

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

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

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: ROBERT I. RONKA

On 8/8/68, Sergeant MIKE NIELSON, LAPD,
S.U.S. Unit, made available a copy of an interview
with ROBERT I. RONKA conducted by the LAPD on 7/24/68.

A copy of that interview is attached hereto.

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: RONKA, ROBERT I.

DATE/TIME 7-24-68 10⁵⁰ AM

SEX M RACE CA HAIR BR EYES BLU HT 6' WT 165 DOB [REDACTED]

SUPP I-673

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 6217 Elmer Ave, ^{NO.} Hollywood PHONE 763 7875

BUSINESS ADDRESS None. PHONE _____

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

RONKA WAS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATOR FOR KENNEDY. PRIOR TO THE SPEECH, HE WENT TO THE ANTEROOM BEHIND THE STAGE FOR A CLOSE LOOK AT KENNEDY, WITH ELIZABETH CONWELL (I-549).

WHEN KENNEDY WENT TO THE STAGE, RONKA WENT TO THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF THE EMBASSY ROOM AND WATCHED THE SPEECH ON T.V. HE REMAINED IN THAT GENERAL AREA AFTER THE SPEECH.

A FEW SECONDS AFTER KENNEDY LEFT THE STAGE, RONKA OBSERVED THE CHAND PUSHING TOWARD THE KITCHEN AND HEARD SOME SCREAMS. THEN THE CHAND BEGAN PUSHING OUT OF THE KITCHEN, AND PEOPLE BEGAN RUNNING IN THE BALLROOM. RONKA STEPPED ONE OF THE RUNNING PEOPLE AND WAS TOLD "HE'S BEEN SHOT"

RONKA DID NOT GO INTO THE KITCHEN. HE ATTEMPTED TO CALM SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE BALLROOM AND THEN WENT TO A ROOM IN THE S/E WING OF THE HOTEL, AND WATCHED DEVELOPMENTS ON T.V.

RONKA DID NOT SEE SIRHAN WHEN HE WAS IN THE
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INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: ROUKA

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SEX _____ RACE _____ HAIR _____ EYES _____ HT _____ WT _____ DOB _____

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

Anteroom Area. He did NOT see S. KRAM AT THE Hotel.

He did NOT see A Girl in a polka-dot dress, and did NOT have a camera.

ROUKA HAS NOT been interviewed by any other Law Enforcement Agency nor the press.

PERSONS SEEN AT THE HOTEL:

Chuck Dirks I 765

Winnie Dirks I 764

Bob Maytag I 457

Elizabeth Conwell I 549

STEWART Bloch - NOT interviewed:

5660 Dixie Highway

WATERFORD, MICHIGAN

PHONE: 548 7711

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

VANNEY

APPROVED BY:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

7/19/68

Date _____

Lieutenant ROY KEENE, Los Angeles Police Department, made available the results of an interview with RICHARD ROSEN also known as Richard Cohen which is as follows:

P.D. Interview attached to original F.D. 302 See Ser # 1218

On 7/11/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR./mdm Date dictated 7/12/68

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INTERVIEWS - JUNE 6, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68-521-466
KAREN ROSS Pabst Brewing 1810 N. Main (Packaging 225-6141) 7718 W.
Noroon 656-5482

Saw woman in polka dot dress. At a rally Sunday Evening at the Ambassador Hotel in "the Grove." Was in the First row was a tall girl in polka dot dress. F/C 24-26 5-6-8 Husky 135-140 broad shoulders dark blond hair wore in short flip puffy.

Round face almost had double chin. Thin eyebrows, nose maybe fixed. Appeared to be with another girl. Heard no conversation. Dress was longer 3/4 length sleeve, wht background blk dots dots the size fo a dime . Ruffle at the neck and at the cuffs. *MW*

Hamley 11:20 am

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TAPE # 29257

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: ROYER, Judy

DATE/TIME 7-23-68 11:15 AM

SEX RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 8851 Saturn St., L.A.

PHONE 278-0287

BUSINESS ADDRESS 9418 Wilshire Blvd. #300. L.A.

PHONE 278-1960

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

Royer is Sec. to Ex-Gov. Pat Brown, interviewed in his office.

Royer arrived at Ambassador between 3 & 4 PM. She went directly to staff area (west side Embassy stage-rear). Sometime between 11:45 PM and 12 AM Dick Kline (I-240) told Royer that Sen. Kennedy would be going to the Colonial Room after his speech in the Embassy Room.

During the speech, Royer was in the kitchen area near the double doors on the left side of the Room. At the conclusion of the speech, she started walking toward the Colonial Room; Robert Klase (I-1345) was walking slightly in front and to the right. At the time of the shooting, Royer estimated she was between the 2nd & 3rd table and about in the center of the room walking toward the Colonial Room.

She recalled hearing about 6 shots, without a pause. She turned and looked in the direction of the shots. Royer stated she did not see the Senator, but did see a large crowd. She also observed the struggle with the suspect. Next she recalled being pushed by the crowd (coming from the direction of the Colonial Room) back toward the Senator. When the pushing of the crowd stopped, she recalled the struggle was then going on to her right-rear. At this time she was standing next to Jimmy Breslin (N. Y. Post).

Earlier in the evening, Royer stated she would periodically check the Anteroom & kitchen area to "chase out" people who didn't belong. She stated that an hour or two prior to the shooting, she had told the susp. to leave the Anteroom. There were several people in the room who didn't have press passes. Anyone without a pass was asked to leave. She did not recall the susp. saying anything when asked to leave. When she last saw the susp. he was in the Anteroom walking through the door leading to the Embassy Room. She didn't recall the susp. being with anyone. She was certain this was the same person she later saw in custody of the Police. Royer stated she checked the kitchen area about twice an hour for about 3 hours prior to the shooting. She checked the kitchen at least twice after asking the susp. to leave, (the last time being about 11:45 PM), and did not recall seeing the susp. again. The night of the shooting, Royer was wearing a white suit with a bright green blouse.

KW/7-31-68 INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

APPRC BY:

S/Patchett, MacArthur, Collins

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S/Lt. Pena

Person(s) Interviewed: ROYER, Miss Judy *I-60*

Date 6-19-68

Time 3:15PM

Business Address & Phone 9418 Wilshire Blvd. Bev Hills. Suit 300. #2781960

Residence Address & Phone 8851 Saturn St. L.A. #2780287

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

This interview was conducted at the informants bus add. at the abv date & time

Informant was a volunteer worker in the Kennedy campaign. On June 4, 1968, she was assigned to the Kennedy Staff room (Anchor Room) to filter the persons XXX attempting to enter the staff room and to keep unauthorized persons from entering it. At approx 10:30PM, she obs Sirhan Sirhan in a group of people standing at the door to the Anteroom, and asked him and the other persons to step back. They did so, and left walking slowly toward the kitchen area.

Informant, prior to, at time of shooting and just after, was in the kitchen area of the Hotel, walking approx 10 to 15 feet ahead of the Senator and the group of people surrounding the Senator. Informant heard the shots, describing them as popping sounds, and as she turned she obs Mr Kennedy on the floor and Rafer Johnson and Rosi Greer struggle with Sirhan.

Informant did not see any one talking with Sirhan before the shooting, nor did she see a girl with a POLKADOT Dress.

Persons known to her:

Robert Klase, Phone 3852002

at [unclear] Wil. 9892567

Dick Kline, add Kennedy Hds 5615 Wilshire Bl. L.A. *I-240*

Roy Ringer, unk add and phone

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This interview was taped and is on Real #29257.

Informant was previously interviewed by FBI.

Hotel was warning w/ht int. from [unclear]

DESCRIPTION OF ROYER: FE (AM) 5'9" - 145 DOB [redacted]

RED HAIR - GREEN EYES - FRECKLED FACE.

Investigators making interview

Werth 10909 SUS (Metro)

Approved by:

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INTERVIEWS - JUNE 7, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68-521-466

MRS. JUDY ROYOR - 8851 Saturn Street W. L.A. 278-1960 278-0287

I asked the man to leave from the press area (suspect) and he did *JK*
so no words were spoken, it was the same man the Police had in custody.
This man did not have a working press badge or anyother badge.
(Working press and staff area not allowed without a badge.)
Can testify that the suspect was there but saw none of the action.

Statement taken by Sharon Fried

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CAPT. ~~FLATT~~ - Alhambra P.D. called they have further information
on prior note on Golden Garter Bar 2605 W. Valley Blvd. Alhambra *JK*
Lt. Hegge Alhambra P.D. will follow up and advise if any good.
See Note 6-6-68 10:15 am from Thompson Intell. Div.

C. D. White 7974 1 am

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-2964

PERSON INTERVIEWED: RUBIN, Barbara DATE/TIME 9-10-68 10 AM

SEX F RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-5 1/2 WT 145 DOB [redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 5925 Glade Ave., Woodland Hills PHONE 883-2133

BUSINESS ADDRESS PHONE

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

I arrived at the Hotel with my husband at the Hotel at 11:55 PM; that is the time that was stamped on our parking ticket. My husband & I knew the Hotel set up as we'd been there before. Rather than go into the Embassy Room & fight the crowd to get close to the stage, we went in through the kitchen area and this way we were able to come out right next to the stage. We entered the kitchen through the door near the Airline desk. This entrance is near the front of the Coconut Grove & at the top of the stairs from the downstairs lobby. When we got to the stage, I recall it was just prior to the Senator making his remark about Mayor Yorty, that was towards the end of the speech. When the speech was over, I went into the Anteroom & saw the Senator walking toward the kitchen. Paul Schrade was right behind him. As they entered the doorway to the kitchen, I was just behind Paul Schrade. The crowd was heavy & pushy in the Anteroom, but once we got inside the kitchen, the crowd opened up & the pushing stopped. The next thing I recall were 3 shots, a pause & then 5 more shots. The first shot I recall thinking were firecrackers. As I look back now, I'm sure I knew the second shot was a shot. It seemed to me that by the third shot Paul Schrade was lying at my feet. I immediately went for the floor and remember pulling a blonde woman down (this blonde woman was probably Valerie Schulte) from Rubin's descr. of her). I did not see the shooting itself because Paul Schrade was in front of me. I remember next that after getting on the floor I crawled backwards & got behind a chair. William Weisel (one of the victims) fell into the chair and I heard say, "I've been hit". I also remember Mrs. Kennedy in a stooping position next to a wall & a man being with her. I worked my way back out of the room. I was very hysterical for some hours after the incident. I did not see the suspect & could not ID him.

When my husband & I were walking through the kitchen to the Embassy Room to hear the speech, I'm sure we saw the suspect, Sirhan. My husband was walking on my right through the kitchen & I remember the suspect being on my left. He was somewhere between the end of the room (doors to Colonial Room) & the ice machine. He was leaning against a table. He was wearing light clothing. The reason he stands out in my mind is that he wasn't dressed like the rest of the workers & he was standing still whereas everyone else in the kitchen was moving around. I saw his picture on TV & in the newspaper & I'm positive that the man I saw is the man who

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shot the Senator. The night of the shooting I was wearing a white dress with a red & white coat over it. My hair was quite long that night.

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IN KITCHEN OBS SHOOTING.Date 6/26/68

BARBARA RUBIN, also known as Mrs. Lon Bruce Rubin, housewife, 5925 Glade Avenue, Woodland Hills, California, telephone 883-2133, related the following:

She and her husband had gone to the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968. The purpose was to join the campaign party of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. They were unable to get into the Embassy Room through the main entrance, as it was full. They found that by going through a kitchen area, off this room, they could enter the Embassy Room without being challenged. There were only three people in the kitchen when she and her husband entered. They were all dark complected men, two of whom appeared to be kitchen workers as they were moving about. One was tall and the other short. The third man, slight of build, was just standing against the wall in about the middle of the kitchen. She did not note details of his dress but did note this third man did not appear to be a kitchen worker.

Mrs. RUBIN and her husband went on into the Embassy Room just as Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was finishing his speech. They had arrived at a point a few feet from the podium where Senator KENNEDY was standing when he made some remark about Mayor SAM YORTY of Los Angeles, which ended his speech. Senator KENNEDY then started for the kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. RUBIN followed him. They were separated by the pressure of the crowd near the kitchen door and Mrs. RUBIN followed the KENNEDY party into the kitchen. Mr. RUBIN got trapped and did not get into the kitchen.

Mr. PAUL SCHRADE was right behind Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. RUBIN was behind Mr. SCHRADE when she suddenly heard three shots followed by five quick shots. She realized someone was shooting in her direction but she could not see who it was, as Mr. SCHRADE was taller than she. She, at this point, "hit the floor" along with a young blonde woman, and kept her head down until she felt the shooting had stopped. She saw people go down on the floor and briefly saw Mr. KENNEDY on the floor. When she

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by SA RICHARD M. WOOLF and SA LESLIE F. WARREN LFW/sro Date dictated 6/25/68

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got up she ran out of the kitchen to join her husband. She hid behind things until she found her way out as she did not know whether or not there might be more shooting.

The Los Angeles Police Department had questioned Mrs. RUBIN briefly after the shooting, asking her if she had seen the shooting. She replied "no" and was not questioned further.

Mrs. RUBIN had appeared on television but was not interviewed. She was standing near the door of the Embassy Room when the television news cameras picked up an interview being conducted of a Negro doctor who had been at the scene. There had been some comment in news programs and in the press of a couple being sought for interview, exact source not recalled. She was of the opinion the descriptions furnished of the couple being sought and apparently seen in the kitchen area before the shooting generally fit that of her and her husband.

Mrs. RUBIN described herself as a white female, 33 years of age, 5' 5", wearing two-inch heels, olive complexion, 135 - 140 pounds, dark shoulder length hair worn bouffant style, dark eyes. She was wearing a white dress with red belt sash and a bright red and white checkered jacket. She, at times, carried the jacket.

She described Mr. RUBIN as a white male, 6', 185 pounds, 35 years of age, broad shoulders. He was wearing a navy blue blazer and gray slacks.

Mrs. RUBIN furnished a photograph of herself taken in March 1968, which she said could be used for further identification, if desired. The photograph need not be returned.

Following examination of photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and his brothers, Mrs. RUBIN was of the opinion that the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN resembled the person she had seen in the kitchen

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standing against the wall about five to seven minutes before Senator KENNEDY finished his speech. She had not noted the man in question in the kitchen closely enough to make a positive identification. She had no recollection of seeing any of the brothers of SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

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INTERVIEW June 7, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68-521-466

ERNEST ALFREDO RUIZ, 2419 Maldowdale Ave., L.A. 31, 223-7801, Bus.:
2424 Maldowdale Ave., 222-4956, interviewed at 11:55 a.m. P/R states
that on 6/4/68 he and his wife had gone to Ambassador Hotel to see the
Righteous Brothers. Some time after 12:01 a.m. he and his wife walked
down the main corridor of the hotel. He had heard that Sen. Kennedy was
going to appear at the rally in the Embassy Rm., so he and his wife walked
down that way in hopes of poss. seeing Kennedy. When they got to the
Embassy Rm. they decided to wait outside. They stopped at the Waterfall
directly outside the Embassy Rm. After a few min. P/R obs. two persons
come running out of the Embassy Rm. #1, M, C (light), late 20's, 6'0";
180; Sandy hair; wearing a blue sport coat, blue turtleneck shirt.
#2, F., C. (light), 21/23, 5'6", 125, brownish hair, wearing a wht. dress
with drk. almost round markings on it. She was also wearing glasses.
Susp. #1 came out first. P/R said his face looked pale and he appeared
frightened. (At this time P/R didn't know what had happened). Susp. #2
then came out. She was yelling something but P/R could not understand
what she was saying. Both susps. ran out the E. exit of the hotel. As
they were running susp. #1 pushed sev. people out of his way. Both
susps. passed within 30 ft. of P/R's unobstructed view. A few secs.
later people began hurrying out of the Embassy Rm. At this time P/R
discovered that somebody had been shot. As he watched he obs. uniformed
police ofcs. escorting susp. Sirhan from the Embassy Rm. and toward the
W. exit of the hotel. P/R followed them. As the ofcs. took the susp. to
a waiting police veh. P/R walked alongside in order to see the susp.
When he stopped to watch P/R noticed that the same man who came running
out of the Embassy Rm. earlier (susp. #1) was standing beside him.
As P/R continued watching he heard the susp. yelling, "Let's kill the

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INTERVIEW

JUNE 7, 1968

KENNEDY SHOOTING

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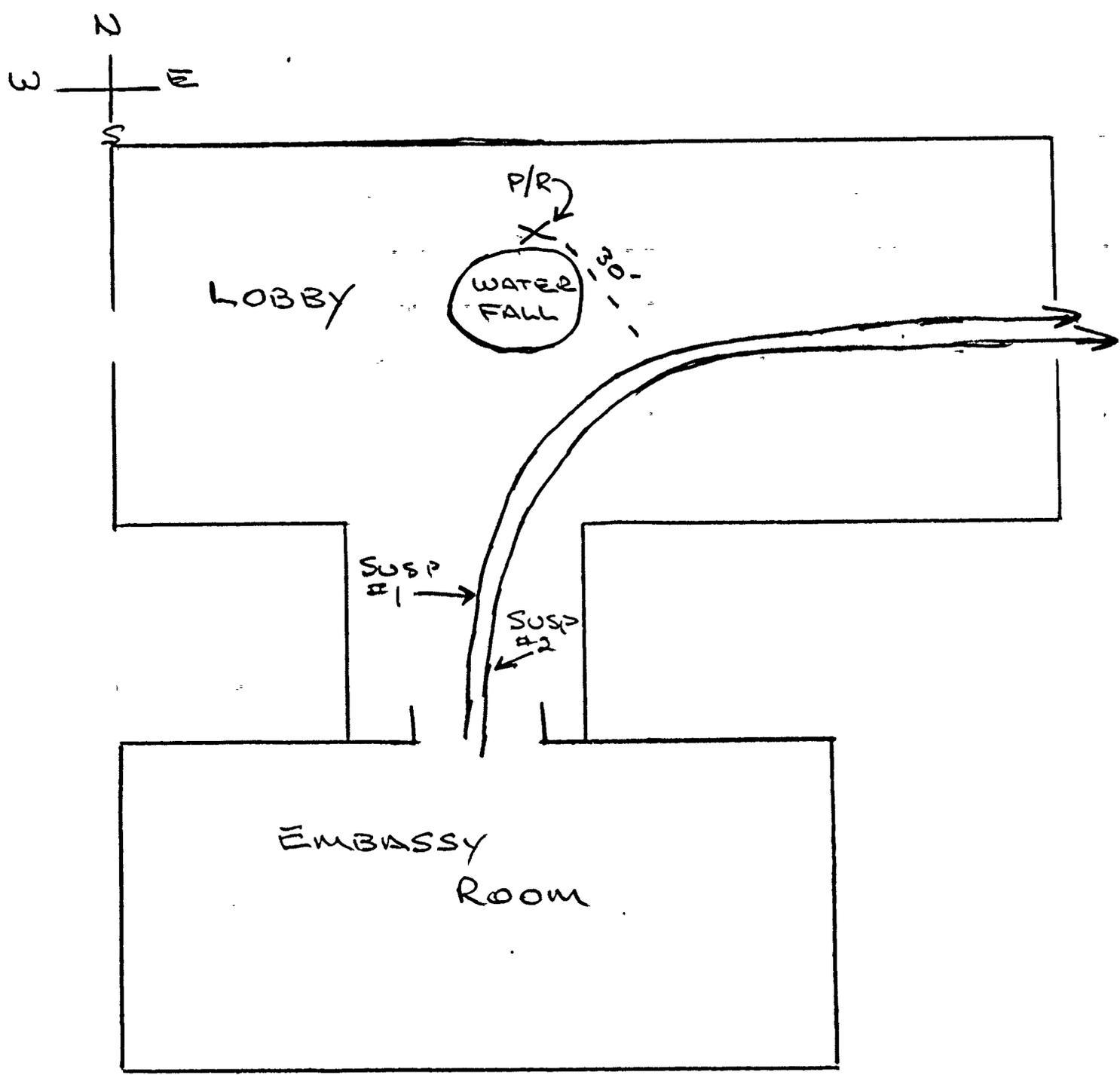
(ERNEST ALFREDO RUIZ===continued)

bastard." At this time susp. #1 was the only person noticeably in favor of "getting" the susp. During this time also P/R states that numerous photogs. were taken in his direction. He is positive that he and susp. #1 were in many of them. P/R stated he could identify both susps. if he saw them again. At this time Ofc. showed sever. photogs. to P/R and advised that they were not necessarily susps. in this crime. P/R was also told to be sure of any identification he may make. P/R was unable to identify any of the photogs. of males. However stated that the photog. of Beverly Corey may well be the female susp. The discrepancy was that the susp's hair was "up", or poss. shorter on the night of 6/4/68. The photog. of Bev. Corey shows her with long straight hair.

R. A. BELDING, 12105 - Metro.

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SKETCH OF SCENE



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9 pm Lamoreaux And Zachory

Telephone interview of Mrs. Rumley, phone #325-0647. Mrs. Rumley called Det. Bob Holmes of Torrance P.D. and stated she had information on the "X" girl. We called Mrs. Rumley at home, and she stated that she was at the Ambassador Hotel and was close to Bobby Kennedy when he was shot, and at the same time she was next to a Mexican woman, when the girl in the "purple and white" or polka dot dress, wearing a blonde wiglett state "We killed him," the Mexican woman stated "you killed who" the blonde said "Bobby Kennedy." Mrs. Rumley stated there was a dirty looking arab with the blonde female, but could only give the desc. of a "dark complected Arab" as being the man with the blonde. She stated the man was a little taller than the female. Later during the interview Mrs. Rumley made comments about the Kennedy Rally in Long Beach, and made reference to some agitators during this rally, and it appears as if she has the two incidents confused.

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BY SGT. CALKINS:

Q My name is Sgt. Calkins, C-a-l-k-i-n-s, Central Homicide Division. What I want to do is just go over and see what you saw or what you didn't see.

A Uh hum.

Q What's your name?

A Queen is the first name, Q-u-e-e-n. Middle initial E, last name Rutledge, R-u-t-l-e-d-g-e.

Q And where do you live?

A 6211 7th Avenue. Los Angeles.

Q Do you have a phone there?

750-2824
A 755-2826.

1 A
2 Q And you work at the Ambassador, is that it?

3 A No.

4 Q You were just there?

5 A Just there.

6 Q Oh, I see. Okay, what can you tell me about this?

7 A Well, the only thing I know was after the Senator
8 finished his speech one of the cameramen told these friends
9 that I was with that the Senator and his party would be coming
10 through the corridor down through the kitchen.

11 Q Uh hum.

12 A To go into the Press Room, and you know, when he
13 gave the cameramen the signal that we should move on out
14 because we might get trampled, I had walked on back, you know,
15 through this corridor.

16 Q Let me show you this very crude map here. What we
17 have is -- this is where he gave his speech.

18 A Uh hum.

19 Q And we have a door here and a door here and I
20 believe he came out of this door.

21 A Yeah.

22 Q And this is the corridor?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q That goes down here?

25 A Yeah.

26 Q And that's a little depression here where there

1 was some people standing along where he shook hands with them
2 I believe?

3 A Uh hum.

4 Q And then there's a big table that goes right down
5 here; does that look familiar to you?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Well, why don't you just point it out to me.

8 A Okay. Well, he came out this door and I came
9 out this door just a little ahead of him.

10 Q Uh hum.

11 A And it's some double doors in here somewhere.

12 Q Uh hum.

13 A And I had gone through the double doors and he
14 had stopped in here somewhere shaking hands.

15 Q Uh hum.

16 A And I got pushed so I got up on this table here
17 and just as he got past here, some of the employees were back
18 in here --

19 Q Uh hum.

20 A -- and he stopped again to shake hands with some
21 of them.

22 Q Uh hum.

23 A And by this time more people were behind him and
24 coming in and there were a few other people coming from a
25 corridor around in here and when I looked up I saw the guy
26 and it looked like he was going to reach over to shake his
hand.

1 Q Uh hum.

2 A But all of a sudden there were these shots, but
3 I didn't realize they were shots because they sounded more
4 like firecrackers or maybe balloons popping, and then somebody
5 screamed and I looked up and one -- I believe it was the
6 boss'es son -- had the Senator under the arms like, helping
7 him to the floor and I believe he had Mrs. Kennedy and I only
8 recall hearing three shots.

9 Q Uh hum.

10 A Now they said that it was more.

11 Q Uh hum.

12 A But I can't recall but three, and so about up
13 here someplace was where -- it was three consecutive shots --

14 Q Uh hum.

15 A And the Senator fell; another fellow that was
16 directly behind him, and then another stouter fellow, and by
17 this time one of the employees and I guess he was an employee
18 because he was in a white uniform and Rosey Grier had grabbed
19 the guy and was shaking him and I believe Rosey had the gun
20 and handed it to somebody, who it was I don't know.

21 Q Well now, when this guy reached over -- somebody
22 like you were going to shake hands only --

23 A Uh hum.

24 Q Is that the time that the gun shot?

25 A Yes.

26 Q Did you see the gun at that time?

1 A Well, I didn't realize it was a gun because it had
2 just never crossed my mind.

3 Q Did you see an object in his hand?

4 A I did see an object, yes. And by this time someone
5 had grabbed him and was shaking him and, you know, hands were
6 everywhere by then.

7 Q Uh hum.

8 A But I did see the gun then and knew it was a gun, but
9 before I didn't really realize.

10 Q Uh hum.

11 A And from there --

12 Q Did you get a good look at the gun?

13 A Well not really a good look, it was maybe about
14 that long.

15 Q It had a long barrel or short barrel, do you remember?

16 A The barrel, that's the part that the bullets go in?

17 Q That's the part that they come out of.

18 A No, it wasn't too long. Maybe it was about --

19 Q Does it look similar to this gun I'm showing you, do
20 you know?

21 A Somewhat.

22 Q You are not sure though, huh?

23 A No, not really. Because, well, I was up on this
24 ledge looking down and it was a lot of hands around on it but
25 it looked like it was a small gun.

26 Q Did you see the suspect; did you get a good look at
him?

1 Q Would you know him if you saw him again?

2 A Possibly, but I wouldn't want to say definitely, but
3 all I know is that he was dark complected, Caucasian I presume,
4 with dark hair, kind of curly and thick, and he was wearing
5 what seemed to be the regular, you know; not dress clothes.

6 Q Casual clothes?

7 A Casual, yes, uh huh.

8 Q Was he a big guy or little guy or could you tell?

9 A He wasn't a big guy. He looked like he might have
10 been about maybe 5'4 or 5'5".

11 Q Uh hum. Did you see anybody else around there, give
12 you the idea there might be anybody else involved in this
13 thing? Did he seem to have any friends in that area at all
14 that you are aware of?

15 A When I saw him he was just standing there somewhat
16 like this?

17 Q Uh hum.

18 A And then as the Senator and the rest of the people
19 that were following and all the people on the side, approached,
20 there were two guards like in front of him and he reached over
21 them --

22 Q Uh hum.

23 A -- but now whether they were with him or not I don't
24 know.

25 Q You didn't get any indication that they were?

26 A No.

1 Q But they may have been. Did they leave right away
2 or do you know; do you remember?

3 A I don't know what happened because then --.

4 Q I can understand that.

5 A I really don't know what happened from then.

6 Q Can you think of anything else you can tell us now?

7 A I can't really think of anything pertinent I don't s
8 suppose except that well, it appeared to to me, no, maybe
9 they were security officers, but it just didn't seem like he
10 had any protection, you know, it was just like he was there
11 by himself, you know.

12 Q Uh hum.

13 A Other than the press and just spectators, you know.

14 Q Uh hum. Well, I don't know myself.

15 We thank you very much and are sorry you had to wait
16 so long to be interviewed.

17 Do you have your car here?

18 A No, my car was over at --

19 Q Well, we have a bus going over there now and it will
20 be back very soon and as soon as it gets back we'll run you
21 over there.

22 A Oh gosh. Now what would be the repercussions of
23 this? Would I have to be called in any more about this?

24 Q Well, we'll contact you by telephone if we want to
25 talk to you any more.

26 A Uh hum.

1 Q If we need to talk to you in person we'll make
2 arrangements ahead of time.

3 A Uh hum. But I hope that there won't be any publicity
4 or anything like that about it because --

5 Q I think there will be a lot of publicity about the
6 incident.

7 A Yes, the incident, but I mean me personally.

8 Q Well, I don't see --

9 A Because I don't --

10 Q We are not the investigating officers. We are only
11 interviewing, and it's up to them whether they use you as a
12 witness or not.

13 A I see.

14 Q So if you don't hear from them chances are they
15 won't be using you as a witness, but that's up to them.

16 A Okay.

17 Q Okay.

18 A So the bus just left already?

19 BY SGT. MCGANN:

20 Q It apparently did. If you missed it it will be
21 back shortly. It won't take long to run out there and back.

22 BY SGT. CALKINS:

23 Q You can make a phone call if you want to, if it will
24 do you any good.

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STATEMENT OF RUTLEDGE, Queen E.
6211 7th Ave.
L.A.
750-2826

DATE 6-5-68

Heard only 3 shots, saw object in hand, cannot I.D. gun or
suspect for sure Male Cauc, dark complexion, thick hair, casual
clothes. 5/4/5.

INTERVIEWS - JUNE 8, 1968

KENNEDY SHOOTING

DR 68 521 466
Rathburn #11790
Phillips #12167

RYAN, William Ernest
463 S. Hartford Ave. #210
No home phone - Bus. PH: 687 6174

Officers went to Mr. Ryan's apartment at approximately 6:45 p.m.
on 6-8-68 -but no one answered the door.

Officers returned at 10 p.m. and were able to interview Mr. Ryan. He stated that his step-daughter, Eileen Murphy, AKA Myleenie Kaye, did not live with him. He stated that she was staying at Vacation Village in San Diego where she was working as an entertainer. He stated that she has been working there for about 6 or 8 weeks but that she sometimes returns to Los Angeles on Monday, which is her day off, to visit her mother, Mrs. Gladys Ryan.

Mr. Ryan stated that, prior to her going to San Diego, she had been dating an Arab named Adel. He said that Adel was a musician who played some type of Egyptian instrument. He also stated that he did not know Adel's last name but that he knew that Adel's mother and brothers lived in Pasadena and that he had visited the family there once with Adel.

Mr. Ryan describes Eileen Murphy as : F/Cauc, 22/23, 5-2/3, 115/120, with long very dark hair.

He describes Adel as: Male/Arab, 5-5/6, med. to stocky build, dark complex. Mr. Ryan also states that Eileen Murphy has a sister named Diane Murphy, AKA Cynthia Norman, who is an entertainer currently working somewhere in New York. She is described as F/Cauc, 25/26, 5-5, med. build with short brown hair.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

DATE: 11/13/68

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

SUBJECT: KENSALT

RE: MICHAEL ANTHONY SACCOMAN

On 11/12/68, Detective Sergeant ROBERT ROBINSON, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), SUS Unit, made available a copy of a three-page interview with MICHAEL ANTHONY SACCOMAN which was conducted by personnel of the LAPD on 7/2/68.

Attached hereto is the above described copy of interview number I-1080.

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INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Saccoman, Michael Anthony DATE/TIME 7-2-68 4:30 PMSEX M RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-10 WT 140 DOB [REDACTED]RESIDENCE ADDRESS 164 Poinsetta, Monrovia PHONE 358-0516BUSINESS ADDRESS 2724 S. Peck Rd., Monrovia PHONE 446-7181INFORMATION: (WHO,WHAT,WHEN,WHERE,WHY & HOW)

Interviewed at his residence. Stated that he went to the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, 4001 Fish Canyon Rd. on 6-4-68, and that he was there between 2:20 PM and 3:15 PM. HE parked south of the repair shack. He fired from position 6 or 7. He pulled his own targets. Everyone on the range was setting up their own targets. He had a 22 cal. Ruger single six.

There were two other people shooting on the range.

On target #21/24

"Jim" M C 26/27 5-10 170 Heavy Build Long Brn hair, wearing green ear projectors. Unknown dress. Gun Ruger Automatic 22 cal. Jim has been id. as James Thornbrugh (I-977), 15845 Harvest Moon, LaPuente, phone # 330-3704 (M C 2-5-42 5-11 215 Brn Brn) see interview.

The P/R and "Jim" discussed their guns with each other. P/R met "Jim" at the Civil Defense Training Center in Eaton Canyon & several days later we both had new guns & were having trouble with them.

On target #14/20

Was individual identified as Sirhan Sirhan by P/R - Described as follows by P/R:

Sirhan - M, Poss Mex 21/22 5-4/5 120/125 Thin Blk wavy hair, combed back - sorta dark complex. like Mex.

The P/R examined the photos shown him by officer and stated that the individual he obs at range was the same person as picture of Sirhan he picked out.

P/R stated that Sirhan Sirhan & "Jim" were at the range when he arrived and that they were there when he left.

~~P/R stated that Sirhan "came over and started talking to me. He said, "That is a pretty nice gun you have there. Sort of heavy. Can I see it?" I let him see it and asked him if he wanted to try it, and he shot it a couple of times. His were the two best shots in my target. (Con't)~~

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

S/C. B. Thompson

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

APPROVED BY:

S/Lt. Pena

I gave my target to the Chief of Police of Arcadia. Then I went over to Sirhan's position and I fired his gun a couple times. I put it down because I didn't want it to blow up in my hand."

Gun- The gun was a cheap model 22 cal. with a short barrell. Only a couple blued spots on its barrell & cylinder the rest painted black. It had black plastic grips.

"When he was shooting my gun he was bench resting it and he burnt his finger. I don't remember which finger or on which hand. I don't know if it was very bad or not."

P/R stated that Sirhan brought him over some bullets. They were "mini mags". Hollow points extremely high volicity. He fired P/R's gun and aimed at the wood on the target. He wanted to see how big a hole they would make.

P/R asked him why he was shooting hollow points on a range and Sirhan stated that they were all he had. P/R thought that was strange because he had several boxes of Cheaper amo. Hi Standard & some other real cheap stuff. Sirhan stated that he bought his amunition at Lock Stock and Barrell on Rosemead Blvd. below Huntington Drive.

Sirhan said that he paid \$40 for his gun and that he bought it from a friend. He said that he was thinking of trading the gun off for one like the P/R's.

Sirhan & P/R talked about hunting. P/R told Sirhan that he would have a pretty hard time hunting with a 22 pistol. There is not much he could kill with one legally, and Saccoman said you couldn't very well kill them. Sirhan said, "Well, this can kill a dog." And then he changed the subject. P/R asked him where he learned to shoot so well. Sirhan said he had only been shooting for a couple months and that he learned up North.

Sirhan would shoot and then fling his empty casings on the range.

Sirhan would bench rest his gun & fire from a crouch. He fired rapid fire. He only fired slow to check his gun.

Sirhan's target was shot up with at least 100 rounds. He seemed extremely nervous about checking his target. He taped target once.

Sirhan told P/R that he lived in Pasadena and said that the Civil Defense Training Center was over by his house. After P/R told him that that range was cheaper than the S.G.V. Gun Club.

On 7-3-68, 12:15 PM ofc picked up 502 bullet casings from P/R. P/R had stated that he believed that he might have picked up one of Sirhan's casings while at the range. Had casings checked out with S.I.D. None of them were fired from Sirhan's gun.

Items (casings) booked Evidence Pursuant to Lt. Pena's instructions.
Item #121 on Evidence Report.

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SCCOMAN

Stephen Sarkon

James
Shwinburg

CONTROL
TOWER

STORAGE
SHACK

PISTOL RANGE

REPAIR SHACK

RIFLE RANGE

PARKING AREA

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB 4001 FISH CANYON RD. LUARTE, CALIF.

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RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

INTERVIEWS - JUNE 5, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68-521 466

12:15 A.M. OCC.

INTERVIEW OF MIKE SOCCOMAN

6-5-68 7:15 P.M. (T.D. Brown #7032, AVI)

Interviewed Mike Soccoman, 164 Pointsettia, Monrovia, ph. 358-0516.

He stated he went to the Fish Canyon firing range at Monrovia at 2:15 PM 6-4-68. A mug shot of the susp, Sirhan Sirhan was shown to Mr. Soccoman and he said it was positively the same person he met at the range. The susp fired his gun and he in turn fired the susps gun which he described as a 2 1/2" dull blue 22 revolver with black plastic grips. This person also had many boxes of cheap ammo and a box of hollowpoints 22 long rifle. He said the gun looked like a piece of junk.

The person ID'd said he had purchased the revolver for \$40 and had been practicing with it for four months up north. He said susp was a good shot and had knocked almost all the bulls eye out of his target when Soccoman arrived at the range. The susp said he was going to use the gun to go hunting and stated it could kill a dog. Although there was another person there was another person firing on the range with Soccoman and the susp, he seemed to be there alone. When Soccoman left the range at 3PM the susp was still there. He didn't pay any attention to cars there, except he remembered seeing an old model Chevrolet.

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INTERVIEW - CONTINUED

RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

Kennedy Shooting - June 5, 1968 12:15 a.m. OCC. Dr. 68-521 466

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T. L. Brown #7032, AVI

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RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

I-44A

INTERVIEW - JUNE 6, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68-521-466

SALAZAR, MARIO - 740 Madera Street, Pasadena 10:30 pm

Received info that above subject had told a co-worker that he had been at suspect Sirhan's house and that further he could identify the girl in the Polka dot dress.

Interviewed Salazar at his home.

Subject lives 1 block from the home of suspect Sirhan. Subject claims that on June 5, he was curious about where suspect Sirhan lived and went to look at the house. On June 6, subject told co-workers that he had seen the house. - subject claims that he said nothing more. Subject could not identify any of the mugs attached. Subject states that he has never seen or even heard of Sirhan - prior to the newspaper coverage or the Kennedy incident.

Subject Salazar is an immigrant from Columbia. A.A. he lives in the home at 740 Madera with his wife. Works at Maga Mill Products, 10533 Sessler, South Gate Phone Sp 34224. Has no record no wants LAPD. Salazar - pers infor- M-Lat- DOB- [REDACTED] - 5-6 - 160 - Blk Brn - Cal. Op. - *-117077 - U.S. Immigration [REDACTED]

Mario Salazar M-L- [REDACTED] 30- 5-4 Brn-Brn.

740 Madera Street Pasaddena M Columbia, [REDACTED], 5-6, 160, Blk, Brn
F117077 Grn Card Reg [REDACTED]

11318 Ben Field, Norwalk 863-6805 DAM 203 HPF 150

Bob Couse Night Manager

Mike Hope 4316 Imperial

Ofcr Garbor of Lynwood P.D. phoned states he rec'd info from a Mike Hope 4324 Imperial, Lynwood sho states he works W/ a Mario Salazar at Maga Mill Products, 10533 Sessler South Gate in Mfg. Dept.

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RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

INTERVIEWS - CONTINUED

SP 34224. Mario states he was at susp. Sirhan house and believes he can identify the girl in Polka dot dress.

Lt. A. S. Hegge

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FILE # I-162

PERSON INTERVIEWED: SALINGER, PIERRE DATE/TIME _____

SEX _____ RACE _____ HAIR _____ EYES _____ HT _____ WT _____ DOB _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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

Unable to locate for interview. Probably in Europe now.

1m/4-23-69

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

APPROVED BY: 

RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

INTERVIEWS - JUNE 6, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68 521 466

Interview of STEVEN SMITH, Beverly Hills Hotel, 950 5th Ave.,
New York City.

Went off back way, heard commotion, but didn't see shooting or
susp or gun.

Interview of EDWIN O. GUTHMAN, 1436 N. Capri, Pacific Palisades.
Upstairs on 5th floor. Didn't see anything.

Interview of DAVID HACKETT, 4815 Jamestown Rd., Wash. D.C.
Downstairs from Ambassador Rm, didn't see anything.

Interview of PIERRE SALINGER in press booth ✓

Didn't see anything:

Rafer Johnson

Rosie Greer

Bill Barry - Senator's bodyguard - taped

Fred Dalton - TV Secretary (taped)

Dick Tuck - Press Ass't - taped

Frank Mankawitze - taped

Jesse Unrue

... A ...

Sgt. D. D. Varney #10833 D.H.Q.

Kennedy Shooting

DR 68 521 466

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Interview of Dick Diagne - Kennedy Staff

Heard noise. I was in press room. Went in and saw them holding the susp. Heard shots, but unable to tell how many holding susp on table. Looked at him, "may" be able to ID.

Interview of FRED DUTTON - Security

Saw the scuffle. Didn't see the shooting. I was walking 5 to 8 ft behind the Senator. Had walked route prior - less than 5 minutes prior. Got trapped in the crowd and were unable to stay with the senator. The walk route was changed at the last minute, so the susp shouldn't have known what way we were going.

Interview of BILL BARRY

Heard shots. Took gun away from susp. Gave him to Greer.

Interview of JAMES MUNDELL - 4936 Loughboro Rd., N.W., Wash., D.C.

Ph: 362-8483.

- Senator Kennedy Campaign Party

I was in the main ballroom when it happened. The Senator had left and I heard a commotion at the other end of the ballroom - someone said there's a fight going on over there. Then someone said Kennedy been shot. I did not see who shot the Senator. I did not hear the shots at all. (Sgt. R.O. Beauchaine DHQ RB 7499.)

Interviews -- June 6, 1968

Kennedy Shooting DR 68-521-466

Sams, Jodie (NMN) (52)
 187 East 36th Place #6 L.A.
 Ph# 2323753

Interview of: Jodie Sams

Location: Ambassador Hotel

Date/Time: 6-6-68 4 p.m.

"On June 3rd at approximately 9 p.m. I was working the conveyor belt, placing dirty dishes on it, when I heard someone say, 'Hey partner how do you get out of here?' I turned around and saw a male latin/Mexican about his mid-twenties, maybe 5'7" or so. He looked like he weighed about 160 pounds, he had bushy, uncombed hair and was wearing dirty ea clothes, if I recall he had on Brown jacket and gray pants. I went over to him and I told him if he was an employee he could go out the back door, or if he was a guest he could go out the Wilshire Blvd. exit, through the lobby. The person then stated, 'I'm going through this ay.' and left through the lobby."

"Wednesday afternoon I was watching T.V. and when I saw a T.V. picture of the man who shot Kennedy, I noticed that he looked an awful lot like the guy who asked me for directions from the building."

"I couldn't say for sure that they are the same persons unless I look at the upper front teeth of the person who was arrested. I just got a new set of teeth and here lately when I talk to someone I notice their teeth first thing. The guy who ask me for directions had bad upper teeth and I'd recognize him if I saw him again."

"Oh, yeah the guy I talked to acted funny like he was drunk, he couldn't walk good."

/s/ Jodie Sams

(J.J. Finn 12422)
(D. Warren 11266)
(Metro)

Mr. Sams called approximately 10:30 a.m. 6-7-68 and stated that after above ofcs. had completed their investigation and left, he remembered that approx. 10 min. prior to suspect asking him directions, he (Sams) had observed suspect walking down-stairs from the area of the kitchen and entrance to the ballroom.

M.A. Kilpatrick 11137
Metro

6/5/68 1 p.m.

Received call from Mrs. Iris Sams an employee of Ambassador Hotel (lobby maid) she states her estranged husband, Jodie Sams who is also employed at the Ambassador, as a Kitchen steward, in the area where shooting occurred, told her that he had observed suspect in this same area last Monday night 6-3-68.

Mrs. Sams lives at 178 East 36th Street 2320952

Wit. Mr. Sams lives on 36th Place 2nd buldg. from barber shop in Apt#6 phone 232-3753.

Note-- Mrs. Sams requests that under no circumstances to let her husband know she repeated his story.

This is Mr. Sams D/O

but R/P is at work now.

P.B. Le Page

SANDHOUSE, RALPH
3005 1/2 Bagley, 838-1537

6-7-68 9am

Officer Grogin was out to see Mr. Sandhouse and he gave officers photos. He now suggests if more photos wanted, an addition should be put in L. A. and New York Times requesting photos from people who attended rallie at Hollywood Bowl last June.

Gilpin

KENNEDY SHOOTING - [REDACTED], 1968

12: [REDACTED] OCC. DR 68 521 466

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FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION - V-2 SCHRADER, PAUL

Central Receiving Hospital records indicate Paul Schrade to have been admitted at 12:45 A.M. and discharged at 1:27 A.M. on June 5, 1968. He was also a victim of the shooting which occurred at the Ambassador Hotel. Mr. Schrade was treated for a bullet wound - vertex-supj. Neuro neg VS OK. AP & co-operative. No extra cranial injury apparent.

Treatment received ZAT C&D Dextrose 6% IV - 2 bottles. LMD Hosp Stat X-Ray skull etc.

Condition on discharge listed as satisfactory by Dr. Bazilauskas.

M. Carlon of Kaiser Permanente, 4867 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, the Hospital where victim Schrade is recuperating, stated that their records show that Schrade was admitted at approximately 2:15 A.M. this date from a Schaeffer Ambulance in the company of Dr. Bernard Arias. Mr. Schrade's Physician of record at the time of interview was Dr. Kasper Fuchs Neuro Surgeon of the Kaiser Hospital Staff. Mr. Schrade's condition was listed as satisfactory, yet he was still in the intensive care unit. It was the considered opinion of Nurse Carlon, based upon the chart of victim Schrade and the communications which she had with Dr. Fuchs that the appearance by victim Schrade at a hearing scheduled for Friday June 7th would be highly unlikely. Victim Schrade was not available for interview at the time of this interview with Nurse Carlon.

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FILE # I-1183

PERSON INTERVIEWED: SAYEGH, Anwar DATE/TIME 7-10-68/11:00AM

SEX _____ RACE _____ HAIR _____ EYES _____ HT _____ WT _____ DOB _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 2497 Ridgway Pl., San Marino PHONE _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE 793-0768

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

On above date & time, reporting officers had a conversation with the above person at Pasadena City College. He stated that approximately two to three weeks before the Kennedy shooting, he was introduced ; to Sirhans at the PCC Cafeteria. He does not remember who introduced them/

On the 4th of June, 1968 at 6:35 p.m. Sayegh was sitting at the cafe--teria PCC. There were several other people with him at the table. At approximately 6:40 p.m. Sirhan came into the cafeteria & approached the table. Sirhan was with an Indian ; by the name of Mistri, Sayegh & Sirhan discussed religion for a few minutes, & Sirhan stated that he was a Catholic. They also discussed about coming over to the U. S. from Arabia. Sayegh stated the only person he could remember at the table during this conversation other than Sirhan & Mistri was an Arabian student by the name of Zaid Madanat.

Sayegh stated he is the past president of the Intern'l Club & he has a lot of friends whom he has met through this club. He stated many of them came & went that night. Sayegh told officers that at 6:50 p.m. he left the cafeteria to go to a 7 o'clock class. Several people left at this time. He stated, in his opinion, Sirhan was not nervous & he seemed normal & very friendly on the above meeting.

A check with CII and LAPD Intel. Div showed no rec. or file on this person. Nothing in file with immigration.

gw 8/13/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/19/68

Lieutenant ROY KEENE, Los Angeles Police Department,
made available the results of an interview with PAUL HERMAN
SCHRADE which is as follows:

*Original Interview attached
to original P.D. 302*

On 7/11/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR./mdm Date dictated 7/12/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

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

SUBJECT: KENSALT

DATE: 8/13/68

Re: BUDD SCHULBERG

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

A copy of that interview is attached hereto.

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<i>A.O. Richards</i>	

INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Schulberg, Budd DATE/TIME 7-18-68 9 PMSEX M RACE C HAIR Gry EYES Blu HT 5-10 WT 200 DOB [REDACTED]RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1666 N. Beverly Dr. PHONE 275-9180BUSINESS ADDRESS 760 N. LaCienega L.A. #69 PHONE OL 5-4410INFORMATION: (WHO,WHAT,WHEN,WHERE,WHY & HOW)

Budd Schulberg was contacted at his home address in person. Budd Schulberg arrived at the Ambassador at approx 7:30 PM. He went directly up to the Embassy Room and went into the Anteroom at the west side of the stage. He stayed in the Anteroom until 8 PM at which time he went to the 5th floor suites. He stayed on the 5th floor and talked to Kennedy briefly. When Budd talked to Kennedy, Kennedy told him to wait in the Press Room (Colonial Room) until he gave his victory speech, and after his speech he would talk to him again in the Press Room. Approx. 5 min. before Kennedy went down stairs to give his speech, Budd went down to the Press Room. Budd stayed in the Press Room and watched Kennedy give his speech on the T.V. After Kennedy gave his speech, Budd continued waiting for Kennedy to come to the Press Room as Kennedy had told him to do while they were on the 5th floor. As Budd was waiting he heard a pop and then a commotion in the kitchen area. Budd went into the kitchen area and saw Sirhan standing and then someone grab Sirhan. The person that grabbed Sirhan wrestled with him and as they wrestled, more shots went off. At this time Geo. Plimpton, Rosie Grier & Rafer Johnson grabbed Sirhan and took the gun away. Budd's view was partially obstructed by a few people in front of him, but was still able to see what was going on. He stated he had a very good look at Sirhan as he was held on the table. Budd stated his impression of Sirhan's clothing was a pair of slacks and a cheap sports shirt. Budd was shown a packet of mugs containing three different mugs of Sirhan. Budd was able to pick the mug of Sirhan taken at the time of the initial booking, but not the other two of Sirhan. Budd also picked the mug of the side profile of Adel Sirhan stating that it also looked something like Sirhan Sirhan. Budd stayed in the kitchen area until after Sirhan & Kennedy had been removed. He then went back up to the 5th floor. Budd is certain that he did not see a F/C wearing a polka dot dress.

Budd stated he had not seen Sirhan prior to the time of the shooting. Budd stayed at the Ambassador until approx. 4 AM 6-5-68. Budd stated that no other agency has talked to him regarding Kennedy's death. Life Magazine did contact Budd attempting to confirm Booker Griffin's statements.

(Con't)

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

S/R. Risen #11663

APPROVED BY:

S/Lt. Higbie

Below list of names are of people he saw at the Ambassador.

Warren Rogers Jr. - I-1021 - 1622 30th St. Wash. D.C. 965-0802

Pete Hamill - I-1337 - Hotel Versailles Mexico City

Booker Griffin - I-875 - C-Interview for Add.

James Breslin - New York Post

Dr. Ross Miller - Mayor of Compton

Stewart Isenberg - State Dept. Wash D.C.

Geraldine Schulberg - Interview made

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LA 56-156
RJL/yfs

RE: VALERIE SCHULTE

On July 19, 1968, Sergeant MIKE NEILSEN, Los Angeles Police Department furnished a copy of an interview with VALERIE SCHULTE conducted on July 9, 1968. The interview is as follows: