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is certain it had something to do with Sen. KENNEDY and Mayor LINDSEY, and the comment was made by GREGORY that they would be shot before the election. During the discussion the following morning, GREGORY SMITH stated he had heard the entire talk and commented that GREGORY allegedly said either Mayor LINDSEY or Sen. KENNEDY would be shot.

GREEN stated he left the campus in Shawnee, Oklahoma, a few days before the assassination of Sen. KENNEDY and was enroute to his home in Binghamton, N.Y., when he heard the news of the assassination. Therefore, he does not know what reaction took place on the college campus after the assassination. He said he felt that there was somewhere between 100 and 200 students, in the Commons Meeting Hall when GREGORY allegedly made his statement.

Albany indices contain no information regarding this incident and it is being furnished to the Oklahoma City Office for action deemed advisable by OC. No further investigation being conducted by Albany Office.

Information copy being submitted to Chicago inasmuch as they are OO re DICK GREGORY.

LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

Contact sources at St. Gregory's College and attempt to determine contents of GREGORY's speech re KENNEDY and LINDSEY and set forth appropriate information for dissemination.

NEW YORK & NEWARK OFFICES

Interview SMITH and SHIRO, respectively, to verify above info and if possible, obtain identities of others who were present at GREGORY's speech who could further validate information set forth above.

Copy of NY/Atlanta to Bureau 6/24/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SUPV. ROGER YOUNG (#23)

DATE: 6/19/68

FROM : SA Howard G. Kinnally, Jr. (#14)

SUBJECT: Assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY

MARY WHALEN, a neighbor of the writer, accompanied her husband, WILLIAM WHALEN, NBC Associate Director, to Los Angeles to cover Senator KENNEDY's campaign and was present in the ballroom of the Ambassador when KENNEDY was assassinated.

SA HOWARD G. KINNALLY JR

On 6/19/68 MARY WHALEN related to the writer the peculiar conduct of an unknown individual who was standing near her at the time of the shooting. During KENNEDY's appearance on the podium UNSUB held a small leather-covered object near his face. Mrs. WHALEN believes that the object, which was about 3 inches by 5 inches in dimensions, was either a transistor radio or a small transmitter.

After the shooting UNSUB approached Mrs. WHALEN and her friend, Mrs. FELICIA MESSURI, wife of NBC Producer-Director ANTHONY MESSURI, and said: "You've seen me here all evening, haven't you? Remember, you have seen me here. Don't forget." At this point UNSUB, who was alone, disappeared and was not seen again. The address of Mrs. MESSURI is 26 Fairview Ave., Tarrytown, N.Y., Area Code 914, ME 1-3530.

Mrs. WHALEN described UNSUB as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	45 to 50.
Height:	6 ft.
Weight:	190 to 200
Hair:	Dark brown or black
Complexion:	Swarthy
Peculiarity:	"Wild-eyed" expression
Dress:	Maroon sports jacket and dark knit sports shirt.

SA KINNALLY

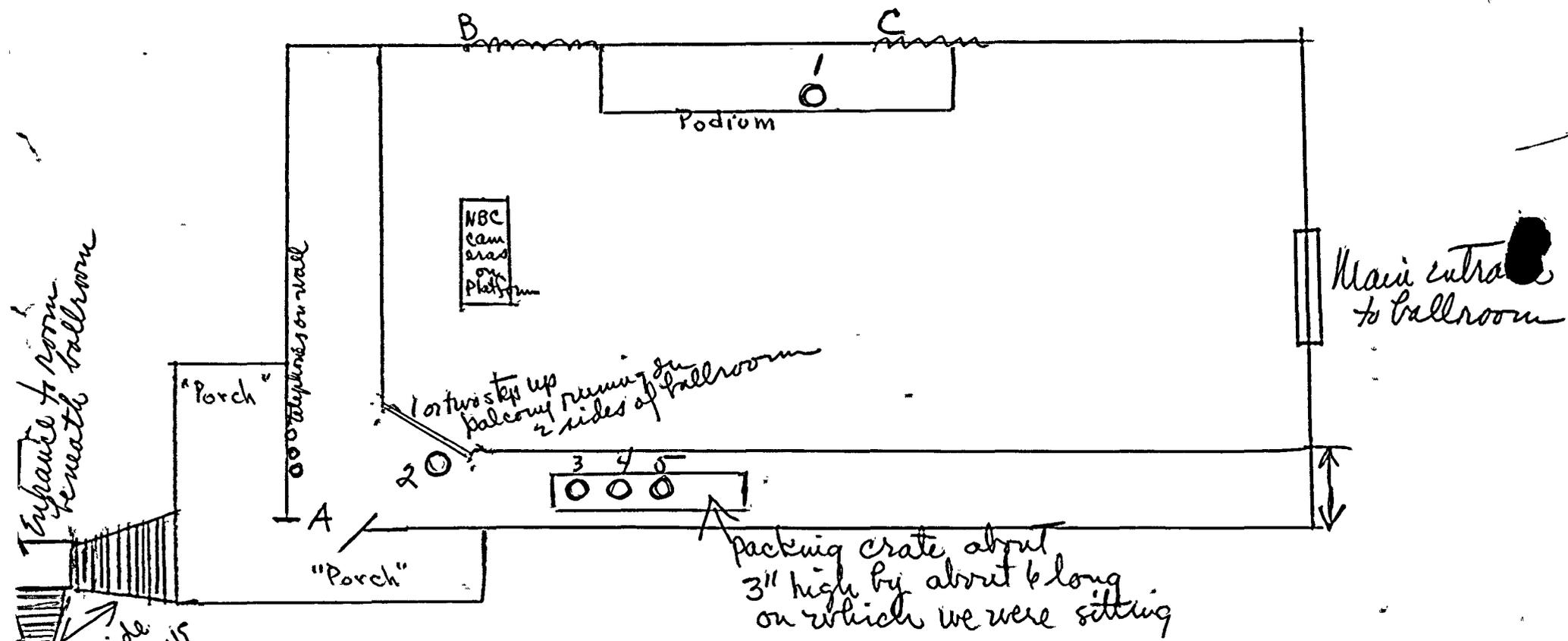
Attached is a sketch showing the location of UNSUB in the ballroom. The writer requested Mrs. WHALEN to prepare this sketch so that appropriate T.V. films or news photos may be examined for a possible picture of unsub in the event the Bureau is interested in identifying him.

~~Also attached is a rough sketch of Unsub prepared by Mrs. WHALEN.~~ Mrs. WHALEN feels certain that she could identify UNSUB if she should ever see him again. Mrs. WHALEN's address is 1346 Midland Ave., Bronxville, N.Y.

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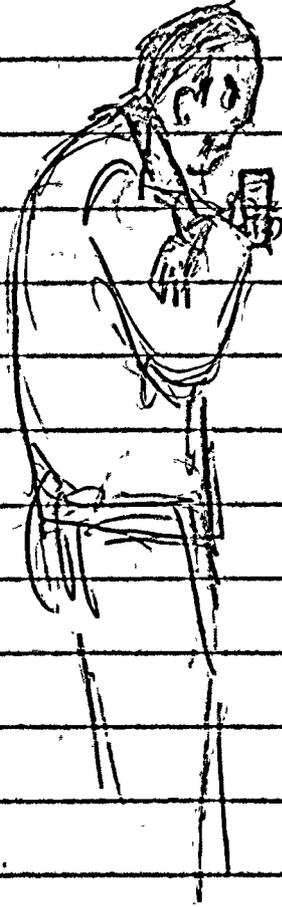
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A. Exit to outside stairway & small "porch"
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- 1 Kennedy
2. John Doe
3. Mrs. Messuri
4. Mrs. Whalen
5. Mrs Stoddard



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) & SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

KENSALT

RE INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA PERSONNEL.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES, JUNE TWENTY INSTANT REQUESTING NEW YORK OFFICE TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF DENNIS BERKSON FROM ABC IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE SECRETARY TO FRAZIER HEAD, PAYMASTER FOR ABC, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, STATED THAT DENNIS BERKSON IS A FREE DASH LANCER WHO DOES WORK FOR ABC.

BERKSON RESIDES FIVE FOUR TWO TWO QUAKERTOWN AVENUE, WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO ONE THREE DASH EIGHT EIGHT FOUR DASH ZERO SIX SIX NINE.

LOS ANGELES HANDLE BERKSON INTERVIEW.

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BRESLIN DID NOT SEE THE ACTUAL SHOOTING. HE SAW
THE GUN IN THE AIR AND BILL BARRY GRABBING THE ARM HOLDING

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A COPY OF THIS IS SENT TO WASHINGTON FIELD FOR
 INFORMATION.

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FROM NEW YORK 44-1640 2P

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HEALY WORKS OUT OF NEW YORK DAILY NEWS OFFICE IN NATIONAL
PRESS BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE NA EIGHT - FIVE
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WFO HANDLE INTERVIEW OF HEALY.

LA advised by mail.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/20/68

Mr. JAMES (JIMMY) BRESLIN was interviewed at Gallagher's Steak House, 228 West 52nd Street, New York, New York. He stated that he writes for several newspapers throughout the United States and that his agent is the Sterlin Lord Literary Agency, 75 East 55th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 52 Deepdene Road, Forest Hills, New York.

Starting on March 17, 1968, he has covered several of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's Presidential campaign.

During the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, when Senator KENNEDY made his victory speech. The Embassy Room in which Senator KENNEDY made his speech was very crowded so BRESLIN went to the press room which was near the Embassy Room and watched the speech on television.

When the speech ended an individual he thinks was DICK DRAIN of Senator EDWARD KENNEDY's staff appeared at the door of the press room and said that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was on his way to the press room. Senator ROBERT KENNEDY after his speeches made it a habit to visit the press room and talk to the press.

BRESLIN went to the door of the press room to wave to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He did not see Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, but while at the doorway he heard what at first he thought was a kitchen tray drop to the floor. It was a shot and there were 3 or 4 more. At the most, BRESLIN heard four or five shots. People were running and screaming. BRESLIN ran towards where the sound of the shots were.

There was a crowd screaming. These people were to BRESLIN's left. BRESLIN knew this was where Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was lying. In the immediate vicinity was PAUL SCHRADE lying on the floor. To BRESLIN's approximate right was BILL BARRY of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's staff.

On 6/19/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640 109
 by SAS FRANCIS L. CASHIN & JOSEPH E. HENEHAN Date dictated 6/20/68

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BARRY had someone by the arm which was extended up and which hand held a black barrel pistol. The hand with the pistol then went down onto a table. Someone was jumping on the table. The hand holding the gun dropped it and then something happened and the hand again picked up the gun. ROSIE GRIER then threw a male on a table and held him down and grabbed the male by the arm. BRESLIN then saw the person on the table for the first time. It was SIRHAN SIRHAN. At this moment ROSIE GRIER was holding the gun in his (GRIER's) left hand.

At approximately this time GEORGE PLIMPTON had SIRHAN by his head; WARREN, ROGER [REDACTED] his left leg; and RAFER JOHNSON was grabbing his hand.

BRESLIN was of the impression at the time that the gun was still loaded and he tried to get it away from ROSIE GRIER. GRIER would not release the gun. RAFER JOHNSON then asked GRIER for the gun and GRIER gave the gun to JOHNSON.

BRESLIN standing very close to SIRHAN and being face to face with him asked him twice, "Why did you have to do it?" SIRHAN's eyes were rolling and he did not answer. SIRHAN then tried to thrash around with his legs and body, but those holding him kept him secure.

After SIRHAN SIRHAN was secured by BARRY, JOHNSON, GRIER, PLIMPTON, and ROGERS, and being held by GRIER, JOHNSON, PLIMPTON and ROGERS, BILL BARRY went to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

BRESLIN occasionally looked over at Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

The police arrived and SIRHAN was turned over to them by GRIER, JOHNSON, PLIMPTON and ROGERS.

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BRESLIN stated that he did not see the actual shooting and that he had not seen SIRHAN before this. He saw no one in a polka dot dress.

BRESLIN has since heard various rumors. One was that DICK TUCK of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's staff chased SIRHAN off the platform twice and that DICK HARWOOD of the Washington Post actually saw SIRHAN shoot Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

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RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE EIGHTEEN
LAST, COPY TO NY, FOR NY TO INTERVIEW JULES WITCOVER.

INVESTIGATION AT NYC DISCLOSED JULES WITCOVER ASSIGNED
WASHINGTON BUREAU OF NEWHOUSE NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, SEVENTEEN
FIFTY PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NORTH WEST, WASHINGTON, DC.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL INTERVIEW WITCOVER ALONG LINES
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KENSALT; OO: LOS ANGELES

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST, REQUESTING
COPY OF FILM TAKEN JUNE FOUR DASH FIVE LAST BY JIM WILSON,
~~LAPD.~~ CBS CAMERAMAN.

NEW YORK OFFICE HAS NOT SECURED THIS FILM FROM CBS AS
INDICATED IN RE TEL. RAY RYAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, FOR CBS,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM LT. MANUEL
PENA, LAPD, FOR A COPY OF THIS FILM TAKEN BY WILSON AND FOR
OTHER FILM. CBS IS ASCERTAINING WHAT FILM IS AVAILABLE
AND WILL ADVISE LAPD. RYAN PREFERS TO HANDLE THIS REQUEST
DIRECTLY WITH THE LAPD AND WILL ADVISE THEM WHAT FILM IS
AVAILABLE AND THE PROCEDURE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A COPY.

IN PREVIOUS CR CASES WHEREIN FILM IS DESIRED BY THE
DEPARTMENT, THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH FILM IS DETERMINED AND
THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS PRODUCTION OR REVIEW ARE MADE DIRECTLY
BY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS WITH THE LEGAL DIVISION OF CBS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (89-64)
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Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

On 6/20/68, Father VINCENT TRAYNOR, Dean of Students, St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, Oklahoma, advised SA J. ROBINSON FIELD that DICK GREGORY appeared before the student body as a speaker on Sunday night, May 19, 1968. He advised that as Chairman of the Invitation Committee, he was on the speakers platform at the time GREGORY spoke and that GREGORY said nothing during his speech indicating an attempt would be made on the life of anyone.

On 6/20/68, Father DENIS STATHAM, Instructor, St. Gregory's College, advised SA FIELD that he attended a question and answer session in which students participated with GREGORY following his principal speech on May 19, 1968 and during that period GREGORY stated that one of the major political candidates would be (or probably would be) shot before the election. He stated that GREGORY appeared to have no particular source or authority for this statement, that it was not made in answer to a question and he believed it to be a statement made by GREGORY only as a possibility.

Info copies are submitted in view of investigation requested by Albany office. It would appear the statement

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attributed to DICK GREGORY was merely an irresponsible
remark and additional investigation including the possibility
of interviewing GREGORY is being left to the discretion of
office of origin.

6/20/68

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and NY dated 6/18/68, instructing NYO to interview JIMMY BRESLIN, ~~NEWS PAPER WRITER~~

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 9 copies of an FD 302 containing the results of an interview with BRESLIN. ~~RESIDENCE~~ ~~32 DEERDEN~~

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KENSALT

Re NY airtel to LA, 6/12/68, setting out information received from NORMAN WEXLER and his background of mental illness.

Residence: 963 LEXINGTON AVE, N.Y., N.Y.

Re LA teletype to NY dated 6/19/68, requesting NY to put WEXLER interview on FD 302.

Enclosed for LA are 9 copies of an FD 302 containing results of WEXLER interview.

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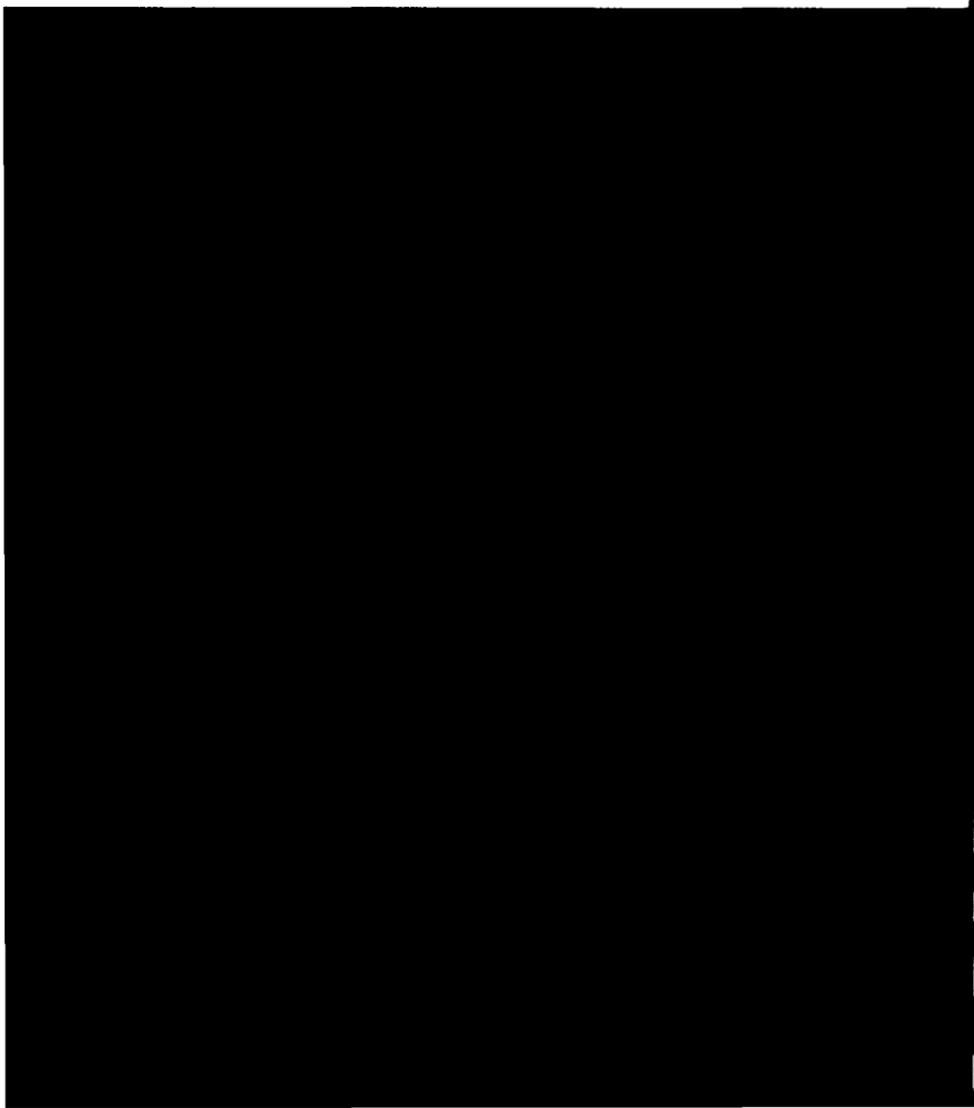
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RE TELETYPE FROM WFO TO BUREAU, JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST.

SYLVIA WRIGHT, WRITER, LIFE MAGAZINE, NYC, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION REGARDING SIRHAN SIRHAN. SHE ADVISED SENATOR ALWAYS IN THE PAST SPOKE TO PRESS AFTER SPEECHES TO VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS OF HIS CAMPAIGN. WRIGHT SAID THAT A MESSENGER FROM ROCKET MESSENGER SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL FROM APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST TILL NINE FIFTEEN PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST, AND AGAIN FROM APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST TILL TWELVE THIRTY AM ON JUNE FIVE LAST. WHEN MESSENGER FIRST REPORTED TO COLONIAL ROOM, AMBASSADOR HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST, HE INFORMED WRIGHT HE HAD NOT HAD SUPPER AT WHICH TIME WRIGHT FURNISHED MESSENGER WITH PRESS CARD SO HE COULD GET IN THE COLONIAL ROOM LATER. WRIGHT SAID SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE MESSENGER WAS

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LOS ANGELES WILL ASCERTAIN IDENTITY AND INTERVIEW MESSENGER FROM ROCKET MESSENGER SERVICE FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE IF SIRHAN OBSERVED. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT MESSENGER APPEARED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE HOTEL.

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TO DIRECTOR 62-587 AND LOS ANGELES 56-156 PLAINTEXT

LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK 44-1640 2P

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RE TELETYPE FROM WFO TO BUREAU, JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST.

SYLVIA WRIGHT, WRITER, LIFE MAGAZINE, NYC, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION REGARDING SIRHAN SIRHAN. SHE ADVISED SENATOR ALWAYS IN THE PAST SPOKE TO PRESS AFTER SPEECHES TO VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS OF HIS CAMPAIGN. WRIGHT SAID THAT A MESSENGER FROM ROCKET MESSENGER SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL FROM APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST TILL NINE FIFTEEN PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST, AND AGAIN FROM SPPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST TILL TWELVE THIRTY AM ON JUNE FIVE LAST. WHEN MESSENGER FIRST REPORTED TO COLONIAL ROOM, AMBASSADOR HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON JUNE FOUR LAST, HE INFORMED WRIGHT HE HAD NOT HAD SUPPER AT WHICH TIME WRIGHT FURNISHED MESSENGER WITH PRESS CARD SO HE COULD GET IN THE COLONIAL ROOM LATER. WRIGHT WRIGHT SAID SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE MESSENGER WAS

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re WFO teletype to Bureau, NY and LA dated 6/20/68, requesting New York to interview (FNU) SCOTT with Station WMCA, New York.

Enclosed are 9 copies of FD 302 of interview with WILLIAM SCOTT. *VICE PRESIDENT, WMCA Radio, 415 MADISON AVE, NY, NY.*

Bureau and LA were advised of the results of the interview by teletype from NY, 6/21/68.

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Enclosed for you are 2 photographs

On 6/19/68, Mrs. CECELIA JONES, 46 Harrison Avenue, Rockville Centre, N.Y., telephone 516-OR-8-5569, provided the following information to SA FREDERICK W. KUHLMAN of the New York Office. She requested that her identity, as the source of such information, not be disclosed.

Mrs. JONES is employed with a business service that develops and prints film. This service is variously known as Beacon Photo Service and Scot Photo Service, 482 Sunrise Highway, Rockville Centre. This is a national mail order business.

Part of her duties require Mrs. JONES to review prints that appear damaged or faulty. Toward the close of last week she came across the attached two prints, both of which apparently came from the same set. The first print is a floor scene of a group of individuals carrying placards at a rally for ROBERT F. KENNEDY. The second depicts, in her opinion, a photograph of Senator KENNEDY, taken from an elevated position. She thought that this picture was possibly taken in Los Angeles. She further theorized that the woman directly in back of the figure of KENNEDY in the photograph appeared to be wearing a reddish-pink dress with large blue polka dots and could possibly be the mysterious missing witness.

Mrs. JONES furnished the foregoing to her employer who in general, advised her not to get involved or to involve the company. Due to this attitude on the part of her employer, Mrs. JONES is most anxious that her identity be concealed.

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Mrs. JONES pointed out that it was not possible to determine the identity of the person who had sent in the film for processing. She further pointed out that the service was national in scope and that it could not be determined where the film had been sent from or where the picture had been taken. She concluded that the prints were worthless throw-aways and that she was offering them to the FBI for any investigative value that they might have.

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Date 6/24/68

WILLIAM SCOTT, Vice President and Director of News, WMCA Radio, New York, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN BRADSHAW, JR. and JAMES E. SNIEGOCKI at his office, 415 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

SCOTT advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 and 5, 1968 at time Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot. He related a statement that he had made to associates, that approximately one and one half hours preceeding the KENNEDY shooting, that he witnessed an unidentified white male walking past the Radio Press Table in a strange manner. This incident was recalled by him after the shooting in that this individual had his right hand in his coat pocket with his left hand clasped over the coat pocket. At the time, he thought maybe this individual had stolen some of the press equipment and was trying to hide it in his pocket. He checked and did not note any equipment missing. Later, however, after seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN's photograph he recalled a similarity of SIRHAN with this unidentified male and thought maybe this was SIRHAN and possibly that he was holding a gun in his pocket. The unidentified male, of the general description of SIRHAN, was wearing a light blue zipper, windbreaker type, jacket and tan khaki trousers.

SCOTT stated that he was not in the immediate area of the Hotel of the shooting and had no photographs of the ensuing events. Other than possibly the above unidentified person being SIRHAN, he does not recall seeing SIRHAN either before or after the shooting.

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Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

On 6/24/68, GREGORY SMITH, 119-18 232nd Street, Cambria Heights, Queens, NY, was interviewed in the NYO of the FBI.

SMITH advised that he was in attendance at the lecture given by DICK GREGORY at St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, Oklahoma, in May, 1968. He was also in attendance at the informal discussion following the lecture. He heard GREGORY comment, in discussing the political styles of the various presidential candidates, that both Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and Mayor JOHN LINDSAY like to mingle among the crowds of people and that Senator KENNEDY would be shot before the election.

SMITH advises he attached no significance to the comment and does not believe GREGORY had any knowledge of events to come. He did not hear anyone question GREGORY regarding the comment and heard no additional references to that remark.

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SMITH advised further that upon the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, he thought back to GREGORY's statement, but still believes it to be a coincidence and attaches no significance to it.

FD-302 will be forwarded to LA upon completion.

Information copies being furnished to auxiliary offices in view of current investigation.



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WASHINGTON FIELD (173-135) & DALLAS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

KENSALT; OO: LOS ANGELES

RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NEW YORK,
AND LOS ANGELES DATED JUNE TWENTY LAST, REQUESTING NEW YORK
TO LOCATE JERRY SIMS OF LIFE MAGAZINE AT CBS, NEW YORK,
AND HENRY KOKOJAN AND A.W. RISSER AT NBC.

INQUIRY AT NBC REVEALS THAT H.W. RISSER AND HENRY
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DALLAS INTERVIEW RISSER AND KOKOJAN AS TO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY LOS ANGELES.

REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED NEW YORK TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY SIMS OF LIFE MAGAZINE BY CONTACTING CBS, NEW YORK.

LIFE MAGAZINE, NEW YORK, HAS NO RECORD OF JERRY SIMS. IN VIEW OF APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AND THE FACT THAT SIMS WAS WORKING OUT OF LOS ANGELES, NO FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE BY NYO TO LOCATE SIMS.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, DALLAS AND WASHINGTON FIELD
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1640)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, LOS ANGELES, AND NEW YORK, DATED JUNE THIRTEEN LAST AS TO DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT FIVE OR EIGHT FIVE FIVE FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES, JUNE FOUR LAST.

JIM FURY, TICKET USAGE SUPERVISOR, PAN AM, NEW YORK CITY, STATED HE CALLED HIS ATLANTA OFFICE. HE AND ATLANTA OFFICE HAVE NO RECORD OF PATRICIA C. ABERCROMBIE, AND NUMBER FOUR SEVEN TWO DASH THREE ZERO EIGHT THREE OR FOUR SEVEN TWO DASH THREE ZERO EIGHT TWO HAS NO MEANING TO HIM OR HIS ATLANTA OFFICE.

NEW YORK IS MAKING NO FURTHER EFFORTS TO LOCATE ABERCROMBIE.

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RE INTERVIEW OF NEWS MEDIA PERSONNEL.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TEL DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST,
REQUESTING NYO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WARREN WEAVER, NEW YORK
TIMES.

WEAVER IS ASSIGNED TO THE WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE OF NEW
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GREGORY SMITH, 119-18 232nd Street, Cambria Heights, Queens, New York, was interviewed at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

SMITH advised that he was a student at St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, Oklahoma, this past semester and was in attendance when DICK GREGORY lectured to the students in the gymnasium. He advised he also attended the informal discussion that GREGORY had with about 200 students and faculty members in the Sarah Jackman Commons immediately after the lecture.

SMITH categorized GREGORY's lecture as "political" and said that GREGORY antagonized most of the students at the college. During the informal discussion at the Commons, SMITH said he heard GREGORY talk about the upcoming presidential election. In discussing the "political styles" of the various candidates, GREGORY mentioned that both Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and Mayor JOHN LINDSEY of New York City like to mingle among the crowds of people and that Senator KENNEDY would be shot before the election.

SMITH advised that it was and is his impression that this was just an off-the-cuff comment made without thought. SMITH does not believe that GREGORY had any knowledge of events to come. SMITH did not hear anyone question GREGORY further along these lines and heard no additional references to the comment.

SMITH said that upon the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, he thought back to GREGORY's statement, but only as a coincidence and still attaches no significance to it.

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 by Jaw SA JAMES E. SNIEMOCKI/np Date dictated 6/25/68

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Mr. IAN BRODIE, reporter for the London Daily Express made a telephone call from Montreal, Quebec, Canada to SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN in the New York, New York Office.

Mr. BRODIE stated that he had been covering Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's Presidential campaign, but that he (BRODY) was in New York, New York, on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mr. BRODIE stated that HARRY BENSON, a photographer for the London Daily Express and IVOR DAVIS, a reporter for the London Daily Express were in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4-5, 1968, but that they are presently on vacation in Great Britain. BRODIE added that BENSON and DAVIS would call SA CASHIN when they return to the United States.

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party is part of or allied with "Americans United," which they said means, "We are Free Rightists."

At the meeting, it was reported, money was raised for Huey Newton, the youth slain recently in Oakland in an incident with police.

Sirhan who, after allegedly shooting Kennedy was said to have shouted, "I did it for my country, I did it for my country," was not referring to Jordan, where he was born. Reports that the New York Senator was shot because of his stand on Israel are, in our opinion, a coverup. Sirhan was, and is, maniacally pro-Castro and pro-Cuba. So was Lee Harvey Oswald.

All those reportedly ready to assassinate RFK were ready to sacrifice their lives for the "pro-Castro conspiracy men" who hired them.

Two books Sirhan requested (when jailed) are on the mystical doctrine of theosophy. They are "The Secret Doctrine" by Madame Helena P. Blavatsky, a 19th century "illuminist." (She also wrote "Manual for Revolution," which calls for the assassination of political leaders to bring on world revolution.) The other book Sirhan requested is "Talks On, At the Feet of the Masters" by Rev. C.W. Leadbeater. Leadbeater was a disciple of Blavatsky.

When I asked my source (for all of the above), "Have you told it to the FBI?", he replied, "Yes, they know all about this."

I did not attempt to confirm, or check with, J. Edgar Hoover, knowing what his answer would be.

It is always the same, "No comment."

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Date 6/24/68

SYLVIA WRIGHT was interviewed in Room 3003, Time and Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, New York. She stated that she is employed as a writer for "Life Magazine" and that she resides at 42-10 Colden Street, Flushing, Queens.

WRIGHT stated that she travelled continuously as a writer for "Life Magazine" with Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during his campaign to seek the Democratic Party Presidential nomination from March 14, 1968 through June 5, 1968, other than two weekends and four other days. She was acting as a writer on June 4-5, 1968, in Los Angeles, California. She stated that during the entire period of Senator KENNEDY's campaign, she never observed SIRHAN SIRHAN.

WRIGHT stated that Senator KENNEDY always spoke to the press after he had made his speeches to his supporters and volunteers of his campaign. She said that she did not know of any planned route Senator KENNEDY was to make from the Ambassador Room to the Colonial Room or visa versa. She said that it was generally known that Senator KENNEDY in the spur of a moment, would change the route cleared or suggested by members of his staff. WRIGHT stated that Senator KENNEDY had, on several different occasions, detained his staff to meet, shake hands and converse with individuals along his route while campaigning.

WRIGHT stated that she had telephonically contacted the Rocket Messenger Service in the afternoon on June 4, 1968, and requested a messenger to be available at the Ambassador Hotel. She said this messenger was to deliver the film taken that day by BILL EPPRIDGE, photographer for "Life Magazine", regarding the events at the Ambassador Hotel. The film was to be taken to headquarters. She said for some unknown reason she thought that Senator KENNEDY's victory speech would be at approximately 8:00 pm and for this reason requested that the messenger from Rocket Messenger Service report to the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 6:30 pm.

On 6/21/68 at New York City File # NY 44-1640-127

by SA EDWARD R. CHORY/tg Date dictated 6/21/68

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She said that at approximately 7:00 pm, when she first saw the messenger from Rocket Messenger Service, the messenger informed her that he had had no supper. She furnished him with a blue press identification card so that he could enter the Ambassador Hotel later that evening. WRIGHT said that she returned to her room, 348, at the Ambassador Hotel at which time she observed the messenger attempting to enter a room across the hall from her room. She remarked to the messenger "I thought you wanted to eat." The messenger replied, "It's too crowded". WRIGHT said that the messenger appeared to be familiar and knew his way around the hotel as it would be difficult for a person to leave the Colonial Room and get to the 3rd floor in the area of Room 348 in that short period of time.

WRIGHT said that she went to her room to change to a dress from a suit because it was too warm for a suit. She also picked up the envelope for the film of EPPRIDGE to be placed in for the messenger. She said that shortly afterward she joined the KENNEDY staff members and close friends in the suite on the fifth floor.

WRIGHT stated she gave the messenger the film at approximately 9:15 pm to be delivered to the airport and to be sent on a flight at 10:00 pm. She informed the messenger to return to the Colonial Room for another delivery to the airport after Senator KENNEDY's speech. WRIGHT said that the messenger appeared to be very excited and wanted to know would he get to see Senator KENNEDY. She said that she did not give the messenger any answer. WRIGHT stated that she did not see the messenger again until after Senator KENNEDY was shot.

WRIGHT said that DICK HAYWOOD, of the Washington Post, informed her at approximately 10:00 pm that Senator KENNEDY had just informed him that after his, KENNEDY's speech, a party was to be held at the "Factory" a discotheque, for the traveling press and close friends of the KENNEDY staff. She said HAYWOOD told her that he was requested by Senator KENNEDY to inform the traveling press of the party.

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At approximately 11:00 pm on June 4, 1968, she went down to the Ambassador Room to locate CHARLES EVERS, as Senator KENNEDY had previously requested her to do so. She said she went down and located CHARLES EVERS in the Ambassador Room and they returned to the KENNEDY suite on the 5th floor. She said that as Senator KENNEDY departed from the 5th floor suite to proceed to the Ambassador Room to deliver his speech she escorted Senator KENNEDY to the elevator. KENNEDY pulled her head to his and whispered, "Don't go to the Ambassador Room as there will be a lot of commotion during my victory speech." WRIGHT also said that Senator KENNEDY asked her if she was going to join the party at the "Factory." She said she informed Senator KENNEDY that she thought she would join the party.

WRIGHT said that she watched Senator KENNEDY deliver his victory speech on television and near the completion left the suite by the way of the stairs to go to the Colonial Room. She said when she got to the Colonial Room the doors were closed and she was denied entry until the police officers checked her credentials. WRIGHT stated it appeared that Senator KENNEDY had been shot as she descended the stairs.

Upon entering the Colonial Room through the main entrance she observed the messenger at an exit of the Colonial Room nearest to the one that Senator KENNEDY appeared to be heading for prior to him being shot. She went to that exit and looked into the passageway where the Senator and the other individuals had been shot.

WRIGHT stated that at approximately 12:30 am on June 5, 1968, she signed the receipt requested by the messenger in the Colonial Room which covered the period of time the service of the messenger was used. She said she also obtained the receipt from the messenger regarding his delivery of the film she had given him at approximately 9:15 pm on June 4, 1968.

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WRIGHT described the messenger as a skinny, well tanned white male, who was approximately 45 years of age with grey hair. She said that is all she can recall of the events that took place on the evening, night and early morning of June 5 and 4, 1968.