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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-295

Person(s) Interviewed: Severson, Eleanor (Mrs)

Date June 27, 1968

Time- 8:15PM

Business Address & Phone None

Residence Address & Phone 12409 Helena St. Brentwood, Calif. Phone #4762909

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

This interview was conducted at the home of the informant and on the abv date and time.

Description of informant: Fe Cauc 5'3 180 DOB Sept 14, 1925, black hair haz eyes.

On June 19, 1968, at approx 2:15PM an interview of an Estelle Sterns (I-25) was conducted, in which Sterns alleges that she on June 4, 1968 at approx 9:00 AM obs Sirhan Sirhan, in company of two (2) additional males and one (1) Fe at the Kennedy election Hqs, 5615 Wilshire Bl. Sirhan and one other male, according to Sterns were carrying guns in shoulder holsters. Sterns description of the susps is as follows:

- #1, Sirhan B. Sirhan, M-Jord 24, 5'3 med built, blk hair and drk eyes.
- #2. M-Jord 25, 5'5 med built, blk bushy hair, brn eyes, wearing blu windbreaker jacket, wht shirt, somewhat ruffled and worn appearing, drk slacks or levis.
- #3. M-Jord 40/45, 5'6 stocky built, blk hair, graying at temples, extremely handsome looking, wearing a drk suit and tie.

Sterns further stated that these susps entered the Hqs and came to her desk, where susps 1 and 2 took chairs and sat opposite of her, while susp 3 addressed her. Susp 3 first asked Sterns for her name and the Senator's itinerary. Then Susp 3 and Sterns talked about sports, golf, tennis and horses. Susp 3 then asked about the Bus schedule and if he could walk through the Hqs. He then left. Sirhan then began talking to Sterns, first asking if there was any coffee in the Hqs. Sterns confirmed and offered to get him a cup, whereupon Sirhan asked her (Sterns) to go out with him and offered to buy her a cup of coffee or a drink if she so desired. Sirhan also asked about the Kennedy itinerary. It was during the conversation with Sirhan that Sterns states she observed the guns, carried by Sirhan and the #2 susp.

Officer learned from Mrs Sweeney, File I-59 that on June 4, 1968, Mrs Severson, the abv informant, worked the desk with Sterns.

Mrs Severson gave the following statement:

"On June 4, 1968 I arrived at the Kennedy Hqs at approx 8:30AM, and was assigned to work the information desk with Mrs Sterns. I never left the desk till late in the afternoon. At no time did Mrs Sterns talk to two (2) young arabian men, or was she asked to go out for either coffee or a drink, nor was there anybody with guns at the desk. In my opinion Mrs Sterns is a feather brain, know it all, excitable lady, who could not find enough reasons to make herself important to the other workers. She probably is making up this story to gain publicity. This 3rd man (susp #3) of whom Mrs Sterns spoke is a Mr Khan, known as "Goody", who worked in the Hqs. Mr Khan spoke to Mrs Sterns on Monday, June 3, 1968, and there conversation was about golf, and some other sports, as far as I can recall".

Investigators making interview

Approved by:

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FILE # I-25

PERSON INTERVIEWED: STERNS, Estelle (Mrs.) DATE/TIME 6-19-68 2:15 PM

SEX F RACE C HAIR Blnd EYES Blu HT 5' WT 95 DOB May 5, 1915 (Canada)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1136 S. Wooster #207, L.A. PHONE 271-8504

BUSINESS ADDRESS 816 S. Robertson Blvd., L.A. PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Interview conducted at the home of the informant, at the above date & time.

Informant stated that she was a volunteer worker at the Kennedy Hdqts., 5615 Wilshire Blvd. L.A. She was a fund raiser and as such, occupied the 1st desk next to the front door.

On 6-4-68, at approx. 9 AM, she observed four (4) persons approach the front door to the Hdqts. Three (3) of these were males, and one (1) female. Mrs. STERNS describes them as follows:

- #1, Sirhan B. Sirhan, M-Jord 24, 5-3 med build with black, curly hair and dark eyes.
- #2, M-Jord 25, med build, black, bushy hair and brown eyes, wearing a blue windbreaker jacket, a white, somewhat ruffled and worn appearing shirt, and dark slacks or levis.
- #3, M-Jord 40/45, 5-6 stocky build, black hair, graying at the temples, extremely handsome looking, wearing a dark suit & tie.
- #4, Fe-Jord, early twenties, dark skinned as if suntanned, dark hair, worn shoulder length, wearing a white cloth coat or dress.

Mrs. STERNS stated that susp. 1, 2, and 3 entered the Hdqts., while #4 remained on the street, near the front door. Susps. land 2 sat at her desk and spoke in a foreign language. Susp. 3 asked her for her name and the Senator's itinerary, also about the bus schedule. He made a \$3.00 contribution and asked permission to walk through the Hdqts. and left.

Sirhan and Susp. 3 then conversed with the informant, first asking if there was any coffee in the Hqs. Mrs. STERNS confirmed and offered to get some. Sirhan at this time, informant alledges, asked her to go out with him and offered to buy her a cup of coffee, or a drink, if she so desired. She politely declined, and their conversation turned to the Kennedy itinerary, and his stand on civil rights.

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Mrs. STERNS further alledges that during her conversation with Sirhan and Susp. 2, she observed that both were carrying guns in shoulder holsters, underneath their left armpits. When she commented to them regarding the guns, Sirhan replied "Oh, that is just for self protection, what with all this racial trouble in and around Watts".

When Mrs. STERNS answered that the Hqs. was far from Watts, Sirhan, she alledges, replied "Well, we have them and anyway, we have permits for the guns".

Susps. remained at her desk a short while longer, then walked into the interior of the Hqs., and she lost sight of them.

Mrs. STERNS further states that she received an anonymous phone call, female voice, on June 5, 1968 at approx. 12:30 AM, stating "It's all over with".

After this phone call, she turned on the T.V. and for the first time learned of the shooting of Senator Kennedy.

On 6-6-68, at approx. 5-5:30 PM, she again received an anonymous call, this time a male voice, which sounded muffled, as if spoken through a towel, and with an accent of the middle east. The caller stated "Under no circumstances give out any information to anybody as to the number of people, or their activities at your desk on Tuesday (6-4-68)".

On 6-24-68, approx. 7:15 PM, Mrs. STERNS was re-interviewed at her home. She insisted on the correctness of her first statements, adding only some additional conversation, she claims to have had with Susp. 3, regarding a race horse, "My Beauty", and the training of horses. She also alledges that Susp. 3 showed her a picture, depicting him dressed in a white Arabian outfit, minus the turban, riding this horse.

Due to the enormousness of her statements, and after explaining to her the function of the polygraph, she was asked to submit to such an examination, to which she readily agreed. On 6-26-68, Mrs. STERNS, however, refused to come to the Police Dept. for a polygraph examination, stating "she was too busy working in a political campaign to come".

On 7-15-68, at approx. 9 PM, Mrs. STERNS was again re-interviewed by telephone. She still insisted that she saw Sirhan at the Kennedy Hqs. on June 4, 1968. When she was told that that was almost impossible due to Sirhan's other activities on that date, she suddenly changed her tone of voice, and very nastily answered, "So you have all this information, and I made a mistake. What do I care". Mrs. STERNS then was asked if she now admits making a mistake regarding her observations at the Kennedy Hqs., to which she replied "No, I'm not going to admit anything. If I made a mistake, I'm not going to admit it now".

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Mrs. STERNS has been described by fellow campaign workers as follows: She appears to be suffering from a persecution complex and a feeling of lack of importance; stupid, liable to say anything to focus attention to herself, and extremely excitable, and not to be taken too serious.

Mrs. STERNS gave the following named persons, present at the Kennedy Hqs. on 6-4-68, to verify her statements:

BERG, Larry (1)
"Myda" (2)
"Woody" (3)

Officer identified the above persons as follows:

(1) BECK, Larry Joe, Interviewed I-35
(2) FOOTE, Magdalena, Interviewed I-812
(3) KHAN, Khaibar, Interviewed I-216

The following persons were also at the Kennedy Hqs. on 6-4-68, and worked with and/or around Mrs. STERNS during the time, she alledges seeing Sirhan.

SWEENEY, Margarete, Interviewed I-59
LEOPOLD, Adele, Interviewed I-628
SEVERSON, Eleanor, Interviewed I-295

SWEENEY, FOOTE, BECK, LEOPOLD AND SEVERSON state that they observed the four (4) persons of whom Mrs. STERNS speaks, and identified them as Khaibar KHAN, his "lady friend" and some Arabian volunteer workers, neither of whom was Sirhan B. Sirhan.

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FILE # I 302

Person(s) Interviewed: Henebry, Charles William AKA Bill Date 6-17-68
Time 5PM

Business Address & Phone Retired Foreign Service Officer.

Residence Address & Phone 12000 Lamanda St. #1 L.A. 90066 PH# 390-3020

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

Reason interviewed: At Headquarters and Embassy Rm. on 6-4-68.
Function; Volunteer Worker (Car Pool Section)
Interviewed: 6-27-68. 425PM.

Subject states that on 6-4-68 740 AM, He reported to work at the Headquarters in the car pool section. During His tour of duty which lasted until 8PM, He recalls seeing three individuals of Eastern extraction. One was a male approx. 40+ who ID Himself as Khalbar Khan (Already Int. I# 216), a second male who by description fits Mr. Khan son. (Already interviewed) and a young lady on crutches who by description fits Maryam Kouchan (I#361). Subject left the Headquarters at 8PM and went home to change clothes. He then left and went to the Ambassador. Subject entered the Embassy Rm. at approx. 10PM, but left at 1130PM due to a headache, and was home by 12 mid-night. Subject didn't see any girl in a polka dot dress or anyone resembling sirhan. He didn't take any photos. Subject recalls seeing the below listed people at the Ambassador:
Physical Desc. M, Cau. (3-2-24) 6-1, 195 Brn. Brn.

1. Robert Dolson 2. Dave Hansen (Both USC Volunteer Workers.)
3. Mrs. Sweeney Nephew M, Cau. 20. (Robert Dolson is Sweeney's Nephew)
4. TAYLOR, Robert M/Cauc USC Student Worker - I-855

Mr. Henebry has been interviewed by S.A. Les Waren of the FBI on 6-6-68

Subject was re-contacted on 6-28-68 345PM, at which time He stated that on 6-5-68 8PM, He rec. a phone call from K. Khan who invited Him to dinner and drinks, but Mr. Henebry refused. Regarding a Mrs. Stearns, Mr. Henebry states that Skb is an Irritable type woman with a personality problem and caused problems due to her personality with various people who came to Her desk. Mr. Henebry further states that He never obs. any people with guns, including K. Khan and friends.

On 6-28-68/4:30PM, Mr. Henebry called and stated that he wished to give Sgt. Sartuche another name that he recalled as being one of the persons in the Embassy Room on the night of the shooting. Mrs. STOUT (wife of news reporter BILL STOUT).

Investigators making interview

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Approved by:

[Signature]

PERSON INTERVIEWED: ISAACKSON, BERNIE DATE/TIME 7-16-68 130pmISACKSON, BERNARDSEX M RACE Cauc HAIR Blnd EYES blue HT 5-11 WT 195 DOB 5-10-19RESIDENCE ADDRESS 11038 S. Atlantic, Lynwood PHONE 7744993BUSINESS ADDRESS 1673 Malcolm L.A. PHONE GR 45239

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Mr. Isackson came to the attention of this department through Sherry Marks (I653) who observed him at the Ambassador Hotel June 4, 1968.

Mr. Isackson stated he was a volunteer worker with no special duties other than maintain peace and cooperation among the other volunteer workers. He ~~stated~~ at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. He was entertaining staff members of the camp. He stated he was in the Embassy room several times through out the night but did not pay attention to what was going on dur to the large crowd. He stated he was with Senator Kennedy in the presidential suite on the 5th floor up until the time Senator Kennedy left to give his victory speech because of the crowds but stayed in the presidential suite and watched it on TV.

He stated Senator Kennedy finished the speech and walked off the platform through the double doors. Mr. Isackson stated when Senator Kennedy left the Embassy room he heard what sounded like balloons breaking but didn't think anything about it. He stated when all of the confusion started he felt something was wrong. So he left the presidential suite and attempted to get a elevator to the Embassy room. He stated the elevators were busy so he took the stairway down entering the lobby via the s/west stairway. He then ran to the press room and observed Sirhan being removed from the hotel by officers of this department.

Mr. Isackson stated he did not see Sirhan prior to or after he was taken from the hotel. He also stated he observed no one in a polka dot dress and he had no camera or tape recorder.

Mr. Isackson stated he has been interviewed by the FBI, but not the news media.

Mr. Isackson was asked if anything or anyone acted strange or out of place around the headquarters. He stated the only thing that stood out as being unusual was the actions and statements of Khaibar Khan (I216). He stated Khan would never fill out cards or write on anything from which the handwriting could be positively ID as Khan. He also stated to Mr. Isackson he was from Istanbul, Turkey and currently living in England. Mr. Isackson stated Khan was very overbearing when it came to the point of trying to impress someone.

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Mr. Isackson recalled one incident when Khan asked one of the office girls if she had seen a unidentified volunteer, when the office girl started to page the volunteer Khan became very nervous and told the girl to never mind. Khan would often meet volunteers entering the headquarters and escort them to the information desk to register them as if they were personal friends of his; this was evident by many of them using his address and phone number.

Mr. Isackson stated the following people were with him in the presidential suite or were involved in the planning of the celebration at the Ambassador Hotel.

Adele Leopold (I628) add unk, New York City.

Sylvia Chase (I 781) add unk

Gerald Mahor (I501) State of Calif Unemployment Office Sac.

Jerry Costigan 1019 1/2 Venice Blvd Ph#8704411

Han Amarosa (I330) Bus Ph#2728866 Red#H074061

All of the above have been interviewed except Jerry Costigan.

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED] DATE/TIME 7-29-68 345p

SEX M RACE Cauc HAIR Brn EYES Hzl HT 5-8 WT 145 DOB 11-28-50

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 11930 Iredell, Studio City PHONE TR7-6151

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

██████████ a volunteer worker for the Kennedy Campaign was interviewed in person at his home address. ██████████ stated that he worked at the headquarters almost every day that it was open. ██████████ normally left school at 2pm and would go directly to the campaign headquarters. ██████████ normally worked at the reception desk with Elly (Eleanor) Severson

On 6-2-68 [redacted] arrived at the headquarters at approx 10:30AM. [redacted] was assigned to work the reception desk with Elly. While working that day (6-2-68) at approx 2:30PM a man known as Khaibar Khan (I-216) walked in with two other males. [redacted] positively identified one of these two males as Sirhan B. Sirhan. This person ID'd by [redacted] did not walk up to the reception desk with Khaibar Khan and the other person, but stayed back by the main entrance. [redacted] asked this person (that [redacted] ID'd as Sirhan) if he [redacted] could help him and this person pointed to Khaibar Khan and stated, "No, I'm with him." [redacted] did not pay anymore attention to this person (that [redacted] ID'd as Sirhan). [redacted] did take Khaibar Khan and the person that came up to the reception desk, back into the telephone bank area. When [redacted] left the reception desk with Khaibar Khan and the other person, the person [redacted] ID'd as Sirhan was still standing by the main entrance doors. [redacted] described the person by the door as a male, olive complexion, longnose, bushy eyebrows, middle 20's, wearing dark colored pants, dark shoes, white button down shirt, light olive green button sweater. When [redacted] returned from the phone banks the person by the door was gone. Approx 5 minutes after [redacted] returned Elly Severson asked where Kennedy's itinerary was. [redacted] stated that just prior to leaving with Khaibar Khan that the itinerary was on the reception desk, but when Elly Severson asked where it was he couldn't find it, so he went and got another one. [redacted] was shown a packet of mugs and removed all three photos stating that he is positive that the person he saw on 6-2-68 at the headquarters and the mugs he had removed are the same person. [redacted] also removed the mug of Saidallah Sirhan stating that it looked familiar, but he was unable to remember where he had seen him.

On 6-5-68 at approx 5pm, he was watching a TV news cast when he first saw Sirhan's picture, and remembered that he had seen Sirhan 6-2-68 at the headquarters. [redacted] immediately tried to call Elly Severson, but her phone was busy. [redacted] had just hung up when Elly Severson
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called him. Elly stated, "Did you see the News." [redacted] stated, "Yeah, he's the same guy that came in with Khaibar Khan Sunday." Elly then told [redacted] that she had called the FBI and wanted him to call the FBI and verify her story. [redacted] called the FBI and was subsequently interviewed by S.A. Warren. (No interview listed. Mentioned in July 1st sect#III, Page 675) [redacted] stated that Elly Severson has asked him to keep her posted on whats happening.

[redacted] arrived at the Ambassador at 830pm 6-4-68. [redacted] went directly to the Embassy Room, but couldn't get in so he went down to the Ambassador Ballroom until approx 930pm. [redacted] then went back to the Embassy Room and had David Robinson I#323 get him into the Embassy Room. [redacted] stayed in the Embassy Room until approx 1130pm. At this time he went into the lobby and watched a TV monitor until Kennedy started his speech. [redacted] then went into the kitchen via the hallway past the men's room on a hunch that Kennedy would leave that way after the speech. [redacted] stated that he was at the west end of the ice machine. (in the kitchen) when Kennedy came through the double swinging doors. Kennedy paused a moment and at this time Roosevelt Grier passed by Kennedy and continued walking east through the kitchen. Kennedy began moving forward again and [redacted] heard one shot and then four or five more shots in quick succession. [redacted] then saw somebody run by in front of him eastbound directly into Roosevelt Grier and Geo Plimpton. [redacted] believes this person was Sirhan, but never saw his face. [redacted] described the clothing as light colored pants, sweat shirt light in color possibly yellow, white or light shit collar sticking up in back. [redacted] was in kitchen until after Sirhan was taken out, but didn't see him taken out. [redacted] stated that there was too big of a commotion to tell what was happening around Kennedy and Sirhan. [redacted] stated that Kennedy was just inside the double swinging doors when he was shot. [redacted] states that Sirhan was between he ([redacted]) and Kennedy. [redacted] also stated he left the Ambassador at approx 330am on 6-5-68.

Opinion & conclusion:

[redacted] was obviously not in the kitchen when Kennedy was shot because of the incorrect locations he gave for Roosevelt Grier, Sirhan B. Sirhan and Robert Kennedy. [redacted] stated that he was very familiar with the Embassy Room because he helped decorate it on 6-3-68. [redacted] was also in the Embassy Room and the kitchen area on 6-5-25-68 when Kennedy gave his speech in the Palm Court.

[redacted] seemed to have information that has been released by the news and no other details. At the time of the interview [redacted] acted as if he was prepared for a third degree. Apparently Elly Severson told him to be prepared. [redacted]'s mother left the room during the interview, but could be seen standing by the doorway of the room where the interview was taking place. As [redacted] described the person he saw on 6-2-68 he continually looked at the mug lying on the table as if he was using it for the facial description. See attached Ambassador Hotel map with marking put on by [redacted].

On 8-2-68 At approx. 11pm, [redacted] was contacted by telephone. During the conversation [redacted] stated he has now decided to submit to a polygraph examination. [redacted] stated that he will be out of town until 8-16-68. [redacted] stated that any day after 8-16-68 would be fine with him for taking the polygraph exam. [redacted] stated he will call as soon as he returns.

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FILE # I-471

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED] DATE/TIME 8-19-68 6:45 PM

SEX M RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Hzl HT 5-8 WT 145 DOB [REDACTED]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 11930 Iredell, Studio City PHONE TR 76151

BUSINESS ADDRESS None PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

[REDACTED] was re-interviewed concerning his statements made on 7-29-68 wherein he related that on 6-2-68 he observed Sirhan Sirhan in company with Khaibar Khan at Kennedy Campaign Headquarters, 5912 Wilshire Blvd., L.A. and further interviewed as to his observations in the kitchen area at the time Senator Kennedy was assassinated.

When re-interviewed on 8-19-68 Mr. [REDACTED] without hesitation retracted his former statement and explained that he is not positive the person he saw in the Campaign Headquarters on 6-2-68 was Sirhan Sirhan. In fact when shown several mug shots, he was unable to identify Sirhan's new mug shot, stating that he did not look familiar at all.

Mr. [REDACTED] again was questioned regarding his observations of the kitchen area at the time of the shooting. From his interpretations of the incident, investigating officers could only conclude that he was either not in the kitchen at the time of the shooting or his recollections of the incident is so vague and inconsistent with known, established facts, that he would be of no value as a witness.

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INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

J. Ryan #5281

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FIELD INTERVIEWS

FILE #

Person(s) Interviewed: ISACKSON, June (Mrs)

Date June 13, 1968

Time 5:45 PM

Business Address & Phone 5615 Wilshire Blvd (Kennedy Campaign Hqtrs) 9376300

Residence Address & Phone 1673 Malcolm Ave., WLA GR 45239

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

Mrs. Isackson is the office manager at the Kennedy Campaign Hqtrs, at above location. She left campaign hqtrs at approx 8:00PM, election night, to go to the Ambassador Hotel. She was with Helena Smith (Wife of Steve Smith) and both were in the Senators suite (#582) most of the evening. Approx one half hour prior to the Senator leaving the suite to go to the Embassy room, she and Helena went down and attempted to enter the Embassy Room but were refused admittance at the main doors. Both then went to the Colonial Room where Mrs. Isackson knew the volunteer guard at the door. The guard permitted them both to pass and they proceeded through the kitchen where the shooting later took place. Before they reached the doors leading from the kitchen to the Embassy room they were turned back. They both then returned to the Senator's suite and was at this location when the shooting took place.

Mrs. Isackson stated that subsequent to the shooting both she and Helena Smith talked about the shooting. Helena asked her if she remembered their entering the Colonial Room and someone attempting to enter the room with them, but being turned away. Mrs. Isackson did not recall such an incident. Helena also asked Mrs. Isackson if she recalled seeing a dark complexioned man in the kitchen area tearing up paper. Mrs. Isackson does not recall seeing such a person and went on to state that Helena told her that she could not recall if she actually saw such a man tearing up paper or if she had heard it from someone else.

Mrs. Isackson then related what she thought was an unusual situation. On June 1, 1968 and on Election day, a young man of Arab nationality, known to her as Khaibar Kahn, aka "Goody", add: 10455 1/2 Wilshire Blvd., LA phone # 475-1849, came into the Wilshire Blvd. Hqtrs. The first time he had been to this location was on Memorial Day (May 30, 1968). On Election Day Khaibar Kahn came into the Hqtrs with several young persons most of whom appeared to be of Arabic descent. and volunteered to help. Most of these persons were subsequently used to transport persons to the polls (SEE PAGE #2 FOR NAMES ETC OF THIS GROUP OF PERSONS). Mrs. Isackson reported that a woman came into the Hqtrs and asked to be taken to the polls. Mrs. Isackson approached the area where this group was located and observed a young dark complexioned boy sitting on a desk swinging his legs. About this time Khaibar Kahn came in with a blonde, dark complexioned young man. This young man saw the one sitting on the table and said "What are you doing here"? He seemed obviously surprised to see this fellow. At this time Khaibar Kahn took the fellow sitting on the desk and another and left the premises. The blond then transported the woman to the polls. Later, a volunteer worker, Mrs. Bernard, unknown address and phone number, informed Mrs. Isackson that the young man that had been sitting on the desk had not done anything during the entire time that he had been at Hqtrs. Mrs. Isackson states that she has tried to recall the young man sitting on the desk but cannot say if he could have been Serhan Serhan or not. Other employees at Hqtrs have stated that one of the group brought in by Khaibar Kahn resembled Serhan (SEE PAGE #3 for list of these employees) (CONTINUE D)

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Person(s) Interviewed: Isackson, June

Date _____

Time _____

Business Address & Phone _____

Residence Address & Phone _____

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

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Below is a list of the persons who came to the campaign headquarters with Kaan, Khaibar as their leader. All the persons put their names on 3x5 cards and used the same address of 10455 1/2 Wilshire Blvd. Ph# 475-1849; Most but not all were of Arabic descent. The date of their appearance was 6-4-68 (Election Day)

1. Miss Lucy White
2. Miss M. Taher
3. Satar Kahn Ghashghai
4. Bro. Jesus A. Dominguez
5. Mary Khan
6. Miss Farah Kahn
7. Dr. Nosratolah Khan Brujrit
8. Abdol Hamid Taheri
9. Mr. Reza Sahanbani
10. Mr. Firouz Tabatabai
11. Mr. Nasser Ghauami
12. Mr. Alex Kachaturian
13. Mr. Nader Pakravan
14. Sheikh Abdol Azim
15. Miss Rose Khan
16. Miss Luciano Petri
17. Miss Elizabeth Robinson
18. Miss Manijeh Esfandiari
19. Miss Pary Saleh
20. Miss Puran Ahmadi
21. M. Dajhm
22. Talat Khan
23. Mohammad Khan Kurdestani
24. Philippe Memonn

Note; Some of the cards bearing the name of the above persons appear to be in the same handwriting. All the cards are being retained by Mrs. Isackson. The FBI has already interviewed Mrs. Isackson and have also seen the cards.

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Investigators making interview

Approved by:

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Person(s) Interviewed: ISACKSON, June (Mrs) Date _____
Time _____

Business Address & Phone _____

Residence Address & Phone _____

Information (To be complete the report should include: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How)

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The following is a list of Hqtrs employees who obs'd and may possibly feel that one of Khaibar Kahn's group was Serhan Serhan:

1. HARDEGE, Dorothy (Miss)
~~1021 N. Doheny Drive.~~
271-7308
2. SMITH, Bernice (Mrs) (
~~1061 Meadowbrook, LA~~
931-3533
Knows and has talked to Khaibar Kahn.
3. SWEENEY, Margarete (Mrs)
~~unk address.~~
DI 79910
Volunteer worker who was in charge of the volunteer section where Khaibar Khan and his group were working.
4. HANABERRY or HANABRE, William
~~unk add and phone number.~~ Can be obtained from Mrs. Sweeney.....
5. SEVERSON, Eleanor (Mrs)
~~12409 Helena, Brentwood~~
476-2909
6. STERN, Estelle (Mrs)
1136 S. Wooster Ave., LA
271-8504.....

Investigators making interview

Approved by:

INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-216

PERSON INTERVIEWED: KHAIBAR KHAN

DATE/TIME 6-18-68

L.A.# 825805A

SEX MR RACE Iran HAIR Blk EYES Brn HT 5-10 WT 175 DOB 4-4-26

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 10455 1/2 Wilshire Blvd

PHONE 475-1849

BUSINESS ADDRESS self employed

PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

See attached sheets.

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INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

Sgt. Sartuche Officer R.E. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

APPROVED BY:

LT. G. C. Higgins

Subject first visit to the Kennedy Headquarters was on 6-1-68 in the afternoon hours. On this date subject registered under his true name Khaibar Khan. He also met a Marguerite Sweeney (I-59) who was in charge of volunteer workers. Subject was then assigned to answering phones and at this time he volunteered numerous names of Tribal Chiefs who were to be in the USA during the month of November 1968. Also the other volunteers who appeared at his desk he would claim as being part of his group and would register them under his address. When individuals would call to volunteer, he would follow this same procedure. It was discovered that there was a total of 24 volunteer cards which were made by Khaibar Khan. The majority of these cards were in the same handwriting and contained the same address. The 24 names are listed on the interview of June Isackson (I-80a).

Mr Khan's second visit took place on June 2, 1968 at approximately 2:00pm. At this time Mr Khan was accompanied by his sister (so-called), Maryam Kouchan alias Khan (I-361). Both parties assisted in doing various campaign tasks and left the headquarters at approximately 6:00pm.

He returned on June 3, 1968 at approximately 3:00pm with his daughter, Shirrin Khan. Shirrin Khan was assigned to the answering of phones and general type-clerical work. During the days activities Mr Khan was at the rear exit of the headquarters when he observed a male and female seated in a blue V/W. He states that he also observed a male leaning inside the right window talking to the couple who were seated. At approximately 7:00pm Mr Khan and his daughter left the headquarters walked toward the parked V/W. Upon approaching the vehicle Mr Khan noticed that the male who was standing outside walked across the street and walked out of sight. When he passed the vehicle he glanced inside and he noticed that the girl who was seated inside the vehicle turned her head as if she did not want to be seen.

On June 4, 1968 Mr Khan arrived with sister (Maryam Khan (I-361) and son Felipe Khan (I-292) at approximately 2:00pm. During his activities Mr Khan was located near the drinking fountain where the coffee stand is located. At this time he observed a female, Cauc, approximately 23/6 years, wearing a short dress with polka dots. He described the dress as white in color and the dots to be the diameter of pennies or smaller. This female appeared to be talking to a male described as male, Cauc, dark complexion, short in height, wearing a jacket described as blue "McGregor" type (windbreaker). He was wearing a white shirt underneath and tight trousers. It appeared that the two parties were talking as they were facing each other and that he noticed movement of their mouths, but due to the distance Mr Khan could not overhear any conversation. Upon approaching the parties he noticed that the female turned her head and looked in the opposite direction. Mr Khan then recognized this couple as being the same

as seen on 6-3-68 in the blue V/W. At approximately 8:00pm on 6-4-68 Mr Khan and Miss Kouchan left the headquarters. Upon exiting the rear of the headquarters Mr Khan and Miss Kouchan got into their vehicle and drove to the front of the headquarters where they stopped and Mr Khan re-entered. While Mr Khan was inside a male Cauc, early 20's approached Maryam who was still seated in the vehicle and the male asked for a ride. Miss Kouchan recognizing the male as being in the headquarters earlier, agreed to give the person a ride. When Mr Khan returned to the vehicle he noticed the male seated in the rear seat. Enroute to Santa Monica the conversation between Mr Khan and the male consisted of the male asking for campaign literature of presstype passes. Mr Khan refused the male any literature since he had none, but informed him that if he left his name and address he would furnish him with some at a later time. The male wrote his name and address on a piece of paper and gave the paper to Mr Khan. This male was Michael Wayne (I-1096).

BACKGROUND

Mr Khan became active in the campaign due to his involvement with Robert Kennedy at the time Robert Kennedy was Attorney General.

Mr Khan is an exile from the Country of Iran. He came to the attention of Robert Kennedy through law suits which were filed against the Family of the King of Iran. These suits resulted from 1959 when Mr Khan was involved in a construction job with United States. Mr Khan states when he returned to Iran he was swindled out of money and material by the King. Upon returning to the United States Mr Khan was made a political exile by the King.

Upon returning to the United States Mr Khan started a group named "The United Patriots for Justice". He started a campaign against the King of Iran accusing him of mis-use of foreign aid money. He supposedly is assisted in this venture by various members of the tribes which make up part of Iran.

OFFICERS STATEMENTS

Officers first came in contact with Mr Khaibar Khan as a result of checking volunteer cards at the Kennedy Headquarters. It was brought to officer's attention that numerous volunteer cards were made by the same person due to handwriting. It was also found that the cards (24 in all) had the same address listed on them as Mr Khan's. Upon checking this address it was found that Mr Khan's ex-wife resides at this location.

Mr Khan's ex-wife (Talat Khan I-314) was contacted by Sgt. Sartuche and he was informed that Mrs Khan had been separated for some time and that she was not involved in politics as was her husband. Mrs Khan contacted Khaibar and he in turn notified our department of his whereabouts. An appointment was made for an interview on 6-18-68.

On June 18, 1968 officers met Mr Khan in the lobby of the Miramar Hotel located on Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica. He informed officers that he was staying at the Ocean Palms Hotel located at 1215 Ocean Avenue Apt #201 and that he was registered under the name of Mr Goody. During the interview Mr Khan stated his distrust of the present administration and the immigration department. It was evident that Mr Khan didn't want his whereabouts known. He stated that his life was in danger as someone was attempting to kill him. While living in the West Los Angeles area he was leaving his ex-wife's apartment when unknown suspects jumped him and Mr Khan received various injuries. Due to this incident Mr Khan received surgery and had to wear a cast on his arm. This incident was reported to the West Los Angeles Detectives. In April 1968 he and his sister, Maryam Kouchan, were horseback riding in Griffith Park at which time his sister got shot in the leg by an unknown assailant and required surgery. This disabled Miss Kouchan and it was necessary for her to use crutches in able to walk.

Due to the above, both Sgt. Sartuche and Officer Miller were given nicknames (golfer and tennis player) to use when further contacting Mr Khan by telephone. On further meetings, in person, officers were to meet Mr Khan at other places than at his residence. These places were coffee shops, parks, beaches etc.

Officers first interview with Khaibar Khan was on June 18, 1968 and the last contact was made on July 27, 1968. During this time five contacts were made and officers learned that Mr Khan is involved in law suits with the King of Iran. Because Mr Khan had numerous papers from the United States Senate, United States Department of Justice along with letters from a organization called the United Patriots for Justice. Officers found that the United Patriots for Justice is an organization headed by Mr Khan and is made up of different tribes located in Iran. Mr Khan gave his permission for officers to make copies of these documents, which we did.

After the first visit officers found through the Immigration Department that Khaibar Khan, alias Goodarzian had a Immigration Warrant outstanding. The warrant was for Illegal Entry (remaining beyond specified time), Warrant #A-11-011142, no bail. It was also found out through R & I that Mr Khan was using the alias of Mohammad Ali and had an arrest on 1-13-67 for 647F in Hollywood. (LA#825 805A).

The only information received which is relevant to the Kennedy assassination was that on June 3, 1968 Mr Khan observed a male and female sitting in a blue V/W at the rear of headquarters. He described the female as Fe, Cauc 23/6 years, 5-5 and the male as dark comp, short.

On June 4, 1968 Mr Khan as a telephone operator at the headquarters again observed the male and female that he had seen sitting in the V/W. The couple was observed standing near the coffee shop area. The male and female were facing each other and it appeared to Mr Khan that the couple were talking to each other as their mouths appeared to be moving. At this time the girl was described as wearing a white dress with dark polka dots about the diameter of a penny. The male was described as wearing a blue jacket (McGregor type) with a white shirt and light colored tight trousers.

Due to the people seen on two different occasions by Mr Khan he was shown mugs of suspect Sirhan B. Sirhan and asked if he could identify him as being the male seen. Mr Khan stated that he could not be sure until he could actually see the male in person. Mr Khan was asked if he would attend a show-up if it could be arranged and would he then take a polygraph test to verify the truthfulness of his statements. Mr Khan refused to take a polygraph test or attend a show-up and stated that he wanted to be 100% sure before he accused anyone. During all the interviews with Mr Khan he was always unsure of his identification of Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Due to Mr Khan refusing to attend a line up or take a polygraph test it is very doubtful or simply a mistake in identity.

It was later found out by officers that Mr Khan was arrested by Immigration authorities and is presently on \$4,000.00 bail pending a hearing.

INTERVIEWS - JUNE 5, 1968

KENNEDY SHOOTING

DR 68 521 466
Jordan #7167

KHOURY, Barbara Antoinette
5667 Fountain Ave. Apt. 8
Hollywood - PH: HO 50648

Statement of Barbara Antoinette Khoury, 5667 Fountain Ave., Apt. 8 Hollywood, AKA Dalton (married name prior to divorce) taken in Room B, Rampart Dets., 2710 Temple St. at 9:30 p.m. by Sgt. Jordan. Subject stated that she knew Adel Sirhan quite well but hardly knew Sirhan at all. Claims she hasn't seen Sirhan for 5 years. She knows Sharif but hadn't seen him for sometime until she went to the Sirhan home in Pasadena on 6-5-68. Hadn't seen Adel for almost six months until past week or so, he came over to take some publicity photos for her job as a dancer. She sees Adel periodically because he is a musician and she is a dancer.

Subject's husband is in Mexico going to medical school. She lives with her baby and former brother-in-law, Nabil Khoury and a baby sitter named Nellie.

Subject accounts for her time Tuesday, 6-4-68, from 8 p.m. on by placing herself with her girl friend, Beverley Lee Corey, AKA Monroe. Claims spent hour or so at House of Pancakes on Sunset Blvd. then attended motion picture "Boom" at Pantages Theater in Hollywood at 10:30 p.m. Show let out after twelve, returned home where Nabil told them Kennedy had been shot. Watched T.V. most of the night. Subject Corey spent the night.

Next day at approximately 10 a.m., subject's mother telephoned and informed her that Sirhan Sirhan was a suspect in the shooting of Senator Kennedy.

Interview of Barbara Antoinette KHOURY continued.

Subject and Corey drove to location of Sirhan home in Pasadena to console Adel and remainder of family. Subject found Sharif at home and he told her his brother Sirhan didn't even know what a gun looked like.

Subject claims this was last time she saw any of the Sirhan family.

Subject is Syrian, has lived at this address for approximately 3 years. Drives a '63 Baige Ford 4-door sedan.

Her remembrance of Sirhan that he was very quiet and studious. Says all of Sirhan family quite upset when Isreli-Arab war broke out.

Subject's husband (or ex-husband) formerly employed at "The Fez" restaurant. She worked with Beverley at "Greek Village" formerly.

While she was at Sirhan home in Pasadena, two unknown women and one man came in and left again.

JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY

John Khoury employed by the Ambassador Hotel in the controller's office. When interviewed stated that he left the Ambassador Hotel on the 4th of June at approximately 5:00 or 5:15PM and did not return until June 5, 1968. Other witnesses at the hotel, Fred Droz and Judy Groves both acquaintances of Khoury positively place Khoury on the second floor of the Ambassador Hotel in the vicinity of The Lobby and The Colonial Room between 9:30PM and mid night on June 4, 1968.

The resemblance of Andrese to Sirhan, coupled with the statement allegedly over heard by Martigani prior to the assassination, have resulted in numerous people including three Alhambra police officers definitely placing Sirhan in the beer bar during May 1968.

Wilson was re-interviewed and placed on the polygraph, the results are as follows: Wilson was truthful, was not associated with Sirhan, and was not involved in a conspiracy to assassinate Robert Kennedy.

The Alhambra Police Officers were re-interviewed at the Alhambra Police Station in the presence of Captain Fratt, Chief of Detectives. The officers cannot definitely state that the person they saw was Sirhan, only that the person resembled Sirhan.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) DATE: 8/13/68

FROM : SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY

In connection with his liaison responsibilities pertaining to captioned matter, SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. obtained from Sergeant D. D. VARNEY, LAPD, S. U. S. Unit, the following information concerning JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY:

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KHOURY, John Antoine LA#879 362 K 462 7893
 1944 N. Beachwood Dr Hollywood Apt #8 Phone 462 7839
 Bus: 3400 Wilshire Blvd Auditor in Controller's Office DU 77 011
 AKA: John A. el Khoury Raymond Charles Helou
 Soc Sec # [REDACTED] Cal Op # M825 117
 Alien Registration # [REDACTED]
 Lebanese Passport # [REDACTED]
 Veh: 1967 VW
 Spouse: Khoury, Aira Inkeri (Halomen)
 Fe Cau 5-30-44 5-6 125/135 Blond, Gry
 Alien Reg. # [REDACTED] (Immigrant from Finland)
 American Airlines, Stewardess, Employee #41746 (May 6, 1966)

Physical Description: Male Lebanese 12-9-43 6 ft 150 Brn Brn
 Criminal Record: 1-8-68 487.3 PC GTA Released on Charge
 Vict: Maloof, Mary E. 2640 N. Walnut Grove
 S. San Gabriel Ph: AT 02298
 Attorney: James A. Kaddo 3810 Wilshire Blvd 386 7444

Previous Addresses:

8710 DelGany Ave # 29 (31)(9) Playa Del Rey 8-67 to
 911 N. Euclid # 7 La Habra 5-66 to 8-67
 640 N. Ward La Habra 12-64 to 5-66
 1422 Anna Jeanne c/o Nickerson " 6 Mo
 2562 S. Palm Ave c/o Kessler " 6 Mo
 Dabbous Bldg, Sidani St Ras Beirut, Lebanon Until Oct 1962

Previous Employment:

Lahabra Drive in 1000 W Imperial Cashier 1-63 to 7-67 (714)
 Broadway shopping center Anaheim Calif Sales 11-62 to 1-63 871 1802
 VIC. Hashem & Co Beirut Management 1962

Parents: Antoine Khoury Vancouver BC Canada
 Jane Khoury " " "
 Parents immigrated in 1966 (Probably)

Education: BA in Political Science, Cal state, Fullerton.

HISTORY

Subj was born 12-9-43, in Haifa, Palestine. Prior to entering the U.S. he attended the International college, Beirute, and used the name Khuri.

He entered the U.S. in Sept 1960 and was a high school student at U.S. Grant High School, Portland, Ore. He enrolled in Senior Soc. Studies and has a letter of recommendation from one George F. Flittie, teacher at Grant. He graduated from the school on 6-9-61.

He states on his application forms that he worked at the St. Georges Hotel in Beirut from June 61 until Nov 62, where he did auditing work and received \$200.00 per month. He worked for Mr. Francois Farhoury.

He enrolled at the American University of Beirut between Oct 10, 1961 and June 19, 1962. His courses included: Remedial Arabic, Biology, English communication Skills, Modern Europe & Near East, Sociology, Athletics, Intro to Philosophy. His grades were quite low, except a B in English.

Subj is in possession of a letter dated 2-13-62, from Mr. Raif Samara, Noary public, Capusins Bldg, Beirut, Lebanon, who states that

he has known the Khoury family for 4 years and vouches for John Khoury.

On June 4, 1962, a letter was sent and a person agreed to guarantee financially, Mr. Khoury. His name was Francois Fakhoury, Takkosh Bldg, Lyon St, Ras Beirut. This letter was not addressed to anyone in particular.

He was admitted to the United States on Oct. 2, 1962, as a straight student. Class (F-1). He entered at Idlewild Air Terminal, New York, N.Y. His first visa was good until 3-2-64.

On 12-14-62 he took the entrance exam at Fullerton Jr. College, and subsequently enrolled for the second semester 1962/63. His classes included: American Government, US History, Western Civilization, Econ, & Speech. He remained in school during the Summer of 1963 and took courses in Economics and History.

He continued his enrollment at Fullerton JC in 1963/64 and took courses in Accounting, Trigonometry, Comparative Government, Philosophy, physical Science, Algebra, psychology and Masters of World Literature.

His Visa was extended on 7-22-62, until 5-26-64.

Between the dates 3-5-64 and 3-29-64 he left the country, went to Canada, and then reentered through Chicago.

He reenrolled at Fullerton JC in the Fall of 1964 and took courses in Asiatic Civilization, Commercial Law, Sociology and World Religions. He Received as Associate of Arts degree on 6-18-1965, from Fullerton Jr. College. The degree was in Economics.

The Subj enrolled at California State College at Fullerton for the spring Semester, 1965. He graduated from that institution on 6-9-67 with a B.A. in Political Science.

His courses included American Economy, Legislative process, American Diplomacy, Soviet-UN-World affairs, Judicial Process, State and local Govt., Internal relations, Internal Trade, Govt & Pol, American Econ History, Money and Banking, Comparative Economic Systems, Political Parties and Pressure Groups, Public Admin, American Presidency, International Law. He remained enrolled during the summer sessions of 1965 and 1966. Between 12-10-65 and 11-20-67 he submitted his transcript to twelve (12) schools.

Between 12-1-65 and 12-31-65 he left the country, went to Canada and returned thru Blaine, Washington. The purpose of the visit was listed as Vacation and Travel.

During the year 1966 he used PO Box 55, Fullerton Calif, as his mailing address.

He again left the United States between 12-7-66 and 12-30-66, went to Canada, and returned via Seattle, Wm. He listed his reason as visiting his parents who had immigrated to Canada.

On Sept 20, 1966 he reported his Lebanese passport # [REDACTED] lost. A new passport was issued to him (# [REDACTED]).

Subject's application for Employment he states he was employed by California Stereo Center, 4022 W. Beverly Blvd, Phone 6651195, where he did general Clerical work and later Book keeping. He reported to Mr. Yuri Beresov, and received \$450.00 per Month. He states the business became Bankrupt in Dec. 1967. (This information cannot be verified at this writing)

On 7-14-67 the Subj. was married to Aira Halonen, at Las Vegas, Nevada. Marriage Certificate # A 184 663. At the time of their marriage, Miss Halonen was already on a permanent Resident Visa. This marriage made the Subj eligible for application for permanent residence as long as he remains married and living with his wife.

On Dec 14, 1967, he applied for employment with the Ambassador Hotel as Auditor and Management Trainee. At that time, he listed his address as 8710 Delgany Ave, Playa Del Rey, Phone 823 3090.

His application states he is married, no children, lived at his present address for 2 years, lived at his previous address for 3 years.

He states he exempt from the draft, but does not give a reason. He lists Economics and Business Administration as his College Majors.

He shows no physical limitations or recent illness.

For references he lists:

Mr. Wadiah Dib 6331 Hollywood Blvd 462 5384 Lebanon Consul

Mr Frederick Mason No Add Fullerton 8718600 Attorney

He states that he speaks and writes French and Arabic.

Mr Khoury reported to work on 12-18-67 as the Restaurant night auditor, at \$400.00 per Mo. At this time he lists his address as Box 2248, Hollywood.

On Feb 1, 1968 he was promoted to Rev. Audit & Accts Payable, as an Auditor, with a raise to \$425.00 per Mo. This was subsequent to a promotion on 1-5-68 when he was transferred to the Auditing office with a raise to \$415.00 per Mo.

On 3-7-68 he was granted permanent residence status because of his marriage and earlier application.

Mr. Khoury is currently working as Auditor in the Controller's office, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd.

Mrs. Khoury is still employed with American Airlines as a Stewardess.

Sgt D.D. Varney
10833

KIMMEL, Nadine B. (DMV REG. INFO)
4418 Beck St., No. Hollywood

No date or time

Not interviewed. Lopez 11874, Metro.

The father of Paul Patterson, a Manhattan Beach Reserve Police Officer, on Wednesday, 6-5-68, at about 8 a.m. on a northbound freeway (?) saw a W/F 25, brunette, driving a '65 V.W., RQS 319 with "Fuck You Americans" on the rear bumper. DMV - Nadine G. Kimmel, 4418 Beck St., No. Hwd. Paul Patterson's home # 379-3633 business # 372-6434. This info received from Officer Ruben Santillanes, Manhattan Beach P.D., SP 21552

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LA 26-156
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~~RE: ROBERT M. KLAASE~~

On July 19, 1968, Sergeant MIKE NEILSEN, Los Angeles Police Department furnished to Special Agent R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. a copy of an interview with ROBERT M. KLAASE conducted on July 8, 1968. The interview is as follows:

INTERVIEW OF ROBERT M. KLASSE

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1 INTERVIEW OF ROBERT M. KLADE
2 TAKEN AT 7800 CLEARFIELD AVENUE
3 VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

4 MONDAY, JULY 8, 1968, 2:00 P.M.

5 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. C. E. COLLINS, #6207
6 SGT. J. R. MacARTHUR, #4372

7 SUMMARY REPORT DICTATED BY LAPD OFFICERS. REPORTED AND TRANS-
8 CRIBED BY SHARON THIELMAN, CSR, ON JULY 11, 1968.

9 Mr. Klase resides at 7800 Clearfield Avenue, Van Nuys, tele-
10 phone 989-2567. He is a self-employed bill collector,
11 business address 3850 Wilshire Boulevard, Room 200, telephone
12 385-2002. His date of birth is August 29, 1943.

13 The night the Senator was shot, my wife and a
14 friend, Judy Royer, had gone to the Ambassador Hotel. She
15 is a volunteer Kennedy campaign worker. We arrived at the
16 Hotel at approximately 8:30 P.M. We were in the Ambassador
17 Ballroom most of the evening. Sometime prior to the Senator
18 making his victory speech, I was asked by one of the Kennedy
19 campaign workers to watch one of the doors leading into the
20 pantry area. This door is the second door east of the stage.
21 I watched it for about ten minutes while the regular fellow
22 went and got some refreshment.

23 During this time, some people came out of the
24 kitchen and this group included the suspect who I later saw
25 the police take away. He was described as a male Mexican
26 in his early twenties, 5'6", 135 lbs., with black curly hair.
He was wearing light blue pants and a light blue shirt. The
clothes were fairly snug-fitting. He was standing at a

1 location where no one was supposed to be standing so I went
2 up to him and told him that he would have to move back. He
3 was very nice and moved back.

4 After the regular fellow, who was watching the
5 door, came back, I went into the pantry area and I met Judy
6 Royer. She was coming from the staff press room which was
7 located just west of the stage. We both walked slowly into
8 the pantry and down towards the Colonial Room. Judy was
9 commenting on the lack of security. She told some guy with
10 a rolled up picture of Kennedy he would have to leave the
11 pantry area. He told her he had part of an autograph of
12 Senator Kennedy and the Senator told him he would finish
13 signing it when he came back through the kitchen. Judy made
14 him leave the pantry area at that time.

15 We walked into the Colonial Room. We stayed there
16 for a short time and then went back out into the pantry area.
17 We were about in the center of the pantry area when we saw
18 the Senator and the crowd come through the door leading from
19 the stage. We turned around and headed back towards the
20 Colonial Room. We had reached the last serving table when
21 I heard what sounded like five firecrackers go off. I turned
22 around and all I could see was a mass of people milling
23 about and a lot of activity. I just stood there stunned. I
24 heard someone yell, "Guard the door" so I went to the doors
25 leading into the Colonial Room and stood guard. I looked
26 back and I could see someone wrestling up by the serving

1 tables. About this time, someone came running toward me
2 and ran into the Colonial Room. He stopped and talked to
3 one of the uniformed security guards. After that, I went
4 into the Colonial Room. I was in a daze for about four or
5 five minutes. A little while later, I saw the police carrying
6 the suspect out through the Colonial Room. It's the same
7 fellow I told would have to move earlier who was standing
8 near the pantry doors. No prior interviews.

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RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

I-61

INTERVIEW - JUNE 7, 1968

KENNEDY SHOOTING

CR 68-521-466

KLEIN, JOSEPH THOMAS - 1713 Malvern #6, Fullerton Ph 879-9011

Fullerton Jr. College (Student) Ph 871-8000. Worked as Co-chairman of Kennedy Campaign for Orange County.

done
Mr. Klein states he was standing outside the main door across from the registration desk at the Ambassador hotel. Mr. Klein was with Patti Nelson of 15300 Cornuta Street, Bellflower Ph 213 867-4570 and Dennis Weaver unk add. in Garden Grove, Calif. Approx 2 minues after the conclusion of Kennedy's victory speach, Mr. Klein observed a M/poss Cuban or Mex 23-26 5-9 Slim very curly longer than normal blk curly hair long side burns wearing a lt color shirt (poss blu) and dark pnts, run from the direction of the shooting. The M/cuban or mex was pushing his way through the crowd with his lt hand and in his rt. hand he had a wrapped object. Mr. Klein described this object as approx 3 ft. long, wrapped in a blu material poss cloth or paper, the object was approx 3 in. in diameter. It was larger at one end than at the other. The M/cuban or mex ran through the door and out of sight. Mr. Klein states he was the first person out of the door. Mr. Klein remained at his location and in approx 2 minutes he received the info that Kennedy had been shot. Mr. Klein attempted to follow the M/cuban or mex but he was informed by an unk wit that the M/cuban or mex had jumped the hedge outside the Hotel.

Mr. Klein states he was later watfhing the T.V. pictures of the Kennedy shooting and he observed the M/cuban or mex on T.V. canel 7 5:30 pm 6-5-68. The M/ cuban or mex was near Kennedy approx 15 ft from the location of the shooting. Kennedy had stopped to sign an autograph and the M/cuban or mex was standing at the left side of the person receiving the autograph. Mr. Klein is going to F.B.I. office to look at the films of the T.V. program today. R.L. Cron 11478

KRAFT, GILMORE (Information, Not interviewed) No date or time

Witness Kraft, 401 St. Cloud Rd., BelAir, telephone 476-4755,
observed male Cauc. 20/22 yrs, 6-2, very thin, (mustache?), blk
curly hair, blk trous., lt. tan shirt.

Above info. on attached note given to LAPD patrol officer, received
by Simmons, Metro. Divn.

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LA 56-156
RJL/llg

Sergeant MIKE NIELSEN made available the results of a tape recording interview of JOSEPH A. LA HIVE. The interview took place on June 21, 1968 and the nine page transcription of that interview follows:

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INTERVIEW OF JOSEPH A. LaHIVE

1 TAPE RECORDING OF
2 INTERVIEW OF JOSEPH A. LaHIVE
3 TAKEN AT 4055 TUJUNGA, #305
4 FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1968, 9:45 A.M.
5 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. C. E. COLLINS
6 TRANSCRIBED BY SHARON THIELMAN, CSR, ON JULY 10, 1968

7 SGT. COLLINS: This is an interview of Mr. Joseph
8 A. LaHive at 4055 Tujunga, Apartment 305. Phone number at
9 this location is 985-4681. Mr. LaHive is President of the
10 Van Nuys Democrat Club and was in attendance at the Kennedy
11 victory speech.

12 BY SGT. COLLINS:

13 Q Mr. LaHive, at the time of the shooting, can you
14 tell me where you were standing in the Hotel?

15 A I was standing in the corridor behind the stage
16 area, what we might classify as an anteroom. The Senator
17 passed to my left as he came off the stage and proceeded
18 through swinging doors into the kitchen area.

19 Q I see. Now, who was with you at that time?

20 A My lady friend, Miss Estelyn Duffy.

21 Q That's Estelyn, E-S-T-E-L-Y-N?

22 A That's right.

23 Q Duffy, D-U-F-F-Y?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Uh-huh.

26 A Nearby was Cap Hardy or Howard Hardy, I think is his
proper name, who works for Councilman Ed Edelman, and Bert

1 Spiceman, another member of the Van Nuys Democrat Club.

2 Q All right. Now, when were you first aware that
3 there was a problem or anything unusual occurring?

4 A When I heard the staccato burst of fire.

5 Q You heard some shots fired?

6 A Which a lot of people mistook for fireworks,
7 balloons and so on. It seemed to me. I reacted instantly
8 in the sense that they were shots.

9 Q How many shots did you hear?

10 A I immediately described it as six or seven.

11 Q What did you do at that time?

12 A Moved toward the area where the shots were heard.

13 Q What did you see first as you entered the kitchen?

14 A I was conscious of a woman moving, running toward
15 me, blood coming down the middle of her forehead and, ah,
16 screams and hollering of the people and the presence of a
17 man on the floor who appeared to be shot through the head.
18 Subsequently, found this to be Paul Schrade.

19 Q All right. Going back just a little bit, the girl
20 that you saw with the blood, was that on her head?

21 A Yes, it was on her head. Blood streaming down her
22 head, yes.

23 Q Do you know now who that person was?

24 A I understand it was a Mrs. Evans.

25 Q Fine. And then you proceeded on into the kitchen
26 and you saw a person that you have later identified as Mr.

1 Schrade?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And he was laying on the floor?

4 A Right, with a cluster of people about him. Now,
5 amongst the people in that cluster was Cap Hardy.

6 Q Cap Hardy was in that group next--

7 A There appeared to be another man there. I later
8 found out he was the one that was shot in the stomach in
9 that area but I didn't know that at the time. I didn't know
10 how he'd gotten into the *** where he was. My prime point of
11 concern at that instant in my mind was: Is the Senator hurt?
12 And I moved again forward realizing there was another person
13 in a prone position and that turned out to be the Senator.

14 Q All right. As you made your way through the area,
15 how would you describe it as far as people?

16 A Pandemonium, but I didn't find my course impeded
17 so that I had to struggle to go through. I seemed to have
18 a clear path except for TV cameraman or-- and equipment. I
19 think it was a camera, but I threw him aside and that was
20 right in the anteroom as I started through. Beyond that, I
21 had no impediment at all until I came in contact with the
22 suspect and the gun which was, of course, long after he had
23 already been knocked over against the table.

24 Q All right. How many people do you think were in
25 that area when you entered the kitchen?

26 A I have said about forty people.

1 Q All right. Now, your impression when you looked
2 at Mr. Schrade on the floor, did you think that he was alive
3 or--

4 A Well, my immediate reaction was that he had been
5 shot and he was dead.

6 Q All right. When you looked at Senator Kennedy, did
7 you have any impression?

8 A Yes, I had the impression, at least to me, that his
9 total face was immobile. I didn't think it was moving at all
10 at that instant. I think he may have been in the initial
11 stage of being knocked down and out. Blood was coming--
12 falling at a right ear and that was the only wound that I was
13 conscious of; that there was blood coming from behind the ear.
14 I saw from the eyes and staring and the mouth open what
15 appeared to be a-- at least a very seriously injured person.

16 Q All right. At that moment, what did you do?

17 A Moved forward because there was a struggle ahead
18 of me, toward the struggle. At that moment we did not have
19 any idea as to whether or not there was one, two or three
20 assassins. There was no way of determining that, not
21 knowing what happened, but I followed Rosie Grier toward
22 what appeared to be the only assassin still in the room.

23 Q All right. Now, you say you followed Rosie Grier,
24 did you recognize anybody else at that time?

25 A No, I did not.

26 Q What occurred next?

1 A I saw the gun on the table with about six men's
2 hands and arms all over it and the only thing I could accom-
3 plish at that point, at least in my rather pent-up feeling,
4 was to get that gun away.

5 Q All right. Now, you said you saw the gun on the
6 table. Was it in the possession of someone?

7 A I say about six hands were apparently right on top
8 of it.

9 Q Were one of those hands that of the suspect's?

10 A Yes, finger was-- First thing I did look for was to
11 see whether the finger was in the trigger guard and it still
12 was in the trigger guard and we were very conscious then that
13 there might be more bullets in there. The attempt was to get
14 your hand on the revolving barrel so that the trigger couldn't
15 be pulled any more.

16 Q Uh-huh. All right. Now, you were standing at that
17 time right with Rosie and you had your hand on a group of
18 hands that were holding this gun; is that right?

19 A I had my hand on the barrel of the gun rather than
20 on the butt.

21 Q All right. And what occurred next?

22 A Ah, Rosie appeared to have good control of the
23 suspect, his body laid across him. Naturally, sobbing and
24 crying, but at the same time was in control of the situation
25 and the next point was to try to get the gun released from
26 the suspect's hand. We couldn't make Rosie let go because

1 apparently he wanted to recognize to whomever the gun was to
2 be handed and I was close enough to him to shout over the
3 hubbub, "Rosie, give it to Rafer. Rafer is here. Give it
4 to Rafer." And Rafer came in behind us and with Rafer's
5 reaching over, Rosie released the gun to him. They had
6 already taken it out of Sirhan's hands.

7 Q All right. And what did you do at that moment then,
8 did you--

9 A I reached for Sirhan's leg--

10 Q All right.

11 A --left leg which I immediately picked up, threw
12 an arm lock on and held through until the police came.

13 Q All right. The police did arrive?

14 A The police arrived. It seemed like five or maybe
15 six minutes later.

16 Q And what did you do when you were first aware that
17 the police were there?

18 A It seemed the buffeting around and the trying to
19 transfer the suspect carefully to the police and protect him
20 from the people who would like to kill him, seemed to be a
21 rather hectic moment and we were pretty well jostled in this
22 time by both the police and the people trying to get at the
23 suspect. In fact, I found somebody was wiping my face with
24 ice because I was more or less covered with blood. I wasn't
25 aware of it and kind of surprised that somebody swabbing
26 away at my face but I had gotten two minor bruises on my face

1 from either being kicked or caught in the struggle with
2 Sirhan.

3 Q All right. The police arrived and you released
4 your hold, as I understand it, and then the police took
5 custody--

6 A Right.

7 Q --of the suspect?

8 A That moment, Jesse Unruh was on the area behind the
9 table, I think, or either that or right on the table or it
10 seemed to me he was up high and he is screaming, "I want him
11 alive. I want to hold you responsible for the policeman.
12 I want him alive." And this is the transfer.

13 Q Very good. As to the suspect, did you feel that he
14 was resisting during this struggle?

15 A Very much so. Resisting in a sense that his body
16 was struggling in a very wiry sense and he had, it seemed to
17 me, an incredible amount of strength for such a small man.
18 But his face was tremendously tranquil for a person in such
19 a condition as far as I was concerned. He seemed the least
20 wrought up of all the people involved, so much so that it was
21 hard to put that face as a person that's being attacked by
22 some pretty massive men.

23 Q Did you hear the suspect say anything?

24 A Not a word. Just grunted and let out a cry of pain
25 when I twisted his ankle and let out a gasp of air when Jesse
26 finally took his body off his stomach.

1 Q Jesse?

2 A I mean Rosie Grier.

3 Q Rosie Grier took his body?

4 A Yes.

5 Q All right. You said before that there was blood
6 on you. Do you know where that blood came from?

7 A There was two small cuts on my face but I don't
8 know where so much blood came from. No, I don't.

9 Q Did you see the suspect bleeding?

10 A No, I didn't.

11 Q Was there anybody else in your group that was
12 bleeding?

13 A Nope, not that I know of. I got blood on my suit.
14 I got blood on my face. I had some in my hand. I don't know
15 where it all came from.

16 Q All right. After the police took custody of the
17 suspect, what did you do?

18 A I waited until they took the rest of the victims
19 through the kitchen area because I wanted to proceed back
20 through to where I had been standing to pick up my girlfriend.

21 Q Uh-huh. All right. Now, have you made any state-
22 ments to people other than the news media that night?

23 A Official statements?

24 Q Official statements?

25 A No. No official statements to anyone.

26 Q The FBI has not interviewed you?

1 A No, they have not. In order to record my thoughts,
2 my friend, Gary Smith, who was in television business, made
3 a tape somewhat similar to this. Very quickly asked of the
4 incident because I said to him and I say now that as you read
5 more and as you see more of the material that comes out, you
6 become inclined to incorporate that into your commentary and
7 I don't want to embellish anything. I'd like to have it
8 clear from the beginning.

9 Q All right. Is there anything you can think of at
10 this time that you would like to add at this interview?

11 A Well, I don't think so.

12 Q Okay, well, thank you very much, Mr. LaHive.
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STATEMENT OF JOSEPH A. LA HIVE

DATE 6-5-68

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Assisted in disarming susp., saw Kennedy down. Was with Grier
and Johnson, I.D. gun and susp. "Swarthy" not Negro, not Mexican
poss. Phil., Male, 27/30, 140, "slight. Can I.D.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 8/13/68

Re: THOMAS CLEAVER LAYTON

On 8/8/68, Sergeant MIKE NIELSON, LAPD, S.U.S. Unit, made available a copy of an interview with THOMAS CLEAVER LAYTON conducted by the LAPD on 7/18/68.

A copy of that interview is attached hereto.

Att'd

RJL/eb
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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-1510PERSON INTERVIEWED: LAYTON, THOMAS CLEAVERDATE/TIME 7-18-68 2PMSEX M RACE CAUC HAIR BRN EYES BLU HT 6' WT 190 DOB 3-18-43RESIDENCE ADDRESS 8461 FRANKLIN PHONE —BUSINESS ADDRESS 3753 WILSHIRE PHONE 3851602

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

MR. LAYTON CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS DEPT THROUGH RON McCAVOUR I-815 WHO IS A EMPLOYEE OF MR. LAYTON. DURING A INTERVIEW WITH MR. LAYTON REGARDING McCAVOUR IT WAS LEARNED MR. LAYTONS FIRM FURNISHED OFFICE HELP & TELEPHONE SOLICITORS FOR THE KENNEDY HEADQUARTERS.

MR LAYTON STATED HE WAS AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL PRIOR TO SENATOR KENNEDYS SPEECH. HE STATED HE ARRIVED AT APPROX 7³⁰AM AND TOWARD THE HOTEL LEAVING APPROX 9³⁰AM JUNE 4, 68. MR. LAYTON STATED HE SEEN NO ONE WHO LOOKED LIKE SIEMAN & NO ONE IN A POLKA DOT DRESS.

MR. LAYTON IS THE MANAGER OF THE OLSTEN TEMPORARY SERVICES AT 3753 WILSHIRE BLVD. HE FURNISHED A LIST OF EMPLOYEES FROM HIS COMPANY WHO WORKED AT THE HEADQUARTERS.

HE STATED THE OTHER COMPANY FURNISHING OFFICE HELP FOR THE KENNEDY HEADQUARTERS WAS PEAK LOAD TEMP. OFFICE HELP

C- ATT. LIST OF NAMES

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

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INTELLIGENCE DIV.

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF POLICE

June 6, 1968

Thomas Reddin,
Chief of Police
Los Angeles Police Departemtn
150 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Walter C. Colwell, Captain
Intelligence

Dear Chief Reddin;

Enclosed is a memo from Detective Staudenmayer of this Department, pertaining to some information concerning the Robert F. Kennedy shooting.

Mr. Kennedy made an appearance in Pomona, and spoke at a luncheon on Monday, May 20, 1968.

If we may be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

RALPH E. PARKER,
CHIEF OF POLICE

Donald P. Burke, Captain
Plainclothes Division

DPB/bp
Encl:

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

CITY OF POMONA

DATE

JUNE 6, 1968

TO CAPT. BURKE FROM DET. STAUDENMAIER
SUBJECT INFO ON ATTEMPT 187th SENATOR KENNEDY

INFORMANT: GILBERT RICHARD LE BEAU
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NA. 32671 - FELICIA MARS

THE UNDERSIGNED CONTACTED THE ABOVE INFER. AT 7:10 PM 6/6/68 AT ROBBIE'S WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED AS A BARTENDER. MR. LE BEAU STATED THAT AFTER WATCHING NEWS BROADCAST REGARDING THE ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY LIFE, THE DESCRIP^{ION} OF THE SUSP^{ECT} BROUGHT TO MIND A PERSON THAT WAS PRESENT DURING THE SENATOR'S VISIT TO POMONA.

IMMEDIATELY UPON SEEING THE SUSPECTED PERSON'S PICTURE IN THE PAPER MR. LE BEAU RECOGNIZED THE PERSON TO BE THE SAME AS THE MAN HE HAD CONTACT WITH AT THE RESTAURANT. HE STATED HE HAD POSITIONED HIMSELF ON THE STAIRWAY LEADING TO THE ROOM WHERE THE SENATOR WAS TO GIVE A LUNCHEON SPEECH. WHILE AT THIS LOCATION HE OBSERVED THE MAN IDENTIFIED AS THE SUSP.

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