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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/28/68

Mrs. TIFFANY JONAS, 914 Beverly Glen Boulevard, was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following information:

She worked on the KENNEDY Campaign Committee for Los Angeles and was at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated.

At approximately 10:30 PM on June 4, 1968, she accompanied by her husband, DAVID JONAS, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel where they intended to go to the Embassy Room to await Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's victory speech. They made several attempts to enter the Embassy Room, but it was so crowded it was impossible to get in. In an effort to get into the room, they attempted to pass through the kitchen area, but were stopped by Security Guards.

After spending some time in the Press Room, adjacent to the kitchen, she and her husband went to the Ballroom for cocktails. While drinking in the Ballroom, she became separated from her husband who returned after about half an hour and said he was going home because of the large crowd. After her husband left, she again attempted to get into the Embassy Room and was standing near the doors which go into the Press Room, kitchen and the Embassy Room, when she heard what she thought was the breaking of balloons. Shortly after the loud popping sounds, there was screaming and a great deal of pushing by the crowd. The entire area, where there were three doors, became very crowded and after asking several people what was going on, she was informed Senator KENNEDY had been shot. By this time, she was standing near the Press Room door holding on to a Security Guard.

While standing near the Security Guard, a man carrying a large television camera attempted to get into the Press Room door, and the Security Guard attempted to stop him. A great deal of shoving and scuffling occurred and the man carrying the camera ended up on the floor along with the Security Officer. At this time, VICKIE CUCCIA came by and

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said that ERWIN STROLL had been shot and was being taken to the Central Receiving Hospital.

Mrs. JONAS said she was a good friend of STROLL's and upon learning that he had been shot and was being taken to the hospital, went to Central Receiving Hospital to see if he was seriously hurt. At approximately 12:40 she arrived at Central Receiving Hospital and after telling the Security Guards that she was the mother of STROLL, she was allowed to go into the hospital and talk to the nurse. The nurse advised that STROLL was being taken care of and was being sent to Midway Hospital for an operation to remove the bullet from his leg. She then went to Midway Hospital staying there until STROLL's parents arrived.

She stated that while at the Ambassador Hotel, she observed nothing irregular and upon observing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, she advised that she does not recall ever seeing him in her life.

Mrs. JONAS furnished the following list of people she knew who were at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968:

WILLIAM COX	Phone 483-8081 360 South West Lake Avenue Room 409 Los Angeles
VICKIE CUCCIA	Phone 389-6207 730 South Kingsley Apartment 360 Los Angeles
LYNN and KEN YOUNGER	Phone 734-0519 No address
FAY WHITE	Phone 295-4780 4149 Don Jose Street Los Angeles

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STEVE WAGNER	Phone 769-1294 12237 Califa Street North Hollywood
PAT WILLIAMS	Phone 296-0238 No address
JUDY BRAND	Phone 674-5615 10323 Ocean Gate Avenue Inglewood
SUSAN BRYAN	Phone MA8-5874 945 Edgeware Road Los Angeles
C.H. MC INTYRE	Phone NO3-5342 3845 Las Feliz Los Angeles
DONNA JOSEPH	Phone 275-8753 No address
BRENDA KRAMER	Phone CR4-3655 335 North Palm Drive Beverly Hills
ROSELA BUNDY	Phone 277-5596 or 277-3810 2160 Century Park East Suite No. 612
PHIL MULLER	Phone 661-7326 No address
SHERRI MARKS	Address unknown, but member of Young Professionals
JOY THORNTON	Also member of Young Professionals
JAKE WALKER	3725 3rd Avenue Los Angeles
SAUNDRA TAYLOR	Phone 666-0001 1211½ North Commonwealth Los Angeles Business phone 663-8925

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1Date 7/8/68

DONNA JOSEPH, who resides at 3375 Manning, Los Angeles, advised that she had been one of the KENNEDY Campaigners for several weeks prior to the victory celebration at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she spent most of the evening at the Ambassador Hotel and that at approximately 12 midnight or shortly thereafter, she was in the small corridor exit behind the stage of the Embassy Room where Senator KENNEDY was just finishing a speech to his supporters. She stated that as the Senator left the Embassy Room and proceeded towards the kitchen, she and several other KENNEDY Campaigners stayed behind in the corridor or press area and tried to keep too many people from crowding into the kitchen behind the Senator.

Miss JOSEPH stated that very shortly after the Senator walked into the kitchen, she heard a great deal of noise and confusion coming from that area. People began to surge out at first stating that "someone had been shot" and finally making other statements to the effect that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She stated that she was not a witness to the actual shooting and that she at no time entered the pantry or kitchen area where the shooting took place.

She further advised that she did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN anywhere in the hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

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Date 6/19/68

JOHN RODMAN JUSTICE, Skyline Inn, Room 260, 2628 Waiwai Loop, advised that he had worked on the staff of the party of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the Los Angeles area, working out of 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, having obtained this job through one TOM BRADEN, who resides in Oceanside, California. JUSTICE related that in this capacity, he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968.

JUSTICE related that in the early evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the serving area of the Embassy Room, adjacent to the back right of the podium, helping one RICK ROSEN keep people from going into the serving area from the Embassy Room.

Sometime between 10:00 and 11:00 PM, on June 4, 1968, JUSTICE observed a man and a woman in the serving area who, according to JUSTICE, were "definitely together," and this couple looked suspicious.

JUSTICE related that he asked this man to clear the area and the man said that he was with CBS. He was then asked if he was with the camera crew and this man said, "Yes". According to JUSTICE, members of the press were supposed to have a yellow press badge in their possession but that neither one of this couple had such a badge visible and JUSTICE did not ask this couple to display a press badge.

According to JUSTICE, while this couple was in the serving area the man made a phone call which was about fifteen minutes in length, and after completing this call the couple disappeared through the serving area and this was the last time that JUSTICE had seen them.

JUSTICE described this couple as follows:

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Number 1:

Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Age	Late 20's
Build	Light to medium
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Dark
Dress	Light coat, cannot recall color; Dark pants, cannot recall color.
Accent	None

Number 2:

Sex	Female
Characteristics	Attractive
Height	Average
Age	Late 20's
Hair	Short, dark
Eyes	Not blue
Dress	Well-dressed with white dress having black polka dots (does not recall size of dots)
Accent	None

JUSTICE thought that he recalled that this girl was carrying a manila-type folder.

JUSTICE advised that he feels sure he could identify the unknown female from photographs but he does not believe that he could identify the unknown man and that he has been unable to identify the man as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, whose photographs have appeared in the newspapers.

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JUSTICE related that late in the evening the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY left the podium in the Embassy Room and walked through the serving area and within a minute or so after KENNEDY walked through the serving area, JUSTICE advised that he heard three "pops" which sounded like firecrackers. This noise came from behind where JUSTICE was standing. Upon hearing these three "pops", JUSTICE turned around and a large group of people was moving from the noise area. According to JUSTICE, there was panic. He related that he did not realize that the noises he heard were gun shots. JUSTICE advised that there was a time lapse of one-half hour to forty-five minutes between the aforementioned unknown man making a call from the serving area to the time when he heard these three "pops".

JUSTICE advised that he went to the area where the shooting occurred but did not see the suspect nor did he hear any woman in a polka-dot dress saying anything to the effect that "we shot him."

According to JUSTICE, RICK ROSEN, 11030 Agua Vista Street, Apartment 40, Los Angeles, telephone 985-5841, and a girl, (first name unknown) last name believed to be O'SULLIVAN, observed the shooting of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and in all probability could describe the entire incident.

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JOHN RODMAN JUSTICE, Skyline Inn, Room 620, 628 Waiwai Loop, Honolulu, viewed six photographs which have been numbered on the back side, depicting the crowd near the podium in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, taken prior to and after the shooting of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He was unable to identify anyone in any of these photographs who appeared to be identical with a woman he had noted wearing a white dress with black polka-dots.

He commented that in photographs 1 and 2, the lady wearing a black dress with white polka-dots is not the individual he had in mind as the dress is the wrong color and her hair is too long.

With respect to photograph # 3, he commented that the woman wearing the white dress with black polka-dots is not the female he had in mind as her hair is too curly, the collar of the dress is too high, and the polka-dots on the dress are too small.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/10/68

GABOR KADAR, 1346 North Laurel Avenue, Apartment 201, Los Angeles, telephone number OL 6-4998, was interviewed at Diplomat Sales Company, Inc., 309 North Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, telephone number 934-2168. He furnished the following information:

He is the president of the above-mentioned company.

On June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, so that he would be able to see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He said that he was a supporter of Senator KENNEDY.

He arrived at the hotel at approximately 9:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, and was able to get into the lobby of the hotel, but he was not able to gain entrance to the Embassy Room at the hotel.

He wanted to get into the Embassy Room because he heard that Senator KENNEDY was going to make a speech in that room. He attempted to enter the Embassy Room through the fire escape on the outside of the building but was not able to gain entrance that way either.

He decided to go down to the floor below the Embassy Room because he felt he would have the opportunity to come up a back stairs or find some other way to gain entrance to the Embassy Room.

He estimated that he was down on the floor below the Embassy Room for at least a half hour wandering around trying to determine the best way to get into the room.

He noticed a clothes hamper which contained soiled white cooks' uniforms. He took one of the uniforms out of the clothes hamper and put it on. He thereafter picked up two empty milk cans and carried the milk cans

up a back stairway and gained entrance to the kitchen

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located on the same room as the Embassy Room. From the kitchen, he got into the Embassy Room dressed in the cook's uniform. After he got into the Embassy Room, he took off the cook's uniform and placed it under one of the telephones in the room.

Shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, he had a position on the right side of the platform from which Senator KENNEDY was making a speech. He took this position on the right side of the platform because he noticed that women dressed in KENNEDY girl outfits had formed an aisle for the Senator to depart from the room.

When the Senator completed his speech he did not come through the aisle formed by the girls but turned and walked off the back of the stage and out through the rear door.

KADAR jumped up on the stage and followed Senator KENNEDY out the rear door.

KADAR estimated that he was about 7 to 10 feet behind Senator KENNEDY when the Senator entered the pantry area.

As he, KADAR, entered the pantry area, he heard what he thought was a string of firecrackers being exploded. At the time he thought there were approximately five rapid explosions.

Almost immediately he noticed a man lying on the floor and observed that the man had been wounded. At the same time, he also noticed that Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor. He rushed past the first man, who was lying on the floor, and bent over Senator KENNEDY. At that time, he observed that Senator KENNEDY was supporting himself on his elbows.

He looked up from Senator KENNEDY and observed two or three individuals who were struggling with a man holding a gun. He later determined that two of the individuals, who were holding this man, were ROOSEVELT GRIER and RAFAEL JOHNSON. He does not know the identity of the third man. They were holding the individual with the gun on top of a metal table.

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He, KADAR, rushed over to the table and vaulted on top of it and grabbed the hand of the man holding the gun. He made several attempts to dislodge the gun from this man's hand but was not successful. He held the man's hand and slammed it against the table several times without success. While he was attempting to take the gun from the man's hand, someone else pried it loose.

KADAR stated that he did not observe the man firing shots from the gun. He only observed the man holding the gun after the shots were fired.

Later in the morning of June 5, 1968, he observed newspaper photographs showing the man who fired the shots, and who was holding the gun, and noticed that the man's name was given as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. KADAR was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He stated that SIRHAN is the individual who was holding the gun and the individual he tried to take the gun away from on June 5, 1968.

KADAR stated he had not seen SIRHAN at any time prior to June 5, 1968.

KADAR stated he was born [redacted], at Budapest, Hungary, 5'9", 130 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, slender build.

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ARTHUR KEVIN, also known as Art Kevin, KHJ-TV Channel 9, 5515 Melrose Avenue, phone HO 202133, advised as follows:

He was at the Ambassador Hotel June 4 and 5, 1968 doing live radio broadcasting to New York for his station, KHJ, which he described as being an independent network. He had two microphones set up in the Embassy Room, one on the platform and the other in the back of the room. After Senator KENNEDY gave his speech to those assembled in the Embassy Room around midnight he switched the broadcast to his microphone in the rear of the ballroom and began recapping the speech to the listening audience from notes that he had taken. Just a minute or two after he got into his recap he heard several sounds like balloons popping. He heard several such reports but he does not recall how many. He then switched his program to the news election service at the Biltmore Hotel so that he could find out what had happened since he also heard shouts in the area that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He tried to get closer to the scene of the action but he could not because of the large number of people assembled in the ballroom. The police arrived very quickly on the scene and he estimated that within six or seven minutes from the time he heard the shots the police had the area blocked off in a commendable fashion.

He did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time during the period preceding the shooting nor does he recall seeing a female Caucasian in a polka dot dress at any time during the evening.

He advised that he has tapes of what occurred in the ballroom following Senator KENNEDY's speech but he does not at this time consider anything of pertinent value since he was removed somewhat from the actual incident.

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by SA DAVID H. COOK/llg - 311 - Date dictated 6/26/68

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1Date 7/1/68

Mr. ART KEVIN, Director of Special Events, KHJ-AM Radio, 5515 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone No. 462-2133, advised the following:

On the morning of June 5, 1968, at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated, Mr. KEVIN was on duty for his company in the press section in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He was not in a position to see the shooting or any immediate aftermath.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and his brothers were exhibited to Mr. KEVIN. He said he had no recollection of seeing any of these persons and had never heard of them prior to the assassination.

He had no other information which, in his opinion, would have a bearing on the matter at this time. He said he would remain alert in the future and advise the FBI should anything come to his attention.

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by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/jmb Date dictated 6/28/68

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1Date 6/13/68

KAREN KLEIN, 1215 Lodi Place, Hollywood, California, (telephone 465-3166) was interviewed at the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, where she has been employed as a secretary in the press room.

KLEIN advised that she was present at the Ambassador Hotel on election night, June 4, 1968, at the time when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. She explained, however, that she was in the press room at the time of the shooting, and although she initially heard the confusion, that she now knows came from the shooting, she did not go to the area where KENNEDY was shot. She was not a witness to the shooting and the events which took place there. She stated that she has absolutely no further information which she feels relates to the incident. She noted that she had attempted to reconstruct events which occurred during her work in the past, prior, and during the assassination which might be meaningful at this time, but noted that she can recall nothing which took place that would indicate an attempt on the Senator's life was to take place.

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SA MYRON M. HITCH and
SA IRVIN B. WEELS, III/mlb/clp - 313 -
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1Date 7/11/68

KAREN KLEIN, Volunteer Worker for the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign, currently working on the KENNEDY Gun Control Program at 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, telephone 937-6380, related the following:

Concerning the identity of a group of singers consisting of one female and two male Caucasians and a male Negro, each in their late teens or early 20's, who had approached KLEIN on the podium in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, during the KENNEDY campaign party on June 4, 1968, she stated the following:

KLEIN recalled the group of singers, who had asked her if it was alright to sing from the podium. She did not know who they were and it appeared to be a bunch of kids, a pick-up group from the kids who hang around rallies seeking to capitalize on them by singing.

She had informed the group that they would not be allowed to sing from the podium but there was no objection to the group standing on the floor in front of the podium and singing. No name or names were used in connection with the group during their request of KLEIN. The latter had no knowledge of who they were or where they could be contacted. She had not seen them before and did not know if they were, in fact, an organized group.

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Date 7/8/68

Mr. HENRY KOKOJAN, 306 San Mateo Court, Irving, Texas, advised he is a cameraman with the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) at the present time. He stated that he and fellow employees on an NBC filming crew were present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles from 8:30 PM on the night of June 4, 1968, until the early hours of the morning of June 5, 1968. Mr. KOKOJAN said he and the NBC crew were stationed in the Embassy Room on that date for the purpose of filming the victory speech of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY following the California Primary election on June 4, 1968. Also present in the NBC crew on that date were Mr. A. W. RISSER, a soundman, Mr. CHARLES QUINN, a Washington correspondent for NBC, Mr. TOM McLENDON, an electrician for NBC, who resides in Houston, Texas, Mr. HERB DUDNICK, a coordinator for NBC, who resides in Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. HENRY GRIGGS, associated with NBC out of Washington, D. C.

Mr. KOKOJAN stated the Embassy Room on that evening was extremely crowded with people celebrating Senator KENNEDY's victory in the primary. He stated there were well-known entertainers present who were entertaining the crowd prior to midnight when Senator KENNEDY was expected to speak. He named one of the entertainers as the well-known singer ROSEMARY CLOONEY. The film being made by the NBC crew on that date was prepared for future use on the NBC network. KOKOJAN said prior to the time the NBC crew arrived in the Embassy Room, there was a French crew who was also there for filming purposes. Mr. KOKOJAN said some filming had taken place in the room before Senator KENNEDY arrived around midnight to make his victory speech. KOKOJAN said he and the NBC crew were stationed on a platform which had been erected on the opposite side of the Embassy Room from where Senator KENNEDY made his speech. This platform had been erected for network and television use.

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by SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR./tk Date dictated 7/1/68

KOKOJAN said after Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, he suddenly made his exit from the room through a rear entrance which was somewhat of a surprise to the filming crew who expected Senator KENNEDY to turn to his left from the stand and make his exit from the room through the main entrance door. KOKOJAN presumed Senator KENNEDY made his exit from the room in a different manner because of the huge crowd in the room which would have delayed his exit 15 or 20 minutes before he could reach the main door. He said he knew Senator KENNEDY was hurrying to another room for a press conference and presumed a last minute change had been made to expedite his departure.

KOKOJAN said at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot he was busy with his camera duties on the stand in the Embassy Room and he was not an eye witness to the shooting. He said he first became aware of some confusion at one of the rear doors to the room when he heard persons near the door screaming and crying. KOKOJAN said because the crew had finished shooting films of Senator KENNEDY's speech, no further filming activities were carried on by the crew after the shooting occurred. He said he does not have any photographs which were taken during or after the shooting occurred. He said he has never known nor has he ever seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time. He said he did not know who initiated the change in Senator KENNEDY's route for leaving the Embassy Room and he presumed this was a last minute change because of the tremendous crowd in the room.

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Mrs. BRENDA KRAMER who resides at 335 North Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, telephone number CR 4-3655, advised that she had been a worker at the KENNEDY Headquarters for approximately three or four weeks prior to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY and that she had worked most of the time in the capacity of a switchboard operator. She stated she was at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, only during the early evening hours. She stated that she was very tired that evening because of the long campaigning hours she had spent and so she left the hotel at approximately 9:30 p.m. and returned to her home. She stated that to her knowledge during the few hours she was at the hotel in the early part of the evening, she did not see anyone who in any way resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Date 6/20/68

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

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

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

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

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by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA Date dictated 6/20/68

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gestures and screaming at the suspect, who looked terrified. JESSIE UNRUH of Washington, D. C. got on a table and tried to get the crowd away from the suspect. UNRUH said, "We want this one alive."

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

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

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

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LITTLEWOOD raised the question as to how SIRHAN SIRHAN knew KENNEDY would use the kitchen corridor route to the Colonial Room from the Embassy Ballroom.

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

JULES WHITCOVER, Newhouse Papers,
Washington Press Building, Washington, D. C.

JACK GERMOND, Gennet Papers,
Washington Press Building, Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM THEIS, United Press

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

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Date 7/11/681

DENNIS LOPEZ, 1349 West Brazil, Compton, California, advised he is a self-employed artist and was at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, however he could not gain admittance into the Embassy Room of the hotel and thus did not observe the shooting or the person doing the shooting.

LOPEZ stated he was in the Ambassador Ballroom most of the evening and stood outside of the doorway to the Embassy Room part of the time. He did not see Senator KENNEDY or SIRHAN SIRHAN during his stay at the Ambassador.

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6/20/68

JAMES LOWE, 4620 Coliseum, Los Angeles, California, ^{Date} advised he recalled having told some young KENNEDY workers just before the end of Senator KENNEDY's speech at the Embassy Room that there had been a change in plans, that instead of exiting from the stage at the right, as one looks at the stage, from which point Senator KENNEDY and his party had entered, the new plans were that he was to exit from the left rear and go to the Colonial Room for a press conference. He said he had been told this by a well-dressed man from New York, whom he understood to be from New York.

Mr. LOWE stated he had furnished detailed information concerning this portion of the inquiry when previously interviewed by SA BAILEY of the Los Angeles Office.

He also stated he wanted to furnish the following additional information:

On June 14, 1968, he was talking with THAD HEATH, another member of the KENNEDY party, who was on stage at the time Senator KENNEDY spoke at the Embassy Room. He was also with the Senator when he was shot and held the people back. HEATH told LOWE he felt certain he had seen SIRHAN sitting on stage the night Senator KENNEDY gave a speech at Temple Isaiah, 10345 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, about three weeks ago. HEATH said this man was just sitting on stage, looking out into the audience.

LOWE, who was also present at Temple Isaiah on the night in question, said he does not remember seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN.

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In LOWE's presence, LENA SMITH telephoned KAREN GANLEY, another young professional KENNEDY worker. LENA SMITH mentioned to KAREN GANLEY that someone closely resembling SIRHAN had been seen onstage at Temple Isaiah, and discussed with GANLEY the fact that someone with a similar name had been calling her for dates. GANLEY said she did not believe the man onstage, who may have had some resemblance to SIRHAN, was identical with SIRHAN. She said she had also been called by someone with a name SHAN, SHAWN, or something similar, asking for a date, but had turned him down.

LOWE asked LENA SMITH where this man might have gotten her telephone number, and she suggested the possibility he may have gotten it from KENNEDY headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

LOWE then talked with LINDA SUCKNEY, secretary at KENNEDY headquarters. She recalled talking with a young man who volunteered his services as a KENNEDY worker and filled out an application. She believed he had a first name resembling JAMESTED, and remarked that he was an exchange student from one of the Arab countries. She recalled that he had asked for, and been given, the telephone numbers of LENA SMITH and KAREN GANLEY.

LOWE said he is chairman of the Membership Committee of the local KENNEDY organization. BILL EVANSON is co-chairman, and currently has all the application forms of volunteer workers at his home. LOWE estimated there are about 600 such forms, and said EVANSON would be glad to furnish them for review.

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Mr. RICHARD G. LUBIC, 2010 Hillcrest Drive, Hollywood, California, advised as follows:

He currently is president of the Color Corporation of America, 9000 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, a closed-circuit television company. He attended the victory celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, as the guest of RICHARD A. KLEIN, Public Relations Director, Southern California KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters. LUBIC formerly was associated with "Time" magazine and television station KHJ, Los Angeles, Channel 9. He has traveled with Senator KENNEDY and is well known to KENNEDY and the people associated with the KENNEDY election campaign.

LUBIC wanted to congratulate Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY upon his election victory in California and stood close to the speaker's rostrum to await the opportunity. LUBIC noted KENNEDY had arrived at the speaker's rostrum via a door behind the rostrum and anticipated that he might exit through this door. A minute or less prior to the termination of the speech, LUBIC checked to determine if this area might be appropriate to attempt to speak to KENNEDY. LUBIC noted that access to the corridor behind the rostrum could be reached through two doors. He also made casual observation of the corridor area beyond the doors and has a recollection of seeing a woman dressed in white in the corridor. LUBIC assumed the woman was a hotel employee probably assigned to the kitchen. He has no recollection of observing anyone else in the corridor.

After making this brief check, LUBIC returned to the front of the speaker's rostrum just as KENNEDY completed his talk. LUBIC then followed KENNEDY as he left the rostrum. LUBIC noted KENNEDY was going to exit the room via the corridor behind the rostrum as anticipated. He also noted KENNEDY was headed for the far door to the corridor. LUBIC entered the corridor via the closer door and was at KENNEDY's right shoulder as he walked down the corridor.

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LUBIC thought KENNEDY saw him and recognized him, and LUBIC continued walking with KENNEDY waiting for him to stop shaking hands with people and to acknowledge him. LUBIC heard an unidentified voice saying, "KENNEDY, you son of a bitch," and then heard two shots which sounded like shots from a starter pistol at a track meet. LUBIC did not identify the source of the voice and did not immediately determine the source of the shots. He quickly noted, however, an individual with a gun. This individual was located on the left side of the corridor and had his right knee on a small table or air conditioning unit and had raised himself up on this knee to obtain elevation while shooting.

LUBIC has no recollection of hearing the sounds of additional shots, but recalls seeing the gun and the arm of the assailant and noted the jerk of the gun and the arm, apparently caused by the recoil action of the gun. LUBIC noted KENNEDY had fallen and was bleeding from the back of his head. LUBIC sought cover behind an ice machine or table in the corridor under the assumption the shooting would continue. Prior to seeking cover, LUBIC had observed the expression in KENNEDY's eyes and assumed he was mortally wounded.

LUBIC then noted that one or more of the hotel employees and other people were struggling with the assailant in an attempt to disarm him and to subdue him. LUBIC got up and linked arms with two hotel security employees to keep the crowd in the kitchen area from coming into the corridor. During this period, the assailant was still being subdued and disarmed. LUBIC remained in this area until police took custody of the assailant and removed him from the hotel.

The following day, LUBIC recognized news media photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as being identical with the assailant.

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1Date 6/9/68

AUGUSTUS MALLARD, 609 West 94th Street, advised he is employed by the Ace Guard Service, 8720 Woodley Avenue, Sepulveda, California, as a guard and was assigned to the Ambassador Hotel for the evening of June 4, 1968.

MALLARD arrived at the hotel at 6:00 p.m., and was assigned initially to guard the Embassy Room. While on duty in the Embassy Room foyer, MALLARD saw a man dressed in a wind-breaker jacket and dark slacks loitering in the foyer. He later recognized this individual to be SIRHAN. MALLARD advised the individual appeared to be an off-duty waiter or bellhop and was not acting in a suspicious manner.

About 7:00 p.m., MALLARD was assigned to the Venetian Room to guard Mr. RAFFERTY's function, and he remained there throughout the shift. MALLARD took a break about 8:00 p.m. and while walking past the Le Cafe Lautrec area, MALLARD saw SIRHAN loitering in this area. MALLARD stated this was the last time he saw SIRHAN and added that he never observed SIRHAN talking with anyone, stating that SIRHAN was alone both times he observed him.

After midnight, while on duty outside the Venetian Room, MALLARD observed an individual come crashing through the crowd, pushing people down, and he heard shouts of "Stop that man." Upon hearing these shouts, MALLARD apprehended the individual, who was the source of most of the confusion in the hallway outside the Embassy Room and handcuffed him. MALLARD advised the individual turned out to be a reporter for a Los Angeles paper, who was trying to get to a telephone and that after he turned this individual over to Los Angeles Police Department officers, he went home.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/17/68

SHERRY MARKS, 12309 Tigrina, Whittier, California, advised that she formerly worked at the KENNEDY for President Campaign Headquarters located at 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. Miss MARKS said that she was a volunteer worker at the campaign headquarters. She said she was at the Ambassador Hotel during the night of June 4-5, 1968. She said that she has no information to offer concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, as she was not in the immediate area of where he was shot.

Miss MARKS said that she has seen newspaper photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, and she does not recall ever having met this individual. She said she did not see this individual at the Ambassador Hotel prior to the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot. She added that she did get a glimpse of SIRHAN SIRHAN as the police were escorting him out of the hotel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/17/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/5/681

Mr. JOHN MARSHALL, announcer, Radio Station KFWB, 6419 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

He and a co-employee WARREN G. WILSON were the announcers for Radio Station KFWB's coverage of the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968. Mr. LOUIS GOLDOWITZ was the station's engineer at the hotel. He advised that following Senator KENNEDY's speech, the station went off the air. Although neither he nor the other members of the crew heard shots, the commotion behind the rostrum was noted. MARSHALL ascertained that the Senator had been shot, and the station went back on the air. MARSHALL continued broadcasting his observations of the activity taking place at the hotel.

MARSHALL did not observe the shooting and he did not see SIRHAN. MARSHALL said that at about the time of the shooting, he was located about 25 feet away from the terrace door of the Embassy Room. He said he subsequently learned a witness had alleged that a girl in a polka dot dress saying, "We've shot him, we've shot him" had exited from this door. MARSHALL said he had searched his memory and had no recollection of seeing this girl. He said he was mentioning this for what ever value it might have. He noted that he was concentrating on his announcing and did not observe every person using this door.

MARSHALL could furnish no additional, pertinent information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/27/68

Mrs. WINNIE THERESA MARSHALL, 12741 Chandler, North Hollywood, California, advised that she had contacted the FBI, Los Angeles, California, in regards to an interview with her adopted brother PAUL BENEDICT, who resides at her residence. She advised that PAUL had stated that he had been interviewed by the FBI in regard to the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that she had desired to know his involvement in the matter. Mrs. MARSHALL stated that PAUL had resided with her mother, Mrs. MARGARET MC CARTHY, 419 Stansbury Street, Sherman Oaks, California until he was 18 years of age at which time he left home and went to New Orleans, Louisiana to reside with his true father, JOE BENEDICT, whose address she did not know. She advised that PAUL had returned to California about three months ago and that his actions have led her to believe that he had been mentally affected while in New Orleans.

Mrs. MARSHALL stated confidentially that PAUL is her sister's son by BENEDICT though they were never married. She advised that PAUL was told of this when he became 16 years of age and since that time had wanted to locate his father. She advised that when PAUL went to New Orleans, he located BENEDICT and resided with his family. She stated that PAUL has told her that the BENEDICT family "practiced witchcraft" and that while in New Orleans someone had placed a curse on him. She further advised that PAUL has made statements that he has received gifts from God and Mrs. MARSHALL stated that he has a very colorful imagination. She stated further that he was brought up in a very religious atmosphere and many of his ideas are currently influenced by the religious training he received while living with his grandmother and apparently by his stay in New Orleans.

She further advised that while in New Orleans, PAUL applied for his citizenship papers and that shortly after that he was called into the Army. She stated that when he was called into the Army he took the name of PAUL BENEDICT although the name on his birth certificate is ANTHONY TERRANCE MC CARTHY. She stated that while PAUL was in the Army he spent sometime in the psychiatric ward and later received a medical discharge.

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Mrs. MARSHALL advised that most of her family and relatives are in show business and that PAUL has also expressed a desire to do the same. Mrs. MARSHALL stated that PAUL's date of birth is

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Mrs. MARSHALL advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel in the Grand Ballroom the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. She advised that her mother, two sisters and herself had participated in distributing KENNEDY literature and had helped to comprise several KENNEDY caravans and in general took a very active interest in his primary bid. She stated that on the night of June 4, 1968 her mother, MARGARET MC CARTHY, her sister, GERIE MC CARTHY, 4419 Stansbury, Sherman Oaks, California, her sister MARY TOWLEY, 22344 Boltar Street, Canoga Park, California, EILEEN ANDERSON, 9812 Yocum Drive, Beverly Hills, California and her boy friend, PHIL LITROW, Azalea Drive, Tarzana, California, her husband, CHRIS MARSHALL, PAUL BENEDICT and herself had arrived at the Ambassador Hotel about 9:30 p.m.

She stated that they were on the stage most of the evening singing KENNEDY songs and generally mixing with the crowd. She stated that at about 11:50 p.m. or midnight her husband CHRIS had left the stage and moved to a smaller sideroom. She stated that while he was going to this other room he passed a fire escape area. She stated that while he was near the fire escape either he or GERIE MC CARTHY, who had accompanied him, observed a girl and a young man come down the fire escape shouting, "They've shot him". Mrs. MARSHALL stated that GERIE had told her the girl had worn a polka dot dress and had been saying, "KENNEDY has been shot".

Mrs. MARSHALL stated she did not immediately learn of the shooting until her husband came back to the stage and told her that KENNEDY had been shot. She advised that the situation was such in the ballroom that it was difficult to hear anything over the noise and that the first official knowledge that anyone

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there had was when an unknown woman came to the stage and made an announcement that KENNEDY was wounded. She stated that immediately after that police came into the Grand Ballroom area and requested that everyone quietly leave the ballroom and that they also took all of the balloons away from the crowd.

Mrs. MARSHALL stated that about 20 minutes after this happened, PAUL went to the Embassy Room which was immediately above the Grand Ballroom. She advised that he later told her about the confusion but that he had not seen anything except one woman who had appeared to be shot.

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Date 6/26/68

JAMES R. MENEFIELD, 1000 West Arbutus Street, Compton, California, telephone NE 6-1464, who is employed by North American Rockwell, Inglewood, California, telephone OR 0-8151, advised that he had been a member of the Compton for KENNEDY Committee. Since he was on this committee he decided to go to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968 for KENNEDY's victory speech. MENEFIELD parked about one block north of the Ambassador in a service station driveway. He was alone and arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at 10:45 p.m. After he had entered the Ambassador Hotel he went to the room where KENNEDY was supposed to speak, by way of the kitchen. MENEFIELD saw nothing while entering the hotel.

MENEFIELD believes that he was in the Embassy Room and after he had been there for a short while Senator KENNEDY came and spoke. The Senator then turned and went out a back door and in a few minutes MENEFIELD heard some noise in the kitchen. He then heard screaming. He started towards the double door that leads into the kitchen to investigate the noise and a woman came out of the door with blood on her head and said, "They shot him".

MENEFIELD walked back to the kitchen, looked through a crowd of people and saw the back of Senator KENNEDY's head. He realized at that time that it was the Senator who had been shot. He saw another man, who had apparently been shot, sitting in a chair. MENEFIELD was very upset and had not fully understood the whole situation so he then walked back to the auditorium. He stated he stayed at the hotel until around 3:00 a.m. when he called his wife.

Nothing unusual was noticed by MENEFIELD and he had heard nothing about any type of violence.

After viewing a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN he advised that he had never seen him before.

MENEFIELD stated he only knew two people that were at the Ambassador and they were Dr. and Mrs. ROSS MILLER from Compton, California. While at the meeting he met a SHERWIN GAINES, who

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is Western Regional Manager for Compton - Richmond Company,
Incorporated, 1336 Sanfee Street, Los Angeles, California.

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Date 6/13/681

JACK J. MERRITT, 10109 Swenton Street, Sepulveda, California, advised as follows:

On the night of June 4, 1968, he was working as a Security Guard at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. At approximately 12:20 a.m. on June 5, 1968, a number of people came running out of the Ambassador Ballroom, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his supporters had been having a victory celebration, shouting, "KENNEDY has been shot". He left his post at the entrance to the ballroom and went inside. In the kitchen he saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor with a hotel employee and Mrs. KENNEDY, the Senator's wife, crouched near him. He noticed another man standing up holding his stomach. He also saw CARL (last name unknown), a hotel employee, trying to wrest a pistol from the hand of an individual whose name he now knows to be SIRHAN SIRHAN. There was a great deal of confusion and people were shouting, "Get the gun! Get the gun!". In the confusion he noticed, among others, two men and a woman leaving the kitchen through a back exit. He could not see the woman's face but believed that she was approximately 5'5" tall, with light colored hair, and wearing a polka dot dress. One of the men was about 6'2" tall with dark hair and wearing a dark suit. The other man was approximately 5'5" or 5'6" tall and also wearing a suit. He could not describe these individuals in any greater detail and does not believe that he could identify them if he saw them again. Other people also left.

He remained in the kitchen for approximately ten minutes before he went back to his post at the doorway of the Ambassador Ballroom. He had no further information concerning this incident.

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Date 7/5/68

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On June 19, 1968, FELICIA MESSURI, 16 Fairview Avenue, Tarrytown, New York, wife of ANTHONY MESSURI, National Broadcasting Corporation - Television (NBC-TV) Director, telephonically contacted the White Plains, New York Resident Agency and furnished the information set forth below to SA FRANCIS P. GREALY:

She had accompanied her husband to Los Angeles, California and was present in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. She was, at the time of the shooting, standing on a packing crate at the rear of the ballroom. Standing next to her was MARY WHALEN, whose husband, WILLIAM C. WHALEN, is an NBC Associate Director. They had been standing there following Senator KENNEDY's speech and departure from the podium, when they heard the shrieking cries and saw the scuffling of the crowd, and learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

After the initial hysteria over the shooting, a man turned toward her and said something to her. At the time this incident had no significance but, since there has been talk of a conspiracy regarding this assassination, the occurrence has been on her mind and she believed it might have some bearing on the shooting. Her present recollection is that this man said something to the following effect: "You saw me! You witnessed the fact that I was standing here when the senator departed!" Those are not the exact words, but she gained the impression he was trying to establish that he was in her view when Senator KENNEDY was shot.

Mrs. WHALEN was present when this unknown man made this statement; which he addressed to both of them. Mrs. MESSURI recently discussed this incident with Mrs. WHALEN, who recalled that she had also seen this unknown man in the ballroom crowd earlier, during Senator KENNEDY's speech, carrying a small black object which she assumed was a pocket radio.

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Mrs. MESSURI described the unknown man as white, 40-50 years old, 6 feet tall, heavy set, dark complexion, black curly hair, wearing maroon knit shirt. She could not decide his possible nationality. He displayed no physical characteristics but indicated a sense of urgency in his actions and manner of speaking. No accent was detected.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/26/68

SANDRA METTETAL, Reporter, City News Service, 417 South Hill, Los Angeles, California, Room 460, phone 625-7601, advised as follows:

On June 4, 1968, she was assigned to cover Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel. At approximately 10:30 P.M. she went to the Embassy Room and sat on the platform to insure that she would be close to Senator KENNEDY when he addressed the rally. At approximately 11:00 P.M. she went out the main door of the Embassy Room to get a drink and visit the restroom. When she was returning she was told by a guard that she could not enter the Embassy Room through that door but had to proceed through the Colonial Room. She did this and then proceeded through the kitchen area on her way to the Embassy Room and in passing through this area she observed between five and ten individuals there. Since she was not looking for anyone she did not pay too much attention to these individuals but she had the impression that they were all employees of the hotel. She does not recall seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN there or a female Caucasian wearing a polka dot dress.

In order to gain access to the platform she had to enter a closed door, which was opened for her by one member of a small singing group, which frequently leads Senator KENNEDY's rallies in singing the song "This Man is My Man". This group comprised one male Negro, two Caucasian males and one Caucasian female, and the males were dressed in orange trousers and white sweaters. She stated that the area behind the curtains, on the platform, was a semi-room with a piano. The singing group was practicing here.

She waited on the platform and assisted an unknown male Caucasian with dark hair in his early 20's, who she stated is employed by Continental Recordings. She helped him set up his microphones as well as another individual by the name of STEVE BELL, who she stated is an ABC radio reporter.

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When Senator KENNEDY made his speech she was on the platform to Senator KENNEDY's left. When he finished his speech she rushed to the phones to call her office. As she was doing this she observed Senator KENNEDY leave the platform through some curtains which were on the rear of the platform. A few minutes later while still on the phone she first learned that something was wrong when a woman screamed "Oh my God". She then heard others in the general area state that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and this was followed by other screams and shouts.

She advised that she could not get closer to the scene of the shooting in the kitchen area due to the large crowd, and she can furnish no further information regarding the shooting.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/11/68

SANDRA METTETAL, Reporter, City Newspaper Service, 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, advised the following by phone on July 3, 1968:

With respect to details on a group of singers, who SANDRA had observed in the Embassy Room during the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party, SANDRA described them as being in their late teens or early 20's. The group, consisting of one female and two white male Caucasians and one male Negro, had approached SANDRA, who was standing on the podium in the Embassy Room where Senator KENNEDY was to speak. The group did not appear to have a name but asked SANDRA if it would be okay to get upon the podium and sing. SANDRA said she would not have the authority to authorize the request and referred them to someone on the KENNEDY staff nearby. These singers were dressed in white sweaters and orange trousers. When last observed the group was talking to KAREN KLINE of the KENNEDY campaign staff. KLINE is currently working at the former Senator KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters at 5616 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. The work is presently devoted to gun control.

SANDRA continued that she had no information as to the identity to the group of singers or where they may be located. Further, she did not know whether they would be potential witnesses or not.

A person observed on the podium during the KENNEDY campaign party in the Embassy Room was a male Caucasian in his early 20's, who was employed by Continental Recordings. He had recording equipment and was believed to have a press pass. His name is not known to SANDRA but he had been observed driving a large white automobile with large blue lettering "Continental Recordings."

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1Date 7/11/68

Mr. JEFF BRENT, employee of Continental News, a Division of the Continental Recordings, 15300 Ventura Boulevard, Room 211, Sherman Oaks, California, phone 784-5488, advised by phone following attempts to contact him for appointment:

BRENT said that he was acquainted with SANDRA METTETAL, Reporter of City News Service, and had seen her at the Ambassador Hotel during the Senator KENNEDY campaign party in the Embassy Room. Both he and "SANDY" had worked at the affair.

With respect to himself as a potential witness, Mr. BRENT said that at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, BRENT was in the Embassy Room, had not witnessed the shooting nor had he been in a position to see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, who was charged with the shooting.

The only potential witness BRENT could recommend was an acquaintance, TED CHARACH, who works as a freelance communications man and who was observed in the Embassy Room during the KENNEDY campaign party. CHARACH has telephone number 462-3421.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/24/68

Mrs. IRIS R. MILLER, 1319 South Atlantic Drive, Compton, California (formerly of 620 South Sloan, Compton, California) was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and that she was being contacted for an appointment to discuss her knowledge of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mrs. MILLER advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, and June 5, 1968, but she had no knowledge of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY as she was in the news room watching television at the time of the shooting.

She stated that she could furnish no information concerning the above incident.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/1/68

LOUIS STEPHEN MOONEY, III, residing 3052 Nevada, El Monte, California, telephone 442-8830, furnished the following information:

MOONEY stated that he is employed as a spotlight attendant out of Local 33 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, telephone DU 2-2321. On the evening of June 4, 1968, he was assigned to work the spotlight for the Righteous Brothers show in the Coconut Grove. MOONEY stated that he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel about 9:00 p.m. that evening and went directly to the club room using the employees entrance on the ground floor through the kitchen. He visited no other places in the hotel. At approximately 11:30 p.m. the show was finished and he went directly to his car and returned to his home in El Monte.

MOONEY viewed photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and stated that he had not seen him prior to the following morning when he saw his photograph in the newspaper and on television.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	June 19, 1947
	Pasadena, California
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Glasses, small mustache
Social Security No.	<input type="text"/>
Marital Status	Single

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1Date 6/27/68

DEBBIE J. MOONEYHAM, residing at 5860 Fitzpatrick Street, advised that she and her girl friend MARY MC MAHON arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California at about 10:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968. Miss MOONEYHAM said she and MARY walked around the hotel and visited the campaign rooms of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and MAX RAFFERTY.

She recalled around 12:00 midnight she was walking in the lobby on the floor below where the campaign room for Senator KENNEDY was located. She stated that she heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Police were clearing the bottom floors of the hotel, shortly after she heard this.

Miss MOONEYHAM stated that she and MARY stayed at the hotel until sometime around 2:00 or 3:00 a.m.

She stated that she had never heard the name SIRHAN SIRHAN before and does not recall seeing him at the hotel at any time. She stated that she does not recall seeing any girl at the hotel wearing a polka dot dress.

On 6/19/68 at Hidden Hills, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

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by SA JOHN F. MORRISON/nmb Date dictated 6/24/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/28/68

JOHN MORRIS, 170 West End Avenue, Picture Editor, "New York Times", advised that at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot in Los Angeles, he was in the room but was stationed underneath the TV Cameras and did not see the shooting occur. Shortly after the shooting he attempted to go near the kitchen where the shooting occurred but could not enter the kitchen due to the crowd.

He further advised that he had his wife contact the "New York Times" to advise them of the shooting and was not until several hours later that they again met. He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN before the shooting or after the shooting.

On 6/28/68 at Telephonically, 344 New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY:jrf Date dictated 6/28/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/28/68

MIDGE MORRIS, 170 West End Avenue, wife of JOHN MORRIS, Picture Editor, "New York Times", advised that she was at the hotel on the night that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. She was situated under the TV Cameras at the time the Senator made his victory speech but was not near the kitchen when he was shot.

She further advised that from approximately 10:30 to 11:00 p.m., on the night of the shooting in the downstairs area of the hotel, she saw a young couple who looked like beatniks. At that time she commented to herself that they seemed out of place at the hotel because of the way they were dressed. The unidentified male had dark features and was of slight stature. She could not be certain if this individual was SIRHAN SIRHAN even though she had seen pictures of him in the news media. She is not certain how the girl was dressed, only that she was shorter than the male. This is the only incident which she can recall that might have had any relation to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. She did not see these individuals again at the hotel or since that time.

On 6/26/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY:jrfDate dictated 6/28/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/26/68

ALBERT MOSLEY, 209 South Willow, Compton, California, who is employed as Advertising Director, "Los Angeles Community Sports", 1214 North Wilmington, Compton, California, advised that he had been a political supporter of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for some time and as such he decided to go to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968 to see how Senator KENNEDY's campaign was doing.

MOSLEY arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at about 10:30 p.m. and parked just south of Wilshire Boulevard. He entered the hotel from Wilshire and proceeded to a room that was apparently down stairs from where Senator KENNEDY was speaking. People were yelling, "We want KENNEDY", but Senator KENNEDY never came down to this room. MOSLEY is not sure of the room but advised that it was some type of auditorium. MOSLEY had come from Compton to the Ambassador Hotel with MAXIE FILER, who resides at 542 West Arbutus, Compton, California and was with FILER throughout the evening.

While MOSLEY was talking to a person he had met at the hotel a woman came up, touched him on the arm and said that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot. MOSLEY did not believe it at first but later he realized that it was true because of the way the people in the hotel were acting. MOSLEY left soon after he had heard about the Senator.

MOSLEY noticed nothing unusual while he was at the Ambassador Hotel and had heard nothing of any type of violence.

After viewing a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, MOSLEY advised that to his knowledge he had never seen this man.

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by SA LEONARD M. HALE/nmb Date dictated 6/20/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/20/68

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

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

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

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

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On 6/19/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

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