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who was acquainted with the individual giving the name SAMIR M. KHALAF. DEEDLE advised that due to the quality of the photograph he could not definitely state whether or not it is the person with whom he was acquainted. He advised he now recalled that this person claimed to have just become 21 prior to their first meeting 2 years ago and claimed to be studying to be an eye doctor at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri.

DEEDLE advised that the name appearing on the card furnished by the individual apparently was not his full name as during conversation he had spoken his full name which was lengthy but due to his rapid speech and accent, DEEDLE was unable to recall the name.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC SPRINGFIELD 44-

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA CONNELLEY

SUBJECT: SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
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On 6/5/68 RAYMOND ANDERSON, 1822 ~~51st~~ 15 th Ave., Moline, Ill. contacted the Rock Island RA and said that he had been to TurnStyle Department store, Moline, Ill., ~~xxxxx~~ on Sunday afternoon, 6/2/68 and saw two young men standing at the gun counter looking at a ~~xxxxx~~ small pistol. He said that one of the men looked like the man that shot KENNEDY.

On 6/5/68 TOM KOURIS and JAMES JACKSON, gun counter employees of TURNSTYLE said that they sold three guns Sunday afternoon. A .22 pistol was sold to a RONALD HAYES, 2341 34 th street. KOURIS ~~xxxxxxx~~ knows HAYES. Two .38 caliber pistols were sold to the following R.G. BRUNING, Viola, Ill and JOHN THOMBLOOM, 2115 3rd st. B, E.M. Neither KOURIS or JACKSON recall anyone ~~xxxxxx~~ suspicious looking at the pistols and does not recall two individuals at the gun counter on Sunday afternoon.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: *Wldg* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT *-44-568**

Re Butel to Phoenix dated 6/20/68.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, this is a criminal investigation and as such, unless unusual circumstances prevail, results should be forwarded on 302 Form for inclusion in investigating report by Los Angeles.

Los Angeles prepares 30 copies of each report in this matter. Each office should either forward stencils to Los Angeles, in which case an original 302 will be returned, or forward 30 copies of respective FD-302.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) DATE: 7/1/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-568)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to Albany, dated 6/24/68.

Enclosed are thirty copies each of FD-302s reflecting interview of DUDLEY L. DEEDLE on 6/7/68 and 6/12/68.

2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 60) (56-156)
2 - Springfield (44-568)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 17, 1968

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DUDLEY L. DEEDLE, 100 North 81st Street, advised about two and one-half years ago he met a young Arab at the Steeple Chase Room, Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, and after conversation, mentioned that he was going to the Playboy Club, St. Louis, and the young man asked to go along. DEEDLE stated that over the next year he saw this young man fairly frequently at the Playboy Club where he was not admitted as a member, but was allowed to use the facilities on a cash basis. He stated he knew the man only as "Sammie" but furnished a business card given to him by the man which bore the name SAMIR M. KHALAF, A.S.P., St. Louis University, 3630 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, 63108.

He stated he enjoyed conversations with this young man who stated that his father was Consul General or Ambassador from his country to the United States and indicated that the family lived in Washington, D. C., and that he had a sister there also. DEEDLE stated that the man was a "little windy" and he looked up the name of the real ambassador from the country, not specifically recalled, and believed the real ambassador's name was FARHAN.

He stated the young man quit coming to the Playboy Club about one and one-half years ago and he has not seen him since. The man gave the impression that he was in the Army Reserve or some similar organization in his own country and might have to serve in the Armed Forces and he assumed he had returned to his country during the Arab-Israli conflict.

The young man had no automobile and was described as white male, 21 or 22, 5 feet 8 inches, slender build, olive complexion, black hair, clean shaven. He spoke fast and spoke fairly good English but with an accent. He also indicated he was engaged to a girl believed also from the Middle East, possibly residing in Washington, D. C., and commented that he had made one or more trips to Jordan or Arabia during DEEDLE's acquaintance with him. He was always well dressed and claimed that his father owned some supermarkets in Ohio, probably Akron.

On 6/7/68 at Belleville, Illinois File# SI 44-568-24
 by SA JOSEPH L. MC KINSTRAY /epp Date dictated 6/13/68

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DEEDLE stated he gave the man a ride to his dormitory on two occasions and he got out at the St. Louis University dormitory on the south side of the street one block south of Lindell and halfway between Spring and Grand Avenue and claimed to be a student at St. Louis University but did not mention what course he was taking.

DEEDLE stated KHALAF did not discuss politics to any degree but occasionally expressed a distaste for NASSER but was generally complimentary toward American officials and claimed he had met a lot of prominent people in Washington, D. C., due to his father's position.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 17, 19681

A copy of a photograph of ABDELAZIZ YOUSIF KHALAF, born August 19, 1947, Saudi, Arabia (Hayel), was shown to DUDLEY L. DEEDLE, 100 North 81st Street, Belleville, Illinois, who was acquainted with the individual giving the name SAMIR M. KHALAF. DEEDLE advised that due to the quality of the photograph he could not definitely state whether or not it is the person with whom he was acquainted. He advised he now recalled that this person claimed to have just become 21 prior to their first meeting two years ago and claimed to be studying to be an eye doctor at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri.

DEEDLE advised that the name appearing on the card furnished by the individual apparently was not his full name as during conversation he had spoken his full name which was lengthy but due to his rapid speech and accent, DEEDLE was unable to recall the name.

On 6/12/68 at Belleville, Illinois File# SI 44-568 -28
 by SA JOSEPH P. MC KINSTRAY /epp Date dictated 6/13/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: 7/30/68

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KENSALT 44-568*
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

In connection with current inquiries being conducted into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy at Los Angeles, California, numerous communications have been received at the Bureau from individual field offices with no copies being designated to the Los Angeles Office, which is office of origin.

In order that the Los Angeles Office may be completely aware of all facets of this investigation; and in order that the office of origin may properly supervise the direction of this investigation, each field division and Legal Attache should insure that copies of all communications dealing with the Kensalt investigation be designated to Los Angeles.

2 - All Offices

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KENSALT

(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re Springfield letter to Los Angeles 7/1/68.

No further investigation has been conducted at Springfield and Los Angeles has been provided with the results.

2 - Los Angeles (56-156)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

DATE: 9/16/68

Mrs. H. C. HAYS
(Escort, Greyhound Tours, Chicago)
Re: 610 Church St.
Evanston, Illinois
(312) UN 9 1140

On 6/4/68 the above-captioned person was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

At 12:15 A.M. on 6/5/68, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, at the conclusion of a victory rally by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. (D-New York), in the kitchen area leading off the Embassy Ballroom shot and killed Senator KENNEDY, utilizing a .22 caliber revolver.

The Los Angeles Police Department requested the assistance of the Bureau in the location and interview of guests of the hotel in an effort to determine whether or not any of the guests might be in possession of any information concerning a possible conspiracy, might know SIRHAN, or might have seen him about the hotel on the night of 6/4/68.

All information, negative or positive, should be incorporated into an FD-302, as all information is being disseminated to the District Attorney, Los Angeles County, in report form, such reports being prepared by Los Angeles.

Trial date is tentatively set for the first part of November 1968, and it would be appreciated if the lead is covered in an expedite fashion. For your assistance, there is enclosed a diagram of the hotel area and location of the shooting.

22 copies of FD-302 should be submitted.

2 - Springfield (Enc. 1)
1 - Los Angeles

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Los Angeles Times
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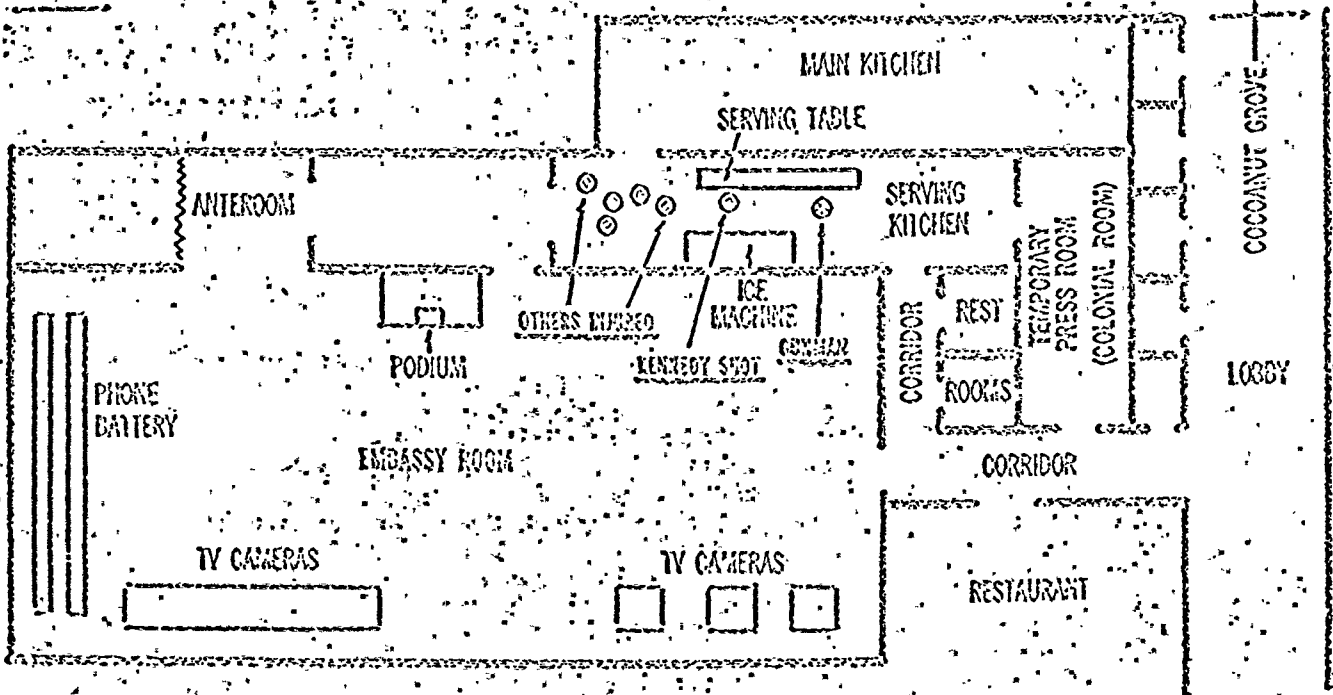


DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE--Sketch shows the doors leading from behind podium at Embassy

Room and the serving kitchen through which Sen. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot.
Times drawing by Oliver French

SAC, CHICAGO

9-23-68

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-568)

KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles letter to Springfield, 9-16-68,
with enclosure, both of which attached for Chicago.

Chicago requested to conduct investigation at
Evanston, Illinois.

2 - Chicago (Encs. 2)
1 - Los Angeles (56-156) (Info.)
① - Springfield
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD

DATE: 10/17/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

RE: Mr. L. MC WHINNEY
Coral Valley, Illinois 61240

Possibly Coal Valley, 61240

On 6/4/68 the above captioned person was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

At 12:15 a.m. on 6/5/68, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, at the conclusion of a victory rally by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY (D-New York), in the kitchen area leading off the Embassy Ballroom shot and killed Senator KENNEDY, utilizing a .22 caliber revolver.

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Trial date is tentatively set for the first part of ~~December-1968~~, and it would be appreciated if the lead is covered in an expedite fashion. For your assistance, there is enclosed a diagram of the hotel area and location of the shooting.

22 copies of FD-302 should be submitted.

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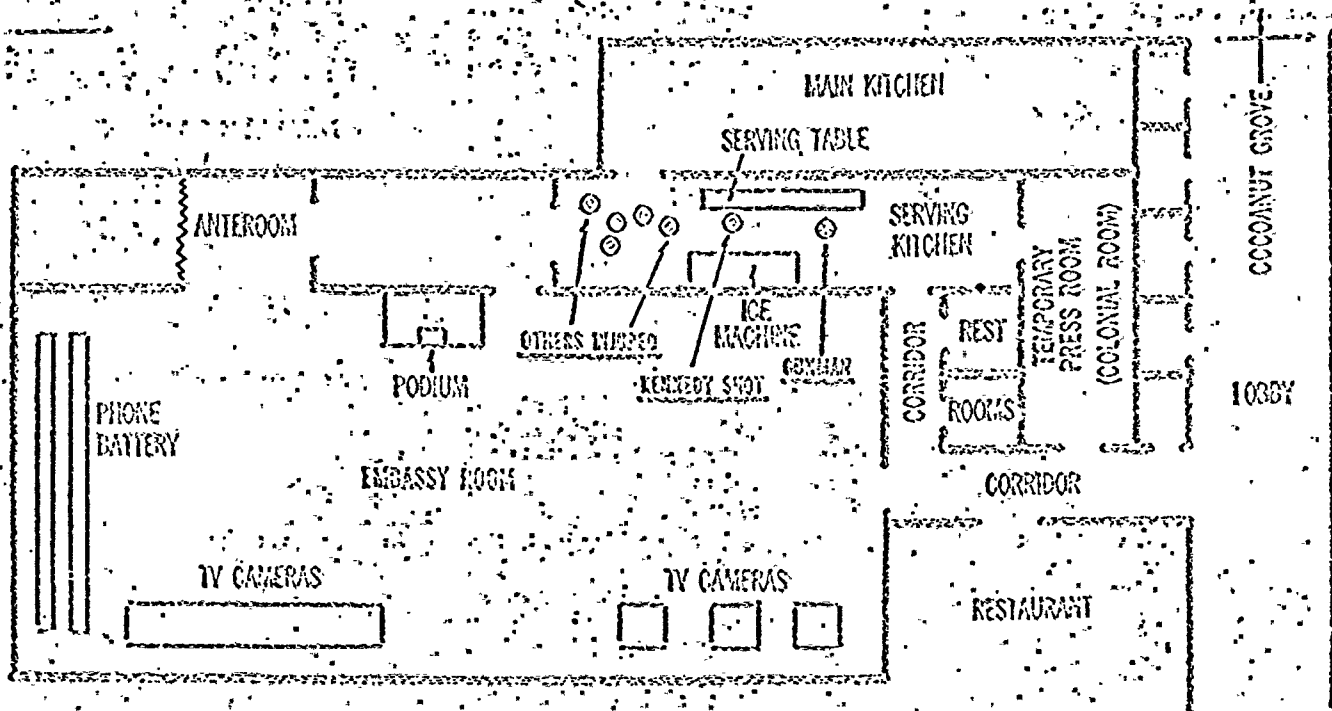


DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE--Sketch shows the doors leading from behind podium of Embassy

Room and the serving kitchen through which Sen. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot. Times drawing by Oliver Stenck

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SAC, CHICAGO

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-568)

KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles letter to Springfield, 10-17-68,
requesting investigation re Mr. and Mrs. F. SCHUMACHER,
c/o Sunny Decker, Morrison Travel, 4 West 4th Street,
Rockford, Illinois.

Copies of relet and enclosures forwarded Chicago
inasmuch as Rockford located within that division.

2 - Chicago (Encs. 4)
1 - Los Angeles (Info.)
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SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-568) (RUC)

KENSALT
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

RE: JAMES C. MC WHINNEY
Coal Valley, Illinois 61240

Re Los Angeles letter to Springfield dated 10/17/68.

It was determined the correct name of the individual at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, was JAMES C. MC WHINNEY instead of L. MC WHINNEY. Correct spelling of the town is Coal Valley, Illinois.

Enclosed are 22 copies of FD-302 as requested.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD

DATE: 10/17/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES ⁵⁶⁸

SUBJECT: KENSALT ⁴⁴
OO: LOS ANGELES ⁵⁹⁸

RE: Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD COVERT - ^D
c/o VIVIAN THOMAS ^{48-0-114-NT}
Peoria Travel Bureau
433 Main Street
Peoria, Illinois

On 6/4/68 the above captioned person was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

At 12:15 a.m. on 6/5/68, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, at the conclusion of a victory rally by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY (D-New York), in the kitchen area leading off the Embassy Ballroom shot and killed Senator KENNEDY, utilizing a .22 caliber revolver.

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- ② - Springfield (Encls. 2) ^{PM}
- 1 - Los Angeles

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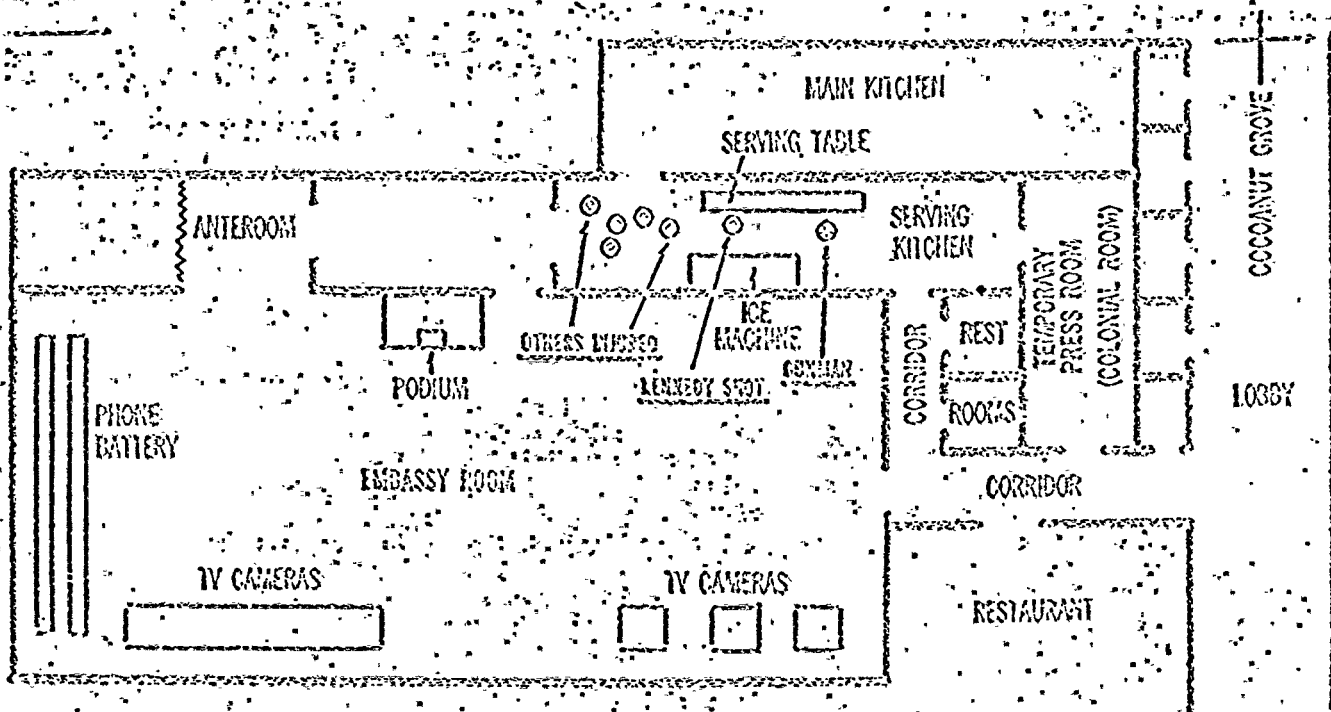


DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE--Sketch shows the doors leading from behind podium at Embassy

Room and the serving kitchen through which Sen. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot. *Times* drawing by Oliver French

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SAC LOS ANGELES (56-156)

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (62-8651) P

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RE: Mrs. AURELIA SMITH
c/o Berry Travel Agency
91 and State Line Drive
Kansas City, Missouri

Re Los Angeles letter to Kansas City, 10/17/68.

Enclosed for the Springfield Division is a copy of referenced letter plus a diagram reflecting a shooting scene for Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and a photograph of SIHAN B. SIRHAN.

On 11/1/68, TOM DIX, Berry Travel Agency, 1820 West 91 Place, Kansas City, Mo., advised Mrs. AURELIA SMITH is a tour leader for them. He advised she acts as an escort on their tours and that very seldom ever comes to their office in Kansas City, inasmuch as they mail material regarding the tours to her. He advised the address that they have for Mrs. SMITH is c/o Rosedale Farm, Chester, Illinois.

LEAD:

SPRINGFIELD:

AT CHESTER, ILLINOIS:

m/c 11-19-68 JWS

Will contact Mrs. AURELIA SMITH and conduct the investigation set forth regarding Mrs. SMITH in the enclosed letter from Los Angeles to Kansas City, dated 10/17/68.

- 2 - Los Angeles
- ② - Springfield (Enc. 3)
- 2 - Kansas City

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

DATE: 10/17/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

62-8651

Mrs. AURELIA SMITH
RE: oBerry Travel Agency
91st and State Line Drive
Kansas City, Missouri

On 6/4/68 the above captioned person was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

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- 2 - Kansas City (Encls. 2)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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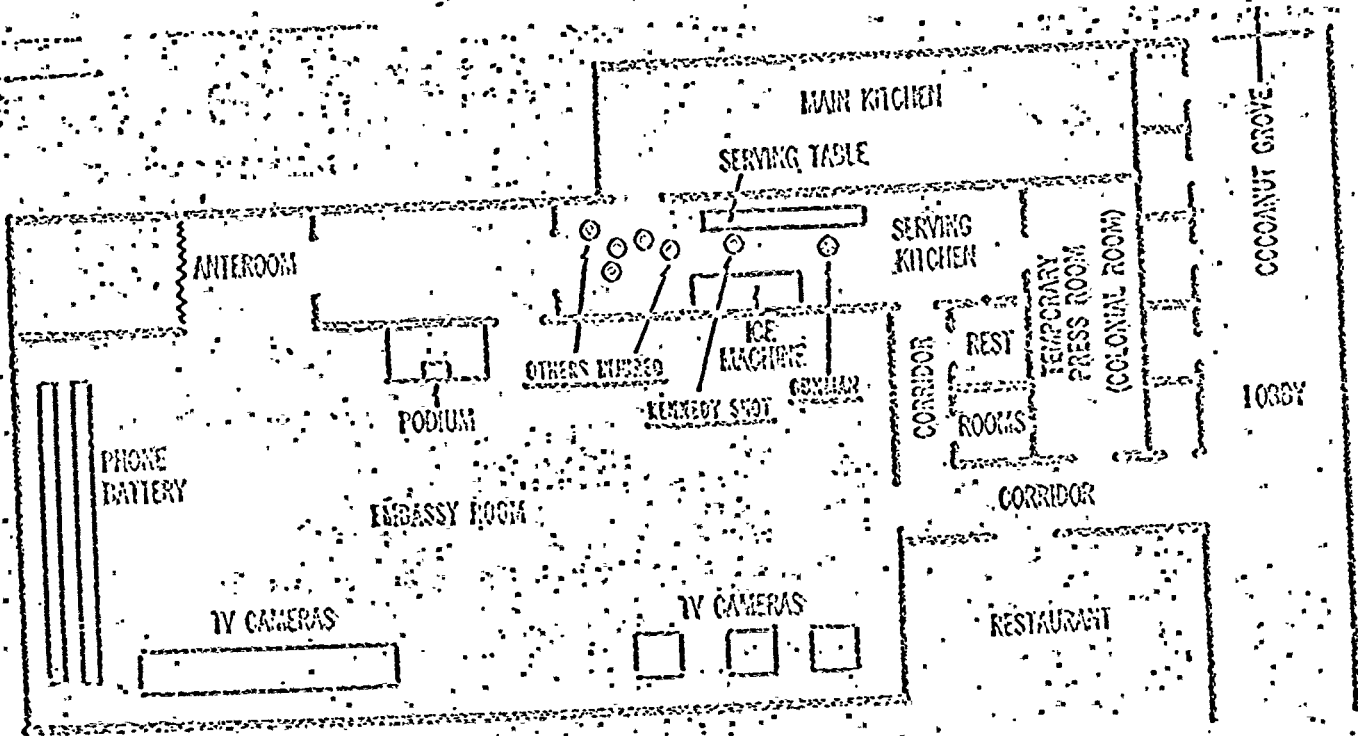


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Room and the serving kitchen through which Sen. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot. Times drawing by Oliver French

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11/13/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-568) (RUC)
SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles airtel to Springfield dated 10/17/68.

Enclosed are 22 copies of self-explanatory FD-302 concerning interview with Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD COVERT, Peoria, Illinois.

2-Los Angeles (Enc. 22)
2-Springfield (44-568)
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Date: 11/14/68

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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD
FROM: *WJN* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: *D* KENSALT *44-568**
OO: LOS ANGELES

A review of investigation conducted to date in the captioned matter indicates that interviews previously requested by Los Angeles have not been completed. It is requested that all interviews be completed by 11/30/68. If previously submitted, please advise as to date of communication and spelling of name.

Records indicate interviews are still outstanding on the following:

MR. and MRS. FLOYD COVERT

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Airtel 11/13/68*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 5, 1968

JAMES C. MC WHINNEY advised he is a bachelor and resides with his brother on a farm near Coal Valley where he assists with the farm work.

Mr. MC WHINNEY explained that for a number of years he has taken tours set up by a Travel Bureau Service to different parts of the United States. In June, 1968, he was on such a tour, which took him to Los Angeles, California, and the group was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for three days, which included the day that ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mr. MC WHINNEY recalls on the day before the assassination, which would be June 4, 1968, the group went on a tour of the city of Los Angeles. He believes they returned to the hotel around 6:00 P.M. He had dinner and "hung around" the lobby because of the excitement and on two occasions, saw ROBERT KENNEDY. However, the crowd became so large that at approximately 11:00 P.M. he returned to his hotel room, where he went to bed.

Mr. MC WHINNEY observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated he did not recall observing him at the Ambassador Hotel while he was there, but added that he probably did see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN because he was wandering around in this crowd before he went to bed. When asked specifically if he did observe SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, he answered, "No, I could not testify to that."

On 10/30/68 at Coal Valley, Illinois File # SI 44-568-41
 by SA ROBERT A. WICKWIRE/lmh *RW* Date dictated 10/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date November 13, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD COVERT, 5902 Graceland Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, furnished the following information:

During June, 1968, they joined a Berry Tour Group from Chicago, Illinois and traveled with this group to Los Angeles, California. They checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for a scheduled two-night stay. However, they were quartered in the Ambassador Cottage rather than in the main Hotel.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, they retired at approximately 10:00 p.m. and were oblivious to what subsequently happened at the hotel. Their daughter, who lives in Davenport, Iowa, telephonically contacted them on the morning following Senator KENNEDY's assassination and initially informed them of his death. Prior to this call, they were unaware of the events that occurred at the Ambassador Hotel or that Senator KENNEDY had been killed.

The COVERTs could not identify a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and do not remember seeing anyone around the hotel premises resembling SIRHAN.

During their brief stay, the only national figure that they remember seeing in the Ambassador lobby soon after they had checked in was football star ROOSEVELT GREER.

On 11/12/68 at Peoria, Illinois File # SI 44-568 - 42
 by SA ELIAS WILLIAMS /mab Date dictated 11/13/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/25/68

Mrs. AURELIA SMITH, Rosedale Farm, Chester, Illinois, was contacted at St. Ann's Home, 770 State St., Chester. She advised she had just returned the previous night from Hawaii. She advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on 6/4/68 with a touring group and that the group had rooms in the Garden Section of the hotel. She advised that there was considerable confusion at the hotel that night due to the political rally for Senator KENNEDY, and due to this she retired about 11:00 PM. She stated that she heard nothing of the shooting until about 7:00 AM the following morning when she heard it on the radio. Mrs. SMITH advised she has followed the matter in the news media since it happened and is familiar with the appearance of SIRHAN B. SIRIAN and cannot recall seeing him in or near the hotel. She advised that she has seen his picture many times in news media.

On 11/25/68 at Chester, Illinois File # 44-568 - 43

by SA Joseph L. McKinstry Date dictated Typed 11/25/68

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SAC, Los Angeles (56-156)

11/25/68

SAC, Springfield (44-568)(RUC)

KENSALT
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Re Kansas City letter to Los Angeles 11/6/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 22 copies of FD-302 reflecting interview with Mrs. AURELIA SMITH, Chester, Illinois.

Several efforts were made to contact Mrs. Smith at her address of Rosedale Farm, Chester, Illinois without success. It was determined that she was with a tour in Hawaii. Mrs. Bernard Cushman, Chester, Illinois, Her sister, advised that Mrs. Smith returned to Chester 11/24/68 and was at St. Ann's Home, Chester.

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