

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 31, 1968

Mr. Frank Manitzas, producer, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) News, 524 West 57th St., New York, New York, stated that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During Senator Kennedy's speech and the subsequent events until 3 or 4 AM, Manitzas was in a CBS remote unit which was a truck parked in front of the hotel, consequently he did not witness the shooting. He has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

At approximately 3 or 4 AM, Manitzas went to the hospital where Senator Kennedy had been taken.

The only members of Manitzas' staff that he can recall having been near the scene of the shooting were cameraman Jim Wilson and his crew.

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Mr. JAMES J. MAROONEY, Unit Manager, National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, (NBC) 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York stated that he was with the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY campaign in each state where a primary was held and on the night of June 4-5, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when Senator KENNEDY made his speech.

Prior to the speech, MAROONEY was in the Gold Room, which is near the Embassy Room where the speech was later made, checking the work to be done by NBC.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, MAROONEY was generally behind and to the right of Senator KENNEDY, doing his job.

Prior to Senator KENNEDY's speech, MAROONEY heard that Senator KENNEDY, after his speech, was going to go to the room below the Embassy Room and make a second speech to the overflowing crowd. However, MAROONEY heard that before going to make the second speech, Senator KENNEDY was going to go to the Colonial Room which was being used as a press room, to talk to the working press.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, MAROONEY saw FRED DUTTON and BILL BARRY leave the Embassy Room. MAROONEY went with them. They went to the Colonial Room and then back to the Embassy Room. MAROONEY is of the impression that BARRY and DUTTON were just looking to see where the Colonial Room was located. On the walk to and from the Embassy Room, BARRY, DUTTON, and MAROONEY went through the place where Senator KENNEDY was later shot.

MAROONEY recalls that there were approximately ten people in that area, some were hotel employees and others, probably people interested in the campaign or just sightseers. MAROONEY noticed nothing undue. He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN to his knowledge.

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After Senator KENNEDY's speech, MAROONEY followed him out of the Embassy Room toward the Colonial Room. Along the way, when MAROONEY was at least fifteen feet behind Senator KENNEDY, MAROONEY heard about four shots at close intervals. There were tremendous screams from the area of Senator KENNEDY, particularly to his right. People were rushing to get out. Other people behind MAROONEY were pushing to get in as they did not know that anything had happened. MAROONEY did not see the shots being fired.

MAROONEY saw a man on the floor who he later learned was PAUL SCHRADE and he thought that SCHRADE was dead.

There was a scuffle around the area of Senator KENNEDY but MAROONEY could not see what was happening.

MAROONEY then saw SIRHAN SIRHAN. There were at least two white males, holding SIRHAN. SIRHAN was lying on a table with his arms stretched out. These men were lying on SIRHAN holding him on the table. One of the men may have been a blonde hair maitre d' hotel.

SIRHAN's hand was free, however, and he was holding a small gun. This is the only time MAROONEY saw SIRHAN.

MAROONEY did not hear SIRHAN say anything.

At this time MAROONEY, with others (DICK TUCK of Senator KENNEDY's staff is one MAROONEY can recall) locked arms, forming a human chain, and backed into the crowd so that there would be room around Senator KENNEDY who was lying on the floor.

Others who were in the immediate area at the time were FRED DUTTON; BILL BARRY; DICK TUCK; HUGH MC DONALD of Senator KENNEDY's staff; JIM WILSON, a Columbia Broadcasting System cameraman; and EDDIE, the assistant banquet manager at the hotel.

People were taking care of Senator KENNEDY and MAROONEY did not see what was happening to SIRHAN. There were no major movements in the area of SIRHAN so MAROONEY concluded that he (SIRHAN) must have been being held there.

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At one point MAROONEY moved two benches across the entrance to the kitchen from the pantry to keep people out.

MAROONEY did not hear Senator KENNEDY say anything as he was not close enough but he saw Senator KENNEDY's mouth move in speech.

At least two policemen then came in. MAROONEY thinks they were carrying shotguns. Later an ambulance crew came and carried Senator KENNEDY out of the room.

After Senator KENNEDY left, people were talking and there were no police so MAROONEY concluded that SIRHAN must have been removed prior to Senator KENNEDY.

MAROONEY stated that at the time of the shooting he recalls a male wearing light color clothes run out of the room. MAROONEY could not recall anything about the description of this individual but remembers the incident only because the individual seemed to be reacting out of context to others.

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Date 11/7/68

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JOHN B. MARQUAND, journalist for the "New York Review", 250 West 57th Street, New York, New York, vacationing at Great Pond, Edgartown, Massachusetts, said he was staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, the night the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated there June 5, 1968.

At approximately midnight, June 4, 1968, MARQUAND was in the serving kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel along with other journalists and newspaper writers and kitchen employees of the above hotel awaiting KENNEDY's exit from the hotel via that area. Since MARQUAND's good friend, GEORGE PLIMPTON, editor and free lance writer, was accompanying KENNEDY, MARQUAND anticipated a brief interview of KENNEDY as the latter passed through that area.

Suddenly, as the bodyguards and vanguard of KENNEDY's group with KENNEDY entered the serving kitchen, MARQUAND heard what sounded to him like several Chinese firecrackers going off. Then he saw ROOSEVELT GRIER, ex-pro football player; RAFAEL JOHNSON, ex-Olympic athletic star; GEORGE PLIMPTON; and others seize a frail, small young man who looked like a teen-age Mexican and hold his right arm aloft. There was a handgun in his right hand which they wrestled from him. They then threw him on top of a serving table and appeared to be "tearing him apart". Because of the excitement and confusion, MARQUAND failed to note KENNEDY lying on the floor for some seconds after the above scene took place. MARQUAND said he subsequently learned through the news media that the young man with the gun in his hand was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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MARQUAND had never seen SIRHAN before the above incident and did not see him shoot KENNEDY. He knew no one who knew SIRHAN or who had seen him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. He could furnish no information as to any conspiracy to assassinate KENNEDY.

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Date November 18, 1968

Mr. Steve Nelson, engineer, WNEW-News, 565 5th Ave., New York, New York, telephone number 986-7000, stated that on the evening of June 4-5, 1968 he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California in room 473. Room 473 was a working room for WNEW-News.

Nelson was in the room during Senator Kennedy's speech and the first he heard of the shooting was when WNEW reporter Dan Blackburn called the room and told them of the shooting. Nelson remained in the room, working, until 8:00am on June 5, 1968.

Nelson did not see the shooting and has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

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Date 10/3/681

Miss CAROL CUGHTON, 1515 18th Street, N. W.,
Apartment 407, employed by Public Broadcast Lab, 1519
Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., advised as follows:

She was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los
Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968, being
there as a reporter for Public Broadcast Lab, which is
concerned mostly with T.V. Educational Publications.

At the time Senator KENNEDY was shot, she was in
the lobby of the hotel on her way out for supper. She did
not see the shooting and could only comment on the commotion
caused by the shooting.

She does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, never saw him,
and knows nothing concerning any possible conspiracy in
which he may be involved.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/10/68

JOHN PILGER, Writer for the London, England, "London Daily Mirror", who works out of the New York Office of this publication, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, was interviewed at his hotel, The Beverly Carlton, 9400 West Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone 275-5221.

Mr. PILGER said at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Mr. PILGER was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, standing near the podium. He never did get into the kitchen area where the shooting took place, consequently he did not witness the shooting or the immediate aftermath. He had no recollection of seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

Mr. PILGER said he had been with HARRY BENSON, Photographer, who did work for the Black Star Publishing Company, New York City, New York. He thought the FBI had already interviewed Mr. BENSON.

Mr. PILGER, by phone, November 7, 1968, advised that GEORGE GALE of the "London Daily Mirror" had also been at the Ambassador Hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. GALE is based in London, but has been recently in the United States. He is thought to have just recently returned to London. The New York Office of the "London Daily Mirror" could advise if GALE is still in the United States and his whereabouts. Mr. PILGER did not know if Mr. GALE had been interviewed by the FBI or not. Mr. PILGER added he had, in substance, furnished the above information to the Los Angeles Police Department.

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by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/mlb Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 31, 1968

Mr. Marty Plissner, writer and associate producer, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), 524 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y., stated that on the night of June 4-5, 1968 he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During Senator Kennedy's speech, Plissner was in the ballroom about twenty feet away from Senator Kennedy. At the end of the speech, Plissner was in a hurry to get out of the ballroom and tried to go in the direction of Senator Kennedy. There was such a crowd in that area that Plissner headed in another direction and was evidently behind a pillar in the ballroom at the time of the shooting.

Plissner heard no shots but heard women screaming and someone say something such as "Is he alive?". Plissner then reasoned that there must have been a shooting.

Plissner was unable to get in the room where the shooting occurred and did not see the shooting, Senator Kennedy or Sirhan Sirhan.

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Date 10/14/681

JOHN REGULY, correspondent, "Toronto Star", National Press Building, furnished the following information:

REGULY advised that JOHN BREHL of the "Toronto Star" is permanently assigned to the home office in Toronto. BREHL was not in Los Angeles at the time of KENNEDY's assassination, but flew to Los Angeles the next day to help REGULY cover the story.

At the time of the assassination, REGULY was sitting in the Temporary Press Room talking to HILLIARY LAMB. They were awaiting for an appearance of KENNEDY when they heard popping sounds and went to the kitchen area. REGULY saw KENNEDY on the ground and also saw SIRHAN being held by ROSIE GRIER, RAFAEL JOHNSON, and an unknown white man. GRIER had hold of SIRHAN's hand and gun and was pointing the gun towards the wall. GRIER then took the gun from SIRHAN and passed it to JOHNSON. REGULY then saw GEORGE PLIMPTON grab SIRHAN.

REGULY had never seen SIRHAN before. He heard SIRHAN say while he was being held by GRIER and JOHNSON, "I can explain, I can explain". At this time, GRIER was twisting SIRHAN's leg.

Out in the hall a girl who was a KENNEDY aide to FRANK MANKIEWICZ was saying that she had thrown him (meaning SIRHAN) out twice and that she did not see how he got back in. REGULY did not know this girl's name, but said she was tall, large boned, and brunette.

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Date 10/10/68

Mr. WALTER J. SHERIDAN, 4901 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, who is employed as a special correspondent by the National Broadcasting Company, advised that he went to Los Angeles, California, immediately following the Indiana Primary Election in 1968 and that he was in close contact with the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters in Los Angeles from that time until Senator KENNEDY was shot on June 5, 1968.

Mr. SHERIDAN related after observing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN that to his knowledge he had never seen this individual.

Mr. SHERIDAN stated that on June 4, 1968, he worked at the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters of Senator KENNEDY and at about the time the polling places closed he went to the Ambassador Hotel. He was at the Ambassador Hotel with CAESAR CHAVEZ who is from Delano, California, and had brought a group of about 200 Mexican-American farm laborers to Los Angeles to help with the election. He noted that CHAVEZ is the head of the farm workers in Delano, California. Mr. SHERIDAN related that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he had made arrangements for the above workers to be present when Senator KENNEDY spoke after results of the election became known and he had been to Senator KENNEDY's suite at the Ambassador Hotel to arrange for CHAVEZ to speak personally with KENNEDY. After such arrangements were made, he went to find CHAVEZ in a lower level of the Ambassador Hotel, but could not locate him.

Mr. SHERIDAN said that RICHARD COLEMAN, a Los Angeles attorney, had invited him, CAROL ASH, THERESA WALSTON and KATIE MURPHY to dinner and that this group was

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eating dinner at the Chancellor Hotel when they learned of Senator KENNEDY being shot.

SHERIDAN stated that two nights before the election a reception was held for Senator KENNEDY and his wife at the Cocoanut Grove at the Ambassador Hotel. On this occasion the hotel was very crowded and he accompanied Senator KENNEDY from his room to the reception and they were taken through the serving kitchen to avoid the crowds. SHERIDAN was of the opinion that SIRHAN may have observed this and been able to have positioned himself to be near KENNEDY after KENNEDY spoke following the election.

SHERIDAN stated that during the day of June 4, 1968, the KIBLAH (phonetic) KHAN, an Iranian, was at the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters of Senator KENNEDY. SHERIDAN said KHAN had introduced himself at that time and told SHERIDAN he had met SHERIDAN on a previous occasion. SHERIDAN related this was not true but that he knew KHAN from an occasion in 1963 or 1964 when an attorney acquaintance of his represented KHAN when the KHAN had alleged that the Shah of Iran had misappropriated millions of dollars of U. S. aid money. SHERIDAN said that he mentioned seeing KHAN in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, only as he had heard that there was some connection between KHAN and SIRHAN.

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Date October 24, 1968

Mr. Dieter Strand stated that he is a reporter for the newspaper 'Aftonbladet' in Stockholm, Sweden and that he was staying at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, Lexington Avenue and 49th Street, New York, New York. His newspaper has an office at 303 West 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

In June, 1968 he was in California covering the primary and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

During Senator Kennedy's speech on the evening of June 4, 1968 Strand was in the press room which was near the room in which Senator Kennedy was making his speech. At the conclusion of Senator Kennedy's speech, Strand left the press room and was on the way to his room when Senator Kennedy was shot. He did not see the shooting of Senator Kennedy. To his knowledge he has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

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Date 10/17/68

B. E. ULLMAN, reporter, French News Agency, 914 National Press Building, furnished the following information:

ULLMAN travelled with the KENNEDY Campaign party in California and part of the time in Oregon. The night of the California Primary Election ULLMAN was at the Ambassador Hotel. He listened to KENNEDY's victory speech in the Embassy Room and then the Senator left the room. ULLMAN stayed in the room and used the telephone. While he was on the telephone he learned what happened to KENNEDY. He attempted to get into the kitchen area but was unable to do so because of the crowd. He did not see SIRHAN or KENNEDY after the shooting.

ULLMAN does not remember seeing a person resembling the photo of SIRHAN at any time during the campaign.

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Date October 17, 1968

Mr. Alan Walden, News Director, WNEW Radio Station, 565 5th Avenue, New York, New York, stated that on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968 he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During Senator Robert Kennedy's speech, Walden was in a room on the third floor of the hotel where he had set up a broadcast studio, consequently he was not in the vicinity of Senator Kennedy when he was shot and did not witness the shooting. He has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

The first time that Walden heard of the shooting was while Walden was in the third floor broadcast room. He heard one of his announcers, Dan Blackburn, who was in the vicinity of Senator Kennedy, announce that Senator Kennedy had been shot.

Shortly thereafter Walden went to the room where Senator Kennedy had been shot. There was such a crowd there that Walden did not try to get in and he returned to the third floor.

None of the men in Walden's group were in the area of the shooting except Dan Blackburn.

Dan Blackburn can be contacted at the Washington Bureau of Metromedia News, 5151 Wisconsin Ave., Northwest, Washington, D. C., telephone number 202-244-6220.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/10/68

MARY ANN WIEGERS, 2939 Van Ness Street, Washington, D. C., was interviewed at her place of employment, "Washington Post" newspaper. She furnished the following information:

She said she was assigned by the Post to cover the campaigns of presidential candidates. She covered part of the Oregon campaign and also part of the California campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. The night of the shooting she said she was in the suite of KENNEDY's on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel. When the party left the suite to go to the Embassy room, she followed on a different elevator. She said she stood near the T.V. cameras at the back of the room during KENNEDY's speech. Immediately following the speech she left by cab to go to MC CARTHY's headquarters. It was not until she arrived in MC CARTHY's suite that she heard of the shooting at which time she went back to the Ambassador Hotel and to KENNEDY's suite.

She stated that while she was in the suite a young girl, approximately fifteen years of age, was brought in by two Los Angeles policemen and a young woman. The teen-age girl had been sitting on the back steps of the Ambassador and following the shooting stated a girl in a black dress with white polka dots rushed by yelling, "We killed him, we killed him." WIEGERS stated this teen-age girl was hysterical at the time she saw her.

MARY ANN said she had not seen SIRHAN or the girl in the polka-dot dress at any time.

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by SAs ROBERT F. PETTY and JAMES CARR MOORE, JR. RFP:tab Date dictated 10/10/68

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Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department indicate that Mr. (First Name Unknown) ADKINS, 17 Avon Place, Yonkers, New York, was present in or adjacent to the Embassy Ballroom, Ambassador Hotel, on June 4-5, 1968, which room was being utilized by the campaign forces of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to hear the results of the California primary election and to celebrate the Senator's victory in California.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

STEVEN ATKINS, 15 Claremont Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised that he was employed as an advance man on the campaign staff of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in May and June, 1968. He was in Los Angeles, California, late in May, but had left several days prior to the assassination on June 5, 1968.

Mr. ATKINS advised that his wife had not accompanied him on the trip to Los Angeles, and she was not present at the Ambassador Hotel. He assumed that the identity of Mr. and Mrs. ATKINS was in error, or referred to another couple, since she should not have been listed as having been at the Ambassador Hotel. He added that while he was at the hotel, he had used the address of his father, JOSEPH ATKINS, Medical Doctor, 17 Avon Place, Yonkers, New York.

As a result, Mr. ATKINS could furnish no information in this matter.

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by SA ROBERT G. O'NEIL/lp Date dictated 10/2/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/8/68

Miss LINDA BOND, Room 3130, San Rafael Hall, University of California, Santa Barbara, telephonically contacted the writer at the Santa Barbara Resident Agency of the FBI and advised that she had been in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom attending the victory celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 4, and June 5, 1968 when Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she was not in a position to see the incident or the assailant, and she could offer no first-hand information concerning the affair. She stated that she had been interviewed at length by the Los Angeles Police Department shortly after the crime, had furnished them all the information she had, and that she had not subsequently recalled any information which might be pertinent to this matter.

She stated that she is presently a student at the University of California, Santa Barbara and her home address is 5910 Kentland Avenue, Woodland Hills, California.

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by SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN/jar Date dictated 11/6/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/9/68

On October 8, 1968, RICHARD COLEMAN, 20656 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California (phone 456-6346) (business telephone 626-7611), was interviewed regarding any possible information he might have pertaining to the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

Mr. COLEMAN advised he was dining at the Chancellor Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time of the shooting. He stated that he learned of the shooting while observing a television which was in the dining area. COLEMAN stated that he returned to the Ambassador Hotel in an effort to learn of the condition of KENNEDY, however, due to the mass confusion at the hotel he was unable to learn anything regarding the Senator's condition and he learned that the Senator had been removed from the hotel.

COLEMAN stated that he never saw the man who was identified as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and that SIRHAN had also been removed from the hotel by the time he arrived.

COLEMAN stated that at approximately 3:00 a.m. the morning of the shooting he went to his home.

COLEMAN stated that he had worked for the Senator as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice and he was extremely upset upon learning of the shooting.

COLEMAN advised that he had no other information pertaining to shooting.

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WILLIAM R. HODGES, Army Serial No. [REDACTED], assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, U. S. Army Medical Training Center, Fort Sam Houston, advised that on June 4-5, 1968, he resided at 513 Ocean Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California. His present home address is 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California. He advised he graduated from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in June 1967, and in June 1968, was working for the Manhattan Beach City School District as a substitute teacher, fourth through eighth grades.

He advised he arrived at the Embassy Room about 7:45 p.m., June 4, 1968. With him in his car was his girl friend, CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, California, and his brother ROBERT R. HODGES, 531 21st Street, Manhattan Beach, California.

In a second car was his brother, DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California, and the latter's girl friend, JANET LOWRIE, who is employed at the Westrey Nursery School. Also in that car were DEKKER RAWLINGS and his wife, SHARON RAWLINGS, who live in Manhattan Beach.

The two cars arrived with their occupants within five minutes of each other.

LINDA LEE HODGES, wife of ROBERT R. HODGES, had gone to the Embassy Room earlier and stayed later than the others of the party.

From approximately 7:45 p.m. until about 11:30 p.m., all of the party were together, standing between the television cameras and the entrance to the corridor from which Senator KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room.

HODGES remembered that at about 10:30 or 10:45 p.m., he saw a man with bushy dark hair, slight build, about 5'5" tall, dressed in an old jacket, dark dirty-looking pants, walking from the direction of the corridor doors toward the

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podium. He said he lost sight of this individual in the crowd, and that he really saw only the back of his head. He said that this man was not moving in a definite direction, but appeared rather to be wandering.

He said this individual attracted his attention because he was the only unkempt person in the room; everyone else there was dressed in business clothes and looked clean and well kept. He said that he remembered remarking to his girl friend CAROL FENBURY, "How do you suppose he got in?" He said he was not sure, but that CAROL may have seen this individual also.

HODGES said that none of the members of his party had a camera. He did not remember seeing any girl in a polka dot dress.

HODGES viewed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and stated he could not identify the unkempt person he had seen as being identical with the photograph of SIRHAN.

He said that since the hour was getting late and it appeared they would not be able to see Senator KENNEDY, he, CAROL FENBURY, and ROBERT HODGES left about 11:30 p.m. in their car and the others with the exception of LINDA LEE HODGES left in their car at the same time. He said that his car was on the freeway returning to Manhattan Beach, California, when they heard the announcement of the shooting on the radio.

HODGES said that CAROL FENBURY is employed by the Torrance City School District. His sister-in-law, LINDA LEE HODGES, is a substitute teacher employed by the Lennox School District. His brother, ROBERT R. HODGES, is a law student attending a private law school near Long Beach, the name of which he could not remember. His younger brother, DAVID HODGES is a student at El Camino Junior College.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	WILLIAM R. HODGES
Race	White

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Sex	Male
Date of Birth	<div></div>
	Los Angeles, California
Height	5'11"
Weight	165 pounds (193 in June 1968)
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Marital Status	Single
Home Address	235 25th Street Hermosa Beach, California
Father	ROBERT T. HODGES 132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Galleon Venice, California
Mother	HELEN R. HODGES 235 25th Street Hermosa Beach, California
Brothers	ROBERT R. HODGES 531 21st Street Manhattan Beach, California DAVID HODGES 235 25th Street Hermosa Beach, California

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

JANE KEARNS, residing at 1337 22nd. Street, North West, Washington, D.C., and employed as a Secretary to the Director, American Film Institute, 1815 H Street, North West, Washington, D.C., advised as follows:

She said she was formerly employed as an Assistant to DONALD WILSON who was in charge of publicity on a nation wide basis in the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

She said that she was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, listening to the talk given by Senator KENNEDY just before he was shot.

She said that she and a number of other campaign workers had spontaneously formed an aisle or passageway through which they presumed the Senator would walk through on his way out of the Embassy Ballroom. This aisle or passageway ran to the right from the podium in the direction of an exit door, which was the shortest route from the room.

She said, however, that Senator KENNEDY did not walk toward the group formed aisle, but instead walked in the opposite direction toward the kitchen area. She said that she then heard a commotion, something like a metal table striking a wall. She said that she heard no shots or what sounded like gun shots.

KEARNS stated that she had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

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Date 10/24/68

JOHN V. KENNY, a Political Science Major, and presently residing at 249 Rankin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, while he is attending Providence College, in Providence, Rhode Island, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, where he heard and observed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY deliver an address to his campaign forces.

He stated that at that time he was not employed by the Radio Station, WEAN, Providence, Rhode Island, but was subsequently employed when he contacted an individual by the name of HARRY MC KENNA, News Director, for the Radio Station WEAN.

Mr. KENNY stated that he was on the stage when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY addressed his campaign forces, and took several pictures of the KENNEDY entourage as well as a number of individuals in the audience.

He stated that he took several pictures of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, as he was speaking at the podium.

He stated that after Senator KENNEDY spoke he walked to his right, on the stage, and then turned around and proceeded to the rear of the stage and jumped off the stage and proceeded into an area, which he now knows as the kitchen corridor area.

He stated that he with his camera continued to follow after Senator KENNEDY and continued to take pictures of him proceeding through the kitchen corridor door, which is located to the rear of the Embassy Room.

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On 10/16/68 at Providence, Rhode Island File # Boston 44-646

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He stated that he held his camera over his head and took a number of shots.

He stated that when he entered the small corridor of the room he heard a loud explosion and then observed the individual, now known to him as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, being held by a very large Negro male, who he now knows as ROSEVELT GRIER.

He stated that a union official who was shot in the corridor, and who was previously standing on the stage, next to Senator KENNEDY as he addressed the crowd fell down in front of him.

KENNY stated that to the best of his knowledge and recollection he did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to the time that he saw him being subdued by ROSEVELT GRIER.

KENNY pointed out that as he trailed behind Senator KENNEDY, who was departing through the kitchen corridor, he extended his hands over his head and with his camera attempted to take photographs in the kitchen corridor.

He stated that he had submitted the photos for development, but they were returned with a notation that they were not good enough for printing.

Mr. KENNY stated that upon his return to Providence, Rhode Island, he was interviewed by HARRY MC KENNA, News Director of Radio Station WEAN, Providence, Rhode Island, and stated that he kept a tape of the interview with MC KENNA.

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Mr. KENNY advised that he was born on September 2, 1947, at New York, New York, and resides at Apartment 1B, 1675 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, when not in attendance at Providence College.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/24/681.

JOHN V. KENNY made available six negatives of photographs which he attempted to take on June 4, 1968, in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

These photographs were taken in and about the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot by SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. ESTELYN LA HIVE, also known as Mrs. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, 4055 Tujunga Avenue, Apartment 305, Studio City, California, telephone 985-4681, advised the following:

On the evening of June 4, 1968, and the early morning of June 5, 1968, Mrs. LA HIVE had been at the Ambassador Hotel during the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party. Mrs. LA HIVE was not married to Mr. LA HIVE at the time and her maiden name was ESTELYN DUFFY.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, at around 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. LA HIVE were standing in a corridor, a sort of anteroom, behind the stage where Senator KENNEDY was speaking. When the speech was finished, the Senator and his party left the stage and passed through the swinging doors into the kitchen area. Mr. and Mrs. LA HIVE then started to follow the KENNEDY party toward the kitchen area. Just before they reached the swinging door area, she heard some popping noises which at first she did not realize were gunshots. There were two or three shots, then a slight pause, then several more shots.

Mr. LA HIVE at this point voiced the opinion that it was gunfire they had heard and immediately ran into the kitchen area to investigate. Mrs. LA HIVE stayed in the anteroom and did not observe any of the immediate aftermath in the kitchen. She saw one woman come running out of the kitchen who had blood on her forehead and soon became aware after all the screams and confusion that there had been a shooting and that the Senator had been shot, as well as several other persons.

Mrs. LA HIVE stated that she and her husband had entered the Embassy Room, shortly before the Senator KENNEDY speech, through the kitchen area, and that she had noted there were several people in the kitchen area at the time of her entry whom she felt were employees of the hotel. She had no recollection of seeing the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN, in the kitchen at that time or of ever having seen him prior to the time he was apprehended and removed from the area by the police.

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Mrs. LA HIVE, following examination of photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family, stated she had no recollection of seeing any of the persons in the photographs at any time, with the exception of SIRHAN SIRHAN when he was removed from the hotel following his arrest.

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Date 10/3/68

Mr. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, 4055 Tujunga Avenue, Studio City, California, Apartment 305, telephone 985-4681, advised the following:

Mr. LA HIVE, who does sales promotion work for the Jim Beam Liquor Distributing Company of Chicago, Illinois, and whose local business address is in care of Taylor Food Products, 1910 East Imperial Highway, El Segundo, California, telephone 772-4308, said that he was also President of the Democratic Club in Van Nuys, California.

With respect to the investigation of SIRHAN SIRHAN, charged with shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Mr. LA HIVE said that there was a warehouse employee at the Western Distributing Company, 2440 East 38th Street, Los Angeles, telephone 583-8761, who had related to him about a month previous that SIRHAN SIRHAN had a close friend, a waiter. This friend reportedly was employed by the Fiore D'Italia Restaurant, 14928 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, telephone 783-9074.

The warehouse employee's name Mr. LA HIVE could not recall specifically but he had the phonetic name of TONY MUMO. This individual is known as a friend of TONY MARCELLA, who also works in some sort of supervisory capacity in the Western Distributing Company. He can identify TONY MUMO (phonetic).

Mr. LA HIVE had no further details concerning the reported friend of SIRHAN SIRHAN or the source of the information.

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Mr. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, 4055 Tujunga Avenue,
Apartment 305, Studio City, California, telephone 985-4681,
advised the following:

Mr. LA HIVE, President of the Van Nuys Democratic Club, attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party and speech on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. At approximately 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968 when Senator KENNEDY finished his speech in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Mr. LA HIVE and Miss ESTELYN DUFFY, now Mrs. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, were standing in a corridor behind the stage area, a sort of anteroom. Senator KENNEDY left the stage area and passed on Mr. LA HIVE's left, followed by his party and proceeded through the swinging doors into the kitchen area.

Mr. LA HIVE and Miss DUFFY started to follow the Senator and just about this time, Mr. LA HIVE heard what sounded to him like gunfire, six or seven shots coming from the kitchen area. Mr. LA HIVE left Miss DUFFY and rushed to the kitchen. A woman with blood running down the middle of her forehead rushed out of the kitchen area toward Mr. LA HIVE. He noted panic and screams from the people in the kitchen.

LA HIVE at this point observed a man lying on the floor who appeared to be shot through the head. He later learned that this man was PAUL SCHRADE. There appeared to be another man lying on the floor who was not known to Mr. LA HIVE. He then saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor and noted that blood was coming from a wound at the right ear. He then observed a struggle going on between some men and noted that ROSIE GRIER, a member of the Senator KENNEDY party, was headed toward the struggling group and LA HIVE followed GRIER. At this point, he saw a gun on a table with about six men's hands and arms struggling for possession of it. It was noted that a finger was still in the trigger guard and LA HIVE stepped in to grab the gun and got hold of the barrel of the gun. ROSIE GRIER had grabbed the suspect and GRIER had placed his body on top of the suspect, who had hold of the gun. At this point, RAFAEL JOHNSON, member of the Senator KENNEDY party, arrived and ROSIE GRIER, at Mr. LA HIVE's suggestion,

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released the gun which had been taken out of the suspect's hand. Mr. LA HIVE at this point grabbed the suspect's left leg and threw a leg lock hold on it until the police arrived five or six minutes later. There was considerable buffeting around in trying to transfer the suspect to the police and protect him from people who were shouting, "kill him" and similar remarks. Only one suspect was observed by Mr. LA HIVE.

Mr. LA HIVE stated that he had some small cuts on his face and some blood on his suit and face, but he did not know exactly how they got there.

Mr. LA HIVE at this point returned to the anteroom area near the entrance to the Embassy Room to join Miss DUFFY, who had not proceeded to the kitchen with Mr. LA HIVE.

Mr. LA HIVE recalled he and Miss DUFFY, when they arrived at the Embassy Room shortly before the Senator KENNEDY speech, were unable to get in through the front entrance of the Embassy Room so they went to the rear and came in through the same kitchen area where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Mr. LA HIVE said that there were a number of people in the kitchen at the time whom he thought were probably employees of the hotel, but made no particular note of them and had no recollection of having seen the suspect, later identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN, in the kitchen at that time. The only time he recalls seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN was at the time of the shooting as described above.

Mr. LA HIVE related that following the removal of SIRHAN SIRHAN from the Ambassador Hotel by the police, a number of newscasters had interviewed him in the vicinity of the Embassy Room at which time he related in substance the same story which he had furnished the police and the FBI with respect to his recollection of the incident surrounding the KENNEDY shooting. He thinks that newscasters for the

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National Broadcasting Company, the American Broadcasting Company, and KTLA, Channel 5, Los Angeles, were among the television newscasters who had interviewed him at the time.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, as well as members of his family, were exhibited to Mr. LA HIVE who said that he had no recollection of ever having seen any of the individuals in the photographs at any time with the exception of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/68

RICHARD JOSEPH LITTLE was interviewed at his place of employment, OLNEY MOTORS, Missoula, Montana, where he is employed as a salesman. LITTLE advised as follows:

MYDA FOOTE is his former mother-in-law. She is also known as Myda Fredericks and is married to FREDERICK J. FOOTE, who also uses the name of Dean Fredericks. They reside in apartment #8, 1845 Canyon Drive, Hollywood 28, California.

LITTLE was visiting them in Los Angeles, California, while on vacation from his job, and accompanied them to the AMBASSADOR HOTEL, Embassy Room, where ROBERT F. KENNEDY was to speak on June 4, 1968. On the night of June 4, 1968, while Senator KENNEDY spoke in the Embassy Room of the AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LITTLE was standing with Mr. and Mrs. FOOTE about 30 feet from the podium used by Senator KENNEDY.

MYDA FOOTE was then reportedly on Senator KENNEDY's staff attached to the Mexican-American Committee as a volunteer worker.

LITTLE stated, after Senator KENNEDY finished his speech and stepped off the podium, he was unable to see him, due to the large crowd packed into the Embassy Room. He and the FOOTES thought Senator KENNEDY would leave the Embassy Room via the corridor to the lobby and they, therefore, moved toward a large television set, which was located in the Embassy Room, and toward the corridor. Instead, Senator KENNEDY left the Embassy Room via a door leading toward the kitchen and was not seen by LITTLE or his companions.

LITTLE stated he did not hear any shots fired and did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time prior to the shooting. On being shown photographs of SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department #BK-495,139, taken on June 5, 1968, he advised he saw this individual in the custody of police officers, when the officers brought him through the corridor of the AMBASSADOR HOTEL after the shooting. He did not get a good look at him then, due to the large crowd jammed together.

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LITTLE recalled, after Senator KENNEDY left the podium and Embassy Room, apparently toward the kitchen, one of the KENNEDY girls, in uniform, whose identity he did not know, came running out of the kitchen to the lobby of the Embassy Room shouting, "They shot him". He was unable to hear or determine who she was referring to. Later, someone said Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He then heard someone shouting, "Don't kill him". He thought this person was referring to SIRHAN.

By this time, he stated he made his way to the door leading from the Embassy Room toward the kitchen and, while there, someone said, "Don't let anyone else in". He, thereafter, assisted in keeping people from entering the door leading to the kitchen, but he did recall he let in three doctors and one priest, while he was standing there.

LITTLE stated he thought he recalled looking at his watch about the time someone mentioned Senator KENNEDY had been shot and, insofar as he can recall, the time was 12:13 a.m., June 5, 1968.

The following description and background information concerning RICHARD JOSEPH LITTLE was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Hamilton, Montana
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150#
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Build	Slender
Education	Graduated from Hamilton High School, Hamilton, Montana, and attended Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, California, for one year

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Employment	Car salesman at OLNEY MOTORS, Missoula, Montana, for past one and one-half years
Military service	U. S. Air Force, 1952-1956, honorable discharge
Marital status	Divorced
Current residence	2114 - 38th Street, Missoula, Montana
Remarks	Claims he has no criminal record

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Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department indicate that JOHN B. MARTIN, Washington, D. C. Staff of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, was present in or adjacent to the Embassy Ballroom, Ambassador Hotel, on June 4,5, 1968, which room was being utilized by the campaign forces of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to hear the results of the California primary election and to celebrate the Senator's victory in California.

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The Newark Division of the FBI advised the following:

On October 28, 1968, ROXANE EBERLEIN, 18 Aiken Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, Assistant to JOHN B. MARTIN, advised that MARTIN, a former Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, is actively participating in HUMPHREY's election campaign. She said LAWRENCE O'BRIEN would know how to reach MARTIN, as would HUMPHREY's secretary or chief aide traveling with him. EBERLEIN said MARTIN was in the Ambassador Hotel at the time of KENNEDY's shooting. He had conferred briefly with the Senator about comments he would include in his address in the ballroom. KENNEDY left for the ballroom while MARTIN remained behind. He left the suite to get a smoke in the hallway and had intended to observe KENNEDY's speech on television. Somebody, said EBERLEIN, watching the proceedings, located MARTIN and told him about the shooting.

EBERLEIN said the foregoing could be attested to by Mrs. MARTIN who is at their summer home in Nestoria, Michigan, telephone 906-323-6305. She said MARTIN, to the best of her knowledge, left no itinerary where he could be located. She believed him to be traveling either with HUMPHREY or ahead of him, helping set up speeches and talking to newspapermen, etc.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/22/68

Mr. JACK W. MC GRATH, 829 North Vendome Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone 661-5836, related the following:

Mr. MC GRATH, who was a student at San Fernando State College, Northridge, California, during the early part of 1968, is currently employed as a campaign worker for Congressman JIM (JAMES) CORMAN, 904 $\frac{1}{2}$ Woodley Avenue, Sepulveda, California.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968, Mr. MC GRATH had attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. At the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, Mr. MC GRATH was in a corner of the Embassy Room and did not witness any of the shooting nor did he see SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mr. MC GRATH said that he had been interviewed by the Los Angeles Police Department as a potential witness subsequent to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/4/68

Mr. PATRICK TIFFANY McLAUGHLIN, 135 North Montgomery (Garage Apartment), Memphis, Tennessee, employed by the International Division of Plough, Incorporated, 2600 Poplar Avenue, was interviewed at his office and he furnished the following information:

McLAUGHLIN went to the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot with Mr. RICHARD ORFALEA. Neither had any official connection with the Kennedy Party but Mr. McLAUGHLIN considered himself to be a supporter of Mr. KENNEDY. They arrived at the hotel at about 10 p.m. and attended the speech made in the Ball Room. They remained in the back near the television camera and left the Ball Room as soon as the speech was over. McLAUGHLIN did not hear any shot but he heard someone yell "fire" and saw a lady fall to the floor in the corridor near the kitchen. He was approximately 20 to 30 feet away from the kitchen corridor.

Mr. McLAUGHLIN said that he knew nothing about the assassin of Senator KENNEDY, that the name and photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN means nothing to him and that he never saw the assassin until approximately 40 minutes after the shooting when the police escorted this man out of the kitchen and through the Ball Room.

He advised that he was acquainted with several other people who attended this speech. One was Mr. JACK McGRATH who attended the San Fernando Valley State College in 1968. Another was Miss ELIZABETH HERMAN who works for Station KNXT in Los Angeles. There was also a man named JOE DYER who is a reporter for KNXT and who lives in the Watts area of Los Angeles. Another reporter named JIM BROWN who is employed by KNXT and the Columbia Broadcasting System as a recorder was there. RICHARD ORFALEA also brought two girl cousins of his to the affair.

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Mr. McLAUGHLIN said that he does not know anyone named DAVID ROCHE.

PATRICK TIFFANY McLAUGHLIN is a native of Los Angeles, having been born there [redacted] He is 5 feet 7½ inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes. He attended the University of Southern California and the American Institute of Foreign Trade at Phoenix, Arizona.

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Date 11/19/63

RONALD ALLEN NORMAN, 17102 Adlon Road, Encino, California, telephone ST 3-3949, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He is a third year student at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on June 4, 1963, he and an acquaintance, HARVEY PEPPER, 612 North Kings Road, Los Angeles, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, to attend a celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. NORMAN and PEPPER wandered around the hotel looking for "famous persons" until approximately 11:30 p.m., at which time they met an acquaintance, SUE HARRIS, who had been acting as a press secretary for Senator KENNEDY's campaign in Southern California. HARRIS provided NORMAN and PEPPER with press passes and suggested that if they wanted to see Senator KENNEDY, they could wait in the press room located behind the speakers' platform in the Embassy Room, since the Senator was expected to pass through this location following his address.

NORMAN and PEPPER then proceeded to this press room where thirty to forty news media representatives had gathered to await the completion of Senator KENNEDY's address. NORMAN recalled that following his address, Senator KENNEDY proceeded directly through a passage behind the speakers' platform to a corridor leading to the kitchen area. As NORMAN proceeded from the press room to this corridor, he heard screams coming from the kitchen area. He definitely did not hear any shots fired, or any sounds which he would have interpreted as such. NORMAN and PEPPER then rushed into the kitchen area, where they were told that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. NORMAN recalled that approximately seventy five persons had already gathered in the kitchen area and that Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor. The area became quite noisy and congested as people continued to gather at this location. NORMAN did not observe anyone who appeared as though he may have been responsible for the shooting.

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NORMAN and PEPPER remained in the kitchen area for approximately five minutes, after which they proceeded to a room at the hotel occupied by SUE HARRIS. HARRIS, who had been packing for her travel to Chicago with the Kennedy campaign party, had already heard about the shooting on the television. NORMAN and PEPPER remained in HARRIS' hotel room for fifteen to twenty minutes, and then left the hotel at approximately 12:45 a.m., June 5, 1963.

NORMAN was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a photograph of this individual taken June 5, 1963, by the Los Angeles Police Department. After viewing these photographs, NORMAN advised that he did not observe anyone resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4-5, 1963, or anywhere else prior to these dates. NORMAN was also shown photographs of ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, and MUNIR SIRHAN, and after viewing same, advised that to the best of his knowledge, he has never observed any of the individuals depicted in these photographs.

NORMAN advised that PEPPER has never indicated to him that he (PEPPER) observed someone at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1963, or June 5, 1963, who resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. NORMAN noted that he was with PEPPER virtually the entire evening of June 4, 1963, and that he did not himself observe anyone resembling photographs he has seen of this individual. NORMAN then volunteered that PEPPER is a "notorious story teller" who frequently fabricates or exaggerates his observations or experiences. NORMAN further described PEPPER as an individual who seeks attention. As an illustration, NORMAN recalled a recent incident in which PEPPER, while visiting Las Vegas, was mistaken for a Hollywood celebrity and, for several days, assumed the identity of this celebrity to the extent of accepting free room, board, and publicity from a Las Vegas hotel.

NORMAN was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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Date 10/3/63

HARVEY PEPPER, 612 North Kings Road, Los Angeles (653-5366), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He was born , and is presently unemployed.

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At approximately 3:30 p.m. on June 4, 1963, he and one RON NORMAN, current address unknown, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, for the purpose of attending a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. From 3:30 p.m. to approximately 11:45 p.m., PEPPER and NORMAN wandered around the hotel with no particular objective. At approximately 9:30 p.m., as PEPPER and NORMAN were mingling with the crowd in the main lobby of the hotel, PEPPER observed a young, sloppily dressed individual, who he later recognized from photographs as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. This individual was standing with four other individuals, all approximately 40 years of age and dressed in suits and ties, near a fountain in the lobby. PEPPER recalled that his first impression was that the four well dressed individuals were arresting this youth. Although PEPPER did not hear or observe any words exchanged between the four well dressed individuals and this youth, these individuals were standing in a small circle, and PEPPER definitely feels that all were part of the same group. PEPPER only observed these five individuals for an instant from a distance of approximately ten feet. He was unable to describe these individuals, other than to say that the four well dressed individuals all appeared to be approximately 40 years of age and light complected white males, and that the youth, he later recognized from Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) photographs as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, was youthful in appearance, slovenly attired, and dark complected. This latter individual did not appear to have anything in his hands and was not wearing a hat. PEPPER does not know whether NORMAN observed these individuals, and PEPPER has never discussed his observations with NORMAN.

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PEPPER noted that at approximately 12:30 a.m., June 5, 1968, he again observed the above described youth being led from the lobby to the entrance of the hotel, apparently in custody of authorities.

PEPPER was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN. After viewing these photographs, PEPPER stated that he is certain that the photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN are identical to the above described youth he observed in the hotel lobby. PEPPER indicated that, to the best of his knowledge, he has never observed the individuals depicted in the photographs of ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, or MUNIR SIRHAN, and that he is positive that none of these individuals resembled the above described four well dressed individuals he observed in the hotel lobby.

At approximately 11:45 p.m., PEPPER met an acquaintance, SUE HARRIS, who had been acting as a press secretary for the KENNEDY campaign in Southern California. HARRIS supplied PEPPER and HOWARD with press passes and told them if they wanted to shake hands with Senator KENNEDY, they should wait in the press room located behind the speaker's podium in the Embassy Room, since Senator KENNEDY was expected to pass through this location following his address.

PEPPER and HOWARD then proceeded to this Press room, where they remained until Senator KENNEDY finished a short address in the Embassy Room. PEPPER estimates that approximately fifty persons, most of them wearing press passes, had gathered in the press room. Senator KENNEDY, after completing his address, proceeded directly through the passage behind the speakers' platform to the corridor leading to the kitchen, thus bypassing the press room. PEPPER proceeded to this corridor, and, upon reaching this location, heard an unrecalled number of muffled noises, which sounded like dishes breaking ahead of him in the corridor. At this point, PEPPER thought that someone had probably upset one of the stainless steel carts situated along the sides of the corridor. PEPPER continued through

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the corridor to the kitchen area and was unaware that anyone had been shot until reaching this location and observing a newsman who had been shot in the hip. PEPPER recalled that as he passed into the kitchen area, someone closed and stood in front of the door leading to the corridor. PEPPER estimated that approximately 100 persons were in the kitchen at this point. PEPPER passed through a group of individuals standing near the center of the kitchen and observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor with his head in a pool of blood. PEPPER observed Senator KENNEDY's lips moving but did not actually hear any words spoken. More people began rushing into the kitchen, and the area became quite noisy and congested.

At no time did PEPPER observe anyone in the corridor or kitchen area who resembled photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. Nor did PEPPER observe anyone who appeared as though he might have been responsible for the shooting.

PEPPER remained in the kitchen area for three or four minutes and then proceeded to a room at the hotel occupied by SUE HARRIS. HARRIS had earlier gone to her hotel room to pack for her travel to Chicago with the Senator KENNEDY campaign party. By the time PEPPER reached HARRIS' hotel room, HARRIS had already heard about the shooting on television. PEPPER remained in HARRIS' hotel room for between ten to fifteen minutes and then proceeded to the lobby where he observed the above described individual, he later identified as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, being led from the lobby to the hotel entrance. PEPPER left the hotel at approximately 12:45 a.m., June 5, 1968.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/18/681

STEVEN MICHAEL PLEVIN, Apartment 1, 6510 Madrid Avenue, Isla Vista, California, home address 2762 Tucker Lane, Los Alamitos, California, student at University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), advised that on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, he journeyed from Isla Vista to Los Angeles with several other students at the University of California, Santa Barbara who were members of the UCSB Students for Kennedy. They obtained a room on the third floor of the Ambassador Hotel in order to attend the KENNEDY victory rally and stay overnight.

Shortly after midnight on Wednesday, June 5, PLEVIN went from the UCSB room to the hallway outside the KENNEDY suite on the fifth floor. He saw Senator ROBERT KENNEDY emerge from his suite with his wife, greet his well-wishers in the hallway and then proceed toward the main ballroom. PLEVIN eventually made his way back to the UCSB room, but on his way he heard someone shout that KENNEDY had been shot. He returned to the UCSB room and watched the television coverage of the aftermath of the shooting.

He stated that he had not been on the first floor of the hotel during the pertinent period, had no firsthand information on the shooting, and had observed no suspicious activity in the vicinity before the shooting. He stated that the following persons in the UCSB delegation had been reported in the main ballroom at the time of the shooting, but had undoubtedly been interviewed before this time:

LINDA BOND, currently enrolled at UCSB and living in San Rafael Hall, UCSB.

VALERIE SCHULTE, UCSB, student now living at 6637 Del Playa, Isla Vista.

RICHARD FRICK, now attending University of Chicago Law School.

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Mr. BERT SPISZMAN, 5921 Simpson Avenue, North Hollywood, California, telephone number 877-8394, employed as a teacher of History and Science at the Thomas Starr King Junior High School, 4201 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 664-1176, advised the following:

Mr. SPISZMAN said he had attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968. Following the conclusion of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech in the Embassy Room of this hotel at approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, Mr. SPISZMAN observed Senator KENNEDY and a group of persons following him leave the stage and move into a corridor leading towards the kitchen. Mr. SPISZMAN at the time was standing in a small anteroom at the rear of the stage and adjacent to the corridor. He at this point heard some noises which sounded to him as if they were exposed electrical circuits popping. His impression was that perhaps some of the television cables had broken. He then heard the considerable noise and confusion coming from the kitchen area and people began screaming, and he saw one woman coming back towards the Embassy Room area who had blood on her forehead. He began to learn from people around him that there had been some shooting, however, he did not observe the shooting and he at this point went back into the entrance of the Embassy Room where he attempted to quiet some of the people who were beginning to become hysterical. He never did go into the kitchen area and consequently did not see anything that occurred there. He said that he did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN or any of the victims of the shooting with the possible exception that the woman with the blood on her head could have been one of the victims of the shooting but he was not aware of her identity or if this was a fact.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Mr. SPISZMAN who remarked that he had no recollection of seeing any of these persons in the photographs at any time.

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