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OBSERVE ANYONE ELSE RESEMBLING SIRHAN PHOTOS AT MEETING, AND COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE ELSE WHO ACTUALLY CONFRONTED AND ARGUED WITH UNKNOWN CUBAN.

ALI KHAN BOUCNAND INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE ACCOMPANIED ROOMMATE, REZA JALALIPOUR, AND ONE MOHAMMAD VAFATIE TO ABOVE MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING SPEAKERS FOR SOCIAL CLUB KNOWN AS "IRANIAN STUDENTS". THREE OTHER "IRANIAN STUDENTS" CLUB MEMBERS ALSO ATTENDED MEETING, ARRIVING BY SEPARATE TRANSPORTATION. BOUCNAND RECALLED THAT JALALIPOUR ENGAGED IN LOUD AND SOMETIMES HEATED ARGUMENT WITH (FNU) DUARTE, A CUBAN WHO SPOKE TOWARDS END OF MEETING. BOUCNAND DOES NOT RECALL COMMENTS MADE BY JALALIPOUR OR DUARTE, BUT NOTED ARGUMENT INVOLVED A FACE TO FACE CONFRONTATION. BOUCNAND VOLUNTEERED THAT JALALIPOUR SPEAKS WITH HEAVY FOREIGN ACCENT AND CLOSELY RESEMBLES NEWS MEDIA PHOTOS OF SIRHAN. BOUCNAND RECALLS THAT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THESE PHOTOS, HE TOLD JALALIPOUR IN JEST, TO STAY INSIDE OR HE WOULD BE MISTAKEN FOR SIRHAN. BOUCNAND SHOWN ADDITIONAL PHOTOS OF SIRHAN, AND ADVISED HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANYONE AT MEETING RESEMBLING THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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REZA JALALIPOUR INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE IS ALIEN BORN MARCH SIX THIRTY EIGHT, IN IRAN, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE FORTY POUNDS, BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLETED, AND CURRENT SECOND YEAR STUDENT AT VALLEY JUNIOR COLLEGE, VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. IT WAS NOTED JALALIPOUR SPOKE WITH FOREIGN ACCENT AND BEARS PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO SIRHAN. JALALIPOUR ACKNOWLEDGED ATTENDANCE AT ABOVE MEETING WITH FIVE OTHER INDIVIDUALS OF IRANIAN EXTRACTION. JALALIPOUR FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED ARGUING WITH UNKNOWN CUBAN INDIVIDUAL WHO SPOKE TOWARD END OF MEETING, AND, ALTHOUGH ARGUMENT BECAME QUITE LOUD, AT NO TIME DID ANY SCUFFLE TAKE PLACE. JALALIPOUR RECALLS CUBAN, AT ONE POINT, ASKED HIM WHERE HE WAS FROM, AND HE REPLIED EITHER THAT HE WAS A PERSIAN OR AN ARAB. JALALIPOUR FURTHER RECALLS ASKING UNKNOWN CUBAN WHY HE LEFT CUBA. JALALIPOUR DOES NOT RECALL FURTHER STATEMENTS TO CUBAN, BUT FEELS WERE CRITICAL OF THIS INDIVIDUAL. JALALIPOUR WAS SHOWN SIRHAN PHOTOS AND ADVISED HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANYONE AT MEETING RESEMBLING SAME.

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PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

LOCAL NEWS MEDIA PARTICULARLY AN ARTICLE BY STAFF WRITER J. ROBERT SMITH, PASADENA STAR NEWS, IN THIS NEWSPAPER ON JULY TWENTY THREE LAST CARRIED ^{SPECULATIVE} ~~SPECULATED~~ STORY THAT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT IN A FALL FROM A HORSE MIGHT ENTER A PLEA OF INSANITY TO CHARGE OF SHOOTING ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE BUREAU IN SUMMARY TELETYPE OF JULY NINETEEN LAST, FURTHER HEARING ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST TWO NEXT. ~~REPRESENTATIVES~~ REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIRHAN'S ATTORNEY RUSSELL E. PARSONS AND ~~FROM~~ THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE ADVISED *News Media* THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED AS TO WHAT PLEA SIRHAN WILL MAKE IN THIS MATTER.

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PROSECUTION OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

SIRHAN APPEARED TODAY BEFORE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RICHARD SCHAUER AND THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, ENTERED A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY TO THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM OF MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL EARLY MORNING OF JUNE FIVE LAST.

TRIAL DATE SET BY JUDGE FOR NOVEMBER ONE NEXT. ^{ASSIGNMENT OF} JUDGE TO HANDLE TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR ~~ASSIGNMENT~~ OCTOBER FOUR NEXT.

FAMILY MEMBERS PRESENT AT HEARING INCLUDED MOTHER AND BROTHERS SAIDALLAH AND SHARIF.

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~~A~~ MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO VACATE OR MODIFY THE COURT ORDER OF THE JUDGE LIMITING DISCUSSION OF THE CASE WAS DENIED BY THE COURT. AT ~~THIS~~ HEARING, ^{TODAY,} ABRAHAM L. WERIN, COUNSEL OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, LOS ANGELES, SUBMITTED WRITTEN MOTION TO MODIFY THE ORDER CONCERNING PUBLICITY ON THIS MATTER. DETAILS OF THIS MODIFICATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THIS OFFICE.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON AUGUST ONE LAST PASSED A BILL DESIGNED TO FORBID ^{EXPLOITATION} ~~EXPLOITATION~~ OF ~~MORE THAN~~ ^{Medical} THREE HUNDRED PICTURES TAKEN OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S BODY AFTER HIS ASSASSINATION. ~~THIS~~ LIMITATION OF THE USE OF THE PICTURES WAS A RIDER TO A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING BILL CONCERNING THE USE IN COURT OF EVIDENCE OBTAINED BY ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING. THIS RIDER WOULD REQUIRE A JUDGES ORDER BEFORE ANYONE COULD OBTAIN COPIES OF THE KENNEDY PICTURES. ~~THIS~~ RIDER WAS REQUESTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, EVELLE J. YOUNGER, WHO MAY USE SOME OF THE PICTURES IN THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.