified dishwasher. JENNINGS then advised that she heard someone yell, "KENNEDY!" and then heard two loud reports. At this point, JENNINGS advised that KENNEDY was about six feet from her. Upon hearing the two loud reports, she turned and looked at KENNEDY and saw him falling back toward her. JENNINGS stated that she did not see him actually hit the floor. She stated that she did not see the subject SIRHAN. She further stated she saw no one with a gun. JENNINGS also advised that she did not notice any blood as KENNEDY was falling. She advised that she did not notice that any one else had been wounded.

At this point, JENNINGS stated, she became very frightened and ran out of the room via the door next to the men's restroom which leads to the lobby of the hotel. She stated that immediately after hearing the two loud reports, people began screaming and there was a great deal of pushing and shoving. She advised that when she ran out of the room, she ran directly to the Venetian Room which is across the lobby from the Embassy Ballroom.

JENNINGS stated that she went to a pay telephone booth in the Venetian Room and called her mother, Mrs. GERTRUDE MANLEY, 722 East 115th Street, Los Angeles, California, and advised her that KENNEDY had been shot.

JENNINGS stated that she then walked downstairs to the area where the maintenance employees are stationed. Upon arriving there, JENNINGS advised that she remembered seeing her supervisor, MAJOR HAYDEN, and telling him that KENNEDY had been shot.

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JENNINGS advised that she then just wandered around for awhile and then walked into a women's restroom downstairs in the same area. She stated that she began crying over the preceding events, and while doing so, two women came in and asked why she was crying. JENNINGS stated that she advised one of the women that she was crying because Senator KENNEDY had been shot, and that she had been there when it had happened. One of the women commented to her that it was a terrible thing to have happened and said that she had been in the Embassy Ballroom while KENNEDY was making his victory speech.

JENNINGS stated that she then just "walked around" the hotel until four or five o'clock in the morning. She stated that there were so many people around that she was unable to get any work done anyway.

At around dawn, JENNINGS advised she went back to the men's restroom by the kitchen where the shooting occurred with the purpose of cleaning it. When she entered there were several police officers in the restroom washing their hands. She stated that she emptied a waste basket near the door and in the course of doing so, noticed a brown alligator wallet lying on the floor next to the waste basket. JENNINGS advised that she picked up the wallet, and without looking at its contents, walked outside into the kitchen and gave it to a policeman in plainclothes. She stated that at this point a uniformed officer asked what she was doing there and took her name and address.

JENNINGS stated that she then went to the Coconut Grove and cleaned the restrooms there. By the time she had completed that task, JENNINGS advised, it was eight o'clock and she left to return home.

JENNINGS reiterated that at no time during the evening did she see anyone resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, nor did she see anyone shooting. She also repeated that when she saw the Senator begin to fall, she panicked and ran from the room. She could recall nothing further about the incident.

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JENNINGS advised that she had been interviewed on June 21, 1968, by two men she believed were Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department. She stated that she was questioned for approximately two hours by these two men, and that the entire interview had been recorded on a tape recorder. JENNINGS stated that at several times during the interview, the interviewers had expressed doubt at the veracity of her story.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/25/68

TRUDI JAYNE JENNINGS, 11231 Success Street, was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following signed statement:

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"I, Trudi Jayne Jennings, Night Cleaner, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, furnish the following voluntary signed statement to Special Agent J.C. Fishbeck, Jr., of Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"I was born [redacted] in Omaha, Nebraska. I have been employed at the Ambassador Hotel for the past five years and have resided in Los Angeles, California all my life. I have Social Security number [redacted] and completed the eleventh grade at John C. Fremont high school in Los Angeles. I am married to Frank Jennings and reside with him and my three daughters at 11231 Success Street, Los Angeles, California. My telephone number is 569-0548.

"On June 4, 1968, I reported for work at the Ambassador Hotel two hours earlier than my shift was to begin; that is 12 midnight. I always report for work early due to the fact the buses quit running at 10 PM.

"At about 12:10 or 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968, I carried some glasses into the Embassy Room Service Pantry from the hallway just outside the men's restroom located just outside the Embassy Room Service Pantry. I placed these glasses on the far end of the steam tables where the entrance way from the kitchen employee's dining room into the Embassy Room Service Pantry is located.

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I left the pantry at that time, and went back into the main lobby. I walked down the stairs next to the Lautrec Restaurant, and as I reached the last stair, decided to return to the Embassy Room Service Pantry.

"When I arrived inside the Embassy Room Service Pantry, I walked between the steam tables and ice makers toward the entrance way into the kitchen employee's dining room. Seconds later, Senator Robert F. Kennedy came through the swinging doors leading from the Embassy Room into the Embassy Room Service Pantry. Kennedy was surrounded by several men, one of whom I recognized as Roosevelt Grier, a member of the Los Angeles Rams professional football team. As Kennedy passed me, he nudged me on the arm and continued to walk through pantry. I turned away from the direction he was walking, and immediately heard a male voice yell, "Kennedy", one time. Instantly I then heard two gunshots. I turned toward Kennedy and saw him collapse back toward me. That is all I saw, for I immediately ran through the kitchen employee's dining room and out the swinging doors at the other end of the Embassy Room Service Pantry. I honestly don't recall where I went after hearing the two shots but can only guess that I went through the dining room and Room Service area because I heard no more shots or saw the person who fired the gun.

"I immediately ran to a phone booth in the Venetian Room located across the main lobby and called my mother, Mrs. Gertrude Manley, 722 East 115th Street, Los Angeles, telephone number 755-0588. All I can recall telling her was that Senator Kennedy had been shot. At that time, I saw a Security Guard with a Mexican male who was handcuffed. I later learned from the Los Angeles Police Department on June 21, 1968, that the above individual had been released.

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"After making the telephone call, I went down to the Casino Floor where I saw my supervisor, Major Hayden. He told me to continue my work. I went to one of the ladies restrooms near the dress shop on the Casino Floor, when I ran into two Negro teachers, I mentioned to them I was in the Embassy Room Service Pantry when Senator Kennedy was shot. After talking with them for about five minutes, I resumed working until 8:00 A.M., June 5, 1968, when my work shift ended, and I went home.

"I did not see the person responsible for shooting Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The only reason I knew he had been shot when I ran from the pantry was that I heard the two gunshots and saw him begin to collapse, I did not see any smoke from a gun, blood from Kennedy's body or anything that would assist in determining who shot Kennedy. I have been the photograph of Sirhan B. Sirhan and it is not familiar to me. I have seen Sirhan's picture in the newspapers and on television, but prior to that time I have never seen him. In addition, nothing came to my attention prior to the shooting to indicate it would take place.

"I have read the above "4" (four) pages statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"S/ Trudi Jayne Jennings  
June 24, 1968

"Witness:

S/ SA J.C.Fishbeck, Jr.,FBI,Los Angeles, Calif. 6/24/68"

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/26/68

JOSEPH JONES, 2911 South Arlington, Los Angeles, California, advised that he has been employed as a banquet waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for two and one half years.

JONES advised that he was in the kitchen area of the Embassy Room when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He was positioned at the end of the steam tables approximately five minutes before Senator KENNEDY entered. He noticed nothing unusual and was awaiting in the kitchen for a possible handshake from the Senator. As Senator KENNEDY entered the kitchen, and arrived at the opposite end of the steam tables, he heard shots. JONES immediately threw himself on the floor behind the steam tables and crawled around to the other end where he saw that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

JONES stated that he did not see the shooting take place as there were many people in front of him and only realized something had happened when he heard the shots. He further advised that during the time he was in the kitchen, he had talked to the Security Guard positioned at the doorway into the Embassy Room but recalls nothing suspicious taking place prior to or during Senator KENNEDY's entrance.

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Date 7/2/68

JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY, 1944 North Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, California, telephone number 462-7829, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed in the Comptroller's Office. He furnished the following information:

He was born [redacted] at Haifa, Palestine. He is a citizen of Lebanon. His Social Security Number is [redacted]. He is 6'0", 160 pounds, black hair, and has brown eyes. His Alien Registration Number is [redacted]

He came to the United States in 1960 as an exchange student and completed his senior year in high school at Ulysses S. Grant High School, Portland, Oregon. He graduated from that school in the summer of 1961. He returned to Lebanon and attended American University of Lebanon during the school year 1961 to 1962. In late, 1962, he returned to the United States and entered Fullerton Junior College. After graduating from Fullerton Junior College, he attended California State at Fullerton, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics. His major was in Economics.

His wife's name is AIRA and her maiden name was Halonen. She was born in Finland, but is a citizen of the United States. She is a stewardess with American Airlines.

He has been working at the Ambassador Hotel for approximately six months, having been hired in December, 1967. He handles the Accounts Payable Section in the Comptroller's Department.

On June 4, 1968, he worked at the hotel from 8:00 A.M. until approximately 4:45 P.M.

Sometime after midnight on June 5, 1968, he was at his home watching television. He was watching television until it was time to go to the airport to pick up his wife who was returning on a flight to Los Angeles.

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While he was watching television, the program was interrupted and they announced that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot at the Ambassador Hotel. This was his first knowledge that a shooting had occurred at the hotel.

He did not return to the Ambassador until approximately 9:00 A.M. on June 5, 1968.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that he has seen this individual's photograph in the newspaper and he believes he has also seen SIRHAN on television. Prior to seeing SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper, he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/5/681

On instant date MARKO MASSOUN, 1606 East 59th Place, Apartment 12C, advised JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY was his next door neighbor in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1960 to 1962. He advised that they both lived with their families on Sodini Street. MASSOUN said he moved to the United States in 1962 and KHOURY subsequently moved to the United States about six months later between September and November of 1962.

He advised KHOURY's family were Egyptian. He stated KHOURY's father was troubled over his finances but he could not advise what the father's employment was. He said the mother seemed more stable and appeared to have a better means of income. As far as he knows KHOURY's family held no political offices. The only political aspiration he can remember KHOURY having was when he ran and lost student government presidency at Fulton Junior College in California.

MASSOUN related he last heard from KHOURY when KHOURY was in Chicago for about two months in 1964. He said he has not seen him since that time and has no knowledge of his present whereabouts.

MASSOUN stated KHOURY's family consisted of three children, one girl sixteen years old (name unknown) one brother 22 years old JACK KHOURY, and one brother 18 years old, JOSEPH KHOURY.

He stated his only knowledge of KHOURY's political views concerning the KENNEDY family centered around President JOHN F. KENNEDY and he cannot remember any exact views KHOURY held regarding ROBERT KENNEDY. He said KHOURY had a very high regard for President JOHN F. KENNEDY because he liked the manner in which he dressed, spoke and conducted himself in general. He stated that KHOURY dressed impeccably and was very impressed by well dressed, well bred people. He said he cannot remember KHOURY mentioning anything derogatory regarding the KENNEDY family.

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He said he remembers KHOOURY making remarks regarding friends and relatives he had in high places. MASSOUI said he considered it to be a joke but could never figure out, due to the family's lack of having any large amounts of money, how KHOOURY could own a new Chrysler, have many new suits, and always have the ability to go to the best places.

MASSOUI's only knowledge of KHOOURY's associates regarded the following individuals in order of importance:

1. JACK KHOOURY, brother, if he is presently in the United States.
2. FOUAD AYOUB, student, living in San Francisco presently.
3. KIM NAFFA, instructor, Fullerton, California, State College.

He could furnish no further information regarding KHOOURY but stated he was willing to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at any time in the future.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/2/68

SEYMOUR KORMAN, also known as Sy Korman, West Coast representative, Chicago Tribune, with offices in Los Angeles Times Building, 202 West First Street, Los Angeles, phone NA 5-2345, extension 1500, advised that on June 4 and 5, 1968 he was at the National Broadcasting Corporation Studios, Burbank, California, monitoring the news coverage of the California primary election returns. He first became aware of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY from watching television. Immediately thereafter he hailed a taxi cab and proceeded to Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, where he covered the incident for his news.

Mr. KORMAN advised that he can furnish no additional information of value with respect to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/18/68

ALVIN (no middle initial) KYLE, 8605 San Juan Avenue, South Gate, California, born [redacted] at Cozat, Nebraska, with Social Security Number [redacted] advised that he is an engineer in the Maintenance Department of the Ambassador Hotel.

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KYLE advised that he arrived at work on June 4, 1968 at approximately 3:25 p.m. and left for home at approximately 11:35 p.m. He stated he was not at the hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and had no first hand knowledge of this incident.

KYLE was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that to his knowledge he had not seen this individual in person.

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1Date 7/3/68

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ALEXANDER ACOSTA - MARTINEZ, 3080 West San Marino Street, telephone DU 9-9628, advised he was born [redacted] at Safford, Arizona and is single. He has been employed as part time help at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, in room service, which job is being terminated on June 28, 1968.

Mr. ACOSTA - MARTINEZ advised that on June 4, 1968 he worked at the above hotel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. and he was not in the hotel when the shooting incident occurred during the early morning of June 5, 1968.

In addition he advised that to his knowledge he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time prior to the shooting.

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1Date 6/26/68

Mrs. ALMA MC FARLAND, 10508 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California, advised she has been employed at the Ambassador Hotel since May of 1968 as maid. She stated that she was so employed the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, but was off duty at 11:45 p.m. She advised she could offer no information on the events of that evening.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/19/68

DEG MACKINGA, 22109 Albert Avenue, Torrance, advised she was working at the Ambassador Hotel on the night ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed. She stated, however, she devoted her entire time to working in the ballroom downstairs from the Embassy Room of the hotel. She said she had no opportunity to see KENNEDY or to observe any of the activity that took place upstairs.

MACKINGA further advised that she was informed by JANE (Last name unknown), the cashier in the Venetian Room of the hotel, that she observed SIRHAN order a coke in the Venetian Room earlier on the afternoon that KENNEDY was killed.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/21/68

Mrs. RICHARD (DARLENE) MINOR, 2833 Estara Avenue, cocktail waitress, Holiday Inn Motel, Olympic and Figueroa, was interviewed concerning any information she might possess regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised as follows:

She was employed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, as a waitress in the coffee shop during the late afternoon and evening hours of Tuesday, June 4, 1968. She "clocked out" from her job at 12:11 a.m., June 5, 1968. She then proceeded to her automobile which was parked in the rear lot of the hotel. She departed from the hotel via the north driveway. As she approached Wilshire Boulevard, she heard over the radio that Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the hotel.

In performing her duties as a waitress in the coffee shop, she recalls that she served a number of people who were in the KENNEDY entourage. She also served many young people who were discussing Senator KENNEDY and his political campaign. None of the conversations which she overheard was of a derogatory nature. She overheard nothing which led her to suspect a plot against Senator KENNEDY's life. Further, she does not recall that she saw SIRHAN SIRHAN in the coffee shop during the evening of June 4, 1968.

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1Date 6/18/68

JUAN MANUEL PENA, 759 Catalina Street, Los Angeles, California, born [redacted] Michuacan, Mexico, advised that he is a houseman employed in the Housekeeping Department of the Ambassador Hotel.

PENA advised that he reported for work at 11:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968 and terminated that shift of duty at 7:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968.

PENA stated that at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he was in the boulevard storeroom on the floor below the Embassy Room and learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY from other employees. He stated that he did not see the incident and had no first hand knowledge concerning it.

PENA was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that to his knowledge he had not seen this individual in persons.

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ROBERT ROSE, also known as Bob Rose, West Coast representative, Chicago Daily News, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, phone 933-7571, advised that on June 4, 1968 he proceeded to the Ambassador Hotel to cover Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and the California primary elections. He heard Senator KENNEDY's speech in the Embassy Room at approximately midnight but due to the time difference between Los Angeles and Chicago where his news is published, he left the room before the speech ended. He returned to his room in the Ambassador Hotel which he recalls as being Room Number 2115 and which he had previously rented. While composing a story for his paper and watching his television he heard of the shooting.

ROSE stated he does not recall seeing anyone in a polka dot dress at any time during the evening or seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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COLETTE JAMENE THELIN, File Clerk, Catering Department, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, stated she resides at 3417½ Warner Boulevard, Burbank, California and her home telephone number is 845-2275.

THELIN advised on June 4, 1968 she reported for work at 8:30 a.m. and left work at 4:30 p.m. that same afternoon. She recalled that she went straight home after work and remained there throughout the duration of the evening. She observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated she had never seen him before June 5, 1968, and further, that nothing came to her attention before the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to indicate this event would occur.

THELIN furnished the following information concerning herself:

Date of birth	[redacted]	PII
Place of birth	santa Ana. California	
Social Security No.	[redacted]	PII
Employment	Ambassador Hotel, two years	

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Date 6/28/68

JOHN H. AHRNDT, Area Chairman, KENNEDY for President Committee, was interviewed at his residence, 15124 Garfield and he furnished the following information:

At about 10:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, he went with CHERYL MOORE to the Ambassador, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where he was to meet Dr. ROSS MILLER. At approximately 10:30 p.m. he met Dr. MILLER at the entrance to the Cocoanut Grove and together they went to the room which had been set up as a press room. They watched Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's victory speech on television.

After the speech they were to get together with some of the members of the KENNEDY party, who had worked with him in the Compton area, and go out for something to eat. As they were standing outside the door to the press room, a girl came by saying that someone had been shot. At this point Dr. MILLER left to see if he could render aid to the injured party. He and Miss MOORE remained in the area of the press room and did not realize that the injured party was Senator KENNEDY until someone in an effort to quiet the crowd said, "You can't help the Senator by screaming".

He and Miss MOORE stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until about 3:30 a.m., when they went to the Central Receiving Hospital to see if they could find Dr. MILLER or any of the people that were to meet them for dinner. When they could find no one at Central Receiving Hospital, they returned to their homes.

AHRNDT advised that he recalls seeing nothing irregular at the Ambassador Hotel prior to the shooting. He observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised he does not recall seeing this man at the Ambassador Hotel. However, he stated that sometime between May 12 and 18, 1968, while at KENNEDY Headquarters in Downtown Los Angeles, he is quite certain he saw SIRHAN. He explained that a meeting had been called of the area chairmen working on the KENNEDY for

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President Committee so that areas for distributing literature could be assigned. He was assigned one of the areas and is quite certain while picking up literature he observed SIRHAN. At that time he was accompanied by VICTORIA NELSON. He is not certain if she saw SIRHAN. AHRNDT stated that LES GUTHMAN, Los Angeles Area Chairman, Students for KENNEDY, was in charge of the meeting at KENNEDY Headquarters and may have additional information concerning who was at the meeting.

While at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4-5, 1968, AHRNDT observed the following individuals: DENNIS LOPEZ, TERRY DRINKWATER (CBS newsman) and GENE BARRY. AHRNDT further advised that CARLTON HAYES has told him that he was at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

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WILLIAM BARRY, 16 Overlook Road, New York City, New York, (914-NB4-4541) advised that he was a Security Officer assigned to the official KENNEDY party. He related that he accompanied Senator KENNEDY ever since he entered the primary presidential campaign.

BARRY related that he accompanied Senator KENNEDY on his recent West Coast campaign and was his personal representative in both the Oregon and Los Angeles primaries. He related that during these travels, he at no time observed SIRHAN SIRHAN, Senator KENNEDY's suspected assassin. He related that the crowd was extremely large at the Ambassador Hotel on the night when Senator KENNEDY gave his victory speech. He mentioned that a large number of Latin Americans were in attendance.

BARRY advised that it was often Senator KENNEDY's habit to depart a specific area or podium by walking directly through the crowd rather than by another designated exit. After Senator KENNEDY's victory speech, an unknown individual, possibly known to FRED DUITON stated "come this way" and directed the Senator toward the kitchen hallway. The Senator left the podium and departed the area by the rear exit behind the stage and approached a hallway as BARRY assisted Mrs. KENNEDY from the podium. Mrs. KENNEDY told BARRY "to stay with the Senator."

BARRY advised that it was planned that Senator KENNEDY would attend an official celebration party with volunteer workers of his campaign in the subbasement area after his victory speech. He related that the Senator would normally approach this area by turning left at the hallway immediately behind the stage area. Instead, according to BARRY, the Senator turned right after this unknown individual directed him in that direction and proceeded through the

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kitchen area in the direction of the Colonial Room, where the press had set up temporary headquarters.

BARRY fought his way through a dense crowd in an effort to circle the Senator's right flank and take his customary position immediately in front of Senator KENNEDY. BARRY added that someone decided that it was best that the Senator see the "pencil press," so they could get their early morning stories to their respective papers before going to the victory party in another room.

As BARRY was fighting his way through the crowd along the wall to the Senator's right and as he was directly opposite him, he heard a sound which resembled a firecracker. BARRY charged through the crowd directly toward Senator KENNEDY and observed a white male with a gun. BARRY captured this man, struck him twice and in attempting to get a headlock on the man, the gun fell on a nearby table. The crowd was intense and struck at the assailant and BARRY. His concern was to protect the assailant and at the same time render immediate aid to Senator KENNEDY. BARRY called ROOSEVELT CRIER (professional football player) to hold and protect the assailant and at the same time, directed RAKER JOHNSON to pick up the gun which was lying on the table. BARRY said that during the switch, the assailant somehow again recovered the gun as he made his way toward Senator KENNEDY. As he approached the area where Senator KENNEDY was laying, he had to fight back the crowd which was practically standing on the Senator. He placed a jacket underneath the Senator's head and the Los Angeles Police Department arrived at the scene approximately six or seven minutes later.

BARRY mentioned that inasmuch as the assailant appeared to be a Latin American, he was in no way distinguishable from the kitchen help in the Ambassador Hotel or a large segment of the crowd which gathered for the Senator's victory speech. He related that he did not observe the individual who shot Senator KENNEDY prior to this occasion; BARRY related that he does not recall seeing a woman wearing a polka-dot dress in the immediate area.

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JOAN BRADEN, Chairman of Women For Kennedy Campaign in California, at time of assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, was interviewed at the New York Office of Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER by Special Agents JOHN BRADSHAW, JR. and JAMES PETER BOLAND.

Mrs. BRADEN advised that the last minute change following the KENNEDY victory speech resulted in his taking a different route from the stage, was apparently a spur-of-the-moment situation, possibly arranged by Mr. UNO (Phonetic), Manager of the Ambassador Hotel. She stated however, that she does not wish this statement attributed to her, however, in that it is only an assumption on her part. She stated there was no prior knowledge to her or to any of her associates to her knowledge, of the last minute change which resulted in KENNEDY proceeding in the direction of the Colonial Room rather than to the Ambassador Ballroom where he was supposed to meet his supporters.

Mrs. BRADEN stated while in California, that she had, on various occasions, been in the company of Senator KENNEDY, however, just prior to and during the shooting she was on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel. She never saw SIRHAN BILKAN at any time to her knowledge.

Mrs. BRADEN further indicated that she was unable to furnish any information of pertinence surrounding events connected with the assassination.

Mrs. BRADEN's New York City address is 175 East 62nd Street, New York City, Apartment 8B. Her telephone number is 838-5468. Her husband is THOMAS BRADEN.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 3, 1968

THOMAS W. BRADEN, writer and former owner, Oceanside Blade Tribune Newspaper, 1331 South Pacific Street, Oceanside, California, advised he was Senator KENNEDY's Northern California Coordinator and handled matters concerning the Senator's campaign in San Francisco, California for approximately two weeks prior to June 4, 1968. He said he flew to Los Angeles the afternoon of June 4, 1968 and joined Senator KENNEDY at his suite on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel, along with about thirty other supporters. He said during the early evening he was in the main ballroom of the hotel with KENNEDY supporters and he noted nothing unusual and he had no reason to be suspicious of any person in the ballroom. He was unable to identify photograph of ADEL, SHARIF, MARY, SAIDALLAH, MUNIR or SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as being a person he saw at any time in the hotel that evening. He was unable to furnish any information concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. He could not furnish any information which might, in any manner, have a connection with the assassination.

He said he was with Senator KENNEDY in his room shortly before the Senator left to appear on television in the main ballroom and as the Senator was leaving, JOHN GLENN suggested he (BRADEN) and TED WHITE, remain in the room and watch the Senator's appearance on television. BRADEN said he and WHITE agreed with GLENN's suggestion, whereupon, Senator KENNEDY suggested they leave then and go to "The Factory" a Beverly Hills nightclub, and he would meet them there in twenty minutes. According to BRADEN, earlier that evening the Senator had made arrangements for a small party of friends to meet at that nightclub.

BRADEN said they watched the Senator on television for the first part of his speech from the main ballroom, left the room before it ended and while walking in the hotel toward the elevator on the fifth floor, PROVY (LNU), Mrs. JACQUELINE KENNEDY's ex-maid, rushed up to them and said the Senator had been shot. Thereafter, an unnamed manager at the hotel told him and WHITE to guard the Senator's room whereupon they returned to the room and protected the area.

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BRADEN said he had no personal knowledge of the reason Senator KENNEDY proceeded in the direction of the Colonial Room rather than the ballroom where his supporters were however, he had conversation with BILL BARRY, while traveling on the funeral train on June 8, 1968 concerning the change. He said BARRY told him he and another person, possibly JERRY BRUNO (phonetic), had checked the area the Senator was to have proceeded and that the Senator, without prior notice told him, "let's go this way", thereby causing BARRY to be behind the Senator as BARRY had planned on going in the direction of the ballroom to meet the Senator's supporters. Continuing, BRADEN further said BARRY told him, "I kicked Sirhan off the platform three times while the Senator was behind the microphone", referring to the evening of June 4, 1968. He said BARRY felt very badly during the trip and he did not know if he would recall their conversation.

BRADEN said he had heard a rumor from an unrecalled source that it was Mr. UNO (phonetic), Banquet Manager of the hotel who was the person who suggested the Senator proceed in the direction of the Colonial Room. BRADEN said the Senator had a definite practice of following the suggestion of advisors when in crowds and it was BRADEN's opinion someone suggested to the Senator he walk in the direction he did, as it was a short way out or gave him some other quick reason which caused him to change his previous plan of departure from the ballroom.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/8/68

GERALD BRUNO, Upstate Representative of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Room 374, Federal Building, Syracuse, New York, advised he was appointed to his present position by the late Senator KENNEDY in 1965. He said that shortly after he arrived in Syracuse, New York, to set up his office, GARY DEDELL introduced himself and advised BRUNO that he, DEDELL, had also applied to Senator KENNEDY for the position of Upstate Representative. DEDELL thereafter offered his help in finding a residence for BRUNO and his family. BRUNO said DEDELL's family operates a printing business in Syracuse, N.Y. and DEDELL came to the office frequently to pass out advertising items such as pens, pencils and the like. BRUNO said he soon came to realize that DEDELL was a name dropper and hanger-on and he avoided him as much as he could and finally he told DEDELL that he should stay away from the office.

BRUNO said that on June 5, 1968, he was at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, California, where Senator KENNEDY was taken after he was shot. Sometime during that day DEDELL called the hospital and asked for BRUNO. The call was answered by PETER SMITH, an advance man for Senator KENNEDY's campaign. DEDELL told SMITH that he was a friend of BRUNO and asked SMITH to find out from BRUNO whether BRUNO wanted DEDELL to bring Mrs. BRUNO and BRUNO's daughter to Los Angeles. BRUNO said this was the first time in about two years that DEDELL had tried to contact him. When SMITH delivered DEDELL's message, BRUNO told SMITH that DEDELL was a name dropper and just a hanger on and to ignore the call.

BRUNO said that his contacts with DEDELL were only casual and he had considered DEDELL to be a pest.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

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GERALD BRUNO, 210 Lansdowne Road, advised he was acting as an advance representative for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during the primary election campaigns and had acted in the capacity during the California primaries.

On June 4, 1968, he left the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, about 10:30 p.m. and proceeded by taxi to the Los Angeles Airport. He boarded an 11:30 p.m. flight enroute to Buffalo, New York. During the flight, he was informed that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he made arrangements to leave the flight at Cleveland, Ohio, and return to Los Angeles. He arrived back in Los Angeles about 10:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968.

He said he knew nothing of the itinerary or plans Senator KENNEDY had on June 4 or 5, 1968, as another advance representative was handling those details in Los Angeles.

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Mr. JACK C. CROSE, Assistant to JESSE M. UNRUH, Speaker of the Assembly, State of California, home address 6418 Oakridge Way, Sacramento, furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, he was with Mr. UNRUH in the suite of rooms on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, along with Senator KENNEDY and his staff, awaiting the results of the California Presidential Primary. People in the ballroom off the lobby were waiting for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to come down to address them and were getting restless. Someone suggested that Mr. UNRUH go down to speak to them. He accompanied Mr. UNRUH to the ballroom where Mr. UNRUH addressed the group at approximately 11:30 p.m. At about 11:45 p.m., Mr. UNRUH requested he go to get Senator KENNEDY and his party as it appeared there were sufficient ballots reported in for Senator KENNEDY to claim victory. He proceeded through the hallway and went to the single elevator at the south end of the building and went to the fifth floor; as he exited the elevator he observed the Senator, FRED DUTTON, BILL BARRY, and about ten or fifteen other people coming down the hall. It was suggested they take the larger elevator because of the size of the group. They took this elevator and exited towards the lobby of the hotel. As they emerged from the elevator someone from the group, possibly Mr. FRED DUTTON, or FRANK MANKIEWICZ suggested they go through the lobby corridor and through the crowd in the room to get to the stage, however, Senator KENNEDY decided to avoid the crowd and go to the platform by way of the Colonial Room and the hallway which leads to the stage.

When they arrived at the stage he found it was jam packed and decided to stay at the foot of the stage. Following the Senator's speech, the Senator proceeded to walk to his right towards a table where PIERRE SALINGER and DICK KLINE were seated, however, someone (unknown to

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him) but whom he believes was in a tuxedo, pointed him in the direction of the rear of the stage. At this point he himself left the room and went directly back to the fifth floor and was not aware that the Senator had been shot until he heard it on TV. He added that during the evening he made several trips through the kitchen but at no time did he ever see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN nor had he ever seen SIRHAN before or since, except for photographs appearing in newspapers.

He stated he was not aware of any formal plans for the Senator to address the press or of any prescribed route that the Senator was to take to and from the stage. The only planned affair he was aware of was a victory celebration to take place at the "Factory", a discotheque in Hollywood, California, to which he as a member of Mr. UNRUH's staff, had been invited.

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RICHARD C. DRAYNE, residence 3241 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.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 15, 1968

JAMES J. DUNN, also known as JIM DUNN, Apartment 55, 900 Todhunter Avenue, Bryte, California, was interviewed in the Sacramento Field Office. DUNN advised that he had been a member of the late Senator KENNEDY's staff from April 3, 1968, until KENNEDY's death. He stated he was a member of the press staff and handled all radio news releases and generally recorded all of the Senator's speeches. He stated that during the election night, he was stationed behind the curtains. As the Senator was nearing the end of his speech, he asked which way the Senator and his party were going to go and he said someone told him they were going to exit to the left. He said he had no idea of where the door to the left lead but when KENNEDY finished his speech, he went by the door and signaled to the group that was with KENNEDY they were to go to the left and, instead, they all went to the right. He stated that as far as he knew, there had not been any last minute changes following the Senator's victory speech and he had no idea who might have called the press conference.

DUNN stated that he was probably seven or eight people in back of the group with the Senator and he heard five shots and at the time he was positive that they were shots, not anything else. He stated that after that he got up close, saw the Senator was down, and he tried to keep people away and get them out and he has very little recollection of what else might have happened during that particular period. He stated that after they had removed Senator KENNEDY, he went up to his room and stayed there for a day and a half.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/8/68

ANN FERGUSON was interviewed at her place of employment, 7250 West Beverly Boulevard, at which time she furnished the following information:

She was a volunteer for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and at approximately 6:15 pm, on June 4, 1968, she and BILL COX went to the Ambassador Hotel to await the results of the California primary. Upon arriving at the hotel, both she and COX went directly to the Embassy Room where they remained until about 10:30, or 11:00 pm, when she went to the Ballroom to get a drink.

After getting the drink in the Ballroom, the guard at the door to the Embassy Room would not allow her to re-enter the room. She then went to the Press Room, where the guard allowed her to enter the kitchen, and by passing through the kitchen, she returned to the Embassy Room. At the time of passing through the kitchen, she noticed no one, but in an area adjacent to the kitchen, she found a small room full of men she had not seen before and whom she assumed were members of the press.

She was in the Embassy Room during Senator KENNEDY's victory speech standing near the back of the crowd. After Senator KENNEDY had finished his speech, ERWIN STROLL, who was standing near the kitchen door, beckoned to her to follow him out of the kitchen. At this point, Senator KENNEDY had left the podium and was passing through the kitchen. The reason STROLL had attempted to have her follow him was because he, STROLL, had a gift which he was going to present to Senator KENNEDY, and she was supposed to be present when the gift was received.

As she was attempting to get to this door, STROLL went through the door and disappeared into the crowd. Just a few moments after he disappeared she heard several bangs which sounded like breaking balloons. After these bangs,

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STROLL comes back through the door and says to her, "My God, ANN, I'm shot." At first she did not believe STROLL and thought that he was just joking again, but she then noticed the blood on his leg. She then called for BILL COX to help ERWIN. COX came to ERWIN and along with DAVID ESQUITH helped STROLL out of the Embassy Room.

About this time a man said that BOBBY KENNEDY has been shot and she called out for a doctor. At the same time, as she was calling for a doctor, a woman aided by a man came out of the same door that STROLL had come from. This woman had blood on her face, but she was walking. By now several people were shouting for doctors, and someone was requesting that the crowd stand back. Still later someone asked for ice.

At this point, BILL COX returned to the Embassy Room and asked her if she was okay. Then she and BILL left the Embassy Room and met Mrs. TIFFANY JONAS, who was crying and saying that they should be with ERWIN since he has been hurt. Mrs. FERGUSON then drove herself, TIFFANY JONAS, and BILL COX to the Central Receiving Hospital, where they stayed until ERWIN STROLL's parents arrived at the hospital.

After STROLL's parents arrived at the hospital, she returned to the Ambassador Hotel with DAVID ESQUITH. ESQUITH picked up his car and they both returned to their homes.

FERGUSON observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that she does not recall seeing him at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, but recalls seeing someone resembling him at the Kennedy For President Headquarters, Wilshire Boulevard, on Tuesday, June 3, 1968. She said that she could not positively identify this man as being SIRHAN, but thought that there was a close resemblance. The man she saw at the headquarters had on a white shirt and tan trousers. She does not recall what this man was doing at the headquarters.

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JOHN W. GALLIVAN, JR., also known as JACK and "CHAMP" advised he is a resident of 17th South 12th East, Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone 363-0545. Mr. GALLIVAN advised that in recent years he has been in regular travel status and has no permanent address, however, the above address is that of his father and mother and he can be reached through them in time. Mr. GALLIVAN advised his father, JOHN W. GALLIVAN, SR., is the publisher of the Salt Lake City Tribune, the morning newspaper.

Mr. GALLIVAN advised he had been in constant travel status as a member of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY staff since April 1, 1968. He has been employed in the position of Advance Man. He advised that in this capacity he has done extensive travelling throughout the United States in behalf of the Presidential Candidacy of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

On Monday, June 3, 1968, Mr. GALLIVAN was in San Francisco, California, with the KENNEDY staff and there joined the Kennedy party at the San Francisco Municipal Airport about 2:00 PM at the American Airlines Maintenance Base. He advised that following the period when the staff assembled the Kennedy plane left the San Francisco Airport and travelled to Long Beach Airport or to the Los Angeles International Airport, the exact place not recalled. He advised that he had spent time in and about Los Angeles travelling in motorcades with the Presidential Candidate until approximately 7:30 or 8:00 PM on June 3, 1968, following which time the group had returned to the Kennedy plane at the airport.

According to GALLIVAN he and JERRY BRUNO, the Senator's personal Advance Man, or Chief Advance Man, left the party and went to the Ambassador Hotel, making one brief stop at the Kennedy Headquarters en route, along Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. He advised that he and BRUNO registered at the Ambassador and had dinner at the Hotel. BRUNO then went to his room

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for the night and GALLIVAN went to the bar where he visited with friends until approximately 1:30 AM, Tuesday, June 4, 1968. He then returned to his hotel room.

GALLIVAN advised that he and others of the Kennedy staff had relaxed around the hotel during most of the day on June 4, 1968, until approximately 7:30 PM. He advised that at this time he met PETE SMITH, who was Senator KENNEDY's Advance Man for the day. He advised that he and SMITH went to the 5th floor suite at the Ambassador Hotel where the KENNEDYS and their friends were having a party. He advised that members of the press and family and close personal associates were there and they socialized and watched the television proceedings and television returns concerning the election of that day. Mr. GALLIVAN advised that at about 11:15 or 11:30 PM it appeared that the time had arrived for Senator KENNEDY's appearance in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom. He stated that the group assembled in the room, left the room with the Senator and went to the 5th floor elevator. He advised that he had been with an individual known only to him as "UNO" last name unknown. He stated that UNO was a hotel employee whom he had engaged to show him around the hotel and assist him in directing the Senator from various places within the building.

GALLIVAN advised that he had arranged for the elevator to be held on the 5th floor for Senator KENNEDY and party and when the group arrived they got in the elevator. He stated that Senator KENNEDY inquired as to whether or not this elevator would go into the lobby and on learning that it was the lobby elevator the Senator stated something to the effect that "I don't want to go through the lobby, I would rather go through the back way." Mr. GALLIVAN advised that he was certain there was no thought at that time concerning KENNEDY's safety, but that KENNEDY had been fighting large crowds, was tired, and did not wish to expose himself to another large crowd before his talk.

Mr. GALLIVAN advised that when Senator KENNEDY desired to go a different route UNO directed the group to a nearby elevator which was a service elevator and the group entered the elevator and went down to the ballroom level. GALLIVAN advised that as they left the elevator he, GALLIVAN, followed UNO and the party, including Senator KENNEDY, followed him. He stated they went out of the elevator and into a hotel work area en route to the ballroom. He stated he was not watching Senator KENNEDY, but was going ahead of the party and clearing people out of the way. Mr. GALLIVAN advised that he and Senator KENNEDY's party entered the ballroom from a door near the side of the platform. GALLIVAN stated that he had stepped aside and allowed Senator KENNEDY, his wife, and other dignitaries to take the platform. He stated he then entered the platform himself, made some arrangements with the news media to obtain photographs of ETHEL KENNEDY, and then left the platform as it was very crowded.

GALLIVAN advised that as the Senator made his statement, he, GALLIVAN, had left the area with UNO as UNO was to show him the press room where Senator KENNEDY would be taken for an interview following his appearance on the platform. He advised they located the press room and then returned to the speaker's platform where Senator KENNEDY was still making his remarks. Mr. GALLIVAN stated that he looked the situation over trying to decide whether to take the Senator off the backside of the platform or off the side of the platform from which they had entered. He stated that he, GALLIVAN, made the decision to return from the same side as they had come in. He pointed out that either the back way or the side way would have entered a common area behind the platform and this would have had no effect on movement, but it was only a more convenient route for the Senator's party. GALLIVAN advised that when Senator KENNEDY completed his speech the party made the exit from the side and that he, GALLIVAN, does not know in which order they left

the platform as he was ahead of the party and clearing the way. He advised that he had been accompanied by UNO. He stated he led the party through a long, narrow room, which appeared to be a staging area for the kitchen. He advised this room contained numerous vending machines and other types of kitchen equipment. He advised there were people standing around this space, but he does not recall who they were and could only recall them as possibly being hotel employees. He stated he was about 20-25 feet ahead of the KENNEDY party and there were perhaps a dozen people between him and the Senator. He stated that there was a large crowd around and following the Senator as he entered this passageway. GALLIVAN stated that there was no question in his mind as to the safety of Senator KENNEDY and instead of a spirit of tight security there was a spirit of relaxation and celebration due to the KENNEDY victory.

GALLIVAN advised that as he walked ahead he heard several shots behind him. He stated he turned around and saw some movement and commotion in the crowd but could not discern what was going on. He stated he saw BILL BARRY, KENNEDY's security man, lunge for something. He stated he noticed BARRY because he is a large man and could be seen above the crowd. He stated he, GALLIVAN, ran towards the Senator and saw him lying face up on the floor. He stated there were people bending over him, but the identity of these people he could not recall. He stated he did recall the Senator's wife was at the Senator's side.

GALLIVAN advised he turned toward BARRY, who was to his right, and noticed he was struggling with a Latin-looking young man of a small build. He advised that BARRY had the man pushed and pinned against the counter. GALLIVAN said he yelled to BARRY to "take care of the Senator, I can handle him." At this time BARRY released the man and ran toward the Senator and he, GALLIVAN, attempted to take the man and hold him. He stated at this time there was a continuous struggle to restrain the man and he recalls GEORGE PLIMPTON, a friend of the

Senator, joining in the struggle. He stated that as he grabbed the man he saw a small revolver laying on the counter, next to the man, and the man reached for and grabbed it in his hand about the same time that he, GALLIVAN, saw the gun. He stated that as he grabbed for the gun he cut the palm of his hand on the hammer of the revolver, but was successful in keeping the gun immobilized until someone else moved in and helped control the situation. GALLIVAN said that he tried to take away the gun, but was unable to do so, but merely concentrated on keeping the man immobilized until such time the police could arrive. He advised that he also felt an obligation to protect the unknown individual who was being beat on and choked by others in the crowd, the names of whom he was unable to provide. He advised that ROOSEVELT GRIER, a friend of the Senator and also a security man, came up to the place where he was holding the individual, at which time he heard someone say, "Let ROSEY take the gun," which he did. He stated that GRIER took control of the man and he pulled away from the action and went back to where Senator KENNEDY was laying on the floor. He stated that Mrs. KENNEDY was there among others and at this time he and BILL BARRY made a futile attempt to clear the area of people.

He stated he was about to get the people away from the Senator and at this time the situation stayed almost in a state of no change until such time as the ambulance and police arrived. He advised that they then took control. GALLIVAN advised that he had never seen the suspect before in his travels throughout the United States or in his activities around the hotel on the day of the assassination, or the previous day. He further advised that from his observations the suspect appeared to be alone and not in the company of any other individuals. He advised that he had not noted any suspicious activities during the activities in Los Angeles and that at no time had there been a

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concern for the Senator's life, although in the back of his mind he realized this type of thing could always happen. He advised there was never any radical changes in the plans or route except in the one instance described above where Senator KENNEDY decided to take the service elevator rather than the public elevator from the 5th floor.

He further advised that he is positive that he would not recognize the suspect again from his own personal recollection. He stated he did not observe the suspect shoot and never saw the gun in the hand of the suspect until he saw him reach for it and secure it from the counter following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

He advised he had no further recollection of the activities that might be of assistance in this investigation.