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On June 11, 1968, Mrs. RUTH JIMENEZ advised that she is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, in the pantry.

She stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, she worked from 4:00 p.m. until midnight, however, she did not see the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

She was born on [REDACTED], in Mexico and resides at 848½ South Fedora Street, Los Angeles. She has Social Security Number [REDACTED]

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On June 11, 1968, JOSEPH HRUDKA advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a second chef.

He stated that he did not work the night of June 4, 1968. He did not know anything of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY nor had he ever seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He was born on [REDACTED], in Czechoslovakia, and resides at 455 West Dryden, Glendale, California.

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On June 11, 1968, GREGORIO GONZALEZ advised that he is employed as a busboy at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

He stated that he was not on duty the evening of June 4, 1968, and the early morning of June 5, 1968, at the hotel.

He had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and had no knowledge concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

GONZALEZ resides at 6167 Stickler Avenue, Los Angeles, and was born on [REDACTED].

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AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL, apartment number 6, 2280 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on [REDACTED] in Alexandria, Egypt. He lived in Egypt until early May 1967. While in Egypt he lived with his mother and attended primary and secondary school. He also attended a trade school for two years, which was a state sponsored school, where he took courses in welding and machinery. He did not receive any political instruction at the school. After completion of the trade school, he was employed for a short time as a maintenance mechanic for a textile company.

He and his relatives are of Orthodox faith and the current political situation in Egypt is such that Christians find it very difficult to obtain satisfactory employment there. For this reason he decided to leave Egypt in order to start a new life. He obtained an exit visa and traveled to Lebanon in early May 1967. After arriving in Lebanon he was employed for six months as a welder in El Dora, Lebanon. He then learned that many Christians of Egyptian descent were going to the United States from Lebanon by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He entered the United States at New York in December 1967, and went directly to Los Angeles via commercial aircraft. After arriving in Los Angeles, he did odd jobs and worked as a welder for a short time at the Sesame Corporation in Escondido, California, and at the Fenton Industry Company in the San Fernando Valley. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company in Los Angeles in May 1968, where he is presently employed.

He denied any knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated that he is against the policies of the United Arab Republic and he dislikes NASSER very much because of what he is doing to the Arab people. He stated that he knew of KENNEDY before the assassination and "liked" him. He denied any conspiracy, ~~involvement or prior knowledge of the assassination.~~

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He stated that since arriving in the United States he has corresponded with his mother in Alexandria, Egypt, and has not corresponded with any other individual.

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Date July 5, 1968

EDMOND EL DABE, Apartment A, 2425 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on [REDACTED] in Egypt. He left Egypt in 1967, and traveled to Kuwait and then to Lebanon because of religious persecution of Christians in Egypt and because of his inability to obtain satisfactory employment in that country. After arriving in Lebanon he again found that he was unable to obtain satisfactory employment and learned that it was possible to go to the United States by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He arrived in the United States on February 22, 1967, and traveled to Los Angeles where numerous individuals of Egyptian descent reside. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company 1845 South Bundy until one week ago when he was released due to a lack of work. He is presently unemployed.

During January or February 1968, he learned that AZIZ MIKHAEL had arrived in Los Angeles and he invited MIKHAEL to reside with him until MIKHAEL could find an apartment. He had known MIKHAEL for about ten years and had attended school with MIKHAEL in Alexandria, Egypt. He had not seen MIKHAEL during the past three years, and learned that MIKHAEL was coming to the United States through the United States Catholic Conference, 1531 West 9th Street, Los Angeles. MIKHAEL obtained employment as a spot welder at Hardman Aerospace and moved to his own apartment, 2280 South Barrington, Apartment number 6, about two weeks ago.

He advised that he and all his Egyptian friends presently living in the Los Angeles area are very anti-Nasser and have disassociated themselves from Egypt and the United Arab Republic. He stated that he had no knowledge of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY until he learned of the event through newspaper and television reports. He denied any acquaintance with SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated he is certain that MIKHAEL is not acquainted with SIRHAN or in any way involved in the assassination.

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The following description of EL DABE was obtained through observation and interview:

Age	30
Height	5'7"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black, thinning
Eyes	Dark
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Welder - mechanic
Religion	Orthodox

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JUAN M. ANGUIANO, 219 South Mariposa Street, Los Angeles, California, no telephone, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel where he is employed as a banquet houseman. He furnished the following information:

He has been employed by the hotel for approximately 1½ years. He was born [REDACTED] at Michoacan, Mexico. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED].

On June 4, 1968, he began work at the hotel at approximately 3 PM and continued to work at the hotel until approximately 1 AM on June 5, 1968.

He was working with LUIS ALBERTO DEL MORAL in the Regency Room of the hotel at approximately 12:15 to 12:30 AM on June 5, 1968.

Just before 12:30 AM, a man came running into the Regency Room and asked them where he could find a public telephone so that he could make an emergency call. This individual was carrying KENNEDY hand-out materials in his hand and was very upset and excited. DEL MORAL told this man that there was no phone in the Regency Room and he would probably find one in the lobby. A few moments later, he observed that this same individual was being held by the arm by one of the uniformed security officers employed by the hotel. He advised that the security officer was a Negro male and he believes that he had an Ace Guard Company uniform. He described the individual who came in looking for a phone as being a White male, 21 to 23 years, dark wavy hair, olive or tan complexion, wearing sweater (color not recalled), gray pants, and a white or blue shirt.

Shortly after this incident, he heard that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot near the Embassy Room.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that he has seen SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper as well as having seen SIRHAN on television. He stated

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that he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN at any time prior to having seen him in the newspaper.

This interview was conducted with the assistance of LUIS ALBERTO DEL MORAL who acted as an interpreter.

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JOSEPH A. CALDERON, 758 South Ardmore Street, Los Angeles, telephone number 384-7318, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel where he is employed as a cook. He furnished the following information:

He has been an employee of the hotel for approximately 2½ years. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He was born [REDACTED] at Santa Barbara, California.

On June 4, 1968, he worked the 3 PM to 11 PM shift in the kitchen at the Ambassador Hotel. He left the hotel at approximately 11 PM on June 4, 1968, and he did not return to the hotel until just before 3 PM on June 5, 1968.

He heard of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at approximately 2 AM on June 5, 1968. He heard of this while watching television.

He has seen photographs in the newspapers of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and has also observed this individual on television. Prior to seeing SIRHAN's photograph in the newspapers, he did not at any time observe this individual. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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JUAN CEJA, 836 South Fedora Street, Los Angeles, California, (no telephone), was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as a banquet houseman. He furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] at Shauayo, Michocan, Mexico. He has been in the United States approximately two years and has been employed at the Ambassador Hotel approximately one month.

He worked from 11:00 p.m., June 4, 1968 to approximately 7:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, he was working in the Regency Room of the hotel, which is located on the same floor as the Embassy Room. He did not hear any gunshots and he did not hear of the shooting until sometime after the shooting, when he heard other people talking about it.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and he advised he has seen this individual's picture in the newspaper. He does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN prior to seeing his picture in the newspaper.

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EMILIO GERARDO POLIGNAN, 3960 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, no telephone, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a waiter. He furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] at Buenos Aires, Argentina. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He entered the United States during February, 1961. He became a citizen of the United States in 1967. His wife's name is ELSA. He has been a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel since March, 1968.

POLIGNAN advised that he did not hear of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until some time after the shooting. He was told of it by other employees whose names he does not recall.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He advised that he has seen this individual on television and also in the newspapers. He stated that prior to seeing this individual on television and in the newspapers, he had not ever seen this individual. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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ALEJANDRO OLLOQUE, 826 Fedora Street, Los Angeles, no telephone, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a banquet houseman. He furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] at Quitupan, Mexico. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He has been in the United States for approximately one year and has been employed by the hotel for approximately three months.

On June 4, 1968, he began working at the hotel at approximately 11 PM and continued to work at the hotel until approximately 7 AM on June 5, 1968.

At approximately 12:15 AM on June 5, 1968, he was in the Boulevard Room at the hotel, which room is located one floor below the Embassy Room.

At approximately 12:30 AM, he was in the dishwasher section of the hotel and he heard one of the employees say that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot just a short time earlier. He advised that this was his first knowledge that a shooting had taken place.

OLLOQUE was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that he has seen this individual's photograph in the newspapers but prior to seeing the photograph in the newspapers, he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN.

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REYES MARTINEZ, 1626 Lakeshore Avenue, telephone number 383-4274, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel where he is employed as a waiter. He furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] at Chihuahua, Mexico. He is 5'6" and weighs 120 pounds. He has been employed as a waiter at the hotel for 18 years.

On June 4, 1968, he began work at the hotel at 5:00 PM and he continued work at the hotel until approximately 2:30 AM on June 5, 1968.

He was in the lobby of the hotel after midnight on June 5, 1968, when he heard someone say that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just been shot. He did not hear the shots. He does not know the identity of the individual who he heard saying the Senator had been shot.

He has seen photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the newspapers and has also seen SIRHAN on television. He stated he does not recall ever having seen this individual prior to seeing his photograph in the newspaper. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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FRANCISCO LEGASPI, 2877 West San Marino Street, Los Angeles, no telephone, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles where he is employed as a busboy. He furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] at Guadalajara, Mexico.

On June 4, 1968, he worked at the hotel from 8 AM to 4 PM and did not return until approximately 8 AM on June 5, 1968.

He observed photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the newspaper some time during June 5, 1968. LEGASPI stated that he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN prior to seeing SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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MICHEL LAGUERRE, 916 South Normandie, Los Angeles, telephone number 386-5927, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a waiter. He furnished the following information:

He was born [REDACTED] at Port au Prince, Haiti. He is 5'8" weighs 144 pounds. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He has been in the United States since December, 1964 and has been employed at the Ambassador Hotel since October, 1967.

On June 4, 1968, he arrived at the hotel at approximately 5:00 PM and remained at the hotel working until approximately 2:30 AM on June 5, 1968. He was assigned as a waiter in the Embassy Room during most of this period.

While Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was making his victory speech in the Embassy Room he, LAGUERRE, was in the pantry area of the hotel drinking a cup of coffee and watching Senator KENNEDY's speech on a small television set. There were two girls dressed in KENNEDY outfits sitting on a table watching the events on television with him. He observed Senator KENNEDY on television complete his speech and leave the platform. A few moments later, Senator KENNEDY came through the doorway where he, LAGUERRE, was sitting. Senator KENNEDY was accompanied by a group of people. A few seconds after Senator KENNEDY passed him, he heard what he thought was a balloon exploding. He only recalls hearing the one explosion. Almost immediately, one of the girls dressed in the KENNEDY outfit began screaming and stating that the Senator had been shot. He looked around and saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor and also noticed another man who was lying on the floor.

At approximately the same time, he observed KARL UECKER, a head waiter at the hotel, struggling with a man on top of one of the steam tables in the room. He observed that the man was holding a gun in his hand, which hand not known, and that the gun was waving around. He did not observe this individual's face. There was considerable commotion in the room at that time.

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LAGUERRE stated that he did not observe any shots being fired. He did not at any time observe the man who was taken into custody by the Police following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

Sometime during the day of June 5, 1968, he saw a newspaper photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as being the one who was charged with shooting Senator KENNEDY. LAGUERRE stated that he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN prior to observing SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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LUIS ALBERTO DEL MORAL, 3184 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California, no telephone, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel where he has been employed as a banquet houseman for approximately ten years. He furnished the following information:

His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He was born [REDACTED] at Cabezas, Nicaragua.

On June 4, 1968, he began work at the hotel at approximately 3 PM and continued to work at the hotel until approximately 1 AM on June 5, 1968.

He was working with JUAN M. ANGUIANO in the Regency Room of the hotel at approximately 12:15 to 12:30 AM on June 5, 1968.

Just before 12:30 AM, a man came running into the Regency Room and asked them where he could find a public telephone so that he could make an emergency call. This individual was carrying KENNEDY hand-out materials in his hand and was very upset and excited. DEL MORAL told this man that there was no phone in the Regency Room and he would probably find one in the lobby. A few moments later, he observed that this same individual was being held by the arm by one of the uniformed security officers employed by the hotel. He advised that the security officer was a Negro male and he believes that he had an Ace Guard Company uniform. He described the individual who came in looking for a phone as being a White male, 21 to 23 years, dark wavy hair, olive or tan complexion, wearing sweater (color not recalled), gray pants, and a white or blue shirt.

Shortly after this incident, he heard that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot near the Embassy Room.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that he has seen SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper as well as having seen SIRHAN on television. He stated that he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN at any time prior to having seen him in the newspaper.

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Mr. GILBERT PETER LEOS, 1908 South 5th Street, Alhambra, California, advised that he is employed at the Shopping Bag Food Store, 2408 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena, California. LEOS said that he was born on [REDACTED] at Los Angeles, California, and that he is a member of the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California.

Mr. LEOS advised that he is a regular shooter at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club on Tuesdays and that on Wednesdays he often attends the Pasadena, California Gun Range. Mr. LEOS said that he recalls on June 4, 1968, having arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club at approximately 9:30 A.M., when he took position No. 26 or 27 on the pistol range. He said that that day he fired his .22 Browning Metalistic Automatic long rifle and his .45 Colt Gold Cup Match. LEOS said that he recalls being the first one on the pistol range and that the part of the range where he was firing was the 25 yard section. He said that, shortly after he arrived and was firing, he recalls two men and a woman arrived at approximately 9:40 to 9:45 A.M. and they took position 1, 2, or 3 on the pistol range which was to his extreme left.

LEOS said that he got the impression that these individuals were all associated with law enforcement but that he had no proof of this. He described Man No. 1 as a white male, possibly Italian extraction, between 30 and 35 years of age, 5'6" - 5'7" tall, 150 - 160 pounds, black wavy hair, having no accent, and wearing a brown suit. He described Man No. 2 as a white male, 40 to 45 years of age, balding in the center, having a mustache, approximately 5'5" tall, stocky build, approximately 160 pounds, wearing a sport coat, possibly checked, and slacks, color of which he could not recall. LEOS described the woman as a white female in her early 40s, having light brown hair, and wearing a skirt which he thought resembled that of a police-woman's, having a medium build, wearing bowling type shoes.

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LEOS said that, shortly after these three individuals arrived on the range and began to fire, Man No. 1 came to him, LEOS, and asked him for a screwdriver to adjust the sight of his weapon. LEOS said that he paid no particular attention to this and did not actually see the gun, but said that, from hearing it fire, he estimated it to be a .38 pistol. As best as he could remember, LEOS said that he thought all three of these individuals fired the same gun. LEOS said that all three of these individuals left the range before he did and would estimate that they left approximately 10:45 to 11:00 A.M., this date. LEOS said that he could not recall hearing any rapid fire while he was on the range nor does he recall having seen anyone at the range resembling the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

LEOS said that he recalled having left the range at approximately 11:20 A.M. on June 4, 1968 and that he recalls two young Caucasian males come onto the range as he left; however, he took no particular note of these individuals and could furnish no further information regarding their activities or descriptions.

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LESNE R. SMOOTZ, Apartment E, 639 Le Mar Park Drive, Glendora, advised that he was born [REDACTED] at Walla Walla, Washington and is presently employed as the manager of J. J. Newberry Department Store, 501 South Glendora, Glendora, California.

Mr. SMOOTZ said that he is a member of the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, and that he recalls having come to the range on June 4, 1968 sometime between 2:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M., that date. He said he spent a total of approximately 30 minutes at the range during this period of time, during which he was firing his new .22 250, Model 788 Remington pistol. He said that he was sighting this new weapon in and that he was on the rifle part of the range. He said that he was on the 25 yard target range somewhere between positions 20 and 35, which is pretty far removed from the pistol range.

Mr. SMOOTZ said that at no time during his stay at the range on this day did he go to the pistol range, nor did he see anyone on the pistol range. He said that he does not recall seeing any blond woman, nor did he recognize the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as anyone that he had seen that day at the range or at any time.

Mr. SMOOTZ said that during the time he was firing he fired a .22 shell which had a double load in it and this caused his gun to jam. He said that he then found it necessary to leave the range and go have his gun fixed. Mr. SMOOTZ said that he recalls having conferred with the range manager, LLOYD HAGER, on his way out in an effort to determine where he might be able to have his weapon repaired. Mr. SMOOTZ said that HAGER advised that he go to a place called Campers Haven, where he subsequently did go and left his gun to be repaired.

Mr. SMOOTZ said that he could vaguely remember having seen other people at the range but he could recall

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no specifics whatsoever regarding any outstanding events, etc., which might help him to furnish additional pertinent information. Mr. SMOOTZ said that, on this date as usual, he attended the range alone.

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Mrs. DANA TULITA WESTLAKE, 349 Redwood Drive, Woodacre, California, was contacted at the home of GEORGE CHARLES ERHARD, 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California. She was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the fact that she was being contacted with regard to the handgun used in the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

She advised that she had returned to the Los Angeles area to visit with her family and friends and that she planned on returning to Woodacre, California, on June 16, 1968. She added that the ERHARDS' were former neighbors and that she had resided at 1988 Olive Way prior to moving to Woodacre, California, on February 12, 1963.

WESTLAKE advised that her father, ALBERT L. HERTZ, had originally purchased a .22 caliber, eight shot, Iver-Johnson revolver during the Watts riots (October, 1965). This revolver was kept in the HERTZ home until about January, 1967 when her mother, Mrs. SARA TAYLOR HERTZ, 777 East Valley Boulevard, Apartment 32, Alhambra, California, gave the revolver to Mrs. WESTLAKE. She added that her mother did not want the revolver in the house and did not feel it was necessary to have it laying around.

WESTLAKE advised that to her knowledge the revolver had never been fired by her father or anyone else prior to this time and that the revolver was still in a box and wrapped in a black oily paper. Also contained in the box was a short rod which she assumed was used to clean the revolver. In addition, she received some ammunition for the revolver; however, she "got rid" of the ammunition soon after she received the revolver and she hid the revolver in the attic of their residence, which was 1988 Olive Way, Pasadena, California, at that time. The revolver was still in the original box it came in and she hid it so that her children would not find it and maybe harm or kill someone by accident.

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In approximately September or October, 1967, her husband started to remodel their home and it was necessary to remove the roof from the house. At that time she removed the contents from the attic and decided she would get rid of the revolver. Since her neighbor's son, GEORGE CHARLES ERHARD, JR., collected guns and many other things, she decided to give him the revolver. ERHARD, JR. agreed to take the revolver and she gave it to him as it was, in the box and still wrapped in the oily paper. She advised that neither she nor anyone else had fired the revolver up until the time she gave it to ERHARD, JR. She stated that no one knew that she had the revolver except her husband and her father and mother and that ERHARD, JR. did not come to her to purchase a gun. She reiterated that she merely gave him the revolver in order to prevent an accident in the event her children found it.

WESTLAKE described the revolver as an eight shot, Iver-Johnson revolver with a short barrel and a cylinder which could be taken out to extract the cartridges. In addition, it was a dark or blue steel weapon with a small hand grip. She had no record of any serial numbers which could be used to identify the revolver any further.

She advised that she was presently employed by PETER EDWARDS, Manager of "The Reporter", a newspaper, and that she was legal clerk. Their office is located at Fourth and A Streets, Herzog Building, Fairfax, California.

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LEO CADORET, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 803 Glasgow Avenue, Inglewood, residence phone 672-2272 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

CADORET was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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FABIO CALLE, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 913 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, residence phone 666-7960 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

CALLE was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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JUAN CEJA, Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 826 Fedora Street, Los Angeles, no phone number, advised that he was working in the Regency Room, of the hotel from 11 PM, June 4, 1968, through 7 AM, June 5, 1968. CEJA related that he and several other housemen had a considerable amount of work to perform in the Regency Room during his shift preparatory to a convention which was to be held some time later in the day of June 5, 1968.

CEJA stated that he remained in the Regency Room throughout the course of his eight hour shift except for a break to eat at approximately 3 AM, June 5, 1968. CEJA stated that at no time prior to or immediately subsequent to the shooting did he or any members of the banquet housemen staff enter into the Embassy Room to view Senator KENNEDY.

CEJA was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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JERRY CHOCHOLE, Table Captain, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1725 North Harbor Boulevard, Hollywood, California, phone 465-1069 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

CHOCHOLE was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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RAMIRO RAMIREZ, Banquet Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, residence 3184 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, no telephone, advised that on Tuesday evening, June 4, 1968, he left his employment at 11:00 p.m., and went directly home. RAMIREZ viewed the photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that he has never seen this individual in his life.

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VICTOR QUINTANILLA, busboy, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 1823 South Orchard Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone R.I. 7-8351, advised that he worked from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., in the Coconut Grove on the evening of June 4, 1968, and early morning of June 5, 1968, during which time he left the room on one occasion and proceeded into the Embassy Room in an attempt to view Senator KENNEDY. He stated that upon arriving in the Embassy Room and failing to see Senator KENNEDY on the podium, he immediately returned to resume his duties in the Coconut Grove. He advised that at approximately 12:30 a.m., several employees of the hotel staff came into the Coconut Grove and informed other employees that a shooting had occurred in the Embassy Room; however, he advised he remained at his post until 1:00 a.m., after which he went home.

QUINTANILLA viewed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and stated that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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WALTER PERRINE, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 4419 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, residence phone 222-1655 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

PERRINE was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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THOMAS PENZA, waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 13927 Chadron Street, Hawthorne, California, telephone 675-5266, advised that he worked in the Coconut Grove from 5:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, until approximately 1:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. He advised that on one occasion, midway through his tour of duty, he visited the Embassy Room in the hopes of seeing Senator KENNEDY. He stated that upon determining that Senator KENNEDY had not arrived, he returned to the Coconut Grove and continued his duties until all patrons had left.

He related that while sitting at a table with several fellow employees counting the tips received that evening, an unrecalled employee rushed into the room and announced that a shooting had occurred in the kitchen. PENZA stated that he left the table and rushed to the kitchen area to a spot which adjoined the Embassy Room, where he noticed a dark complected man being held around the neck by a 6'5", 250 pounds Negro. PENZA stated that the entrance way to the kitchen on the Embassy Room side was a mass of people and confusion and after a brief moment he was pushed out of the way. He stated that he then returned to the Coconut Grove to pick up his tips and subsequently left en route home.

PENZA was thereafter displayed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and he advised that it appeared to be identical with the individual who was being held by the aforementioned Negro.

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Mr. GILBERT PAOLI, manager and maitre'd of the Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, advised that he visited the Embassy Room on approximately two occasions between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., in the hope of seeing Senator KENNEDY.

He advised that on his last visit to the Embassy Room, which he estimated to be at 10:00 p.m., large crowds of KENNEDY supporters were in the room; however, he did not see the Senator. He stated that at approximately 10:00 p.m. that evening, he left the hotel and went directly home.

Mr. PAOLI thereafter viewed a photograph of the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, after which he advised that he has never seen this individual in his life.

In conclusion, Mr. PAOLI related that he has one waiter, one GEORGE MAJARIAN, who is understood to be from Jordan. He stated that approximately four years ago he met MAJARIAN when they both were working at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, and when PAOLI left to take the post of manager at the Coconut Grove, MAJARIAN accompanied him to the Ambassador. Mr. PAOLI advised that MAJARIAN enjoys an excellent reputation and had no reason to believe that he was in anyway whatsoever connected with the subject, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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RUBIN OVERMOE, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 3401 Ferncroft Road, Los Angeles, residence phone 666-3471 advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

OVERMOE was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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ROBERT EARL MOONEY, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 4179 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, phone DU 4-3257, advised that he worked in the Coconut Grove from 5 PM, June 4, 1968, until approximately 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968. He advised that he had a number of patrons throughout the course of the evening and was therefore, unable to visit the Embassy Room to view Senator KENNEDY when he arrived to congratulate his campaign staff.

MOONEY stated that at approximately 12:20 AM, June 5, 1968, an unrecalled fellow employee in the Coconut Grove approached him and informed him that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot in the kitchen area of the hotel. MOONEY advised that he and several other waiters and bus boys working the Coconut Grove remained in the night club until approximately 2:30 AM, that morning when the Los Angeles Police Department announced that all hotel staff members who had no pertinent information to offer could leave.

MOONEY was thereafter displayed a photograph of subject SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after which he advised that he had never seen this individual in his life.

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