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SANTA ANITA RACETRACK WHERE HE HAS WORKED IN PAST.

MR. HERRICK ADVISED HE DOES NOT DO ANY ADVERTISING IN LOCAL PAPERS. ONLY ADVERTISEMENT IS SMALL PIECE IN YELLOW PAGES OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA TELEPHONE BOOK. DOES NOT CATER TO ANY SPECIFIC GROUPS OR GUN CLUBS AND COULD OFFER NO REASON WHY SIRHAN MIGHT HAVE PATRONIZED HIS STORE.

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KENSALT, - SUMMARY

INVESTIGATION REGARDING ACQUAINTANCES  
OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

MRS. LINDA BAHTISHI

MRS. LINDA BAHTISHI, FOUR TWO THREE WEST GLENDON WAY, SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA, STATED NEITHER SHE NOR HER HUSBAND, MUSTAFA BAHTISHI, WERE ACQUAINTED WITH SIRHAN. SHE WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING POSSIBLE STATEMENTS SHE HAD MADE TO EFFECT SENATOR KENNEDY SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED AS HE WAS PRO-JEWISH. SHE FURTHER ADVISED SHE KNEW OF NO ACQUAINTANCES OF SIRHAN OR ANY CLUBS TO WHICH HE OR HER HUSBAND BELONGED. SHE DENIED KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT ARAB CLUBS IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

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MUSTAFA BAHTISHI

MUSTAFA BAHTISHI, FOUR TWO THREE WEST GLENDON WAY, SAN GABRIEL, DENIED ANY ACQUAINTANCE WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN, BUT DID NAME ACQUAINTANCE OF SIRHAN'S BROTHER, ADEL SIRHAN. MUSTAFA STATED HE WAS NOT MEMBER AND DID NOT ATTEND MEETINGS OF ANY ARAB CLUBS IN LOS ANGELES AREA. SAID WAS AWARE HAD BEEN ARAB CLUB AT CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE LOS ANGELES. THIS CLUB, HE UNDERSTOOD, HAD BEEN DISBANDED. BELIEVED WERE SUCH CLUBS AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND UCLA, BUT KNEW NO MEMBERS OR OFFICERS. ADMITTED ATTENDING PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AT NIGHT DURING PART OF TIME SIRHAN ATTENDED BUT DENIED EVER MEETING HIM. MUSTAFA DENIED MAKING ANY ANTI-KENNEDY STATEMENTS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER ASSASSINATION, AND INDICATED SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN LOOKED UPON WITH SOME FAVOR BY JORDANIANS IN GENERAL. MUSTAFA FURNISHED NAME MUSTAFA SAMKARI (PH) AS POSSIBLE ACQUAINTANCE OF SIRHAN.

EDWARD VAN ANTWERP

EDWARD VAN ANTWERP INTERVIEWED SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND IMMEDIATELY RECALLED "SOL" (FURTHER NAME

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UNKNOWN) WITH WHOM HE LIVED FOR FIVE MONTHS IN LATE SIXTY SIX AT NORCO, CALIFORNIA. AFTER VIEWING PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN, VAN ANTWERP FULLY CONVINCED THAT "SOL" AND SIRHAN IDENTICAL. VAN ANTWERP MET SIRHAN BY CHANCE AT HIGHLANDER MOTEL AND LIVED WITH HIM FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS. HAD LITTLE ASSOCIATION EXCEPT AS ROOMMATES. VAN ANTWERP HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF SIRHAN'S ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS, POLITICAL BELIEFS, FAMILY ETHNIC BACKGROUND OR ANYTHING PERSONAL CONCERNING HIM. STATED "SOL" WAS NICE YOUNG KID WHO SEEMED TO BE OF OPINION THAT HE WAS NOT GETTING A FAIR DEAL IN LIFE MAINLY BECAUSE HE WAS POOR, BUT THIS DID NOT BOTHER HIM UNDULY".

INVESTIGATION AT SAN GABRIEL  
VALLEY GUN CLUB.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES HAS ~~DEVELOPED~~  
DEVELOPED ADDITIONAL WITNESS, CLAUDIA WILLIAMS, TWO FOUR  
TWO EIGHT SIERRA LEONE, ROLLING HEIGHTS, WHO MAY HAVE

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TALKED TO SIRHAN AT THE FISH CANYON GUN RANGE ON JUNE FOUR LAST. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HER. THIS INTERVIEW MAY BE OF IMPORTANCE AS IT MAY CLARIFY PREVIOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RANGE OFFICER EVERETT BUCKNER.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOHN FAHEY CONCERNING ACTIVITY, AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE FOUR LAST.

JOHN FAHEY ADVISED HAD TOLD STORY CONCERNING SPENDING DAY WITH ONE GILDERDINE OPPENHEIMER TO REPORTER FERNANDO FAURA OF "HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN-NEWS" NEWSPAPER. SAID FAURA HAD STORY CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CONNECTED WITH KENNEDY SHOOTING, AND THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH HIS EXPERIENCE. FOR THIS REASON, HE CONTACTED FAURA, AFTER FAURA PROMISED WOULD NOT PUBLISH STORY. STATED HE DOES NOT EXPECT FAURA TO PRINT STORY. FAHEY TALKED TO FAURA ON JUNE FIFTEEN LAST, SAME DAY TOLD STORY TO LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

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IN VICINITY OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN BLONDE  
WOMAN DESCRIBED BY FAHEY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY VERONICA  
DEEMS REGARDING TAMARA COROBICH.

VERONICA DEEMS, EMPLOYEE, BOUTIQUE SHOP, MIRAMAR HOTEL,  
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED NEW YORK OFFICE FBI  
AND SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION THAT A  
TAMARA COROBICH WAS ON AIRPLANE FLIGHT TO NEW YORK AND  
ALLEGEDLY HAD CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. DEEMS HAS  
FURNISHED IRRELEVANT INFORMATION ON TWO ADDITIONAL  
OCCASIONS CONCERNING THIS CASE. LAPD DETECTIVE WILLIAM  
RATHBURN, WHO INTERVIEWED DEEMS, CONTACTED AND ADVISED  
DEEMS' INFORMATION HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.  
DETECTIVE KENNETH LLOYD LILIAEL AND DETECTIVE ROBERT SOLLEE,  
BOTH OF SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTERVIEWED AND  
ADVISE INFORMATION FROM DEEMS HAS NO POSSIBLE CONNECTION  
THIS MATTER. DEEMS PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN AND INVESTIGATION  
CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

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OFFICIAL KENNEDY PARTY.

PETER SMITH, ADVANCE MAN FOR LOS ANGELES KENNEDY CAMPAIGN, ADVISED IN NEW YORK HE GAVE SOUND MAN GERRY COSTIGAN PASS FOR EMBASSY ROOM ON NIGHT OF ASSASSINATION. COSTIGAN TOLD SMITH THAT HE, COSTIGAN, HAD VIEWED INDIVIDUAL HE BELIEVED TO BE SIRHAN SIRHAN IN EMBASSY ROOM AND HAD MOVED THIS INDIVIDUAL OFF THE PLATFORM DURING COURSE OF EVENING. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY WASHINGTON FIELD TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GERRY COSTIGAN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LOS ANGELES PRESS TODAY REFLECTED AP RELEASE WHEREIN SPOKESMAN FOR ISRAELI MILITARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT BISHARA SIRHAN, FATHER OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, OFFICIALLY APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO U.S. PLANS FOR FATHER'S TRIP TO AMERICA ANNOUNCED AFTER HE RETURNED TO JERUSALEM FROM AMMAN, WHERE HE MADE SOME PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SON'S LEGAL DEFENSE. ACCORDING TO PRESS, STATEMENT, ARAB LAWYERS' FEDERATION IN AMMAN INDICATED

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TEAM OF FIVE ARAB LAWYERS WOULD GO TO U.S. SHORTLY TO PREPARE FOR TRIAL. STATEMENT INDICATED ARAB LEGAL TEAM WOULD BE HEADED BY PROMINENT BEIRUT ATTORNEY HENRY CATTAN, BUT CATTAN SAID HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF STATEMENT AND MOST ANY ARAB LAWYERS COULD DO WOULD BE TO ASSIST AMERICAN ATTORNEYS OUT OF COURT. CATTAN SAID "WE CANNOT APPEAR BEFORE AN AMERICAN COURT".

APPOINTMENT of New ATTORNEY:

A. L. WIRIN <sup>ACTUALLY</sup> today announced that Sirhad would have new attorneys. USA. W. Byrne advised that one of the attorneys would be

Russell E. Parsons of Los Angeles and that the other who would be <sup>the</sup> head attorney is as yet unknown. WIRIN is

to file substitution papers tomorrow & has declined to identify the other attorney.

MARTINDALE + HUBBARD REFLECTS PARSONS

BORN 1895. ATTENDED ~~USC~~ UNIVERSITY OF

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOTH COLLEGE AND

LAW SCHOOL. HAS OFFICE 205 SO. ~~BROAD~~ BROADWAY.

PARSONS ~~HAS REPRESENTED~~ ACTIVE IN PRACTICE OF CRIMINAL LAW.

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PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION AT LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL GUN SHOP, SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA.

TWO PERSONS WHO PURCHASED HANDGUNS FROM INSTANT STORE ON MAY TWENTYFOUR AND TWENTYFIVE LAST ~~RE~~ INTERVIEWED TODAY AND ADVISED THEY DID NOT PICK UP THEIR GUNS ON JUNE ONE, LAST. BOTH ADVISED THEY WERE NOT REGULAR CUSTOMERS OF STORE AND COULD NOT RECALL BEING IN STORE AROUND APRIL, LAST. NEITHER COULD REMEMBER SEEING THREE FOREIGN LOOKING PERSONS IN STORE DURING THEIR VISITS. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SIRHAN FAMILY EXHIBITED TO THESE PERSONS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE OTHER PERSONS WHO WERE ~~XXXXXX~~ POSSIBLY IN STORE ON PERTINENT DATES.

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LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF  
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, LOS ANGELES ATTORNEY  
RUSSELL E. PARSONS WILL DEFEND SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.  
NOTE FROM SIRHAN SIRHAN DATED JUNE TWELVE LAST, MADE  
PUBLIC TODAY REFLECTING DIRECTION FROM SIRHAN  
RETAINING PARSONS AS HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY. BODY OF  
NOTE WRITTEN BY AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION ATTORNEY  
AL WIRIN AND WAS SIGNED BY SIRHAN AS SIRHAN SIRHAN.

IN NEWS RELEASE LAST EVENING PARSONS INDICATED  
WOULD BE ASSISTED BY ANOTHER ATTORNEY, BUT DECLINED  
TO NAME ~~THE~~ ATTORNEY AS HE INDICATED THIS ATTORNEY

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CURRENTLY REPRESENTING CLIENT IN COURT AND WAS AFRAID HIS BEING NAMED WOULD PREJUDICE ~~THE~~ COURT CASE.

ON JUNE TWENTY INSTANT, EDWARD GRITZ, ATTORNEY ASSOCIATED WITH RUSSELL E. PARSONS, ADVISED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT OTHER ATTORNEY THAT WILL DEFEND SIRHAN SIRHAN WILL <sup>probably</sup> BE GRANT COOPER, WHO IS PRESENTLY ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS HANDLING THE FRIARS CLUB CASE AND, IN PARTICULAR, IS REPRESENTING DEFENDANT MAURICE FRIEDMAN OF LAS VEGAS. THIS CASE IS CURRENTLY BEING TRIED IN FEDERAL COURT, LOS ANGELES. BUFILE OF THIS CASE IS ONE SIX SIX DASH THREE TWO ZERO ZERO; LOS ANGELES FILE ONE SIX SIX DASH ONE ZERO FOUR EIGHT. COOPER IS A WELL KNOWN LOS ANGELES TRIAL ATTORNEY WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY WELL KNOWN AND PUBLICIZED CASES IN LOS ANGELES, MANY INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT AND IN THE CIVIL AREA, ENTERTAINMENT PERSONALITIES.

NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE OF THIS AS IT IS FELT IT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE CURRENT CASE IN WHICH HE IS INVOLVED. DUE TO CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AND SENSITIVE

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NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION, PARTICULAR CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED SO THAT THIS INFORMATION IS NOT DISSEMINATED *outside Bureau,*  
*at this time.*  
~~OF MADE KNOWN TO OUTSIDE SOURCES.~~

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SAN  
GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB.

CLAUDIA WILLIAMS

~~CLAUDIA WILLIAMS INTERVIEWED TODAY, BY BUAGENT AND  
LAPD OFFICER ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL TASK FORCE INVESTIGATING  
THIS MATTER.~~ WILLIAMS, ~~TWO FOUR TWO EIGHT SIERRA LEONE,~~  
*ROWLAND* ~~ROLLING~~ HEIGHTS, ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND ARRIVED AT SAN  
GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB RANGE AT APPROXIMATELY THREE FIFTY *PM*  
ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE FOUR LAST. HUSBAND PROCEEDED TO RIFLE  
RANGE AND SHE PROCEEDED TO PISTOL RANGE AND TOOK POSITION  
NEAR RANGE HOUSE. ADVISED SHE HAD TWENTY TWO CALIBER  
REVOLVER WHICH SHE HAD HAD FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE  
HALF YEARS, BUT GUN HAD NEVER BEEN FIRED. SHE MADE COMMENT  
ABOUT POSSIBLE NEED OF ASSISTANCE OR INSTRUCTION IN FIRING

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OF WEAPON. SHE CONVERSED WITH INDIVIDUAL SHE IDENTIFIED AS SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, AND WHO WAS FIRING ON POSSIBLY EIGHTH OR NINTH TARGET POSITION. SHE CALLED HIM OVER TO HER POSITION AND HE ASSISTED HER IN FIRING HER WEAPON. ADVISED SIRHAN FIRED APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN SHOTS WITH HER GUN AND SHE FIRED FEW ROUNDS WITH GUN BELONGING TO SIRHAN, WHICH SHE RECALLS WAS SMALL "CUTE GUN". SHE COULD NOT RECALL MAKE OF WEAPON. CONVERSATION WITH SIRHAN WAS LIMITED TO DISCUSSION ABOUT GUNS AND FIRING OF WEAPONS. ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND STAYED ON RANGE TO CLOSING AT FIVE PM AND OBSERVED SIRHAN LEAVING AT THAT TIME. WILLIAMS SAW NO ONE WITH SIRHAN. WILLIAMS IS BLONDE AND WAS WEARING HER HAIR SHOULDER LENGTH THE DAY SHE WAS AT RANGE. DESCRIPTION OF WILLIAMS MATCHES DESCRIPTION OF BLONDE WOMAN WITH SHOULDER LENGTH HAIR DESCRIBED BY ~~BUCKNER~~ AS TALKING TO SIRHAN SIRHAN. PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLIAMS WILL BE DISPLAYED TO BUCKNER.

HUSBAND OF CLAUDIA WILLIAMS, WHO ACCOMPANIED HER TO RANGE, ALSO BEING INTERVIEWED AND RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU.

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INFORMATION REGARDING FAMILY  
OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN LOCAL PRESS TODAY THAT MUNIR SIRHAN, BROTHER OF ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF SENATOR KENNEDY, WAS FIGHTING DEPORTATION ORDER ISSUED AGAINST HIM AS RESULT OF CONVICTION OF FELONY NARCOTIC CHARGES. THIS DEPORTATION ORDER, ACCORDING TO INS SOURCES, ISSUED IN SIXTY SIX, BUT WAS APPEALED BY MUNIR TO BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS, WASHINGTON, WHICH HAS NOW BEGUN PROCESS OF REVIEWING APPEAL. APPEAL BASED ON ARGUMENT MUNIR WAS JUVENILE AT TIME OF CONVICTION AND CONVICTION HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THIS REASON.

MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE IN LOCAL PRESS TODAY REFLECTING THAT A CRESPIN GONZALEZ WAS BEING HELD BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND THAT HE CLAIMED HE MET SIRHAN B. SIRHAN IN PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CALIFORNIA AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM HOW KENNEDYS

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WERE GAINING DICTATORIAL POWERS. ARTICLE RELATES THAT USA'S OFFICE IN EL PASO STATED FBI WAS INVESTIGATING THE BOY'S CLAIM THOROUGHLY, BUT THAT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT TAKE CLAIM SERIOUSLY. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE COMPLETELY FALSE AND BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED BY LOS ANGELES CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY ~~JOHN FAHEY~~  
CONCERNING ACTIVITY, AMBASSADOR  
HOTEL, JUNE FOUR LAST.

JOHN FAHEY WAS INTERVIEWED BY SGTs. MC GANN AND OLSTEEN OF LAPD, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL TASK FORCE INVESTIGATING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN VICINITY OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND KENMORE - OLYMPIC DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BLONDE WOMAN DESCRIBED BY FAHEY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE

LOCAL PRESS STORIES TODAY REFLECT THAT SIRHAN CONTINUES UNDER SAME SUPER-SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL AND HIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INJURIES TO HIS FINGER, ANKLE AND KNEE ARE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. MEDICAL STAFF REPORTS THAT OUTSIDE OF SPLINT ON INJURED FINGER, HIS INJURIES DO NOT PRESENT HANDICAP AT THIS TIME.

FURTHER, PRESS REFLECTS THAT JORDANIAN CONSULATE GEORGE ZRAIKAT WAS SERVED WITH COURT ORDER PREVENTING HIM FROM

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MAKING ANY COMMENT ON THE CASE OR SIRHAN. BUREAU WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT JORDANIAN CONSULATE AT LOS ANGELES, ACCOMPANIED BY SIRHAN'S ATTORNEY, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS WILBUR LITTLEFIELD, HAD VISITED SIRHAN AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL.

ALL MAIL RECEIVED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDRESSED TO SIRHAN IS DELIVERED TO HIS ATTORNEY AND WHILE SIRHAN EATS SAME FOOD AS OTHER INMATES, HIS FOOD IS PREPARED IN SEPARATE KITCHEN.

EMPLOYMENT

DALE ROBERTSON, MOVIE AND TELEVISION ACTOR, WAS INTERVIEWED BY REPORTER FROM "LIFE" MAGAZINE INQUIRING IF ROBERTSON KNEW SIRHAN SIRHAN BASED ON FACT THAT ROBERTSON KEPT HORSES AT RANCH IN NORCO, CALIFORNIA, WHERE SIRHAN HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS EXERCISE BOY. ROBERTSON WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN AS ANYONE WHO HAD EVER BEEN KNOWN OR EMPLOYED BY HIM IN CAPACITY OF EXERCISING HIS HORSES OR IN ANY OTHER WAY.

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ASSOCIATES

IVAN GARCIA, A GUATAMALAN NATIONAL, ADVISED WAS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. STATED HE AND SIRHAN VISITED EACH OTHER'S HOMES AND CONSIDERED SIRHAN POLITE, SENSITIVE, THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS PERSON. DID NOT DISCUSS POLITICS WITH SIRHAN AND SIRHAN GAVE NO EVIDENCE OF STRONG NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES. SIRHAN DID INDICATE THAT MANY WEALTHY PEOPLE FOR WHOM HE WORKED AS HORSE TRAINER WERE JEWISH AND HE FEARED WOULD NOT REALIZE HIS AMBITION TO BECOME JOCKEY BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBLE FEELINGS AGAINST ARABS. GARCIA KNEW OF NO FEMALE ASSOCIATES OF SIRHAN OR CLOSE MALE ASSOCIATES. DID NOT KNOW SIRHAN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OR HAVE POSSESSION OF GUN.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SAN  
GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB.

RONALD GLEN WILLIAMS, ROLLING HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HE AND WIFE, CLAUBIA, WENT TO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB RANGE ON JUNE FOUR LAST, ARRIVING ABOUT

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THREE FIFTY PM. HE AND WIFE DID NOT SIGN ROSTER. ADVISED WAS GOING TO SHOOT RECENTLY PURCHASED RIFLE AND WIFE GOING TO SHOOT TWENTY TWO CALIBER PISTOL, WHICH SHE HAD HAD FOR SOMETIME, BUT HAD NEVER FIRED. WILLIAMS STATED HE AND WIFE HAD DISCUSSION CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT TO PAY ADMISSION AND FIRE SINCE ONLY HAD ONE HOUR TO SHOOT BEFORE CLOSING TIME. THIS DISCUSSION CARRIED ON IN PRESENCE OF RANGE OFFICER AND POSSIBLY COULD BE CONSTRUED AS ARGUMENT BY ONLOOKER. ORIGINALLY WENT TO PISTOL RANGE WITH WIFE BUT RANGE OFFICER PUT UP TARGET FOR WIFE. WILLIAMS WENT TO RIFLE RANGE, FIRED FOR <sup>a period of time</sup> ~~SEVERAL MINUTES~~ AND RETURNED TO PISTOL RANGE, WHERE HE SAW WIFE AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SEEN ON PISTOL RANGE AROUND GUN POSITION TWENTY TWO OR TWENTY THREE. ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH HIS WIFE AND THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WAS GOING TO SHOOT GUN BELONGING TO INDIVIDUAL WHEN RANGE MASTER CALLED TIME INDICATING CLOSING OF RANGE. WILLIAMS STATED PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN SIRHAN LOOKED VERY MUCH LIKE THIS INDIVIDUAL AT RANGE EXCEPT HIS HAIR WAS NEATER.

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF CLAUDIA WILLIAMS AND HUSBAND BEING  
OBTAINED ~~BY [REDACTED]~~ AND WILL BE SHOWN TO EVERETT BUCKNER  
FOR IDENTIFICATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AS THOSE HE  
SAW ON RANGE ON JUNE FOUR LAST. *Consideration being given  
as to <sup>arranging a</sup> ~~possible~~ meeting between Williams' and Buckner.*

ROUTE OF SENATOR KENNEDY FROM  
EMBASSY BALLROOM.

EDWARD MINASIAN, CATERING DEPARTMENT, AMBASSADOR  
HOTEL, ADVISED THAT AFTER SENATOR KENNEDY COMPLETED  
VICTORY SPEECH IN EMBASSY ROOM, KENNEDY AND PARTY  
LEFT STAGE AND ENTERED RAMPWAY LEADING TO HALLWAY  
OF AMBASSADOR BALLROOM. HE RECALLED WALKING IN FRONT  
OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND WHILE PARTY WAS FOLLOWING HIM  
THEY WERE DISCUSSING ADVISABILITY OF GOING TO COLONIAL  
ROOM FOR PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE GOING TO AMBASSADOR  
BALLROOM. DISCUSSION WAS BRIEF, LASTING NO MORE THAN  
FIFTEEN OR TWENTY SECONDS. PARTY STOPPED AT END OF  
PASSAGEWAY BEFORE ENTERING ISLE LEADING TO AMBASSADOR  
BALLROOM AND PARTY TURNED RIGHT INTO PASSAGEWAY LEADING

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TO COLONIAL ROOM. HE JOINED THE KENNEDY PARTY WALKING ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S RIGHT SIDE. MINASIAN FEELS CERTAIN DECISION TO GO TO COLONIAL ROOM INSTEAD OF AMBASSADOR BALLROOM WAS SPONTANEOUS DECISION AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION. MINASIAN BASES BEELING ON CONVERSATION HE OVERHEARD PLUS FACT THAT AS OF TIME KENNEDY WAS DELIVERING SPEECH PLANS WERE TO PROCEED TO AMBASSADOR BALLROOM.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOHN  
FAHEY CONCERNING ACTIVITY,  
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE FOUR LAST.

INVESTIGATION ON JUNE TWENTY AND TWENTY ONE LAST HAS ESTABLISHED OBVIOUS DISCREPANCIES IN STORY FURNISHED BY FAHEY. CONTACT WITH EMPLOYER OF FAHEY REFLECTS FAHEY HAS TOLD ~~HE~~ <sup>a number of different stories</sup> CONCERNING THIS MATTER. EMPLOYER DESCRIBED FAHEY AS BEING "DIFFERENT, ODD AND CLASHING WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEES".

LAPD DESCRIBES CITIZEN-NEWS REPORTER FERNANDO FAURA AS OPPORTUNIST AND IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTER, ~~WHO IS KNOWN~~

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~~TO HAVE SOLD COMPLETELY UNTRUE INFORMATION CONCERNING~~  
~~KENSALT TO RESPONSIBLE NEWS MEDIA.~~ FAHEY NOW ADMITS  
TO BEING IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH FAURA. DUE TO LACK  
OF CREDENCE IN FAHEY'S STORIES AND AS ALL POSSIBLE  
INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE NEGATIVE TO SUBSTANTIATE  
STORIES, LOS ANGELES WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
THIS MATTER. COMPLETE DETAILED AIRTEL CONCERNING INVESTIGATION  
CONDUCTED WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU.

~~SANDRA SERRANO AND GIRL IN~~  
~~POLKA DOT DRESS.~~

CAPTAIN HUGH BROWN, HEAD OF SPECIAL TASK FORCE FROM  
LAPD, ADVISES THAT AFTER POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AND LENGTHY  
INTERVIEW, SANDRA SERRANO FINALLY ADMITTED THAT HER STORY  
ABOUT SEEING SIRHAN, UNIDENTIFIED MALE AND GIRL IN POLKA  
DOT DRESS ENTER HOTEL AND GIRL IN POLKA DOT DRESS AND  
UNIDENTIFIED MALE LEAVING HOTEL WAS COMPLETE FABRICATION.

SERRANO ADMITTED FABRICATING STORY AFTER OVERHEARD<sup>ING</sup>  
NEWSMAN INTERVIEW HOTEL EMPLOYEE WHO MENTIONED GIRL IN

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POLKA DOT DRESS BEING SEEN IN KITCHEN AREA. SERRANO WAS FEARFUL OF CONSEQUENCES IF ADMITTED STORY WAS FALSE AND AFTER REPEATED ASSURANCES BY LAPD THAT <sup>they</sup> WOULD NOT PROSECUTE HER, ADMITTED ~~ENTIRE TRUTH OF STORY~~ <sup>that</sup> story she told was a fabrication.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

CORONER'S REPORT.

HERBERT MC RORY, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY CORONER, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED JUNE TWENTY ONE INSTANT THAT AUTOPSY REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN COMPLETED PENDING FINAL REVIEW BY DR. NAGUCHI, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER. NAGUCHI IS CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL JUNE TWENTY FOUR NEXT. REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SOMETIME DURING FORTHCOMING WEEK. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED UPON RECEIPT OF CORONER'S REPORT.

BALLISTICS REPORT

LIAISON IS BEING CURRENTLY MAINTAINED WITH SID SECTION OF LAPD REGARDING BALLISTICS REPORT THIS MATTER AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED WHEN SUCH REPORT IS OBTAINED.

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Re: ~~John R. Russell E. Parsons~~

OFFICE OF RUSSELL E. PARSONS, LOS ANGELES, WHO IS ATTORNEY FOR SIRHAN, RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS JUNE TWENTY LAST FROM PERSON CLAIMING TO BE JOHN LAWRENCE, TELEPHONE TWO ONE TWO DASH FOUR SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE EIGHT TWO SIX, NEW YORK CITY. BOTH CALLS HANDLED BY PARSONS' RECEPTIONIST PATRICIA NAVARO. CALLER INDICATED HE IS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CLEMENCY COMMITTEE FOR SIRHAN SIRHAN AND STATED LOS ANGELES CRIMINAL ATTORNEYS ARE "CROOKS" AND WILL TAKE SIRHAN "DOWN THE RIVER." ALSO STATED, "WE ARE OUT TO GET MR. PARSONS" AND "WE ARE GOING TO GET YOU." CALLER STATED PARSONS BEING PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO REPRESENT SIRHAN AND THERE ARE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ARABS WHO ARE VERY MILITANT AND NOT GOING TO LET PARSONS GET AWAY WITH IT.

PARSONS CONTACTED LAPD AND REQUESTED PROTECTION. LAPD SUGGESTED MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDING JUDGE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM. PRESIDING JUDGE INTENDS TO HOLD HEARING TO DETERMINE IF PROTECTION FOR PARSONS NECESSARY.

USA W. MATTHEW BYRNE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THIS DATE DUE TO SENSITIVE NATURE OF ALLEGATION AND APPARENT RELATIONSHIP TO PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN, HE WOULD WITHHOLD PROSECUTIVE

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OPINION RE POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF EXTORTION STATUTE. BYRNE  
RECOMMENDED NO INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED BY FBI AT THIS  
TIME.

*Miscellaneous*

~~ACCORDING TO~~ LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
~~RE~~ FURNISHED FOLLOWING IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE. SIRHAN  
RECEIVED LETTER FROM JOHN M. LAWRENCE, CHAIRMAN, FEDERATED  
AMERICA AGAINST ISRAELI RACISM, FIVE SEVEN WEST TENTH  
STREET, NEW YORK, JUNE SEVEN LAST. IN LETTER LAWRENCE  
OFFERED SIRHAN ANY ASSISTANCE HE DESIRED AND INDICATED HE  
AND HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD COMMENCE A CAMPAIGN TO SEEK  
MERCY FOR SIRHAN. (*New York cognizant of Lawrence*).

SEPARATE AIRTEL BEING SUBMITTED WITH FULL DETAILS  
RE POSSIBLE EXTORTION MATTER.

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KENSALT - SUMMARY

INVESTIGATION RE SANDRA SERRANO

LOCAL PRESS TODAY REFLECTS STORY RELEASED BY LAPD THAT ALL INVESTIGATION TERMINATED TO LOCATE GIRL IN THE POLKA DOT DRESS REFERRED TO BY SERRANO. PRESS ARTICLE REFLECTS THAT SERRANO HAD ADMITTED TO POLICE THAT ENTIRE STORY THAT SHE FURNISHED TO TELEVISION, PRESS AND POLICE WAS A FIGMENT OF HER IMAGINATION. ARTICLE REFLECTS THAT LAPD HAS CANCELLED ALL POINTS BULLETIN (APB) THAT WAS ISSUED BASED ON STORY ORIGINALLY FURNISHED BY SERRANO.

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

EMPLOYMENT

MRS. LOIS V. PALMER, <sup>Letter</sup> MANAGER, NUTRI-VILLE HEALTH FOOD STORE, SEVEN EIGHT TWO TWO EAST FLORENCE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIF., ADVISED KNEW SIRHAN SIRHAN AS SOL SIRHAN WHEN SIRHAN WORKED

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FOR HER EMPLOYER, ~~JOHN WEIDNER~~. SHE KNEW SIRHAN FOR PERIOD OF SIX TO SEVEN WEEKS DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH LAST. SIRHAN WAS DELIVERY BOY AND CAME TO NUTRI-VILLE APPROXIMATELY FOUR TIMES PER WEEK, REMAINING NO MORE THAN APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES EACH TRIP. HE DELIVERED AND PICKED UP STOCK AND MONEY FOR MR. WEIDNER. PALMER STATED SIRHAN ALWAYS RESPECTFUL AND APPEARED TO BE "INTELLIGENT". SHE RECALLS ASKING HIM IF HE WENT TO COLLEGE AND HE REPLIED, "NO, BUT I READ A HELL OF A LOT." DID NOT EXPLAIN WHAT HE READ. SIRHAN TOLD HER HE RODE HORSES AND ON WEEKENDS WENT TO SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK WITH BROTHERS. PALMER KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNING SIRHAN'S BACKGROUND OR ASSOCIATES.

WITNESSES TO SHOOTING

WILLIAM B. HERFORD

~~WILLIAM B. HERFORD, MESSENGER FOR ROCKET MESSENGER SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED NIGHT OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS ASSIGNED AS MESSENGER TO SYLVIA WRIGHT, "LIFE" MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER. WAS AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL FROM EIGHT TO NINE THIRTY PM, THEN TOOK PHOTOS TO AIRPORT FOR WRIGHT. RETURNED ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM AND WAS STANDING IN PRESS ROOM FROM THEN UNTIL HE HEARD SHOOTING. DID NOT SEE SHOOTING AS THIS WAS AN AREA ADJACENT TO PRESS ROOM~~

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AND SEPARATED THEREFROM BY TWO DOORS. WHEN HE HEARD SHOTS, HE RUSHED INTO ADJACENT AREA AND SAW ASSASSIN BEING HELD DOWN BY NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WERE TRYING TO PROTECT HIM. PISTOL WAS STILL IN HAND OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS BEING HELD DOWN AGAINST A FLAT SURFACE WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS TABLE OR COUNTER. FEW MINUTES LATER, TWO POLICEMEN TOOK ASSASSIN INTO CUSTODY AND WALKED HIM OUT OF HOTEL. HERFORD STATED HE HAD NEVER SEEN THIS MAN BEFORE.

~~BARBARA RUBIN~~

RUBIN, WIFE OF ~~LON BRUCE RUBIN~~, WOODLAND HILLS, CALIF., ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE WATCHING ELECTION RETURNS IN HEADQUARTERS OF ~~ALAN CRANSTON~~, AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, EVENING OF JUNE FOUR AND AM OF JUNE FIVE LAST. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, SHE AND HUSBAND WENT DOWN TO EMBASSY ROOM TO JOIN KENNEDY PARTY. UNABLE TO GET INTO ROOM DUE TO CROWD AT FRONT ENTRANCE. THEN WENT TO KITCHEN AND WENT THROUGH THE KITCHEN TO AREA WHERE KENNEDY WAS SPEAKING. BY THIS TIME, KENNEDY WAS CONCLUDING HIS SPEECH AND THEN STARTED FOR THE KITCHEN, AND SHE AND HUSBAND FOLLOWED. SHE AND HUSBAND WERE SPLIT IN CROWD AND SHE GOT TO KITCHEN AREA BEHIND ~~PAUL SCHRADE~~ (ANOTHER

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VICTIM OF SHOOTING). SHE HEARD THREE SHOTS BUT DID NOT SEE WHO WAS SHOOTING, THEN HEARD APPROXIMATELY FIVE SHOTS, AND SHE ~~FELL~~<sup>dropped</sup> TO THE FLOOR WITH A YOUNG<sup>S</sup> BLONDE GIRL THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW. A BIT LATER, SHE RAN OUT OF THE KITCHEN LOOKING FOR HER HUSBAND. RUBIN RECALLED THAT WHEN SHE AND HUSBAND WENT INTO KITCHEN ON WAY TO EMBASSY ROOM, THERE WERE ONLY THREE PERSONS IN KITCHEN. THEY WERE THREE MEN, ALL DARK COMPLETED, TWO SHORT AND ONE TALL. THE TALL ONE AND A SHORT ONE APPEARED TO BE KITCHEN WORKERS, AS THEY WERE MOVING ABOUT. THE OTHER, A SLIGHT MAN<sup>who was alone</sup>, WAS JUST STANDING THERE AGAINST THE WALL<sup>35</sup> IN ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM. HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ONE OF THE KITCHEN WORKERS. SHE DID NOT RECALL DETAILS OF HIS DRESS. LATER, AFTER SEEING PICTURES OF SIRHAN, SHE WAS OF DEFINITE IMPRESSION HE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL SHE HAD SEEN IN KITCHEN<sup>K</sup> WHEN SHE AND HUSBAND WENT THROUGH JUST BEFORE KENNEDY FINISHED HIS SPEECH. THIS WAS BETWEEN FIVE AND SEVEN MINUTES BEFORE KENNEDY FINISHED HIS SPEECH. ION RUBIN, HUSBAND OF BARBARA RUBIN, WILL BE INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTOS OF SIRHAN.

ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION ARE BEING EXPEDITIOUSLY PURSUED SO THAT EACH PHASE MAY BE BROUGHT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOHN FAHEY CONCERNING ACTIVITY, AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE FOUR LAST

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED SAN FRANCISCO INDICATES EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY ON PART OF FAHEY. WHEN EMPLOYED FIELDS JEWELERS SF, PROVOKED AND ASSAULTED CO-WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS. FAHEY ALSO FIRED FROM GENSLER LEE JEWELERS SF AFTER TIPPING OVER DISPLAY CASE OF JEWELRY FOLLOWING MENTAL UPSSET. UNABLE TO GET ALONG WITH EMPLOYEES SHICK SERVICE CENTER SF, AFTER FOUR MONTHS TRANSFERRED TO LA OFFICE. ALSO EMPLOYED BANK OF AMERICA SF AS LOAN COLLECTOR LET OFF DUE TO ARGUMENTS WITH SUPERIORS. FAHEY IN USAF NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO FIFTY TWO. HONORABLY DISCHARGED. ALSO IN U.S. NAVY. STATUS UNKNOWN.

WITNESSES TO SHOOTING

WILLIAM E. EPPRIDGE

BILL EPPRIDGE STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER LIFE MAGAZINE

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INTERVIEWED NEW YORK. JOINED KENNEDY CAMPAIGN ABOUT WEEK AFTER KENNEDY FORMED CAMPAIGN TO SEEK DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. WAS WITH KENNEDY JUNE FOURTH AND FIFTH IN LOS ANGELES.

EPPRIDGE WITH PARTY FOLLOWING KENNEDY TO EMBASSY BALLROOM , AMBASSADOR HOTEL FOR VICTORY SPEECH. DURING SPEECH WAS ON PLATFORM WITH KENNEDY BEHIND HIM AND TO ~~THE~~ <sup>ONE</sup> SIDE. JUST PRIOR TO END OF SPEECH SOMEONE CLEARED PATH TO KENNEDY'S RIGHT. BILL BARRY OF KENNEDY'S STAFF WAS TO KENNEDY'S RIGHT AND WAS APARENTLY LEADING THE WAY TO THE CLEARED PATH. BARRY TOLD KENNEDY TO GO THAT WAY . EPPRIDGE DID NOT HEAR KENNEDY'S REPLY. KENNEDY DID NOT GO IN DIRECTION ~~INDICATED BY~~ <sup>indicated by</sup> BARRY BUT WENT OUT CURTAIN ~~TO~~ BACK OF PLATFORM AND OFF OF PLATFORM <sup>to hallway</sup>

AFTER GETTING OFF BACK OF PLATFORM KENNEDY WENT TO THE RIGHT. EPPRIDGE WAS FOLLOWING AND WHEN GOT TO SOME DOORS HEARD TWO SHOTS IN RAPID SUCCESSION. PAUSE AFTER SHOTS AND ~~AS~~ <sup>AS</sup> WAS RUNNING FORWARD HEARD ADDITIONAL SHOTS FOR <sup>what he believes to be a</sup> TOTAL OF SIX SHOTS. FIRST SAW PAUL SCHRADE LYING ON FLOOR THEN SAW KENNEDY ON FLOOR WITH JUAN ROXERO HOLDING KENNEDY'S HEAD. EPPRIDGE THEN HELPED HOLD CROWD BACK WHILE STILL TAKING FEW PICTURES.

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SPRIDGE DID NOT SEE SHOOTING; THE GUN; SIRHAN SIRHAN;  
OR SIRHAN SIRHAN BEING SUBDUED.

SPRIDGE ~~is~~ OF OPINION PATH TAKEN BY KENNEDY  
IN LEAVING THE PLATFORM NOT PLANNED ROUTE OF EXIT AS  
BARRY WHO HANDLED SUCH MATTERS HAD INDICATED A PATH TO  
KENNEDY'S RIGHT.

~~JAMES BRESLIN~~

BRESLIN FREE LANCE WRITER INTERVIEWED NEW YORK.  
STARTING MARCH SEVENTEEN COVERED SEVERAL OF KENNEDY'S  
CAMPAIGN. WAS IN HOTEL NIGHT KENNEDY SHOT BUT AS EMBASSY  
ROOM CROWD WATCHED SPEECH ON TELEVISION IN PRESS ROOM.

AT END OF SPEECH MEMBER OF KENNEDY'S STAFF APPEARED  
DOOR OF PRESS ROOM AND STATED KENNEDY ON WAY TO PRESS ROOM.

BRESLIN WENT TO DOOR OF PRESS ROOM DID NOT SEE  
KENNEDY AND HEARD NOISE LATER DETERMINED WAS SHOT THEN  
THREE OR FOUR MORE. AT MOST HEARD FOUR OR FIVE SHOTS.

TO BRESLIN'S IMMEDIATE RIGHT WAS BILL BARRY WHO HAD  
SOMEONE BY ARM IN WHOSE HAND WAS A BLACK PISTOL. THE HAND  
WITH THE PISTOL WENT DOWN ON A TABLE. THE HAND HOLDING  
THE GUN DROPPED IT THEN THE HAND PICKED UP THE GUN AGAIN.

~~ROSIE XXXX GRIER~~ THEN THREW A MALE ON A TABLE AND  
GRABBED THE MALE BY THE ARM. AT THAT MOMENT GRIER WAS  
HOLDING THE GUN. AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME GEORGE  
PLIMPTON HAD THIS INDIVIDUAL BY THE HEAD, WARREN ROGERS

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HAD HIS LEFT LEG AND ~~RAFER JOHNSON~~ WAS GRABBING HIS HAND.

BRESLIN STATES WAS CLOSE TO SIRHAN AND ASKED TWICE  
" WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO IT" SIRHAN DID NOT ANSWER. SIRHAN  
THEN TURNED OVER TO POLICE.

BRESLIN DID NOT SEE ACTUAL SHOOTING AND HAD NOT SEEN  
SIRHAN BEFORE THIS.

~~DR. MAX RAFFERTY~~

RAFFERTY INTERVIEW SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA.

DID NOT ARRIVE IN VENETIAN ROOM AMBASSADOR HOTEL UNTIL  
AFTER ELEVEN THIRTY PM JUNE FOUR LAST. VENETIAN ROOM  
LOCATION OF RAFFERTY VICTORY CELEBRATION. HAD NO PERSONAL  
KNOWLEDGE OF SIRHAN'S POSSIBLE PRESENCE IN VENETIAN ROOM  
THAT EVENING. NO SECURITY GUARDS IN VENETIAN ROOM OR  
RESTRICTIONS TO ENTRY BY INVITATION. RAFFERTY MENTIONED  
LIFE MAGAZINE ARTICLE CARRIED ALLEGATIONS THAT SIRHAN WAS  
THROWN OUT OF ROOM AND REFUSED DRINK BY BAR HOSTESS.  
RAFFERTY HEARD NO SUCH STORY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

~~MRS LOUISE FITZPATRICK~~ WIFE OF RAFFERTY SPECIAL  
ASSISTANT ADVISED SHE FLEETINGLY SAW MAN THAT RESEMBLED  
SIRHAN. DESCRIPTION OF CLOTHING THIS INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT  
FIT CLOTHING WORN BY SIRHAN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED AND  
BEING BROUGHT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

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KENSALT - SUMMARY

DISSEMINATION OF LOS ANGELES KENSALT  
REPORT DATED JUNE FIFTEEN LAST.

PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, TWO COPIES OF LOS ANGELES REPORT IN THIS MATTER DATED JUNE FIFTEEN LAST, WERE DISSEMINATED TO OFFICE OF EVELLE J. YOUNGER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS YOUNGER WAS AWAY FROM CITY, DISSEMINATION MADE TO WILLIAM L. RITZI, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHO WAS ACTING FOR YOUNGER.

ONE COPY OF REPORT IN THIS MATTER DATED JUNE FIFTEEN LAST, DELIVERED TO USA W. MATTHEW BYRNE, JR., AT US COURT HOUSE, LOS ANGELES.

SIRHAN B. BIRHANDONALD LLOYD RICE

RICE INTERVIEWED SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, AND ADVISED BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN DURING SUMMER

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SESSION SIXTY SIX AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE. RICE STATED SIRHAN OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM IN HIS STUDY OF ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ASSOCIATION SLIGHT OTHER THAN SCHOOL CONTACTS. RICE CONSIDERED SIRHAN SERIOUS, INTELLIGENT "STUDENTYTYPE" PERSON. HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING POLITICAL INTERESTS, BACKGROUND OR ASSOCIATES OF SIRHAN. RICE STATED LAST CONTACT WITH SIRHAN IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER SIXTY SIX AND HAS NO CURRENT KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. RICE UNABLE TO SUGGEST ANY MOTIVATION OR REASON FOR SIRHAN'S ACTION.

FAZ'L (NMN) INAYAT'KHAN

INAYAT'KHAN EMPLOYED BURROUGHS CORPORATION, PASADENA, ADVISED FIRST MET SIRHAN SIRHAN IN FALL SIXTY SIX AT ~~PRIVATE~~ RESIDENCE <sup>OF</sup> ~~RENTED~~ BY OMAR RAMZI IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. ONLY OTHER INDIVIDUAL HE CAN RECALL BEING AT RESIDENCE OF RAMZI WAS INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS FAIZULLAH KHAN. INAYAT'KHAN STATED ~~THAT~~ SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS MET SEVERAL TIMES AT RAMZI'S RESIDENCE, DISCUSSED GENERAL TOPICS AND POLITICAL SITUATIONS IN US AND JORDAN. INDICATED SIRHAN AND OTHERS IN GROUP WERE SUPPORTERS OF BATH PARTY, MID EAST POLITICAL PARTY COMPOSED OF MEMBERS WHICH SUPPORT ANY GOVERNMENT THAT IS PRO-JORDAN IN PHILOSOPHY AND IDEOLOGY.

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INAYAT'KHAN-ADVISED THOUGHT SIRHAN WAS VERY IMPRESSIONABLE.  
RECALLS SIRHAN BECOMING AGITATED OVER ONE DISCUSSION OF  
UNFAIRNESS OF COMMITTEE SYSTEM IN OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.  
ADVISED SIRHAN AND OTHERS DO NOT BELIEVE RULERS OF THEIR NATIVE  
LANDS FIGHTING WITH ENOUGH DETERMINATION TO REGAIN RIGHTFUL  
LAND FROM ISRAELI PEOPLE. INAYAT'KHAN STATED DID NOT KNOW  
SIRHAN SIRHAN WELL BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS YOUNG, IMMATURE  
INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS VERY IMPRESSIONABLE.

FAIZULLAH KHAN

KHAN ALSO IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN AS PART OF STUDENT  
GROUP MEETING AT HOME OF OMAR RAMZI. CLAIMED DID NOT KNOW HIM  
WELL. MET SIRHAN AT SEVERAL POLITICAL FUNCTIONS HELD AT  
CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES.

LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL GUN SHOP.

CLERK AT GUN SHOP PREVIOUSLY ADVISED SIRHAN B. SIRHAN  
ACCOMPANIED BY TWO UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS WHEN PURCHASED AMMUNITION  
THAT LOCATION JUNE ONE LAST. COMPLETE REVIEW OF ~~ALL MATERIAL~~  
RECEIVED THIS MATTER BEING MADE <sup>to</sup> DETERMINE POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF  
ASSOCIATES OF SIRHAN WHO COULD FIT DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUALS  
WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO GUN SHOP.

ALL PHASES THIS INVESTIGATION BEING PURSUED TO DEVELOP  
~~FURTHER~~ AND COMPLETE INFORMATION RE ALL PHASES SIRHAN'S LIFE IN US.

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KENSALT - SUMMARY

~~LAPD INTERVIEW WITH  
SANDRA SERRANO RE GIRL  
IN POLKA DOT DRESS~~

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SERRANO TOLD LAPD THAT HER STORY RE GIRL IN POLKA DOT DRESS WAS FIGMENT OF HER IMAGINATION. LAPD TAPED INTERVIEW WITH SERRANO AND TRANSCRIPTION OF THIS INTERVIEW WAS FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE, ~~REMOVED~~. ~~THIS~~ INTERVIEW WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT LOS ANGELES REPORT.

~~RE ATTEMPTED INTERVIEW  
WITH ETHER KENNEDY~~

DEPUTY CHIEF HOUGHTON, LAPD, ADVISED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS RECENT TRIP TO EAST COAST TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES

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RE THIS MATTER THAT HIS GROUP WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING TO INTERVIEW ETHEL KENNEDY. HE ADVISED THAT THEY DID LOCATE A FEW PERSONS AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHERS FOR LATER INTERVIEWS. SUCH INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED GEORGE PLIMPTON, FRED DUTTON AND FRANK MANKIEWICZ.

WITNESSES TO SHOOTING

EARL C. WILLIMAN

WILLIMAN, VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN ROOM THROUGH WHICH KENNEDY PASSED TO ENTER KITCHEN CORRIDOR ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST. WILLIMAN RECALLED HEARING TWO SHOTS. HE RUSHED INTO CORRIDOR AND OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE FLOOR. ALSO, HE OBSERVED ROOSEVELT GRIER AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE HOLDING A MAN, SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS SIRHAN SIRHAN. THESE INDIVIDUALS TRYING TO TAKE GUN FROM SIRHAN'S HAND. WILLIMAN ASSISTED IN SUBDUING SIRHAN AND HOLDING HIM FOR POLICE. IN COURSE OF STRUGGLE, WILLIMAN NOTED KENNEDY ON FLOOR. OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSISTED IN SUBDUING SIRHAN IDENTIFIED BY WILLIMAN AS RAFER JOHNSON AND AN UNIDENTIFIED AMBASSADOR HOTEL EMPLOYEE (*Karl Hecker*)

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WILLIMAN DID NOT OBSERVE ACTUAL SHOOTING, AND HAD NOT OBSERVED SIRHAN PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT.

RICHARD C. LUBIC

LUBIC, PRESIDENT, COLOR CORPORATION OF AMERICA, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED IN EMBASSY ROOM, AMBASSADOR HOTEL, NIGHT KENNEDY SHOT. ANTICIPATED KENNEDY WOULD LEAVE ROOM ~~TO~~ EXIT BEHIND ROSTRUM AND MINUTE OR LESS PRIOR TO END OF SPEECH, LUBIC ENTERED AREA BEHIND ROSTRUM AND MADE CASUAL OBSERVATION OF CORRIDOR. HAS RECOLLECTION OF SEEING A FEMALE, APPARENTLY KITCHEN HELP, IN CORRIDOR. RETURNED TO MAIN ROOM AND AGAIN RETURNED TO AREA BEHIND ROSTRUM JUST AHEAD OF KENNEDY. WAS AT KENNEDY'S RIGHT SHOULDER AS HE WALKED DOWN CORRIDOR. LUBIC THOUGHT KENNEDY SAW HIM AND ~~HE WAS~~ WAITING FOR KENNEDY TO FINISH SHAKING HANDS WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND ~~WOULD~~ <sup>to</sup> ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, LUBIC. LUBIC HEARD UNIDENTIFIED VOICE SAYING "KENNEDY YOU S.O.B." AND THEN HEARD TWO SHOTS. LUBIC SAW INDIVIDUAL WITH GUN AT LEFT SIDE OF CORRIDOR RESTING KNEE ON SMALL TABLE TO OBTAIN ELEVATION. LUBIC <sup>did</sup> NOT ~~RECALL~~ <sup>RECALL</sup> SOUND OF OTHER SHOTS BUT RECALLED JERK OF GUN AND ARM OF ASSAILANT. NOTED THAT

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KENNEDY HAD FALLEN AND LUBIC SOUGHT COVER BEHIND ICE  
MACHINE. OBSERVED ASSAILANT BEING SUBDUED AND LUBIC  
ASSISTED SECURITY PERSONNEL TO KEEP CROWD FROM KITCHEN  
AREA. LUBIC LATER RECOGNIZED NEWS MEDIA PHOTO OF SIRHAN  
AS IDENTICAL WITH ASSAILANT.

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~~PROSECUTIVE ACTION RE~~

~~SIRHAN B. SIRHAN~~

~~LOS ANGELES PRESS~~ SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

SCHEDULED TO ENTER PLEA BEFORE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
JUDGE RICHARD SCHAUER ON JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

SIRHAN WILL APPEAR FOR PLEA IN CHAPEL OF NEW COUNTY  
JAIL AS SECURITY MEASURES NOT EFFECTED IN HALL OF JUSTICE  
FOR COURT APPEARANCE. EXTENSIVE PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN  
AND MORE ARE BEING PREPARED FOR FUTURE PROCEEDINGS TO BE  
CONDUCTED AT HALL OF JUSTICE. A SPECIAL ROOM ON THE THIRTEENTH  
FLOOR OF THE HALL OF JUSTICE IS BEING REFURNISHED FOR USE IN  
ALL ACTION NOT REQUIRING FULL COURT ROOM FACILITIES.

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AVAILABLE UPON RETURN OF DR. NAGUCHI. WILL ADVISE FBI PROMPTLY.

MUNIR B. SIRHAN, BROTHER  
OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

~~LAPD ADVISED TODAY THAT ON NIGHT OF JUNE TWENTY FIVE LAST~~  
MUNIR SIRHAN, BROTHER OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, UNDERWENT POLYGRAPH  
EXAMINATION BY LAPD. ~~LAPD~~ CONCLUDED MUNIR HAD NO INVOLVEMENT  
IN ASSASSINATION, BUT DID LIE ABOUT GUN PURCHASE, CLAIMING  
THAT SIRHAN <sup>Sirhan</sup> HAD PURCHASED THE GUN. <sup>did not accompany Sirhan Sirhan</sup> IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED  
BY THIS OFFICE THAT GEORGE ERHARD HAD ADVISED BUAGENTS THAT  
HE HAD SOLD GUN TO MUNIR WHILE SIRHAN WAS PRESENT.

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KENSALT - SUMMARY.

RE TRIP OF DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT HOUGHTON, LAPD, TO WASHINGTON, D. C., RE INTERVIEWS THIS MATTER.

CAPTAIN HUGH BROWN, WHO HEADS [REDACTED] LAPD TASK UNIT ON THIS CASE, ADVISED [REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP [REDACTED] *CHIEF Robert* DEPUTY HOUGHTON AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MADE TO WASHINGTON, D. C., [REDACTED] IN ADDITION TO [REDACTED] ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW *ETHEL* [REDACTED] KENNEDY. FOURTEEN OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE OF INTEREST TO THEM. THOSE OF INTEREST INCLUDED FRANK MANKIEWICZ, BILL EPPREDGE, WILLIAM G. BARRY, FREDDY PLIMPTON, GEORGE PLIMPTON, HUGH MC DONALD, JIM WILSON, WILLIAM WEISEL, WARREN ROGERS,

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KRISTI WITKER, DICK DRAINE, JACK GALLIVAN, VIRGINIA GUY,  
AND JULES J. WHITCOVER.

ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE EITHER BEEN INTERVIEWED OR  
LEADS HAVE BEEN <sup>previously</sup> SET FORTH TO HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED BY FBI  
PERSONNEL.

RE PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN WILL APPEAR  
FOR PLEA BEFORE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT ON JUNE TWENTY EIGHT  
NEXT. SIRHAN'S ATTORNEY, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, HAS INDICATED HE  
WOULD ASK THE COURT FOR A CONTINUANCE IN HEARING ~~WHICH~~  
~~THE COURT WOULD ENTER~~ <sup>FOR</sup> A PLEA TO ENABLE PARSONS TO FURTHER  
STUDY ~~THE~~ CASE.

PARSONS INDICATED ~~THE~~ GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPT IS  
LENGTHY AND WILL REQUIRE TIME TO STUDY. PARSONS ~~IS~~ ALSO  
EXPECTED TO REQUEST THAT A SECOND PSYCHIATRIST EXAMINE SIRHAN.

EARLIER THE SUPERIOR COURT HAD <sup>APPOINTED</sup> ~~TWO~~ TWO PSYCHIATRISTS  
TO EXAMINE SIRHAN BUT ONE OF THE PSYCHIATRISTS, DR. EDWARD  
STANBROOK, DECLINED, THE OTHER PSYCHIATRIST, DR. ERIC  
MARCUS, HAS EXAMINED THE ACCUSED AND THE RESULTS WOULD BE <sup>only</sup>  
AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE IN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE PLEA  
BY SIRHAN. △

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RE WITNESSES TO SHOOTING:

GENE BARRY

GENE BARRY, TELEVISION AND MOVIE ACTOR, INTERVIEWED AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, ADVISED HE AND WIFE HAD ATTENDED CAMPAIGN PARTY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL EVENING OF JUNE FOUR LAST. BARRY ADVISED WAS IN EMBASSY ROOM AT TIME OF SHOOTING AND DID NOT OBSERVE <sup>Shooting</sup> BARRY HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF SEEING SIRHAN SIRHAN AT ANY TIME DURING COURSE OF EVENING, JUNE FOUR, OR EARLY MORNING, JUNE FIVE LAST. BARRY STATED WAS IN KITCHEN AREA OFF EMBASSY ROOM APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE KENNEDY ARRIVED EMBASSY ROOM BUT SAW NO ONE RESEMBLING SIRHAN.

BETTY BARRY

BETTY BARRY, WIFE OF ACTOR GENE BARRY, ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND ATTENDED KENNEDY CAMPAIGN PARTY AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST. STATED DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING OR IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF SHOOTING.

APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE SENATOR KENNEDY ARRIVED IN EMBASSY ROOM, SHE OBSERVED YOUNG MAN WHO RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN SIRHAN STANDING AT FOOT OF STAIRS WHICH LEAD FROM THE EMBASSY ROOM TO AREA BELOW.

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FOLLOWING EXAMINATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF SIRHAN SIRHAN AND BROTHERS, SHE WAS OF THE OPINION ~~SIRHAN~~ MAN SHE SAW STANDING AT FOOT OF STAIRS COULD HAVE BEEN SIRHAN; HOWEVER, SHE WAS NOT SURE OF HER IDENTIFICATION.

ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION BEING GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND BEING BROUGHT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION. *She will be immediately advised of results of hearing being conducted June 28, next.*

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KENSALT DASH SUMMARY.

PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN APPEARED BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RICHARD B. SCHAUER, DEPARTMENT ONE HUNDRED TODAY IN ORDER TO ENTER A PLEA IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE COURT WAS CONVENED IN THE CHAPEL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEFENSE AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR SECURITY REASONS.

RUSSELL E. PARSONS REPRESENTED SIRHAN AND WAS OFFICIALLY SUBSTITUTED BY THE COURT AS THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD REPLACING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. ATTORNEY PARSONS ADVISED THE COURT THAT HE WAS NOT YET READY TO MAKE A PLEA AND REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE OF THREE WEEKS IN THIS CONNECTION. SIRHAN

RE: Sirhan's plea

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THEN WAIVED HIS RIGHT IN OPEN COURT TO TRIAL WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF HIS INDICTMENT AS REQUIRED BY LAW. THE JUDGE THEN SET A NEW HEARING DATE FOR JULY NINETEEN NEXT. PARSONS THEN REQUESTED THE COURT TO APPOINT A NEW PSYCHIATRIST TO EXAMINE SIRHAN INASMUCH AS ONE OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED COURT PSYCHIATRISTS HAD DECLINED. PARSONS REQUESTED THAT THE COURT APPOINT DR. GEORGE ABE, PSYCHIATRIST CONNECTED WITH THE METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL IN NORWALK, CALIFORNIA. THE COURT APPOINTED DR. ABE AND WAS THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL JULY NINETEEN NEXT.

THE LACSO <sup>(spellout)</sup> ADVISED THAT THEY BELIEVE THE FATHER OF SIRHAN MAY BE EN ROUTE TO THIS COUNTRY. THEY HAVE ALSO ADVISED ~~THEY~~ THEY WILL REPLACE THE PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AFFORDING <sup>any</sup> PROTECTION FOR THE FAMILY OF SIRHAN. THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR SIRHAN'S FATHER SHOULD HE COME TO ~~THIS COUNTRY~~ <sup>Ros Angeles County.</sup>

LEGAL DEFENSE RE SIRHAN SIRHAN

GRANT B. COOPER, ATTORNEY, WAS QUESTIONED BY THE PRESS MEDIA AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL PARTICIPATE WITH RUSSELL E. PARSONS AS CO-COUNSEL IN THE DEFENSE OF SIRHAN.

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COOPER ADVISED THE PRESS THAT HE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SIRHAN TRIAL. THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF COOPER AS A DEFENSE COUNSEL HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE BUREAU.

USA W. M. BYRNE HAS ADVISED █████ COOPER, IN VIEW OF █████ FACT █████ HE IS CURRENTLY IN TRIAL, WOULD HAVE TO DENY ANY PARTICIPATION IN ANY OTHER TRIAL IN ORDER TO PREVENT PREJUDICING HIS CURRENT CASE.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN HAVE ENGAGED MICHAEL A. MC COWAN OF R. ALLEN ASSOCIATES, ONE FIVE ONE THREE WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AS INVESTIGATOR FOR THE DEFENSE.

LT. CHARLES HIGBIE, LAPD, WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE GROUP INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER, ADVISED THAT MC COWAN IS A FORMER LAPD OFFICER WHO RESIGNED FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN SIXTYFIVE. MC COWAN WAS ARRESTED THE SAME DATE BY POSTAL INSPECTORS ON THEFT OF MAIL CHARGE. HE WAS CONVICTED AND RECEIVED PROBATIONARY SENTENCE. MC COWAN IS STILL ON PROBATION.