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June 6, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is to advise that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a Jordanian national, has been identified as the individual who shot Senator Robert F. Kennedy at 12:15 a. m., Pacific Daylight Time, June 5, 1968, in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel at Los Angeles, California. The Senator subsequently died at 1:44 a. m., Pacific Daylight Time, June 6, 1968, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles.

After the assailant was taken into custody by authorities, he refused to identify himself or otherwise discuss this matter. He was shortly thereafter charged by the Los Angeles Police Department with intent to commit murder and held on \$250,000 bond.

His brother, Adel Sirhan, notified authorities as to Sirhan's true identity. The FBI subsequently identified Sirhan's fingerprints as being identical with those of an individual by the same name which were submitted by the California State Horse Racing Board during 1965.

According to the Los Angeles Police Department, the weapon used in the assassination was an eight-shot .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol. All eight shots were expended. Records of the California Department of Justice show this pistol to have been sold on August 10, 1965, to one Albert Leslie Hertz of Alhambra, California. It was subsequently traced by police authorities through several parties to one of Sirhan's brothers, Munir Sirhan.

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Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, according to records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, was born on [redacted] in Jerusalem, Palestine. His current address was given as 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. Immigration and Naturalization Service records show he entered this country on January 12, 1957, with his father, Bishara Salameh Ghattas Sirhan, his mother, Mary, four brothers and a sister who is now deceased. His brothers, Adel, Munir, and Saidallah, are currently shown as residing with their mother and Sirhan at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. The fourth brother, Sharif, is a resident of Highland Park, California. His father allegedly resides now in Jordan.

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Our Los Angeles Office reports that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan graduated from high school in Pasadena, California. He thereafter attended Pasadena City College, a junior college, for approximately two years, but did not graduate. He formerly worked as a race horse exercise boy and during September, 1966, sustained a head injury after falling from a horse. Interviews with his family indicate his behavior has changed considerably since this injury. Records of the State of California reveal he was awarded a settlement on March 27, 1968, in the sum of \$2,000. His brother, Adel, advised the assailant has been unemployed for the past three months. When taken into custody he had \$409 in cash on his person.

During a search of his room in the Pasadena family home numerous items, including notations advocating the overthrow of the President of the United States and statements alluding to the necessity for assassinating Robert F. Kennedy, were found. According to United States Attorney William Matthew Byrne, Jr., Central District of California, who had been in contact with the office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney, this material should not be disclosed publicly prior to the trial nor should it be made available to unauthorized persons since it could have a serious adverse effect upon successful prosecution in either Federal or State court. One handwritten page bearing the date May 18, 1968, 9:45 a. m., contains numerous notations among which are "My determination to eliminate RFK is becoming more the more of an unshakeable obsession." "RFK must die - RFK must be killed. Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated." Another page contains the handwritten statement that "The so-called President of the United States

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of America will be advised of their punishments for their treasonable crimes against the state. More over we believe that the glorious United States of America will eventually be felled by a blow of an assassin's bullet. "

A third page contains the following statement. "Ambassador Goldberg must die die die. " Repeated numerous times on this same page appears "Goldberg will be illiminated. "

Page four contains the statement "Kennedy must die - Kennedy must fall, " which is repeated numerous times.

—Page five contains the statement that "RFK must be disposed of like his brother was. "

The statement "I advocate the overthrow of the current President of the (obscene) United States of America. I have no absolute plans yet - but soon will compose some" appears on page six.

Page seven contains the statement "Well, my solution to this type of Govt. today is to do away with its leaders and declare anarchy, - the best form of Govt. or no Govt. "

On page eight appears the statement "I believe that I can effect the death of Bert C. Altfillisch, " who was the employer of Sirhan at the time he was thrown from a horse during September, 1966.

Also appearing was the notation "Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated before 5 June 68. "

In addition, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is an active member of the Communist Party in California advised that he received information from an associate of Sirhan's to the effect he was extremely anti-Semitic in his views, was in favor of the Vietcong and supported some Communist Party ideals. Sirhan, according to this source, had been thoroughly briefed on Communist Party activities at the University of California at Los Angeles within the last two weeks. Although it was reported to this source that an attempt had been made to recruit Sirhan into the Communist Party, Sirhan allegedly has not engaged in any Communist Party activities.

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Investigation by the FBI is continuing in order to determine the full facts surrounding this situation and in order to ascertain if Sirhan acted alone.

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# Memorandum

TO : George A. Reeves  
Administration  
Room 6326

DATE: June 5, 1969

FROM : *MH* Martha Hocutt  
Research Analyst

SUBJECT: Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, Subject; Robert F. Kennedy,  
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Thank you for your attention.

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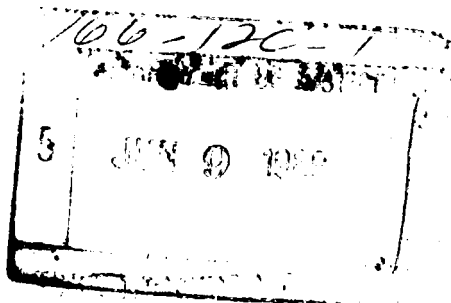
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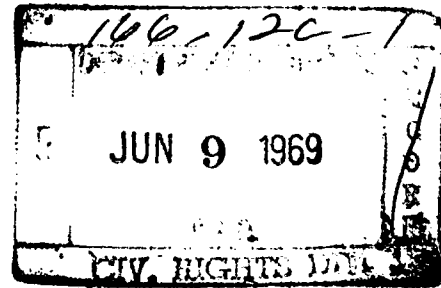
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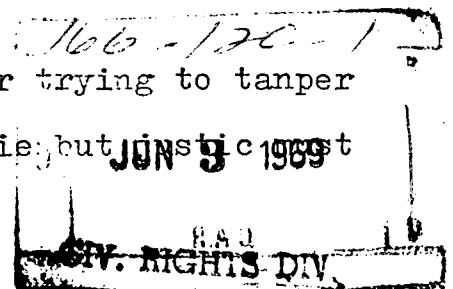
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Dear Sir,

I was watching television and I could not help but to write concerning the murder cases that have gone to court recently. I understand Goldwater also Edward Kennedy have requested in a message to Gov Reagan that the life of Sirhan be spared. Well, sir please tell me and the world that has been keeping up with these cases, what is the difference between one murder and another? For instent we have Sirhan who premeditadidly killed a US. Sentor, while James E Ray killed a non violent minester the Rev King, who trying to bring a better America in his fight to bring the races together. Now sir we come to Ahmid Evans convicted of killing three polic emen and a by stander but aperson no matter how many people a person kill he can only die once for the crimes, so Mr Ray got life for killing Rev King with chanches of a shorter sentence or parole, later, Sirhan, well every <sup>one</sup> is trying to get him off the hook. But now Amid Evans must die and that is all there is to it, Why, ??? because he killed ?? or because he killed white people ?? or because he s black? ??? These questions should be answered at the Attorney Generals office before this man Ahmid Evans is put to death, and made public why some people can kill get away but only certain ones must face the grim death ahead.

I am not taking up for no one party but I beleive every <sup>one</sup> that takes A human life in the course of murder regardless of race or color should walk the same path wheather it be life in prison or death in any way.

I also am surprised at Goldwater + Ed Kennedy for trying to tanper with justic we Americans hate to see any one die, but justic prevail.



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I hear they have a committee in Washington trying to find out the cause of rioting and black militant uprising, well, what are the black people suppose to think of these murder cases where the black man is the only one that will most likely be put to death when they have/ø comited the same crime in all three cases,

So i am writing hoping I have brought something to light that a lot of other people are wondering about This is all Thanking you for your time and instrest

I remain,

A intrested party,

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P.S, note what if Sirhan was spared and released later wind up killing one of our Presidents then what ,???????

If Ahnid Evans would have killed Sencor Kennedy would he have lived as long as Sirhan have ?????????



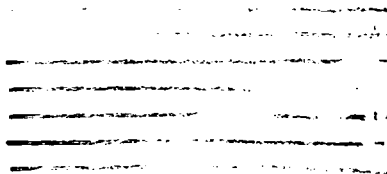
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*JMS* FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KENSALT

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In connection with requests contained in referenced letter of February 25, 1969, the following points not covered in referenced memorandum of April 24, 1969, are set forth for your information.

Copies of all reports of the Los Angeles Police Department pertaining to the Walter Crowe aspect of instant investigation have been furnished your office.

The individual named "Bill" referred to on page three of referenced letter of February 25, 1969, is identical with a source of this Bureau known to your Department as confidential informant 20L (Los Angeles). This source has been previously interviewed by Department Attorneys in connection with proposed Subversive Activities Control Board hearings scheduled to be held in the Los Angeles area.

There is no information presently available indicating that Walter Crowe ever traveled outside the continental limits of the United States.

Investigation to date has not disclosed that a communist conspiracy has existed in the relationship between Sirhan Sirhan, Walter Crowe and the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Interviews of members of the Communist Party (CP) Club to which Walter Crowe belonged were not conducted as: confidential informant 20L (Los Angeles) is a member of this CP Club and is cognizant of pertinent activities occurring within the Club; it is felt that these interviews, if conducted, might possibly jeopardize the

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There is no information available indicating that Thomas Good was ever a member of the CP in the Southern California District. He has been reliably reported as being a CP member of a CP Youth Club located in the Northern California District.

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Pertinent information concerning the travel of Thomas Good to Havana, Cuba, in the Summer of 1968 is contained in San Francisco report of Special Agent Malcolm E. Sample, dated March 5, 1969, concerning Good, a copy of which has been previously furnished recipients of this letter.

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TRUTH LETTER

An Antidote to Official Mendacity and Newsfaking in the Press

Vol. I, No. 17

May 15, 1969

EDITORIAL: Nixon, get rid of J. Edgar Hoover before he gets you.

Was "Truth Letter" Unfair to the Kennedys?

In response to my article "The Shame of the Kennedy Clan" (TL, May 1st) I have received a communication from a source evidently in close touch with the Kennedy family which earnestly questions my conclusion that the Kennedys' total lack of reaction to the outrage of the Sirhan trial indicates that they must be either fools, or cowards, or just plainly indifferent to the crimes of Dallas and Los Angeles.

My informant points out that there is a fourth possibility which I failed to take into account, to wit that the Kennedys, well aware of the true facts, the background and the inspiration of the two murders, and determined to bring the culprits to justice, are just biding their time for tactical reasons and will strike back when the moment is ripe. In raising this point, which I evidently did not overlook, but have had so far no reason to credit, my informant strongly suggests that a surprise move by the Kennedys that will throw the conspirators into a panic may be just around the corner.

I still can't bring myself to believe that the surviving members of the Kennedy clan will have the guts to do something drastic to end the intolerable status quo of total deception, but I'll keep an open mind, for I'm rather impressed by the communication I have received. If the Kennedys are really working hard but clandestinely to expose the real assassins of the President and the Senator and to avenge the two murders - hurrah and more power to them!

One Down, Two More to Go

TRUTH LETTER today is able to reveal the name of one of three Southern businessmen with KKK affiliations who conspired to arrange and pay for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. He is, or rather was, Leander R. Perez Sr., multimillionaire, longtime boss of Plaquemines Parish and a kingpin of Louisiana politics. The "Judge," as Perez was called by friend and foe, was an out-and-out segregationist and, though a registered Democrat, an ardent supporter of former Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama. In the spring of 1967, Perez and two like-minded friends - one a fellow New Orleans businessman, the other a Mississippian - got together to recruit a couple of professional thugs who would take care of Dr. King. For a handsome fee, the trio were able to enlist the services of an experienced marksman who had already taken part in the Dealey Plaza ambush, in which President Kennedy was slain, and who now was using the cover name of "Eric Starvo Galt." This fellow was quite willing to commit a second murder, but he wasn't going to take the rap if anything happened to go wrong. So it was decided to bring a decoy into the game and that part fell to James Earl Ray whose "escape" from the Missouri State Penitentiary was also arranged and paid for by Perez and his two accomplices.

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In the preparatory stage of the crime, Ray also assumed the identity of "Eric Starvo Galt," in order to shield his accomplice, the real killer and to throw off potential pursuers. In the end, however, Ray was doublecrossed by his alter ego and forced to take the rap for a murder he did not commit (for the full details of this fantastic imbroglio, see "The James Earl Ray Hoax!")

Perez, perhaps not the mastermind but certainly the chief financier of this operation, suddenly died on March 19, 1969, at his sumptuous estate outside New Orleans, allegedly of a heart attack. As he was 77 years old, the possibility that this was for once a genuine heart attack evidently exists. On the other hand, in view of the ever-lengthening chain of suspicious deaths that has followed the three great assassinations, the possibility of foul play cannot be ruled out either. Here is wishing more of the same for Perez' accomplices in plotting the dastardly Dr. King murder!

#### Who Is James Hepburn? (ctd. from TL 14, p. 3)

Even as I pondered the matter and contacted various potential sources of information for further enlightenment, the mysterious James Hepburn quite unexpectedly popped again into the picture. Indeed, on Oct. 20, 1968, Bild am Sonntag published an article entitled "Why Does America's Jackie Marry the Greek Onassis?" which carried the by-lines of James Hepburn and Goesta Schilling. The latter is a staff correspondent of the paper. The way the story was handled made it clear that the bulk of the information contained in it came from Hepburn while Schilling had been instrumental in rewriting and editing it for the purposes of the German paper. Significantly, at the end of the article, there was this copyright notice: "Copyright Bild am Sonntag and Frontiers Publishing Company, Geneva."

The article was curiously bitter about Jackie Kennedy. It seemed to reflect the feelings of a person who had once idolized this woman but in the end had become thoroughly disillusioned with her. (Could "James Hepburn" really be William Manchester? I wondered for a fleeting moment). In any event, and unless an extraordinary amount of fakery was involved in the case - a possibility never to be excluded altogether in such matters - it was evident that the writer had known Jackie and her surroundings well. He described her as a spoiled, petulant woman without class or tact who treated her staff arrogantly.

"When the Kennedys visited Paris," Hepburn wrote, "a high-ranking official of the Quai d'Orsay (French Foreign Office) remarked: 'The President himself has shown himself to be a great man but one got the impression that he was taking out his secretary for the first time.'"

Again, on Nov. 9, 1968, Bild am Sonntag published this item:

"Jackie is selfish, tactless, not really pretty, rather a bit vulgar, spurious, typically nouveau riche, anything but a First Lady. This devastating portrait is painted... by James Hepburn who is reputed to be an intimate friend of the Kennedy family..."

My curiosity about James Hepburn more and more aroused, I wrote on Feb. 2, 1969 a letter to Frontiers Publishing Co., Vaduz, Liechtenstein (the imprint carried by the German edition of his book) to inquire where I might be able to obtain a copy of the original English version of "Farewell America." A few days later this letter was returned to me unopened with a postal notice indicating that the addressee was "unknown" in Vaduz. Liechtenstein is a tiny country with many corporate offices registered there only for tax purposes, none of which escapes the attention of local officials. If there was such a thing as a Frontiers Publishing Co., Vaduz, Liechtenstein, my letter surely



would have reached them. The fact that it did not proves that the outfit is a phony at least in so far as it pretends to be a registered Liechtenstein corporation.

On the same date I wrote to Vaduz, I also addressed to Herr von Wehrenalp, head of the Düsseldorf publishing firm, a long letter in which I pointed out that the information given about the author on the jacket of "Verschwörung" was unusually scanty and seemed to be, moreover, deliberately misleading. In what I must confess was at least in part a fishing expedition, I wrote: "According to information I have received from various sources, there is no James Hepburn; rather, this is the cover name of a group. The Kennedys disclaim any knowledge of such a person. There are indications that the book was really written by a number of people affiliated with the French intelligence service (S.D.E.C.E.) which is known to be better informed about the Dallas murder than anyone else..."

In conclusion I asked Herr von Wehrenalp to tell me specifically where and on what date James Hepburn was born; what his nationality and place of residence were and how I could reach him. I also inquired about the way the Hepburn manuscript had reached the German publisher and whether there were any previously published books by this author.

(to be continued in the next issue of TRUTH LETTER)

#### Judicial Farce on the Instalment Plan

So Sirhan now has added another glamor name to his star-studded cast of defense lawyers. His appeal from the death sentence is to be handled, it seems, by Melvin Belli of "Dallas Justice" fame. And what, if one may ask, is Sirhan using for money to pay for the services of the great Belli? In contrast to Jack Ruby, Belli's last notorious client, Sirhan is a pauper pure and simple who couldn't pay half an hour's worth of legal consultation out of his own pocket. Who, then, is paying the astronomical fees such "high-priced defenders" (cf. TRUTH LETTER, No. 10, p. 5) as Messrs. Grant Cooper, Russell Parsons, Emile Zola Berman and now Melvin Belli normally charge?

The law rightly provides for free legal assistance to needy defendants, but it does not give them the right to pick the cream of the profession, or even a whole quartet of topflight attorneys at state expense. Nor is it in the least believable that men like Belli, Berman, Cooper and Parsons would really volunteer their services, least of all in a cut-and-dried murder case leaving no room for a dramatic demonstration of innocence. American lawyers aren't that unselfish (nor are their colleagues elsewhere). Obviously, then, someone else is picking up the tab for Sirhan's costly defense, which is already running into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Who could have an interest in putting up such a huge amount for the defense of an assassin caught red-handed? Who can spend lavishly for any purpose without ever having to account for expenditures? Who but the CIA?

As long as there is no plausible explanation from any quarter as regards the origin of the vast funds that have been available for Sirhan's defense, the suspicion is warranted that all or most of it has come through one or the other of the CIA's innumerable "conduits." Taking into account Sirhan's background as a CIA agent - already documented in TRUTH LETTER - and the manifest reluctance of the news media even to touch on this matter, the suspicion becomes a certainty.

This issue of TRUTH LETTER comes to you from France where the CIA cannot intercept mail or monitor telephone conversations as effectively as it can in Germany.

## READERS' FORUM

Mrs. Grace P. Vale of 7551 Byron Place, St. Louis, Mo. 63105 has sent me copy of a letter originally addressed to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch but which that august leader of newsmakers apparently failed to publish. Here are some excerpts of that letter:

"It is nice to note that the massive amount of overkill directed at discrediting the District Attorney of New Orleans which appeared in your editorial 'Verdict at New Orleans;' the editorial you reprinted from the Wall Street Journal, 'Trial by Publicity, Indeed;' and similar editorials appearing in concert across the country, with the same specious humbug and seemingly ghost-written by the same hand, did ~~have~~ not have the desired effect and has been ignored by the American people.

"This was made evident last week by a radio talk show. One woman calling was concerned that the truth about the assassination of President Kennedy would not be made known because of the acquittal of Clay Shaw. Apparently the Warren Commission conclusions were not considered relevant. They were referred to once as being completely illogical, but the gist of the conversation was whether the truth would be made known.

"Your statement that 'it remains a fact that neither Mr. Garrison nor anyone else has produced a shred of solid evidence to refute the conclusions of the investigating committee headed by Chief Justice Warren,' indicates that you have been misinformed. There is photographic evidence backing eyewitness testimony that shots were fired from the front as well as the back. And this was clearly brought out in evidence at the <sup>the</sup> Shaw conspiracy trial.

"The press didn't publish outside of New Orleans area any of the testimony brought out in the cross examination of Mr. Shaw such as the fact that he knew two of David Ferrie's roommates, one of whom was apparently using the name of Leon Oswald. Nor was it published outside of New Orleans that the house to which Mr. Spiesel led the judge and jury in the French Quarter was one that Mr. Shaw admitted had formerly belonged to him and was next door to an almost identical house which had also belonged to Mr. Shaw as late as 1963 which is when Mr. Spiesel said the party he attended that was hosted by Mr. Shaw took place.

"When the trial was over and Mr. Shaw had been so luckily acquitted, it was obviously decided to direct this massive smear attack on Mr. Garrison's character in order to divert attention from the fact that the Warren Commission's conclusions had been completely demolished.

"Headlines across the country proclaimed, 'American Bar to Seek Probe of Garrison!' However, few of the television networks or newspapers reported the following retraction which appeared in small type in the Times-Picayune, 'The whole story is inaccurate,' the American Bar Association president said. He was also quoted as saying that Garrison's witnesses 'must have been pretty good or the grand jury would not have indicted Shaw.'

"In the attempt to discredit this district attorney who had the courage and integrity to fulfil the duties of his office... many others were maligned including the three judges who ruled that there was cause to try Mr. Shaw; the jury of citizens who also ruled there was cause... the judge whom both the prosecution and the defense said tried the case fairly and who twice ruled that the case should not be dismissed but should go to the jury; and all of the state's witnesses who testified against Mr. Shaw... and many others who were unfairly smeared in order to keep afloat the Warren Commission conclusions. It seems to me that this is not acceptable in the United States."

Note: The points so eloquently made in this letter by Mrs. Grace P. Vale, and others relevant to the case, will be explored in depth in "Highlights and Lessons of the Clay Shaw Trial" beginning in the next issue of TRUTH LETTER.

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The witness added that a woman he spoke to told him she had also seen the young man with the package (not Sirhan) earlier in the evening. She had noticed him because he was acting strangely. This is probably a reference to the natural state of agitation in which all of the potential assassins must have been as the decisive moment approached, for the lot of having to carry out the assassination could have fallen to any one of them, according to which way Kennedy went. They all must have known that the one who had to do the job would be practically lost, as Sirhan was, and so naturally they were excited and "acting strangely."

Strain described the five young men he had seen making their exit through the front door of the ballroom, four of them carrying a "wounded" fifth on their shoulders, as having dark hair and looking very much like Sirhan. He thought they were Latin Americans, but it is far more likely that they were all Arabs. This assumption, indeed, is inherent in the nature of the plot as it subsequently developed. For, the "motive" immediately attributed to Sirhan by the authorities and the news media, evidently following a prepared "tipoff" that was in effect an order (emanating from Mayor Sam Yorty) purported to be anti-Zionist fanaticism and resentment at Robert Kennedy's allegedly pro-Israel stance.

Far-fetched and spurious as this "motive" was, it was the only one the plotters could dream up that had any semblance of validity at all; without it, the real motivation for the crime, i.e. political assassination committed by hired thugs in order to remove a dangerous candidate from the threshold of the presidency, would have become too clearly discernible. This bogus motive, therefore, had to hold good regardless of which one of the six assassins who lay in wait for Kennedy in various parts of the hotel did the job and therefore they all had to be Arabs.

Nor is this purely a matter of speculation, for there exists, indeed, cogent testimony to the effect that other Arabs were involved in the planning of the crime, alongside of Sirhan. Before we turn to this matter, however, and in order to dissipate the false notion, deliberately spread by the news-fakers, that the Los Angeles police did a thorough and honest job of investigating the Robert Kennedy murder, it must be pointed out and stressed that none of the three all-important eyewitnesses [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] - were called before the grand jury which met on June 7 to indict Sirhan. Although all three men had promptly told the police what they had seen and heard, they were simply shunted aside as unwanted witnesses because their testimony did not fit into the pattern of the lone assassin version ("no evidence of conspiracy") which was already being accredited by the authorities and the news media. The same thing also happened to another key witness we must now turn to. He is the Rev. Jerry Owens, a Baptist evangelist from Orange County, Southern California, whose story was first reported in an Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco, dated June 30, 1968, which did not, however, give him his real name, but called him "Jones," and then again in greater detail in the National Enquirer. Here is the gist of what the Rev. Owens experienced and after the murder of Robert Kennedy told the Los Angeles police who recorded his story - and then ignored it:

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In the past six years, America has witnessed three political assassinations of nationally and internationally prominent leaders - two of them within a few months of each other. The victims - President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King - all were fighting Liberals, champions of civil rights and social justice and men of peace.

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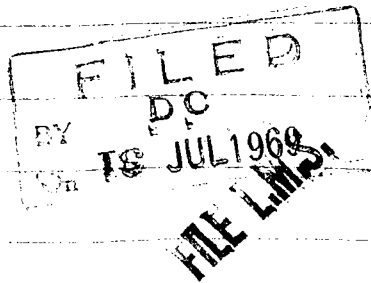


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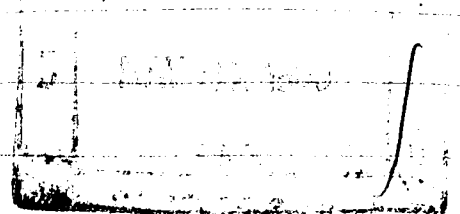
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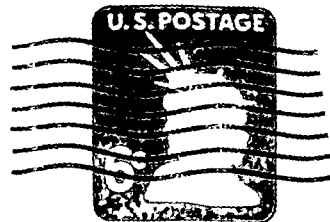
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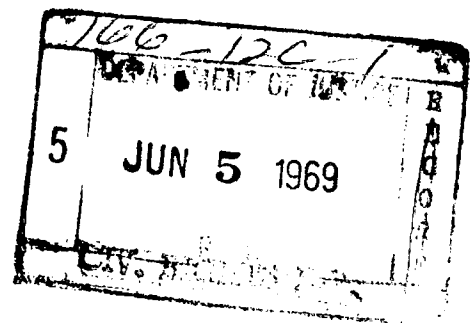
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should be on trill himself. Say Sirhan got away and killed a  
gard or he was killed. IT's to bad that someone dosent do  
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# Alcohol's Effect on Sirhan

## Los Angeles

In a jail cell experiment in drunkenness, Sirhan Sirhan went berserk and became like "a wild beast," a defense psychiatrist testified yesterday at Sirhan's murder trial.

"I think he thought he was back at the Ambassador Hotel, Dr. Eric Marcus told a jury trying the 25-year-old Jordanian for his life.

It was in the Ambassador that Sirhan fatally shot Senator Robert F. Kennedy last year. The defendant has said he was drunk at the time and is unable to recall the killing.

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Marcus said that in the test Sirhan was given six ounces of alcohol in a Tom Collins cocktail.

"Psychologically he went berserk . . ." the psychiatrist said. "He was extremely agitated and restless and

cursing and had to be physically restrained.

"He kept grabbing at his throat. He said 'What the hell is going on here?' He thought he was choking. He said, 'I'll get even with those Jews.' /

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"I think he thought he was back at the Ambassador Hotel. Then he started talking about how 20 years were enough for the Jews, and Kennedy didn't have to help them . . .

"He never said he killed Kennedy. He kept talking as though Kennedy were alive. He said, 'That bastard isn't worth the bullet.' With all my prodding he never said he killed Kennedy.

"The alcohol triggered off some sort of an irritation. He became sort of like a wild beast."

It was pointed out to Marcus on state cross examination that, aside from Sirhan's own statement that he was drunk, there was no testimony during the trial that he actually was intoxicated.

"I don't assume he was intoxicated at the time he committed the offense," Marcus replied. "I assume he had some drinks. I also assume the shock of his apprehension had a sobering-up effect.

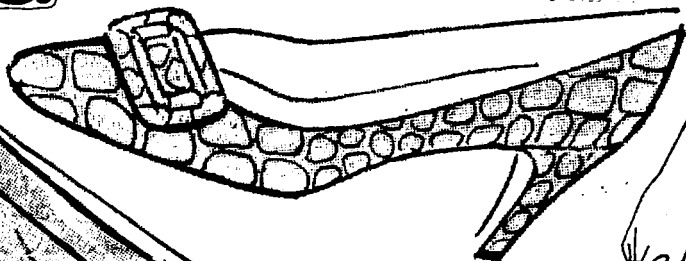
"It is my assumption that with a lot of alcohol he does the same sort of thing, only more so, that he does with a little alcohol."

Under cross examination earlier, Marcus conceded it was "quite possible" Sirhan was lying when he claimed he could not remember the June 5, 1968, shooting.

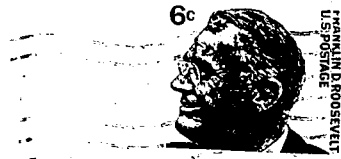
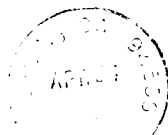
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