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Miss DEYCE PINE, Assistant Director of Nursing, Office of the Administrator, Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 4867 Sunset Boulevard, advised PAUL SCHRADE and WILLIAM WEISEL were both patients at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital. She stated that WEISEL was officially admitted as a patient at 3:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968. He arrived at the hospital shortly before 3:00 a.m., being first treated in the Emergency Room.

Miss PINE stated PAUL SCHRADE officially was admitted to the hospital at 3:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968, having received treatment in the Emergency Room prior to his official admission. Mr. SCHRADE received treatment for gunshot wound in the head, and Mr. WEISEL sustained a gunshot wound in the abdomen. Both patients are currently listed in satisfactory condition.

WILLIAM WEISEL, upon his admittance to the hospital, was taken to the Intensive Care Unit, but is now in Room 339 in the General Care Section of the hospital. She stated that Mr. WEISEL is currently under sedation and uncomfortable. She felt that it would be best not to disturb him at this time for an interview. PAUL SCHRADE is presently in the Intensive Care Unit and prior to his being interviewed it would be necessary to obtain permission from his Physician of Record, Dr. KASPER FUCHS. Dr. FUCHS is a Staff Neurosurgeon of the Kaiser Foundation. Mr. WEISEL is under the care of Dr. WILLIAM NEAL.

Miss PINE stated that she was not certain what time both patients actually arrived at the hospital. She believed both were transported to the hospital by Schaeffer Ambulance from the Central Receiving Hospital at Los Angeles.

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FRANKLIN DIEGO DENIS, 839 North Sycamore Street, Los Angeles, California, residence telephone 464-5473, advised he had attended a "Pro-Communist" meeting held on May 21, 1968, at a private residence at 3800 Amesbury Road, Los Angeles, California. DENIS stated he had received a telephone call on the afternoon of May 21, 1968, from JOSE DUARTE, the spokesman for UNARE (Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria), a Cuban exile organization. DUARTE advised him at that time that a meeting was to take place at which a lecture would be given and color slides shown by a student who had just returned from a trip to Cuba.

DENIS advised he went to the meeting alone in his own car, arriving about 9:00 PM, at which time he met with other Cubans from DUARTE's group in front of the residence at 3800 Amesbury Road. DUARTE went to the door of the residence and spoke with a man and a woman, requesting permission for he and his friends to attend the meeting. They were given permission to attend the meeting; and DENIS stated that all entered the house together. Upon entering the front door, they were directed to a room off to the right, in which many chairs had been set up. On the wall of this room was a large picture of the former Cuban revolutionary, CHE GUEVARA.

DENIS stated the guest at this meeting, whose name he could not recall, but who was allegedly a student from San Francisco State College, had not yet arrived and people were gathered about the room in small groups talking. Shortly after 9:00 PM, the guest speaker arrived and DENIS stated he took a seat near the back of the room. He estimated there were approximately 50 or 60 people in attendance at the meeting, about ten of whom were part of his group, who had seated themselves in different locations throughout the room.

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DENIS advised the guest speaker gave a short lecture concerning his tour of Cuba and followed this talk by showing colored slides of Cuba and gave a short monologue with each picture. DENIS recalls that one slide in particular, which depicted a monument in memory of the Bay of Pigs invasion, had raised strong criticism from a friend of DUARTE, named PEREIRA, who was a veteran of this invasion. The guest speaker stated this invasion was made by "mercenaries" and PEREIRA rose from his seat and shouted that the invasion was made by "Cuban patriots fighting for their country".

Following the showing of the slides, DUARTE, who had been sitting in the front row, got up and demanded that he be given equal time to present his views regarding Cuba. DENIS stated that earlier in the meeting, when DUARTE suggested that he be allowed to speak, a vote had been taken and it had been decided that DUARTE would be allowed to speak after the guest speaker. DENIS stated, however, that as soon as DUARTE got up, people began talking and moving about the room, and the meeting began to break up. Upon seeing this, DENIS advised that he left the room and went outside the house to wait in front for the rest of his friends. DENIS said that a short while later, he had left the house alone and returned home.

DENIS also stated that during the meeting, a collection had been taken up by the organizers, who appeared to be the owners of the house, to raise funds for the legal defense of an individual in Oakland, California. DENIS said he does not recall this individual's name nor the charges against him.

DENIS continued that following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he had heard from several of his friends that the accused assassin, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, had been recognized by DUARTE and others as having been in attendance at the above described meeting.

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DENIS was shown a Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Booking Number 495139, dated June 5, 1968, but was unable to identify this photograph as anyone known to him. He stated he did not recall seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN in attendance at the above described meeting.

DENIS was also unable to furnish the names of any persons, other than those already known, who had attended the above meeting.

The following background and descriptive data concerning DENIS was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Cuban (entered United States November 23, 1962, at Miami, Florida)
Birth Data	March 21, 1941 Guantanamo, Cuba
Height	6'
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Employment	General Motors Chevrolet Division 8000 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, California
California Driver's License No.	P14514

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ALBERT BARCO, 1411 Silverlake Boulevard, Apartment 12, Los Angeles, California, telephone 662-8419, employed Security First National Bank, furnished the following information:

BARCO advised that he is a follower of Major JOSE A. DUARTE, the leader of UNARE (Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria), a Cuban exile organization aimed at the overthrow of CASTRO and the restoration of the Cuban Revolution of 1959.

BARCO advised that on the evening of May 21, 1968, he, along with FRANKLIN DENIS, 839 North Sycamore Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone 464-5473, and AMBROSIO REYES, 10731 Palms Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone 838-7438, went to a pro-communist meeting at a private residence located at 3800 Amesbury Road, Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California. This meeting was also attended by Major DUARTE and approximately 10 to 15 followers of DUARTE. He had been informed that a lecture would be given and slides would be shown regarding Cuba by a PAUL (Last Name Unknown)(LNU), who was allegedly a student at San Francisco State College and had recently returned from a tour of Cuba.

BARCO advised that he and his party had arrived at approximately 9:00 PM and PAUL arrived at the meeting shortly thereafter. BARCO stated that approximately 50 people attended the meeting. While they were waiting for the meeting to begin, he overheard someone ask PAUL, "Was young Kennedy considered a martyr in Cuba by Castro", to which PAUL replied, "No".

BARCO stated that he observed and overheard another individual he described as a white male, dark complexion, short in stature, talking to a woman he believes was one of the organizers of the meeting. He believes her name is RAQUEL LAEN and that she might be the wife of the

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owner of the house. BARCO advised that he heard this individual asked RAQUEL if she was from Cuba. She answered, "No", and stated that she was from Colombia, South America. BARCO stated that this individual then asked RAQUEL if she had any connections with guerrilla groups in Colombia, to which she also answered, "No". BARCO went on to say that it appeared from their conversation that RAQUEL and this individual had not known each other before this meeting.

BARCO positively identified a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN dated June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department Booking Number 495139, as being identical with the above described individual who was conversing with RAQUEL. BARCO believes that SIRHAN was already at the meeting when he, Major DUARTE, and DUARTE's followers arrived.

BARCO advised that the meeting then began and PAUL started talking about his recent trip to Cuba.

At this time, DUARTE got up and demanded that he be given equal time to present his views on the Cuban situation. This request caused a little commotion and it was then put to a vote whether DUARTE should be allowed to speak. The vote turned out 28 to 27 in favor of DUARTE speaking. BARCO advised that DUARTE then agreed to let PAUL deliver his talk and show his slides first. After PAUL had spoken about his trip, he then showed slides taken in Cuba and delivered a short monologue with each slide.

Following the showing of the slides, DUARTE got up and began to speak, denying most of what PAUL had previously said concerning Cuba. At this time, the meeting began to break up and people were leaving the room or gathering in small groups. BARCO stated that at this time, he observed an individual believed to be SIRHAN get up from his seat and approach DUARTE, who was standing in the front of the room with several other people about him. BARCO advised he overheard this individual ask DUARTE, "How much is the CIA paying you?", or words to that effect. BARCO could not recall what other words were exchanged by DUARTE and this individual, but said that this person had gotten quite

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excited and hostile. According to BARCO, two or three other individuals, who he could not describe or identify, spoke with this person in an effort to calm him down and, subsequently, led him away from DUARTE and his group. BARCO advised he did not observe this individual leaving the meeting and did not see him again that evening.

BARCO also recalled that a collection had been taken up at the meeting to obtain funds to assist in the legal defense of an individual named NEWTON, whom he believes is charged with killing a police officer in Oakland, California.

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ARIEL DELA FUENTE, 4345 Prospect Avenue, Hollywood, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, Albert's Barber Shop, 4847 Fountain Avenue, Hollywood, California. DELA FUENTE advised he had not attended a pro-communist meeting held on May 21, 1968 at 3800 Amesbury Road, Los Angeles, California, but had subsequently heard about this meeting through his employer ALBERTO VELAZCO, who is the proprietor of Alberts Barber Shop. DELA FUENTE stated that VELAZCO is a close associate and follower of Major JOSE DUARTE, the leader of a Cuban exile organization in Los Angeles, California known as UNARE (Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria). DELA FUENTE advised that according to VELAZCO, UNARE is an anti-Communist organization made up of Cubans, who attend communist demonstrations and meetings, especially those concerning Cuba and FIDEL CASTRO, in an effort to break up these activities by expressing the truth about Cuba and the communist controlled CASTRO Government. DELA FUENTE stated he is not associated with UNARE and is not personally acquainted with DUARTE, although he has heard much about him through VELAZCO.

DELA FUENTE stated VELAZCO had informed him that he, VELAZCO, along with DUARTE and other UNARE followers, had attended the above described meeting and that DUARTE had become involved in a rather heated argument at this meeting with an unknown individual, who had stated he was an Arab. DELA FUENTE stated that VELAZCO as well as DUARTE and other Cubans present at the meeting had subsequently recognized photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the newspapers and on television as identical with the individual who had argued with DUARTE at the meeting.

DELA FUENTE advised he did not know the names or identities of anyone who had attended this meeting other than DUARTE and VELAZCO, and also was unable to furnish any additional information regarding this meeting or SIRHAN.

The following background and descriptive data concerning DELA FUENTE was obtained through observation and interview:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	Cuban (entered the United States on July 29, 1960 at New Orleans, Louisiana)
Age	27 years
Date of birth	September 17, 1940
Place of birth	Havanna, Cuba
Height	5'8"
Weight	154 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Green

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ALBERT VELAZCO, 1409 North Edgemont Street, Hollywood, California, is employed as a barber, address 4847 Fountain Avenue, Hollywood, California, phone 665-9653, furnished the following information:

VELAZCO advised that he is a follower of Major JOSE A. DUARTE, spokesman for UNARE (Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria) a Cuban exile organization with mailing address of Post Office Box 802, Hollywood, California.

VELAZCO stated that on May 21, 1968 he, DUARTE, and approximately ten to 12 other Cubans attended a pro-communist meeting at a residence located in Griffith Park, 3800 Amesbury, Los Angeles, California. VELAZCO advised that he heard about the meeting through a leaflet stating that a lecture and slides concerning Cuba would be shown by PAUL (last name unknown) a student at San Francisco State College.

VELAZCO stated that he and his group arrived at the Amesbury residence at approximately 9:00 p.m. When they went to the house they were greeted by some people, one of whom he believes is a Colombian woman by the name of RAQUEL LARAMI. As they entered the house he noticed a big picture of CHE GUEVARA and a sign with the words "Freedom Group", hanging on the wall. VELAZCO believes that 40 to 50 people attended the meeting. Some of the people appeared to be Mexican - American, four or five Arabians and a Chinese couple. He believes that one of the Mexican-Americans was a young girl by the name of LINDA (last name unknown).

VELAZCO stated that before the meeting began he was standing in the back of the meeting room. He observed a dark complected white male enter the room alone. Two women approached him and talked to him for a few minutes. This individual then sat down at which time VELAZCO observed him carrying a gun which he had concealed under his suit coat in his belt. VELAZCO described this individual as follows:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	35 years
Height	5'4"
Build	Medium
Clothing	Suit and tie
Hair	Dark black curly hair

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN dated June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department booking number 495-139, was shown to VELAZCO. VELAZCO stated that this individual was not identical with the above described individual. VELAZCO stated that he did recognize the photograph of SIRHAN as being the man who was at the meeting and had an argument with Major DUARTE.

VELAZCO advised that shortly after PAUL arrived, the meeting began. PAUL gave a short talk about his recent trip to Cuba and then showed his slides. During the showing of the slides, PAUL gave a little monologue concerning each individual slide. At one time PAUL made a statement to the effect that President JOHNSON would be frightened if he were to see a military parade in Cuba.

After a few more slides were shown, VELAZCO stated that Major DUARTE got up from his seat and demanded equal time to speak. DUARTE's request caused a little commotion. VELAZCO then observed a dark complected man approach DUARTE. He stated this individual was identical with the man whose photograph he had seen on television and in local newspapers as being the accused assassin of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. VELAZCO heard this individual ask DURATE, "How much is the CIA paying you? I read it in the papers." This individual appeared to be quite angry and aggressive at this time. VELAZCO stated that an argument broke out between DUARTE and this individual, but nothing of any consequence. VELAZCO believed this individual was accompanied by two other male individuals, who he believes were of Arabian descent.

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VELAZCO advised that shortly thereafter the meeting broke up. He and his party then left the home and no further incident occurred. He stated that he did not see this individual leave the meeting and could offer no further information regarding this individual.

VELAZCO also recalled that during the meeting a collection was taken up by the organizers of the meeting to obtain funds to assist in a legal defense of an individual named NEWTON, who he, VELAZCO, believes is charged with the murder of a policeman in Oakland, California.

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FRANK MARTINEZ, true name Francisco Jose Martinez, was interviewed at his residence, 919 North Normandie Avenue, Apartment 1, Los Angeles, California. MARTINEZ advised he has been acquainted with Major JOSE DUARTE, the leader of UNARE (Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria), for about eight years. MARTINEZ stated that UNARE is a Cuban exile organization, which frequently attends pro-communist and pro-CASTRO activities, such as meetings and demonstrations, in an effort to make known the truth regarding the present communist controlled CASTRO Government in Cuba.

MARTINEZ stated that on May 21, 1968, he and DUARTE, along with about ten or twelve other Cubans, heard that a meeting would be held that evening at 3800 Amesbury Road, Los Angeles, California, at which a lecture would be given concerning Cuba. MARTINEZ said that he and DUARTE had gone to this location, arriving at approximately 9:00 PM, and meeting with the other members of their group in front of the residence at that location. He said that DUARTE, as spokesman for the group, had gone to the door of this residence and requested that he and his friends be allowed to listen to the lecture. Upon being admitted, MARTINEZ, DUARTE, and the others entered a large room, in which many chairs had been set up, and waited for the meeting to begin. MARTINEZ recalls that on the wall of this room was a large picture of CHE GUEVARA. He stated that in talking with other people at this meeting, he determined that the guest speaker would be PAUL (Last Name Unknown), who was allegedly a student at San Francisco State College, and had recently returned from a tour of Cuba. MARTINEZ also determined that PAUL was connected with an organization known to him as the Students for a Democratic Society.

MARTINEZ advised that at approximately 9:30 PM, PAUL arrived and began delivering his lecture. MARTINEZ stated that he, along with several others in his group, sat near the back of the room, but that DUARTE took a seat in the front row. At the outset of the meeting, DUARTE

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requested that he be given the right to speak in order to present his views on the Cuban situation. MARTINEZ said that most of the people in attendance appeared to be reluctant about letting DUARTE speak, but it was suggested by someone that a vote be taken to determine whether or not he could speak. MARTINEZ said the vote was close, but that DUARTE won the right to speak. DUARTE agreed, however, to wait until PAUL had completed his presentation before he would speak.

MARTINEZ advised that PAUL told his audience he had personally met with FIDEL CASTRO while in Cuba and that CASTRO was considered a great man by the Cuban people. PAUL also indicated that he had gone to Cuba by taking a flight from Mexico and then returning to Mexico.

MARTINEZ related that in addition to his lecture, PAUL showed several colored slides taken in Cuba and gave a short description concerning each slide. MARTINEZ said that one slide in particular, which showed a monument erected at the site of the Bay of Pigs invasion, had caused many of his fellow Cubans to become quite excited. He said that PAUL referred to the invasion as having been undertaken by "mercenaries". MARTINEZ said that one of his group, a friend of DUARTE named PEREIRA, who was a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasion, had immediately gotten up and stated that the invasion was not undertaken by mercenaries but rather by "Cuban patriots".

After PAUL had finished showing his slides, DUARTE got up from his front row seat, and stated that he now wanted to tell everyone the truth about communism, FIDEL CASTRO and the present Cuban Government. At this time, many people got up from their seats and began leaving the room or gathering in small groups about the room talking with one another. Most of the people appeared to be ignoring DUARTE, but one group had begun to gather around him to listen to what he had to say. MARTINEZ advised that he had gone to the front of the room to stand by DUARTE, fearing that some of the people in attendance at the meeting might

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become violent in their objection to what he had to say. MARTINEZ said that while standing directly beside DUARTE, he observed an individual, who had also been seated in the front row to DUARTE's right, approach DUARTE with two or three other individuals. He described this first individual as a white male in his mid 20's, very short, about 5'5", dark complected, with curly black hair. MARTINEZ said he first appeared to be of Mexican descent and was wearing trousers and a tee shirt.

MARTINEZ continued that upon approaching DUARTE, this individual began making remarks towards DUARTE that what he was saying was lies and that he, DUARTE, should stop speaking. DUARTE replied to this individual that if he continued his interruptions, he, DUARTE, would consider this as a personal insult and it would be necessary for them to meet outside and settle their differences. DUARTE then continued talking but this individual again interrupted DUARTE and asked DUARTE, "Let me see your hands". This individual then accused DUARTE of being paid by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to attend the meeting and asked DUARTE, "How much the CIA paying you?" At this time, DUARTE asked this individual where he came from and the individual replied, "I am an Arab". DUARTE then asked this individual if he was one of NASSER's men and the individual replied, "No, I'm a revolutionary".

MARTINEZ said he was unable to recall any other exchange of words between DUARTE and this individual and said that during the confrontation, this individual had become quite excited and violent and that his friends had subsequently physically restrained him and removed him from the room. MARTINEZ said he did not see this individual again that evening. MARTINEZ was unable to describe this individual's friends but said he might possibly recognize them if he were to see them again.

MARTINEZ advised that shortly after this incident, the meeting broke up and he and his group left the residence.

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He added that during the meeting, a collection had been taken up in order to obtain funds to assist in the legal defense of HUEY NEWTON, who is presently confined in Oakland, California, and charged with the murder of a police officer there.

MARTINEZ positively identified a Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, dated June 5, 1968, Booking Number 495139, as being identical with the individual described above, who had been involved in a heated argument with DUARTE. MARTINEZ advised he had recognized the photograph of SIRHAN when his picture appeared on television and in local newspapers and that he, MARTINEZ, had accompanied DUARTE to the Los Angeles Police Department on June 6, 1968, where DUARTE furnished a statement to the authorities.

MARTINEZ continued that on the evening of June 7, 1968, he and DUARTE had gone to the office of the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper in Downtown Los Angeles after DUARTE had received a request by that newspaper for an interview. MARTINEZ said that he and DUARTE had gotten off the elevator on the third floor of the "Los Angeles Times" Building and were waiting to meet the Night City Editor, whose name he cannot recall, when he, MARTINEZ, recognized an individual standing alone in the same room with them as having been in attendance at the above described meeting. MARTINEZ said this individual also appeared to be waiting for someone and that at approximately the same time he recognized him, the Night City Editor had approached them and asked them into his office. MARTINEZ said he immediately told DUARTE about this individual he had observed in the outer office and DUARTE had instructed him to locate this individual in order to corroborate his story. MARTINEZ said he had immediately gone back to where he had observed this individual but was unable to locate him. He described this individual as about 40 years old, 5'4" tall, heavy or fat build, about 170 pounds, brown hair, wearing a blue suit and tie and carrying a briefcase. He said this individual was also dark complected, and was possibly of Arabic descent.

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He said he is positive this individual attended the above described meeting since he recalls that he arrived late and was accompanied by a beautiful girl, who he described as appearing to be of Latin descent, about 30 years old, 5'6" tall, with long brown hair.

The following background and descriptive data concerning MARTINEZ was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Cuban (entered United States on April 30, 1962, at Miami, Florida)
Birth Data	February 16, 1941 Cienfuegos, Cuba
Height	5'10"
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Employment	RCA Victor 1016 North Sycamore Street Los Angeles, California

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Major JOSE A. DUARTE, true name Jose Antonio Duarte-Oropesa, 6643 De Longpre Avenue, Hollywood, California, residence telephone 469-0823, advised that he is the spokesman for UNARE (Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria) a Cuban exile organization with mailing address of Post Office Box 802, Hollywood, California.

DUARTE advised that he is a former major in FIDEL CASTRO's rebel army, but is presently the leader of UNARE, an anti-CASTRO underground movement organized by him and aimed at the restoration of the Cuban Revolution of 1959. DUARTE claims to be an avowed anti-communist, anti-fascist, anti-imperialist fighter and believes that violence can only be combated by the use of violence.

DUARTE stated he had been arrested, indicted and sent to prison in New York for violating the Neutrality Act in 1952. Following his release he left for Mexico and subsequently returned to Cuba, clandestinely, in mid 1954. In 1956 DUARTE joined the forces of FIDEL CASTRO, whom he had met while attending the University of Havana in 1946, in planning a new uprising in Cuba to overthrow FULGENCIO BATISTA's regime. DUARTE continued his association with CASTRO obtaining the rank of major, the highest in the rebel army, until he became aware of communist infiltration of the government and disgusted with the anti-American campaign promulgated by CASTRO. In 1960, DUARTE's connections with the CASTRO regime were abruptly severed and in the following six years he was subjected to numerous arrests, prison terms and a death sentence which was later commuted. It was during this time that DUARTE was able to organize the underground movement UNARE. After unsuccessful attempts to get out of Cuba by means of passports to Mexico and Brazil, DUARTE managed to enter the United States on September 6, 1966 under the provisions of a treaty negotiated by the Swiss Government allowing Cubans, eligible for American citizenship, to travel to the United States. DUARTE displayed his Cuban passport, number [REDACTED] Immigration file [REDACTED] reflecting his entry into the country on September 6, 1966 and his residence at 3799 N. W. Eleventh Street, Miami, Florida.

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DUARTE advised he visited California for two weeks in November 1966 and took up permanent residence in Los Angeles, California in May 1967. Since this time DUARTE has been involved in writing a history of Cuba, giving lectures at various colleges and universities, as well as civic organizations. In connection with activities as leader of UNARE, DUARTE advised he and his followers have made it a point to attend any pro-communist meetings or demonstrations, especially those involving Cuba.

DUARTE advised that on May 14, 1968, he and his followers attended a pro-communist meeting at a residence located in Griffith Park, at 3800 Amesbury Road, Los Angeles, California. DUARTE stated that they had learned of this meeting through a leaflet advertising that a lecture and showing of slides concerning Cuba would be given by PAUL (last name unknown). He stated PAUL, whom he believes was from San Francisco State College, has recently returned from a tour of Cuba with a student group.

Upon arriving at 3800 Amesbury Road, DUARTE observed the meeting was to be held in a large mansion, located at the top of a hill and in a secluded area. DUARTE stated the meeting was held in a room filled with chairs and on the wall of this room was hanging a large picture of the Cuban Revolutionary, CHE GUEVARA. He estimated the meeting was attended by 55 persons, about twelve of whom were his followers. DUARTE stated the meeting appeared to have been organized by a woman, who he later determined was from Colombia, South America and was possibly the wife of the owner of the house.

According to DUARTE, he and his followers arrived at approximately 9:00 p.m. and shortly thereafter, PAUL, the guest speaker, arrived. At the beginning of the meeting, DUARTE got up and demanded he be given equal time and the right to present his views on the Cuban situation. He said this demand caused

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considerable commotion and it was agreed upon to take a vote to determine if he, DUARTE, should be allowed to speak. A vote was taken and turned out to be 28 to 27 in favor of allowing DUARTE to speak. DUARTE stated that at that time he had agreed to let PAUL deliver his lecture before presenting his own views. After PAUL had spoken a short while, the lights were turned down in order for PAUL to show the slides. At this time, DUARTE anticipating the meeting would be adjourned following the showing of the slides, got up from his seat and began to demand the right to speak. At that time, DUARTE first noticed an individual, whom he described as white, male, in his mid 20's, dark or swarthy complexion, short in stature and very casually attired, wearing a T-shirt and trousers. DUARTE said this individual was slight in build, and his initial impression was that he was possibly a jockey. This individual began shouting and making derogatory remarks toward him and accused him, DUARTE, of being a CIA Agent and asked how much he was being paid by the CIA. DUARTE said he confronted this individual, who claimed to be an Arab, in an effort to resolve the situation peaceably. He said he was unable to do so inasmuch as this individual became quite violent, frenzied and displayed a very militant attitude toward him. DUARTE stated he then became involved in a brief scuffle with this individual and they decided to meet outside following the meeting to settle their differences. Shortly thereafter, the meeting was adjourned as a result of the turmoil and confusion created by DUARTE's attempts to present his views. Following the above incident, this individual left the meeting and DUARTE never saw him again.

DUARTE positively identified a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, dated June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department Booking No. 495139 as being identical with the above described individual. DUARTE advised that upon seeing SIRHAN's photograph in a local newspaper, he immediately recognized him and had thereafter gone to the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department and voluntarily furnished a statement regarding his knowledge of SIRHAN.

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DUARTE advised he had not seen SIRHAN arriving or leaving the meeting and does not know if he was accompanied by anyone. He said he noticed SIRHAN had been seated at the meeting beside an unknown male Negro, approximately 25 years of age and an unknown white male, approximately 40 years of age, who he believes was of Greek descent. Both of these two individuals also were sloppily dressed and gave the appearance of being hippies.

DUARTE advised that at no time during the meeting, or his confrontation with SIRHAN, did he hear SIRHAN make any remarks or statements in reference to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY or a possible assassination attempt on KENNEDY or any other political figure.

DUARTE stated that following the meeting, a collection was taken up by the organizers of the meeting to obtain funds to assist in the legal defense of an individual named NEWTON, who he, DUARTE, believes is charged with the murder of a policeman in Oakland, California.

DUARTE advised that, although he does not know the names or identities of any individuals attending the meeting, other than his own followers, he would be able to identify those individuals who appeared to be with SIRHAN and witnessed the altercation between them, should he see them again.

DUARTE furnished the names and addresses of the following individuals who he recalls attended the meeting with him and witnessed the altercation between he, DUARTE, and SIRHAN.

ALBERTO BARCO  
1411 Silverlake Boulevard  
Apartment 12  
Los Angeles, California  
662-8419

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ALBERTO VELAZCO  
1409 North Edgemont Street  
Los Angeles, California

FRANK MARTINEZ  
919 North Normandie Avenue  
Apartment 1  
Hollywood, California

FRANKLIN DENIS  
839 North Sycamore  
Los Angeles, California  
464-5473

DUARTE advised that in the confusion following the altercation between he and SIRHAN, and subsequent adjournment of the meeting, he and his friends had come into possession of several of the slides that PAUL had brought depicting his trip to Cuba. He added he still has these slides in his possession but that SIRHAN does not appear in any of them.

DUARTE further advised that subsequent to furnishing his statement concerning SIRHAN to the Los Angeles Police Department, he had been contacted by several writers and reporters of the news media.

On the evening of June 7, 1968, he and FRANK MARTINEZ had gone to the Office of the "Los Angeles Times" Newspaper, in downtown Los Angeles, after receiving a telephonic request by the Night City Editor of the "Los Angeles Times", a Mr. SUIT. DUARTE said while proceeding to the office of the Night City Editor, he observed a person in the building he recognized as having been present at the above described meeting and who had witnessed the altercation between he and SIRHAN. He stated he does not know if this individual is an employee of the "Los Angeles Times" or if he was being interviewed by them regarding SIRHAN. He added that this individual had been speaking with a "Los Angeles Times" employee, known by Mr. SUIT. He stated that MARTINEZ had later tried to locate this individual in order to corroborate his story regarding SIRHAN, but was unable to locate him.

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MARK EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the interview and then furnished the following information:

CHAMBERLAIN was interviewed at his apartment, 6400 Franklin Avenue, apartment 215, Los Angeles, California, telephone 452-7803. CHAMBERLAIN was asked if he had been at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he was in his apartment watching the election returns, saw the events of the shooting on television, and stayed up all night watching the reports. He stated that he knows nothing concerning the shooting or concerning the suspected killer SIRHAN SIRHAN, other than what he had seen on television and read in the newspapers.

He further stated that DONALD WRIGHT, who lives in apartment 314, was with him in his (CHAMBERLAIN's) apartment all that evening. They were using WRIGHT's portable television, CHAMBERLAIN stated that shortly after the shooting he called Mrs. VAN OLINDA, who lives in the apartment immediately below his, and told her that KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that he later visited Mrs. VAN OLINDA in her apartment, they both were crying and consoling each other. CHAMBERLAIN related that his roommate is DONALD BOLING, who is a male nurse, and while he has in the past been working for the San Vincente Hospital, he is currently working on a private case and comes home only on Sundays.

CHAMBERLAIN stated that BOLING was not in the apartment on the night of the shooting. CHAMBERLAIN related that he also called his sister, Mrs. LESLIE PUTMAN, in Campbell, New York and told her of the shooting. He stated that his sister admonished him since she had been in bed and knew nothing of the shooting. He told her to turn on the television or radio. CHAMBERLAIN stated that he was sober that night but several days later called his sister again and cannot recall the conversation that took place because he had been drinking heavily.

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 by SA MYRON M. HITCH, SA IRVIN B. WELLS, IMW and SA EDWARD M. COFFMAN/EMC/nmb/dp Date dictated 6/14/68 1174

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CHAMBERLAIN also recalled calling his mother on the night of the shooting but does not recall mentioning anything to her concerning the shooting. He stated that Mrs. PUTMAN is his favorite sister and he called her on the night of the shooting because he wanted to talk to her and tell her what had happened. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he is divorced, has lived in Los Angeles, California since 1949 and since that time has been arrested twice for drunk driving and once for assault upon his ex-wife, for which he spent 40 days in jail. CHAMBERLAIN also related that he served 14 months in prison in Pennsylvania as a juvenile for the theft of a carburetor from a car. CHAMBERLAIN advised he is currently unemployed having injured his hand in a car door. He stated his last job was as a chef at the Westside Hospital on Fairfax and San Vincente. He has not worked there for three months and he worked there for a period of only three months. Prior to that time he had been manager of the Big "D" Restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard.

CHAMBERLAIN was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and advised that he had never seen him in person and had never seen him before seeing him on television on the night KENNEDY was shot. CHAMBERLAIN denied knowing anything pertaining to SIRHAN other than what he had seen in the newspapers.

CHAMBERLAIN denied being a member of any organization or group whatsoever.

CHAMBERLAIN advised that his boy CHARLES had recently been arrested on a narcotics charge in Los Angeles, California and that after several trials had been placed on probation to live with his mother in Elkland, Pennsylvania. He related that on June 13, 1968 he put his boy on a bus to New York and Elkland, Pennsylvania.

CHAMBERLAIN noted that this inquiry possibly is a result of the phone calls that he made to his sister and noted that it is apparently a misunderstanding in her interpretation

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of what he said, although he cannot remember his conversation with his sister when he was drunk. CHAMBERLAIN reiterated that he cannot recall making any statement that would indicate that he was involved in the KENNEDY shooting or knowing SIRHAN SIRHAN or any of his activities or organizations.

CHAMBERLAIN further advised that he has never been armed at any of the times he was arrested and does not now own or possess a gun.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MARK EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, gray sideburns
Date of birth	July 17, 1925
Place of birth	Blossburg, Pennsylvania
Residence	6400 Franklin Apartment 216 Los Angeles, California telephone 462-7083

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Mrs. LEA P. VAN OLINDA was interviewed in her apartment number 116, 6400 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 465-2637.

Mrs. VAN OLINDA was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry. Mrs. VAN OLINDA related that she had been up all night because one of the nearby apartments had a fire and a cat near the apartment kept her dog barking most of the night. Mrs. VAN OLINDA advised that she remembers receiving a telephone call from "MIKE" CHAMBERLAIN on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot telling her of the shooting. She related that the phone call got her out of bed. Mrs. VAN OLINDA advised that she is reasonably certain that sometime after the phone call CHAMBERLAIN came down to her apartment. Mrs. VAN OLINDA related that she is somewhat hazy about this because of her lack of sleep and because CHAMBERLAIN visits her apartment almost daily. She stated she vaguely recalls that he did visit her apartment, that they both were crying and consoling each other.

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 by SA MYRON M. HITCH, SA IRVIN B. WELLS and SA EDWARD M. COFFMAN Date dictated 6/14/63

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Mr. DONALD WRIGHT was advised of the identity of the interview Agent and the purpose of the interview. Mr. WRIGHT advised that his home is apartment 314, at 5400 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, California, and he has no telephone.

WRIGHT stated that he was in the apartment of MARK CHAMBERLAIN on the evening of June 4, when KENNEDY was shot. They were watching the election returns on his (WRIGHT's) portable television. Shortly after the shot, WRIGHT recalls that CHAMBERLAIN telephoned his sister in New York and told her of the shooting. CHAMBERLAIN also telephoned the lady in the apartment just below CHAMBERLAIN's apartment and told her of the shooting. WRIGHT advised that they continued to watch the events on television in CHAMBERLAIN's apartment until approximately 4:30 a.m.

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Date 6/20/68

The records of room registrations for the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, were reviewed for the year of 1968 up until June 18, 1968, for a registration of GILDERDINE OPPENHEIMER (phonetic). No one by that name has been registered at the Ambassador Hotel during that time.

On 6/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156-<sup>9</sup>  
 by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON and <sup>ABM</sup>  
SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY/mmc Date dictated 6/18/68 <sup>1177</sup>

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6/10/68

On June 10, 1968, Mrs. ALICE ALLEN, Secretary to Dean IRVIN G. LEWIS, Administrative Dean of Student Personnel Services, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, caused a search of the records for a student by the name of MUSTAFA SERMAIN (phonetic), and of other names phonetically similar, between the years 1963 and 1966; however, no record identifiable with such an individual was located.

On 6/10/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156-<sup>6</sup>  
 by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/kaf Date dictated 6/10/68 <sup>1078</sup>

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On June 21, 1968, Mr. GLEN E. CLINE, Dean of Student Personnel Services, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California advised there was no record of anyone named MUSTAFA SAMKARI ever having attended Pasadena City College.

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by LJ SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/mmc Date dictated 6/24/68

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On June 28, 1968, PALMER LIEN, JR., 1179 Lexington Street, Altadena, California, was contacted at his employment at the Market Basket grocery store, 2270 North Lake Street, Altadena, California. LIEN stated he had been acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN since shortly after he arrived in this country in 1957 or 1958. He stated he was much more closely acquainted with MUNIR SIRHAN, who was his age. He stated the SIRHANS lived about eight houses away from him at this time. He stated he knew SIRHAN when he was in Junior High School and in High School, but stated it was a typical school relationship and not very close. He said he had no social relationship with SIRHAN outside of school, and because of their age, never discussed political ideas or social philosophies. He stated he last saw SIRHAN walking up the street about two weeks prior to the KENNEDY shooting, but merely waved at him. He described SIRHAN as a very quiet person, who was usually at home, studying or reading. He did not appear to have many close friends, and LIEN could not recall anyone else who was very close to SIRHAN.

LIEN volunteered that when he had read in the newspapers that SIRHAN was married in his early teens, he thought he recalled MUNIR having said SIRHAN was married while still in Jordan, and had left his wife there. LIEN stated he was not positive of this, but believed he recalled it as it seemed so strange to him that anyone would be married at the age of twelve or thirteen. He stated he was also sure he had never heard of SIRHAN or any of the SIRHAN children leaving the United States to return to Jordan since he had known them.

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 SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/mmc Date dictated 7/2/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/19/68

On June 19, 1968, JOHN FAHEY advised he had told his story concerning his spending the day with one GILDERDINE OPPENHEIMER to reporter FERNANDO FAURA of the "Hollywood Citizen-News" newspaper. He said FAURA had a story concerning an unidentified female connected with the KENNEDY shooting, and he thought it might be connected with his experience. For this reason, he contacted FAURA, after FAURA promised he would not publish the story. He stated he does not expect FAURA to print the story. FAHEY talked to FAURA on June 15, 1968, the same day he told his story to the Los Angeles Police Department.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

Dr. IRVIN G. LEWIS, Administrative Dean for Students Personnel Services, Pasadena City College, was contacted for information concerning a partially completed school schedule, bearing the brand name Simpson, obtained from the residence of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN by the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1968, and the schedule was exhibited to Dr. LEWIS, who furnished the following information:

The schedule appears to be a proposed schedule made up prior to the registration of the student preparing it. The room numbers 23C and 35C appear to correspond to room numbers at Pasadena City College and it is usual for students to take physical education classes in the gym twice a week. He does not recognize the schedule as the kind used at Pasadena City College but schedules of this type are often available for students at school book stores and supply centers. The schedule would have to pertain to a junior college rather than a high school since high school classes are generally conducted on a daily rather than a bi-weekly and tri-weekly basis.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

A xerox copy of the first page of a publication captioned "Opinion" dated Friday, March 30, 1962, number 11, obtained from the residence of SIRHAN SIRHAN by the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1963 was displayed to Dr. IRVIN G. LEWIS, Administrative Dean for Students Personnel Services, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California.

Dr. LEWIS stated he had never seen the paper and believed he would have been aware if it had been distributed on the campus as such publications are brought to his attention. He pointed out that in the first paragraph of the second column reference was made on two occasions to seniors, which suggests the paper had been distributed on a high school rather than on a college level.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/9/68

On July 8, 1968, JOHN JOSEPH DAY was contacted at his residence at 4159 Dover Road, La Canada, California (790-2844). DAY volunteered that he was of the Quaker faith, had just received a discharge from the United States Army as a Conscientious Objector after serving six months, and had just returned to the Los Angeles area.

DAY stated he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN slightly by sight, but stated after he had seen SIRHAN's photograph in the newspapers, he was not sure whether he had seen him or remembered him from Muir High School or from Pasadena City College, both in Pasadena, California. DAY stated he attended Pasadena City College for an irregular period during 1965. He stated he had not associated with SIRHAN, only knew him by sight, and knew nothing about him or other members of his family.

DAY stated he had no knowledge of why SIRHAN might have had the name of JOHN DAY in his possession, and stated he knew nothing concerning him.

On 7/8/68 at La Canada, California File # Los Angeles 56-156-~~2~~-1184  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

7/1/68

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On June 28, 1968, Mrs. ALICE ALLEN, Secretary to Dr. IRVIN G. LEWIS, Administrative Dean of Student Personnel Services, Pasadena City College, caused a search of the school records, and determined they had no record of a GARNER TED ARMSTRONG, ELLEN GRUDER, or SOL SONJUANINO ever having attended that school. Mrs. ALLEN located a record for one JOHN JOSEPH DAY who attended the school in the Spring Semester of 1965-1966, and who started the Fall Semester of 1966; however, he withdrew on December 9, 1966. DAY listed his date of birth as July 3, 1947, his former address as 999 Linda Vista, Pasadena, California. The last address contained in the files, dated January, 1967, was 4159 Dover Road, La Canada, California.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/28/68

On June 27, 1968, Mrs. JEAN MORE, Records Clerk, John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln Avenue, Pasadena, caused a search of the records, and determined they had no record of a GARNER TED ARMSTRONG, ELLEN GRUDER, or SOL SONJUANINO ever having attended that school. Mrs. MORE advised they had a record of one JOHN JOSEPH DAY who attended the school from 1962 through 1964, during part of the same period as the attendance of SIRHAN SIRHAN. The last address in the record for JOHN DAY was 999 Linda Vista, Pasadena, telephone SY 3-6196. DAY listed his date of birth as July 3, 1947.

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On July 2, 1968, ALLEN YACK, 279 Ohio Street, Apartment 7, Pasadena, California, (799-0702) was contacted at his employment at Ralph's Florist, 28 North Hill Street, Pasadena, (792-9120). YACK stated he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN while both were students at Pasadena City College. He described their relationship as a casual campus relationship, and consisted of talking in a group at the Campus Center, a recreation area on the campus. He said he did not know SIRHAN particularly well, and recalled him as a quiet, reserved man. He said they never discussed political or social philosophies, and he had no idea of SIRHAN's beliefs in this regard. YACK stated, because SIRHAN was so quiet, he never paid any particular attention to him. He stated the only other individuals he knew who knew SIRHAN, were CRAIG BLESS and BRUCE FULTON, whom he knew had advised the FBI that he, YACK, knew SIRHAN. YACK knew nothing concerning SIRHAN's family, and stated he had never seen SIRHAN since he left the college.

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Date 7/23/68

Mrs. ERNESTINE GARCIA, 452 North Hill Street, Pasadena, California, mother of IVAN GARCIA, friend of SIRHAN SIRHAN, was contacted at her employment as an accountant at the Los Angeles Drug Company, 5001 Earle Street, Rosemead, California. Mrs. GARCIA stated she knew SIRHAN slightly during the time IVAN GARCIA was attending Pasadena City College with SIRHAN. She said he had visited at her house on perhaps a half dozen occasions, however, he primarily visited her son, and she had no lengthy conversations with him. She said they never discussed his political or philosophical views. She said she was aware that SIRHAN had tried to become a jockey and got the impression that SIRHAN was possibly self-conscious of his small stature, and understood he may have received counseling that he should try to become a jockey. She said the last time she saw him, he had been injured in a fall from a horse and appeared quite discouraged and frustrated, and indicated he probably would not become a jockey but would remain an exercise boy. Mrs. GARCIA said she could not recall when this occurred but believed she last saw SIRHAN about two years ago.

Mrs. GARCIA stated she had never met any other members of SIRHAN's family and knew nothing further concerning him, excepting she always considered him to be very polite and very quiet.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

6/20/68

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On June 20, 1968, IVAN GARCIA, who refused to furnish his home address, was contacted at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California. He stated he was regularly employed from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, and on Saturdays and Sundays at Allied Auto Parts, 1060 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena (793-1893), and could be contacted through his employment if necessary. He stated his mother was highly nervous and did not want her disturbed.

GARCIA stated he was a national of Guatemala. He stated he had known SIRHAN SIRHAN for approximately four years, having met him in class at Pasadena City College. GARCIA stated he had visited SIRHAN's home and had dinner there, had met ADEL SIRHAN and SIRHAN's mother, all of whom he regarded highly.

He stated he considered SIRHAN to be extremely polite, sensitive and thoughtful. He stated he thought SIRHAN's generosity and unselfishness toward his friends was very unusual, and was his most outstanding virtue. He said SIRHAN would do everything to make a guest or friend comfortable and at ease, and usually insisted upon paying bills wherever he went with friends, although he did not have a particularly large sum of money at any time.

GARCIA stated he and SIRHAN did not discuss politics, partly because GARCIA did not like to discuss them, and partly because his and SIRHAN's interests were more scholastic and social. SIRHAN did not appear to be particularly aware of any political party, was not interested in groups or being a leader, and was not openly fanatical about politics. He said SIRHAN was highly individualistic in his ideas, and did not follow the crowd or fads.

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SIRHAN never discussed Senator KENNEDY, the Arab-Israeli dispute, or racial recriminations which might have arisen out of such a dispute. The closest SIRHAN ever came to discussing anything racial was when he discussed the possibility of his becoming a jockey, which he desired very greatly, probably because of his size and the possibility of being a success in this endeavor. SIRHAN stated that many of the people for whom he would work as a trainer were of Jewish background, and SIRHAN felt that his advancement as a jockey might be hampered because of the feelings of Jewish people concerning those of Arab origin.

Regarding women, GARCIA stated SIRHAN did not appear to have a strong interest in them, and never mentioned having dates or other social contact with women. SIRHAN was more idealistic and humanitarian, and seemed to love people in general.

GARCIA stated he did not see SIRHAN on June 4, and stated his contacts with SIRHAN had not been so numerous in recent months because of the different hours each worked, and the fact that SIRHAN was no longer in school.

GARCIA stated SIRHAN had never expressed an interest in firearms, and he had never seen him with a gun of any kind. GARCIA considered a gun foreign to SIRHAN's nature, which appeared to be generally peace loving.

GARCIA stated he had noticed a very definite change in SIRHAN after his accidental fall from a horse. SIRHAN had been much more jovial before the accident, and seemed to be more gloomy and pessimistic about his future afterwards. SIRHAN believed he was through as a jockey, and did not seem so ambitious after the accident. GARCIA commented upon the monetary settlement SIRHAN had received from his accident, and stated he was sure this was the source of the money SIRHAN had on his person when arrested. He stated that shortly after

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the settlement, and about two weeks prior to the shooting, SIRHAN had come into the auto parts store to buy items for his car. At this time, he had a large roll of bills, including some hundred dollar bills. GARCIA stated SIRHAN liked to bet on horse races, but stated that at that time he had lost too much money, and was no longer betting on races.

GARCIA volunteered the opinion there was no conspiracy on the part of SIRHAN and anyone else, since the whole shooting seemed so poorly planned. He stated he was sure conspirators would have chosen a gun of a larger caliber, and would have tried to arrange a better location and better escape route. Because of the apparent lack of planning, GARCIA believed there was no premeditation on the part of SIRHAN, and believed SIRHAN went to the reception with the gun, and conceived his plan on the spur of the moment.

GARCIA stated that were it not for SIRHAN's apparent action, he would still consider him a good, close friend, whom he respected and admired. GARCIA stated he was puzzled by SIRHAN's action, as he had never known him to violate other laws of any kind.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/12/68

Mr. JOSEPH P. ZERONIAN, 1164 Wellington Avenue, Pasadena (795-2834), was contacted at his employment at the Pasadena Education Center, 351 South Hudson Avenue, where he is a consultant in Social Science.

He stated he had been a teacher at John Muir High School, Pasadena, and taught 12th grade English Essentials to SIRHAN SIRHAN in 1963. He stated he remembered SIRHAN as a student and considered him to be polite and quiet. ZERONIAN stated he was of Armenian background and as a result used to have discussions with SIRHAN about the Middle East. He stated the discussions were not provocative and SIRHAN evinced no particularly strong feelings concerning the area, but instead just general interest, because this was the area of his origin. ZERONIAN stated SIRHAN had never even told him the country in which he was born. ZERONIAN stated it had been his general experience as a teacher that students from the Middle East were rather dogmatic and opinionated in their views, and would not have been surprised had SIRHAN been the same. ZERONIAN stated he would not have remembered SIRHAN except for the fact he was from the Middle East and that his first and last names were the same. He stated SIRHAN was not the type of person you would notice in a class. ZERONIAN also stated the English class, he taught SIRHAN, was a make-up type of English class and as a result he was surprised by references in the newspaper to the effect that SIRHAN was supposedly very bright and intellectual. ZERONIAN recalled SIRHAN appeared to be somewhat of a loner and he rarely saw him associating with other students. ZERONIAN could not furnish an opinion as to why SIRHAN SIRHAN shot Senator KENNEDY and stated he knew nothing else concerning him.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

Mr. TONY LINEHAN, Director of Athletics, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised he had no knowledge concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN and never had any contact with him as a student or otherwise. Mr. LINEHAN stated he had talked to a student named RUDY M. FORDHAM who told him he had seen SIRHAN on the campus of the college on June 4, 1968, and FORDHAM might be able to shed some light on the matter.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

On June 21, 1968, Mr. NORWOOD JAQUA, Physical Education instructor, Pasadena, California, City College, was telephonically contacted to make an appointment to interview him concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN, who had been enrolled in Mr. JAQUA's class in golf instruction in the Spring and Fall semesters, 1964. Mr. JAQUA stated he had checked his records and was aware SIRHAN had been in his class, but could only presume SIRHAN had dropped his class, as he could not recall SIRHAN, and did not recognize him at all from his photographs in the newspapers. He stated he knew no one else who might know SIRHAN.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/2/68

On July 1, 1968, ALI KALLA, 1750 North Sycamore Street, Apartment 308, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his employment as operator of the Texaco Service Station, 1400 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles. He stated he had been one of the owners of the Shakers Oasis Bar at 6756 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, and while this was in operation, ADEL SIRHAN had worked for him as an entertainer, playing a musical instrument, and sometimes tending bar. KALLA said SIRHAN SIRHAN never came to the bar to drink or watch the entertainment, but would periodically stop by as the bar was closing to visit ADEL. KALLA said a group which included JESSE KARADSHEH and MAROON MANSOUR would then go out for breakfast and talk. KALLA said SIRHAN was always quiet and reserved, and had very little to say. He was pleasant, but did not talk much. KALLA said the group never discussed politics or the situation in the Middle East, since they all thought much the same way on the subject, and there was no point in discussing it. He stated the common belief of all the Arabs of his acquaintance was that a great injustice had been done the Arabs by the formation of the State of Israel, and all were bitter about the expropriation of their land and property and their expatriation. He said it was such a common belief that it was very rarely discussed unless an outsider wanted to discuss it.

KALLA stated that to his knowledge, SIRHAN never associated regularly with other Arabs, but came to the club to meet his brother. He said SIRHAN never talked about any Arab groups or clubs, including student groups, to his knowledge.

KALLA stated he and other friends would occasionally meet SIRHAN at the race track, wherever he happened to be, in the hope of getting tips on the races. He said another man who appeared to know SIRHAN fairly well through the race track was one MAHOUD SIYAM, commonly known as MIKE. He stated he did not have SIYAM's address, but would get his telephone number at home and furnish it at a later date.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/3/68

On July 2, 1968, Mr. MAROUN MANSOUR, Apartment 116, 1736 North Sycamore Street, Los Angeles, advised he was a friend of JESSE KARADSHEH, one of the former owners of the Shakers Oasis bar, 6756 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. As a result, MANSOUR said he was acquainted with ADEL SIRHAN, who used to entertain by playing a musical instrument called the oud at this bar, and later at a bar called the Fez. MANSOUR denied knowing SIRHAN SIRHAN. He said one day, he and a friend were shopping for groceries on Hollywood Boulevard, and were speaking Arabic. SIRHAN SIRHAN was in the market, approached them and introduced himself, as he recognized the language. MANSOUR eventually learned in the conversation that SIRHAN was the brother of ADEL SIRHAN, but stated he had never seen SIRHAN before or since, and had never met any other members of the family. MANSOUR stated he could not comment on the probable motive of SIRHAN in shooting Senator KENNEDY, and knew no other friends of SIRHAN's.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

On July 1, 1968, JESSE KARADSHEH, 5741 Carlton Street, Apartment 210, Los Angeles, was contacted at his employment at Adray's Wholesale Company, 7266 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles. KARADSHEH stated he was one of the former owners of Shakers Oasis Bar, 6756 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, and knew ADEL SIRHAN, since he used to entertain at the bar; however, KARADSHEH first denied knowing SIRHAN SIRHAN. He then admitted he had met him on one or two occasions when he came to the bar to meet his brother ADEL, but stated he did not know him well, and had never had a conversation with him. He stated he knew nothing about SIRHAN's political or social beliefs, and could think of no other close friends or acquaintances of SIRHAN's other than ALI KALLA, the other owner of the bar.

KARADSHEH volunteered that one MAHOUD SIYAM, who was at one time a bartender at the Fez night club had been a friend of SIRHAN's and used to meet him occasionally at the race track. He did not know the address or present employment of SIYAM.

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On June 10, 1968, Dean of Community Services ALBERT V. BEAN, who handles night school teachers and students at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised his records reflected no student by the name of MUSTAFA SERMAIN (phonetic), had attended that college between 1963 and 1966.

Mr BEAN advised his records reflected a part-time teacher at night by the name of ABDULMAJIA A. DABBAS, who had taught from January 31, 1962 through the spring semester of 1966. DABBAS taught Arabic. DABBAS had indicated residence addresses during this period of 1271 Morada Place, Altadena, California, and 460 East Sacramento Street, Altadena. Mr. BEAN had no knowledge of the current whereabouts of DABBAS; however, DABBAS indicated upon departing Pasadena City College that he was expecting to go to an unrecalled middle eastern country.

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On June 10, 1968, Dr. LESLIE KOLTAI, Director of Research and head of the Language Department, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised he recalled a part-time night teacher by the name of ABDUL A. DABBAS. He stated DABBAS did not have full-time employment as there was not sufficient interest in the Arabic language to justify such employment. Dr. KOLTAI understood DABBAS had studied at California State College at Los Angeles, and did work toward a Doctorate Degree at the University of California at Los Angeles. DABBAS had worked under the supervision of the Department of Near Eastern Studies at that institution, and the Department Head at that time was Dr. WOLF LESLAU. Dr. KOLTAI had no knowledge of the present whereabouts of DABBAS

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