

1 strawberry area there.

2 Q And his speech was just generally a campaign
3 type?

4 A His speech was just a campaign speech. Jesse
5 Unruh was in the car, and all the local politicians, and
6 that's the--

7 Q How big a crowd did he have that day? Just a
8 rough estimate.

9 A Oh, I wouldn't say that he had--I--I really am
10 not a very good estimate on crowds. I don't know. I would
11 say that he probably had 10,000 people. It was not in my
12 estimation a large crowd.

13 Q From your experience in traveling with the Senator
14 and so forth, the crowd would be shall we say normal to what
15 a crowd would be for a campaign speech? Anything unusual
16 that struck you as being different?

17 A No, I would say it was not as big. It was a
18 quiet crowd. It was a family crowd.

19 Q How long were you there?

20 A Oh, we were probably there half hour.

21 Q And there again referring to the schedule, did
22 you arrive at the time the schedule showed?

23 A I don't recall, but I would say we never arrived
24 anywhere on time because we were always late. And I would
25 say we were definitely later here, too. The plane always
26 came in an hour or so late.

1 Q You say you remained at the festival for half
2 an hour?

3 A I would say we were there half an hour. Then we
4 went to Disneyland and it was late afternoon. We had tried
5 to get a helicopter to take him from Disneyland to the
6 Ambassador that day, but due to the fog conditions we drove.

7 Q Disneyland was nothing more than just a **

8 A That was--that was a bit of family politicking
9 with the children because there were families there and kids,
10 and I would say that was--and his children with themselves.
11 That was the purpose of Disneyland.

12 Q There again at Disneyland did everything appear
13 just like, shall we say, a normal day out at Disneyland **
14 nothing unusual?

15 A I did not go all around with them myself. I
16 went and got something to eat. And--but as far as I could
17 see, there was no unusual activities.

18 Q Instead of me asking you each and every time if
19 something in your own mind now is all I'm concerned with
20 appeared unusual to you at any time or at any stage, just
21 bring it up no matter how insignificant as long as it was
22 unusual to you, as we go through the whole itinerary there.
23 You stayed at Disneyland approximately how long?

24 A Oh, we were at Disneyland, I would say, a couple
25 of hours.

26 Q Do you have any idea what time that was when you

1 left there?

2 A No, but it was--it was--it started getting--
3 towards dark. I really don't know because I didn't bother
4 to keep time--of time or schedule, but I would say it could
5 very well have been early evening when we left. It was
6 just getting dusk, so it must have been around seven o'clock.
7 I'm not really sure.

8 Q Okay, fine.

9 A Six, seven.

10 Q Then you drove from Disneyland--

11 A Directly to the Ambassador Hotel.

12 Q You arrived at the Ambassador about what time?

13 A Well, it was a lot later than 6 p.m. It was
14 probably--well, it gets dusk--dark now ** that time around,
15 I would say, probably close to eight o'clock, seven o'clock,
16 eight o'clock--I'm really not sure.

17 Q ** let's see, you arrived at the Ambassador at
18 8 p.m.?

19 A Eight p.m.

20 Q Did you leave the family off?

21 A We switched cars en route, and the children were
22 taken to--in another car to the Beverly Hills Hotel, and--

23 Q Did you stop for dinner en route or--

24 A We stopped--no, we stopped out on the highway
25 after we left Disneyland and transferred the children into
26 another car. Now, the only unusual thing there was the

1 driver of that car was not known to--he wasn't one of my
 2 men. Apparently the Senator questioned who he was or didn't
 3 --he didn't care for him in some way or other and had one
 4 of the--my men couldn't be spared because they had their
 5 own cars. This was not one of our cars. It was somebody
 6 elses that was in the parade, and so we had one of the
 7 staff--local staff members--drove the kids to the hotel in
 8 the man's car, and I really don't know what happened to the
 9 man that was driving the car.

10 Q And they stayed at the Beverly--

11 A I think at the Beverly Hills Hotel. And we
 12 proceeded onto the Ambassador.

13 Q Do you remember approximately where the transfer
 14 took place?

15 A Oh, I couldn't recall except it was still in
 16 Orange County. I would say it was ten minutes outside
 17 Disneyland.

18 Q You went out on the Santa Ana Freeway?

19 A We--no, we were not on the freeway, We hadn't
 20 reached the freeway yet. We were going down--well, I don't
 21 know; is it Orangethorpe? It was one of those streets
 22 going to the freeway.

23 Q Would you say between Disneyland and the freeway,
 24 an on ramp.

25 A Somewhere. If I've got the right transfer. We
 26 did it a couple of times during when the children were he'

1 Q Okay, then the transfer took place, and you drove
2 on the Santa Ana Freeway to the Ambassador area? Tell me
3 what occurred when you arrived back at the Ambassador?

4 A Nothing. We dropped them and that was the end
5 of that day.

6 Q Them, you mean Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy?

7 A The whole party.

8 Q Oh, the entire party.

9 A See, we--I wasn't driving them separately. We
10 were in convoy. We had eight cars and three buses and
11 motorcycle escort and a station--a couple of station wagons
12 which were the entourage at all times. Now only on about
13 three occasions did I have one alone, which one will be
14 coming up here shortly.

15 Q You did not remain at the hotel once they
16 departed then?

17 A No. We just dropped them and that was that for
18 the night. I would say we probably didn't get back to the
19 hotel until eight or after as I recall.

20 Q Between 8:00 and 8:30?

21 A I would say after eight. Now whether it was 8:00
22 to 8:30 I couldn't tell. I think it was probably a lot
23 later than that.

24 Q From 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.?

25 A Well, the next morning which was Monday, we
26 obviously, according to this, I don't remember, took him

1 to the airport for San Francisco which is probably exactly
2 what we did. It probably pretty much follows the itinerary
3 except I have a feeling that we--he got up early, and we
4 left earlier than 10:30.

5 Q What airport did you take him to?

6 A I--I--the West Imperial gate of International,
7 I think. Now I'm not really sure. It could have been
8 Burbank. I don't remember we were in and out so many times.

9 Q Who did you pick up that morning? Did Mrs.
10 Kennedy come along?

11 A Yes, I believe she did. It would have been--
12 yes, it was she and her husband and--

13 Q Children?

14 A No children. I never saw the children again
15 until--I don't know that I saw the children again.

16 Q And at this time the staff came along also?

17 A The whole--the whole staff.

18 Q So you drove them to the airport, and of course
19 he boarded the plane and left.

20 A Then we had the arrival in Long Beach. I'm
21 assuming this is correct, and--

22 Q We still on the 3rd now?

23 A We're on the--we're on the 3rd of June. This is
24 correct. We--we went from there, picked them up, and from
25 there went to--

26 Q What time does the itinerary show?

1 A It shows 3 p.m., and I would say that we were
2 running very late there. I would say it was closer to four
3 o'clock.

4 Q And that was at Long Beach then?

5 A At Long Beach. Now it could have been that we--
6 I know that the crowd had been waiting there for us. So if
7 this is the itinerary, we were running late, too.

8 Q Okay.

9 A He made a speech at Lincoln Park to a group.

10 Q You picked him up at the airport and drove to
11 Lincoln Park?

12 A At the Long Beach Airport, we went into Long Beach
13 itself to Lincoln Park and made a usual speech.

14 Q How was the crowd there?

15 A The crowd there was quite--it was a good crowd.
16 It was more than average, made up of a lot of youth and a lot
17 of older people. It was a typical Long Beach gathering,
18 shall we say. There were a few hecklers in the crowd. I--
19 at this point I had been holding his amplifier, and which
20 held his microphone right by him, so I had been on that
21 occasion and several other standings--he was on the hood of
22 the car standing right next to them. So I noticed he was
23 very weary that particular day; and in looking around the
24 crowd, there were a number of hecklers that were heckling
25 him there in Long Beach.

26 Q How long did that speech last?

1 A Well, I don't think we were there--we were there
2 longer than the period here, 20 minutes here at stop; I would
3 say we were there at least a half hour. And from there we
4 proceeded to Central Avenue, and we went through Watts--
5 I guess that was Watts that day. And there was nothing
6 unusual there at all in Watts. The--the crowds were very
7 good. The only unusual incident was one fellow was intoxi-
8 cated, got on the hood of the car, so it made it difficult
9 for us.

10 Q Going through Watts you went through a procession
11 or parade, you might say?

12 A Yes, we went right through. All of us were in
13 procession.

14 Q Did you stop at all in Watts any time?

15 A We stopped on the street to--for a few words.

16 Q This wasn't a prepared type of campaign speech
17 like you had say at the Strawberry Festival?

18 A I would--no, I would say no that it was an off-
19 the-cuff rule five-minute speech to my recollection. These
20 were made often along the route. We would stop the car
21 only because the crowds were so heavy or so pressed against
22 the car that we practically--it was expected that at a
23 large crowd that he wanted to make a speech. He also
24 would stop every time we saw nuns. He would stop and shake
25 hands with the nuns. That was always done. So after going
26 through Watts which for my own observation was much more

1 orderly than we read in Life and L.A. Times and places like
2 that; it was no problem. I didn't see the ghetto myself.
3 I suppose it's there. Then let's see, he had us go into
4 the Venice area. We went to the Venice area.

5 Q That was directly after you left the Watts area?

6 A Directly on the freeway to Venice.

7 Q Do you have any idea what time that was you left
8 the Watts area to go to the Venice area?

9 A Well, we were heading down to Venice in late
10 afternoon, and I would say it was close to five o'clock,
11 six o'clock. The end of the afternoon. It was somewhere--
12 I would say at least probably after five. And what time
13 does it say we were supposed to be there? We were supposed
14 to arrive in Venice at six, so I would say it was probably
15 six instead of five. I know the fog was rolling in, and
16 it was getting cool, so it was late afternoon or early
17 evening; and as we were always running late, it was probably
18 after six.

19 Q Okay.

20 A And it was the same procedure there going through,
21 they--a stop for street side--a few words. Nothing unusual.

22 Q He made his five-minute speech?

23 A I (sic) made a five-minute speech. We had the
24 local--well, the only unusual thing in that particular ride
25 was that somebody had put a small colored girl into the
26 car, and she rode with us all the way to Venice. And finally

1 outside of Venice about, they took her out and put her in
2 another car. I think the Sons of Watts took her back to
3 Watts. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were quite concerned about what
4 the mother--would wonder where her child was **

5 Q The child was put in the car. This was during
6 your--

7 A This was during the motorcade going through
8 Watts when the child was put in the car or fell in. I
9 imagine she was put in, anyway she ended up there. So we
10 stopped--did stop on the road to take her out, and I think
11 we got some hot dogs and soft drinks, beer, for various
12 people around in the cavalcade. So then we continued the
13 motorcade on to the airport, West Imperial, and he departed
14 for Sacramento where I know he was late departing there for
15 his rally. We stayed right there. We went out and had
16 dinner, stayed at the airport and picked him up again that
17 evening.

18 Q What time was it when he caught the flight?

19 A Back?

20 Q No, from International to San Diego?

21 A Well, the itinerary says 7:30, but I would be
22 inclined to say it was closer to eight o'clock or after.

23 Q And then you remained at the airport?

24 A We remained at the airport, and he came back
25 well into midnight. It was very late. As a matter of fact,
26 every time he arrived, he was an hour or so late.

1 Q The itinerary says he was supposed to arrive
2 at--

3 A 11 p.m., but that's--this is much later than 11.

4 Q 12:30?

5 A 12--1 o'clock, somewhere in there.

6 Q From the airport you went to his Malibu location?

7 A So what we had here is--so what we had is he
8 arrived at the airport again from San Diego and was very
9 tired, extremely tired, and I don't think he felt well. I
10 took both he and his wife alone, separately, to the
11 Frankenheimer's house on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu.

12 Q You said you took them alone separately?

13 A Our car was alone. We had no escort. We had no
14 other people.

15 Q But Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were with you?

16 A They were with me, and there was no accompanying
17 people in the car or in convoy with us.

18 Q This decision not to go to the Ambassador but to
19 go to this Malibu location--

20 A I think he wanted to rest. He had been there
21 once before not--not in--he had been at the house once
22 before, but he didn't stay there.

23 Q This was proposed to you then at the time at one
24 o'clock in the morning, shall we say?

25 A Yes. Yes, we were just told that he was going
26 to go to Malibu instead of the Ambassador Hotel. Actually,

1 he wanted to rest and get--and take the following day off.

2 Q So you took him directly from International to
3 Mr. Frankenheimer's home?

4 A Yes.

5 Q There was no dinner stop or anything?

6 A Well, I would say we arrived there close to one
7 o'clock in the morning, I think, on that particular night.
8 I didn't get home until quarter to two or something like
9 that. We were always running late, so if you'd just added
10 an hour or two on there, all the itinerary, you would be a
11 lot closer to it.

12 Q And you left him off there, let's say, between
13 1 and 2 a.m.? On the morning of the 4th?

14 A Brought their bags in, and that was that. Well,
15 on Tuesday, the 4th of June, we--he didn't do anything all
16 day. He stayed out there, and there was a little bit of
17 confusion about picking him up.

18 Q Why do you state that he stayed at the Franken-
19 heimer's all day?

20 A Well, as far as I know he did. He--he personally
21 told me that he slept most of the day.

22 Q This was when you picked him up on the 4th?

23 A Yes, that afternoon or evening, so the only
24 reason I say that is as I had said to him when he came out
25 --we brought three cars out there to pick him up, and he
26 came out and said--he looked--he didn't look well. I didn't

1 think he looked well. He looked sort of flushed, and I said,
2 "Did you have a good night's rest, Senator?" And he said,
3 "Yes," that he had actually slept most of the day. Then Mr.
4 Frankenheimer came out and said, "Well, why don't I take
5 you in my car, we'll go in my car and Mr. Weston can take
6 Mrs. Kennedy" and his wife. So they went off in Mr.
7 Frankenheimer's car.

8 Q Mr. and Mrs. Frankenheimer?

9 A No, no, just Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Dutton, and Mr.
10 Frankenheimer.

11 Q What time was this?

12 A Oh, I would say that was--

13 Q Let me go back with you one second. You mentioned
14 that Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Frankenheimer--this is what time
15 now?

16 A Well, to give you a blow by blow, we were not
17 going to go out to pick them up. One of the staff members
18 had arranged to go out and introduce somebody to the
19 Kennedys and bring the Kennedys in, and we were told not to
20 do it. There were always political staff members trying to
21 get in the front seat or get close to him or have the smile
22 of political fortune placed upon them. So being used to
23 this sort of thing, I just took it with a grain of salt, and
24 we waited; and I checked up and found that Mr. Kennedy was
25 not going to arrive with this individual, that we were
26 to take them and go out and get them. And that's when we

1 proceeded, and I would say it was probably around close to
2 seven o'clock.

3 Q P.M.?

4 A P.M. We had to--it was either six or seven
5 depending on when the rally started, and that hour was a
6 little confusing to me. I think it was closer to seven
7 o'clock, 6:30. About 6:30. We took Mrs. Kennedy's dress
8 out to her. We waited. Mr. Kennedy--Senator Kennedy came
9 out, and he departed with Mr. Frankheimer. And the only
10 unusual thing that I couldn't quite understand and still
11 don't to this day is instead of going south on Pacific
12 Coast Highway to the Santa Monica Freeway and to the
13 Ambassador Hotel, which is the direct route, they went
14 north.

15 Q From Mr. Frankheimer's home, couldn't you go
16 north and hit Malibu Canyon and go over that way?

17 A I suppose you could. To me that was a long way
18 around, and I guess that's what he did. I don't know, but
19 we thought it was very strange; but it is an indirect and
20 longer route I would say.

21 Q In your vehicle you had Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs.
22 Frankheimer?

23 A Then Mrs. Kennedy came out with Mrs. Franken-
24 heimer, and I took them in my car. She was very nervous.
25 We were running a little late. She wanted to get to the
26 Ambassador by 8:15, and I believe it was 8:00. It wasn't

1 8:15, it was 7:15--but whatever it was, we went in in record
2 speed of which I was afraid we were going to get caught.
3 But she said, "Can't you go a little faster?" And I says,
4 "Well, I can go a little faster if you pay the ticket."
5 But we did go in and we didn't get caught, and I guess we
6 must have made it in half an hour from Malibu. And we got
7 there at exactly ten minutes after eight. It wasn't eight,
8 it was seven, but I think it was ten minutes after eight
9 because the proceedings started at 8:15, and that was what
10 she wanted. And I said, "You got five minutes to go." My
11 other two cars took in George Plimpton and the rest of the
12 party that was there at the house.

13 Q Was Mr. Frankenheimer and Mr. Kennedy at the
14 Ambassador when you got there?

15 A They were already at the Ambassador. I believe--
16 I didn't see them. I never saw Mr. Kennedy again until he
17 made his speech.

18 Q After letting the party out?

19 A I let them out, and the other people all went
20 in and upstairs to where I believe there was a dinner, and
21 we then stayed and got passes and so forth and so on, and
22 I just--we ate. And three of us, there were two drivers and
23 myself, and some of the staff were with us, and we just
24 went in and spent the rest of the evening in the room--in
25 the Embassy Room outside and all around waiting until the
26 election was determined and he made his speech. Now I

1 didn't--when he came down into the room, I left.

2 Q Into the Ambassador Room--Embassy Room, I mean?

3 A Yes, I left and went out to line the cars up.
4 There were three of us; and as I usually did, I pulled his
5 car in front of the Ambassador Hotel door. We put the two
6 other ones there, too. Because after his speech, he was
7 going to, I believe, look in on the other room downstairs
8 and then he was going to go to the Factory. That was the
9 word that was passed out to me that a party of approximately
10 30 would be going to the Factory for an after election
11 party. The car had the aerial broken off during one of the
12 trips--I guess it was going through Watts, and--

13 (Break in tape)

14 Q So what were the--where were we? We--oh, yeah,
15 we got the aerial fixed because they wanted to hear the
16 election returns. So I had the door open--I had the radio
17 on so I could hear the speech, basically so I knew when it
18 was over because I knew when he was coming out. If we
19 knew when he was coming out, we would start the cars and
20 try to get people away from the car. So sitting in the
21 seat, I heard somebody say, "Is there a doctor in the
22 house? Get a doctor!" And I thought somebody had fainted;
23 and at that same moment, out came a group of men carrying
24 an individual who looked like he was having an epileptic
25 fit or something like that. I saw no blood. I saw nothing.
26 I thought that that was the situation. They rushed him

1 past and said, "Get a taxi! Get a taxi! Let's get him out
2 of here." So they departed, and I was still sitting there,
3 and I heard on the radio somebody say, "Give the Senator
4 air! Stand back," or "Get the doctor!" And then I realized
5 there was more than just this; and several of the staff
6 members who were with me, because we were all waiting
7 together, and I said, "There's been some sort of an accident
8 inside." And at that point the police arrived. We heard
9 the sirens arriving. Somebody called the police, and so
10 we--and then the ambulance arrived, so we backed the cars
11 up--I backed my car up into the corner between the kitchen
12 door and the front door; and from that point on I guess
13 you know there's nothing I can add as far as I myself is
14 concerned. We--I went over to the ambulance, watched them
15 bring him out. In my estimation he was unconscious, and
16 his wife got in the back seat--in the back of the ambulance
17 with him, and Bill Barry got in the front and off they went,
18 and the rest of the proceedings with people coming out, I
19 couldn't get out myself. We couldn't get the car out, so
20 I sat there for an hour or more watching the whole pro-
21 ceedings.

22 Q You feel it would be of any--

23 A No, the only thing--the only thing that puzzles
24 me unusual the evening of the assassination, before the
25 ambulance came and when the first police arrived, I had
26 just backed up and a group who had--were standing there said

1 to the first officers that arrived, the man ran down to the
2 back of the parking area around the west end of the hotel,
3 under the--under the fenced kitchen area, the back end of
4 the driveway, around that, goes out to 7th or 8th Street,
5 whatever it is, which led me to believe that somebody had
6 run out of the kitchen door that I was near, and had run
7 west along the driveway around into the back of the hotel
8 to the south of the hotel. The police went in that direction
9 as far as I could see. By this time there was so many
10 people gathering I never did see how it ended, but this was
11 one thing I never heard of or in the paper, or anybody ever
12 mention it again; so I only mention that as something I
13 observed and I never heard anything else about, if there
14 was any other activity.

15 Q You personally didn't see this person they were
16 referring to?

17 A I didn't see anybody come out. There were too
18 many people standing around. We were all standing there,
19 but apparently somebody did, and that he, or they, I forgot
20 which, ran down there and pointed; and the police looked
21 down there, and I believe two of them took off.

22 Q Is this the very first police car that arrived?

23 A Yes, this is the very first group of police
24 that arrived. I had just backed my car up and--and I never
25 heard another thing about that aspect of it. Now shortly
26 after that they brought Sirhan Sirhan out the front door, and

1 I must give them credit, they got him out there in two
2 seconds flat, pushed him in the car, and the crowd started
3 pushing the car, banging on it, and the driver, the policeman,
4 whipped the car out of there faster than you could say go;
5 and then the rest of us--that was the way it was.

6 Q Fine.

7 A We--I would say about four o'clock we were
8 alerted here that we would need cars and drivers for staff
9 and family arriving and so forth and so on.

10 Q You are speaking of four p.m. on June the 5th?

11 A Thereabouts, late afternoon.

12 Q Okay.

13 A And I was here until from all day until approxi-
14 mately eight o'clock that night getting the cars, getting
15 the drivers, dispatching them to the hospital. At about
16 7:30 or seven o'clock I was called--I was ordered to get a
17 hearse. I called Pierce Brothers and ordered the hearse.
18 I questioned the man that ordered the hearse, Peter Smith,
19 and I said, "Well is--is it--did he die? Is it necessary?"
20 And he said if--he didn't say yes, and he didn't say no.
21 He said that it's pretty much over, get the hearse ** so we
22 brought the hearse. They did not want the hearse at the
23 hospital to add to the confusion. So we put the hearse on,
24 I beleive, on 6th and Kingsley--the corner of 6th and
25 Kingsley.

26 Q Now you are still speaking of the night of the

1 5th?

2 A The night of the 5th. I then left to meet the
3 hearse I would say eight--eight to nine o'clock and meet
4 the hearse there at that spot, and we decided the Pierce
5 Brothers Mortuary was as close to the hospital on the south
6 side as we were at that point on the northwest side, so I
7 dispatched the hearse back to Pierce Brothers, and they
8 stayed there on alert to come to the hospital when arranged,

9 Q What location was this particular branch of
10 Pierce Brothers?

11 A Pierce Brothers 720 West Washington Boulevard.
12 The man that I discussed this whole thing with was the vice
13 president named Leo Harris.

14 Q This was where the hearse came from, from where
15 the arrangements were, but you said you parked it?

16 A I parked it--I had them park it at Kingsley and
17 6th Street on the northeast corner.

18 Q At this time the Senator, as far as the general
19 public, was still alive?

20 A Supposedly. Supposedly. I don't know that he
21 was or wasn't. My opinion is that he probably died on the
22 operating table. From what I gathered, but the--there was
23 enough concern about it in the early evening that he was
24 either dead or practically to have that hearse there. Now--

25 Q You mentioned that you spoke to a Peter Smith?

26 A Peter Smith was the advance man working, I

1 believe, under a man named Bruno.

2 Q Jerry Bruno?

3 A Jerry Bruno. Who was the man, I understand,
4 that's writing a book. Jerry Bruno had called me originally
5 in the early evening and asked me to come to the hospital to
6 set up more or less a command post to dispatch the cars,
7 get everything prepared. I didn't go and said I saw no
8 reason for me to go to the hospital and add more confusion.
9 I said I had all my records, all my activities, everything
10 was here in my office, and I could serve them much better
11 by staying right here in my office which I did until about
12 nine o'clock when I went for the hearse. So from that
13 point--

14 Q You went to meet the hearse?

15 A The hearse, yeah, and then I went to the hospital
16 at that point, sent the hearse back to West Washington,
17 proceeded to the hospital where we actually just sat the
18 rest of the night and then at about--we dispatched a few
19 cars to people, then about, oh, I would say two o'clock, we
20 decided there wasn't going to be any more activity--

21 Q Let me stop you at one point. When you said
22 seven o'clock in the morning, you talking about--

23 A Two o'clock.

24 Q Two o'clock. You are talking about June the 6th?

25 A June the 6th, the night he died or the morning
26 he died.

1 Q June the 6th is when---**

2 A Yeah, the following morning after midnight. I
3 would say around two, probably, we all departed.

4 Q Two a.m.?

5 A Somewhere, two or three in the morning. We went
6 back home, and then I got a call--I hadn't been in bed more
7 than a half hour, an hour, I got a call that he had died.

8 Q What time was this about?

9 A This, I would say, was probably around 4:00,
10 4:30 in the morning. When was the announcement made?

11 Q According to Lt. Pena it was about nine o'clock
12 in the morning of the 6th.

13 A But it wasn't made until after breakfast.

14 Q **

15 A Well, at about 4:30 he had ** and we were to get
16 back to the hospital with all the cars and start making the
17 arrangements because the body was going to be taken at eight
18 o'clock in the morning to the airport.

19 Q Who called you **

20 A Well, now I've forgotten. I think it could have
21 been Pete Smith again. He was the one I was in contact with.
22 Or it could have been Murray Richtel who was one of the local
23 boys here that we were dealing with. Murray Richtel and if
24 I recall by either Nagin, Richtel, or Smith, I forget which.
25 And we proceeded back to the hospital, and I asked at the
26 time naturally when I was called about the hearse, and I was

1 advised that somebody--and I don't know who it was--I
2 suspect it could have been Jerry Bruno, knowing his tempera-
3 ment, cancelled our hearse because apparently Mr. Harris had
4 advised the coroners of his--of the pending death of the
5 Senator which is legal, and he asked me about it when I first
6 ordered the hearse and I said that I was told by the Kennedy
7 staff not to divulge who the hearse was waiting for and
8 nothing about it. Well, this isn't exactly legal, and I
9 did tell Mr. Harris because he wasn't going to bring a
10 hearse out for nothing without knowing anything about it
11 and no report to the coroner's office. I said, "It's highly
12 confidential. We do not want anybody advised or knowing
13 about it." I said, "It's for Senator Kennedy, and we do not
14 want you to contact anybody until actually we know that the
15 hearse will be put to use," and apparently they disregarded
16 that, and Harris did call the coroner's office and reported
17 the death prematurely, I assume; and the coroner called the
18 hospital and the--whoever received the call or up on the
19 staff were very irate that the death had been reported out
20 to the public, shall we say, and they cancelled the Pierce
21 Brothers hearse and got another hearse, which was sort of a
22 little temperament situation that was rather prevalent in the
23 Kennedy staff. So, that was the end of Pierce Brothers.

24 Q This was through their own arrangement?

25 A I never saw the hearse until I saw it the next
26 morning leaving loaded with the coffin, I had nothing to

1 do with that hearse, and I don't know who did so that was
2 the end of that. We did not go at eight o'clock, and we sat
3 and waited and waited until we got up to, as you well know,
4 in the afternoon. There was mass confusion. The FBI or the
5 Secret Service took over from us. I was a little disgusted
6 with their--their gruffness, their rudeness. I don't know
7 who it was, whether it was the Police Department or the
8 Secret Service or who, but anyway, whoever came in all of a
9 sudden the body was dead. There was no more fuss to be made.
10 I suppose they were concerned about the lives (sic) of the
11 other members of the family, but those of us who were running
12 the thing, what I considered satisfactorily, and the staff--
13 the Kennedy staff, were all sort of--well, all hell broke
14 loose and nobody seemed to know what was going on any more.
15 The Secret Service cars were then brought in. They were
16 loaded with their drivers, their cars in the--on the south
17 side of the hospital. We had ours on the north side of the
18 hospital with a limousine for the family which we got. The
19 press, the public, everybody, was out on the north side;
20 and even some of the staff didn't know where things were
21 going to happen. The hearse drew up in the south side, and
22 then the L.A. police took over and the motorcycles, and it
23 was just--they went out of the north side, and everybody was
24 waiting on the south side; so we ended up taking the staff,
25 family--I took George Plimpton to the plane, and--

26 Q This was now still on the evening of the--

1 A This was the next day, the parting for the
2 airport.

3 Q Seventh?

4 A The 7th. The morning of the 7th, I'm talking
5 about, and the afternoon of the 7th for the departure. There
6 was nothing unusual other than confusion.

7 Q In the afternoon was when you drove out to the
8 airport with what, members of the staff?

9 A Yes, in the early afternoon after lunch, we all
10 went to the airport; and there was, once again, a lot of
11 confusion about baggage and luggage, and I discovered myself
12 that much of the luggage for certain people, Mrs. Martin
13 Luther King and the Kennedy personal luggage, some of the
14 stuff hadn't even been--wasn't even on the plane. It was
15 sitting in convoy because security of the airport wouldn't
16 let them out on the field. So I got that fixed, and we all
17 proceeded to the plane. Really in the nick of time because
18 about ten minutes later in came the Secret Service cars with
19 the family, and departure was immediate, which was the end
20 of the thing as far as we were concerned.

21 Q What time was this?

22 A I honestly don't know. I would say it must
23 have been around three o'clock in the afternoon. I think
24 I got back to the office here at four; and, therefore, I
25 would say somewhere around three in the middle of the after-
26 noon. I think that covers everything.

1 MR. WESTON: I'm just going to say this is the
2 end of a--an itinerary interview covering the Robert F.
3 Kennedy activities from June 2nd to June 7th. Being inter-
4 viewed by the Los Angeles Police Department on our part in
5 the daily activities.

6 Now, I want to add to this tape the activities con-
7 cerning the payment of the bill. For the record, we have
8 written to the Kennedy for President Committee at 2000 L
9 Street Northwest, Washington D.C., to the attention of
10 Helen Keyes, our various bills covering the period of
11 services rendered. The total bill at this particular time
12 amounts to \$11,715.72. We have to date paid all of the
13 drivers and have a balance due, and payment due, the Hertz
14 Truck Rental Organization of \$592.45. Airport Transport,
15 or rather--yes, Airport Transport, \$2,699.67, and the Hertz
16 Car Corporation, \$2,210.09, or a total still owing and
17 amounts to be paid to these three above of \$5,439.21. We
18 determined that probably our profit in the overall activities
19 of the period would run slightly under a thousand dollars.
20 Probably a lot closer to \$500. The problem we're now con-
21 fronted with is capitalization to carry these particular
22 outstanding bills for Hertz Corporation, Airport Transport,
23 who is a client of ours and has not given us any business
24 since we started owing this amount of money, although we
25 don't feel it has anything to do with it. It possibly
26 could, and Hertz Car Corporation will not wait past the 15th

1 of this month. I have promised payment by the 15th, and
2 therefore will have to either take a loan from the bank or
3 sell stocks to cover these bills. I have contacted the
4 Kennedy for President Committee and will put on tape the
5 recording of a telephone conversation which can also be found
6 in the Kennedy file. The recording went in this fashion:

7 D. W. will be myself. Mr. B, the individual in the
8 Kennedy Headquarters. I'm telephoning Washington. We got
9 a hold of a gentleman who identified himself as Mr. B. This
10 certainly sounded like a fictitious name to me. The conver-
11 sation went as follows:

12 "Mr. B"?

13 "Yes."

14 "I am Mr. Weston of Weston's VIP Service in
15 Los Angeles."

16 "The VIP Service"?

17 "VIP Service in Los Angeles, yes. And
18 we're a little confused out here yesterday
19 when some rumors went around that Mr. Kennedy's
20 estate would be locked up for a year by the
21 probate court."

22 "Mr. B: Well, that's a rumor. We
23 don't see it in the paper."

24 "Mr. W: No, but it was."

25 "Mr. B: That's a rumor."

26 "Mr. W: Going around here. Jerry

1 Bruno, as a matter of fact, stated it."

2 "Mr. B: Jerry did?"

3 "Mr. W: Yeah."

4 "Mr. B: Jerry better clean his nose."

5 "Mr. W: And we have a bill for eleven thousand
6 some odd dollars which I have to get a bank loan
7 to pay these people off. Do you have any idea
8 when it would be paid?"

9 "Mr. B: All the bills were transferred to
10 the New York office."

11 "Mr. W: I see."

12 "Mr. B: And they are being paid."

13 "Mr. W: And they are being paid now? All
14 the correspondence that would have gone to Miss
15 Keyes would be now going to New York?"

16 "Mr. B: Okay."

17 "Mr. W: Thank you."

18 "Mr. B: Goodbye. Goodbye."

19 MR. WESTON: End of that conversation. Since
20 then we have sent correspondence, statements, and I have
21 made a telephone call to Mr. Dick Corbett, C-o-r-b-e-t-t,
22 of 20 hundred Park Avenue, Room 3021, telephone 212 TN
23 7-4900, giving him the total amount due of \$11,715.72. I
24 reached a woman in the office who indicated that she would
25 call me back that afternoon regarding our bill. I am now
26 going to make the telephone conversation or rather the

1 telephone call again, because we have just not received any
2 information or call back. I must pay my bills by the 15th.
3 And therefore, let's see what we can get on the telephone.

4 (Sound of phone ringing)

5 FEMALE VOICE: 6-4900.

6 MR. WESTON: Is Mr. Corbett in?

7 FEMALE VOICE: All right, just a minute.

8 MRS. RIPPS: Mr. Corbett's office.

9 MR. WESTON: Is Mr. Corbett in?

10 MRS. RIPPS: Who's calling him?

11 MR. WESTON: Mr. Weston from Los Angeles.

12 MRS. RIPPS: Weston from Los Angeles? He just
13 stepped out.

14 MR. WESTON: I see. Are you the lady I talked
15 to last week?

16 MRS. RIPPS: I think so.

17 MR. WESTON: Regarding the bill of \$11,000.

18 MRS. RIPPS: Who? Weston?

19 MR. WESTON: The VIP Service.

20 MRS. RIPPS: IP Service?

21 MR. WESTON: The VIP.

22 MRS. RIPPS: Oh, VIP. Yes, that's right.

23 MR. WESTON: You were going to call me back or
24 let me know what the story was.

25 MRS. RIPPS: Well, let me see what I did about
26 it. Just a moment. You said I owed you \$11,750.72? Right?

1 MR. WESTON: Yeah, we have \$11,715.72.

2 MRS. RIPPS: And you were originally the D. M.
3 Weston Service?

4 MR. WESTON: No, it was originally D. M. Weston
5 and Associates.

6 MRS. RIPPS: I found nothing under D. M. Weston,
7 and I found nothing under the VIP, and I found nothing under
8 Weston.

9 MR. WESTON: Did you find something under
10 Weston's VIP Services?

11 MRS. RIPPS: No. Now--

12 MR. WESTON: You have found no bill whatsoever?

13 MRS. RIPPS: Well, here's what happened.

14 California bills, some of them--most of them were kept in
15 California. They were supposed to have been paid in there.
16 Now we have been getting others in here. I don't happen to
17 have yours. Whether yours is in the batch that was sent to
18 California, that may very well be, but I don't have it.
19 See, that's why I looked at my notes. You called me on the
20 6th of September, right?

21 MR. WESTON: Yeah. Well, see, now we have all
22 of the bills were originally sent to the president--Kennedy
23 for President Headquarters, 2000 L--

24 MRS. RIPPS: L, yeah.

25 MR. WESTON: --Washington D.C., Helen Keyes.

26 Are you Helen Keyes?

1 MRS. RIPPS: No, no, but--

2 MR. WESTON: And that--and that took care of that.
3 Then I called Washington to follow it up, and they told me
4 that all bills were going to your address there in New York.

5 MRS. RIPPS: Before I came here.

6 MR. WESTON: So we just sent out two weeks ago
7 addressed to Mr. Corbett to the 200 Park Avenue, Room 3021,
8 our bill under Weston's VIP Services Incorporated.

9 MRS. RIPPS: So it was two weeks ago because I'm
10 here almost a month now.

11 MR. WESTON: Well, it was just two or three
12 weeks ago, and that was sent out to the tune of \$11,000.

13 MRS. RIPPS: I'll have to track that down
14 because I--I have my California file right in front of me
15 here.

16 MR. WESTON: And you see no indication of
17 Weston's VIP Service?

18 MRS. RIPPS: I'll have to track it down. See,
19 this is a large office.

20 MR. WESTON: Because we have sent a lot of bills
21 in, constantly since April.

22 MRS. RIPPS: Yeah, because I know I had your
23 telephone number, 274-9228. I have all the information.
24 That's why I put it back in the file because I couldn't track
25 them--I got waylaid on something else. And I never did get
26 back to it.

1 MR. WESTON: Uh huh, well--

2 MRS. RIPPS: ** comes in in the morning.

3 MR. WESTON: Well, what do I do now because I
4 explained to you before what I have to do is Hertz Corpora-
5 tion is calling me from New York. I owe \$11,000, and I've
6 got to go to a bank and borrow it and pay interest on it.

7 MRS. RIPPS: Now was this a lot of Hertz bills
8 that was--

9 MR. WESTON: Yeah, Hertz and Air Transport
10 buses, station wagons, and drivers.

11 MRS. RIPPS: Because we're paying Hertz, you
12 know.

13 MR. WESTON: I know you're paying Hertz.

14 MRS. RIPPS: Is this something different that
15 was billed to you?

16 MR. WESTON: This is something that they con-
17 tracted with us for.

18 MRS. RIPPS: I see, yeah.

19 MR. WESTON: See, we ran out here in California
20 all of the cars. I personally drove Mr. Kennedy for a
21 month, and I didn't have to do it at \$3 an hour when I
22 charge \$25 an hour for consultation; but I own the company
23 and they asked me if I would do that, and so I did. And
24 we've had eight and nine cars every day that he was here,
25 three buses from Air Transport. We have had trucks for the
26 luggage, and station wagons, and that was our job. I have

1 a signed contract here for that purpose. And I just extended
2 the credit to them. We took care of it. They didn't have
3 to bother at all.

4 MRS. RIPPS: I see.

5 MR. WESTON: Now we'd contracted with Hertz to
6 supply the cars at a minute's notice right up until the
7 time we departed on the 7th of June.

8 MRS. RIPPS: Well, I'm going to have to track
9 that down because--

10 MR. WESTON: Now my concern is if nobody is
11 going to admit to this thing, I'm calling my lawyer and
12 starting a law suit immediately.

13 MRS. RIPPS: I see.

14 MR. WESTON: Because I can't afford this.

15 MRS. RIPPS: Well, if you start a law suit it
16 will take you longer to get it, but if--

17 MR. WESTON: Well, I got to get my money. I
18 can't live on love, and I'm a ** and I wasn't even a
19 Democrat. How do you like that?

20 MRS. RIPPS: I think it's being very gracious.

21 MR. WESTON: That was being gracious?

22 MRS. RIPPS: I should say. Well, now, I'll have
23 to track it down. I have one more bundle of mail that
24 hasn't been opened yet. Now it may be in that one bundle.

25 MR. WESTON: Uh huh.

26 MRS. RIPPS: I thought I had everything opened.

1 Don't forget these came from all over the United States.

2 MR. WESTON: Oh, I know you have a problem.

3 MRS. RIPPS: It's just a matter of--see, I did
4 take all the information down. I typed it up and I put it
5 back.

6 MR. WESTON: Well, let me ask this. I've told
7 the other people because we've been ** up until April that
8 we would pay them by the 15th. Now I've got to do that
9 in order to keep my good standing up with the Hertz Corpora-
10 tion, as we have a National Credit Card with them.

11 MRS. RIPPS: ** I know he's out of the office,
12 but now he may come back after I'm gone, or I'll see him in
13 the morning, and I'll have Mr. Corbett call you.

14 MR. WESTON: Yeah, I would appreciate it because
15 if there's going to be some fuss over these bills, and you
16 know I can't afford it, you know, it'll break me.

17 MRS. RIPPS: Well, I'll tell him that you're--
18 I'll tell him the whole story.

19 MR. WESTON: He knows, somebody knows, what we
20 did out here.

21 MRS. RIPPS: I'll tell him how gracious you are.

22 MR. WESTON: Yeah.

23 MRS. RIPPS: Okay.

24 MR. WESTON: I was even going to vote for him,
25 too, and I was a Republican. How do you like that?

26 MRS. RIPPS: That's all right. My husband is a

1 Republican, too.

2 MR. WESTON: All right, you know how it is. Well
3 let me do this. I will send you in tonight's mail another
4 copy. Now if I can have your name, I'll send it.

5 MRS. RIPPS: ** Lillian Ripps. R as in Richard,
6 I, double P as in Peter, S as in Stanley.

7 MR. WESTON: R-i-p-p

8 MRS. RIPPS: S.

9 MR. WESTON: S. Lillian?

10 MRS. RIPPS: Yeah.

11 MR. WESTON: All right, now, I tell you just
12 before you go--Marcella? ** Our bookkeeper that just
13 passed through here. Marcella, oh yeah, I've got a girl
14 named Lillian Ripp on the phone here at the Kennedy Head-
15 quarters in New York. Now they claim they have got no bills.
16 They know nothing about it, and didn't you talk to Mr.
17 Corbett? Or somebody?

18 MARCELLA: **

19 MR. WESTON: I'm just going to put you on to
20 my bookkeeper because she was handling it.

21 MRS. RIPPS: Okay, Mr. Weston.

22 MARCELLA: Hello.

23 MRS. RIPPS: Yes.

24 MARCELLA: Is this Miss Ripps?

25 MRS. RIPPS: Yes.

26 MARCELLA: Now we sent out several statements.

1 MRS. RIPPS: For the D. M. Weston?

2 MARCELLA: Yes, Weston VIP Services. Now first
3 we sent some to Chicago--to Washington--I forget the name.

4 MRS. RIPPS: I think it was Miss Keyes, Evelyn
5 Keyes.

6 MARCELLA: That is right. We sent it to her
7 attention. Then we were told they were all forwarded to
8 New York and then we also sent some statements direct to
9 New York.

10 MRS. RIPPS: To Mr. Corbett?

11 MARCELLA: Yes, to Mr. Corbett and then I spoke
12 to a young lady. Oh, I think I called, and I think your
13 secretary was out and I just spoke to the switchboard
14 operator at the time, and then Mr. Weston spoke to the
15 secretary.

16 MRS. RIPPS: Oh, I spoke to Mr. Weston last
17 week.

18 MARCELLA: I see.

19 MRS. RIPPS: I got all this information down,
20 but I haven't been able to put my hands on \$11,000 worth of
21 invoices. No doubt they're in the office.

22 MARCELLA: Oh, now, we had--we sent them.

23 MRS. RIPPS: ** Weston. I looked under VIP.

24 MARCELLA: Uh huh.

25 MRS. RIPPS: And I looked under Weston.

26 MARCELLA: Well, that's strange because we sent

1 so many, you know, statements that we--

2 MRS. RIPPS: I'll have to have Mr. Corbett call
3 Mr. Weston back.

4 MARCELLA: All right, we had about--I don't know,
5 they were, well, there were a few old ones from May. We had
6 them--wasn't condensed. There were about four or five
7 different statements, I think. I just don't remember.

8 MRS. RIPPS: They would be in the same file,
9 though.

10 MARCELLA: Yes, they should all be together.

11 MRS. RIPPS: Yeah. ** I'm processing these in-
12 voices for Mr. Corbett now, but I've only been here three
13 weeks, and so I really haven't seen them, but I'm going to
14 track them down because I have spoke to Mr. Weston, and he
15 has been very patient.

16 MARCELLA: Yes.

17 MRS. RIPPS: We--we'll give it some attention.

18 MARCELLA: All right. Just a moment, please.

19 MRS. RIPPS: Surely.

20 MR. WESTON: No, she gave you kind of the
21 picture, I guess?

22 MRS. RIPPS: **

23 MR. WESTON: The only thing I know, you see we
24 sent out a statement covering all the different things. We
25 had sent itemized statements before. I don't know where
26 these itemized statements have all gone. Our last statement

1 was just a statement covering the services rendered on--I
2 think she put down trucks, cars, and then all of that, a
3 total amount.

4 MRS. RIPPS: And all were in California?

5 MR. WESTON: It's all in Los Angeles.

6 MRS. RIPPS: **

7 MR. WESTON: We only handled Los Angeles.

8 MRS. RIPPS: Yeah.

9 MR. WESTON: Now, are they going to pay us just
10 from that final statement that I will send you another copy
11 of tonight?

12 MRS. RIPPS: Yes, you see we'll--

13 MR. WESTON: Or do I have to go through--

14 MRS. RIPPS: No, no, we'll have to call our
15 contact in California.

16 MR. WESTON: Well, I tell you who engaged us
17 that knows about it is--is Robert Nagin and Murray Richtel.

18 MRS. RIPPS: Well, that wouldn't help me. I
19 don't know them.

20 MR. WESTON: And Peter Smith is the one that
21 signed the contract.

22 MRS. RIPPS: Oh, I believe that you--

23 MR. WESTON: I mean Pete Smith knows all about
24 it.

25 MRS. RIPPS: Well, the thing is that Mr. Corbett,
26 I will tell him, and he has to contact the man that he sent

1 some of the bills to in California.

2 MRS. RIPPS: He will contact that man possibly
3 he has yours, and maybe he will pay you from there.

4 MR. WESTON: Yeah, well, I would appreciate if
5 you could let me know. Have him either call me or send me
6 a letter because I have to make these payments good. We're
7 in one very embarrassing position. Airport Transport, who
8 we contracted for the buses for the press, is also a client
9 of ours. We supply them with hostesses for their buses.
10 Well, naturally we haven't paid them, and they haven't used
11 us since; so you see we're--we're losing a client over this
12 whole thing plus every time I call or we fuss about it, my
13 profit, which was absolutely nothing, is now going into a
14 loss on the whole business. So you know I don't want to
15 spend any more time and money on it.

16 (End of one side of tape)

17 MR. WESTON: Airport Transit, whom we contracted
18 buses for the press is also a client of ours. We supply
19 them with hostesses for our busses. Well, naturally we
20 haven't paid them, and they haven't used us since, so you
21 see--

22 MRS. RIPPS: Losing them.

23 MR. WESTON: Losing a client over this whole thing
24 plus every time I call or we fuss about it, my profit, which
25 was absolutely nothing, is going into a loss on the whole
26 business, so you don't know--I don't want to spend any more

1 time and money on it than I have to.

2 MRS. RIPPS: All right, that's why I'll have
3 him call you.

4 MR. WESTON: All right, I would appreciate it.

5 MRS. RIPPS: All right, Mr. Weston.

6 MR. WESTON: Thank you.

7 MRS. RIPPS: All right.

8 MR. WESTON: Bye.

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FILE # K-86

Informants Name:

K-86

Business Address & Phone:

Tape #
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E. LIVE OAK - ARCADIA 445 3050

Residence & Phone:

2428 SIERRA LEONE WEST COVINA 965 1870

Investigator Receiving Info:

McGowan

Date & Time Received:

6-19-68 1130am

INFORMATION:

STATES SHE WAS AT S.G.V. GUN CLUB AT THE SAME TIME (6-4-68) SIRHAN WAS.

ASSIGNED TO:

McGowan

ACTION TAKEN

- RESULTS:

TAPE # 29217 SIDE (1)

ON 6-20-68 2:45 PM I INTERVIEWED MRS. CLAUDIA WILLIAMS AT HER HOME 2428 SIERRA LEONE, WEST COVINA.

SHE IS EMPLOYED AS A "BAR MAID" BY THE BEERS PATCH BAR LOCATED AT 4373 E LIVE OAK ARCADIA.

HER REGULAR DAY OFF IS TUES. SHE STATES SHE WAS OFF ON TUES 6-4-68. AS WAS HER HUSBAND

RONALD GLEN WILLIAMS (I376) THEY WANTED TO TRY OUT SOME GUNS THEY HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED. COND.

Date/Time Completed:

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Approved By: Lt. Keno By

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MRS Williams had a ⁶⁴ 22 cal High Standard Double Nine ^{REV.} SER. # 1553884 W-104 Blue Steel with Bone grips. Mrs Williams was armed with a 30-30 Carbine 7 shot. Marlin Fire Arms Co. Ser # AC 11147.

~~Both~~ Both Mr & Mrs Williams state they left home around 2³⁰ PM to 3⁰⁰ PM. Mrs Williams states they drove to the garage where they dropped off ~~the~~ their children. The garage sitters name is Margie Thorn 1864 Villa Clara, Rowland Heights, Calif. Mrs. Thorn was contacted & stated the Williams left their children on a Tues (unk exact date) near the time of the Kennedy assassination. They left the children about 2³⁰/3⁰⁰ PM. Mrs Thorn lives about 4 Bks from the Williams ~~the~~ which agrees with time stated by Mrs Williams.

SITTERS

Mrs Williams states ~~she~~ ^{that} after leaving the garage sitters they drove to the Brick Patch Bar where she is employed to ask directions ~~from~~ to the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club. Her boss Mr. Robert White was unable to give (cont.)

To a local market & then

THE EXACT DIRECTIONS. MRS WILLIAMS STATES SHE STOPPED A TEMPLE CITY SPECIALS CAR & WAS GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB. (THE SHERIFF HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED ^{AS YET})

THEY CONTINUED TO THE GUN CLUB & ARRIVED ABOUT 4:00 PM. MR. WHITE VOUCHES THE TIME AS APPROX 4:00 PM WHEN MR & MRS WILLIAMS LEFT HIS BAR.

MR & MRS WILLIAMS HAD A DISCUSSION OVER WHETHER OR NOT TO PAY THE \$2.00 EACH FEE FOR FIRING 1 HR. THE RANGE CLOSES AT ~~5:00~~ 5:00 PM THEREFORE ALLOWING THEM ONLY 1 HR. OF FIRING. BOTH MR & MRS WILLIAMS AGREED THIS COULD HAVE BEEN CONSTRUED AS AN ARGUMENT BY SOMEONE THAT DID NOT KNOW THEM WELL.

THEY DECIDED TO PAY THE FEE. MR. WILLIAMS PAID HIS FEE & WENT TO THE RIFLE RANGE (ADDENDUM) & MRS WILLIAMS WENT TO THE PISTOL RANGE TARGET 210R2 (ADDENDUM) THE RANGE MASTER SET UP HER TARGET ON THE 25 YD. LINE & RETURNED TO THE TOWER (ADDENDUM) SHE DESCRIBES THE RANGE MASTER AS IN CAR NO 5'6 1/2" HEAVY MR. O. BUCKNER (THIS MATCHES THE RANGE MASTER'S DESCRIPTION) W.O.

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SHE SAW ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON ON THE RANGE. THIS OTHER PERSON WAS FIRING ~~AT~~ ABOUT ~~AS~~ HALF WAY DOWN THE RANGE FROM HER ON TARGET (9-10-11-12) (PODDEN OWN).

MRS WILLIAMS IDENTIFIES A PICTURE OF SIRHAN AS BEING THE PERSON SHE SAW FIRING ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TARGETS.

SHE STATED SIRHAN WAS WEARING LT TAN WASH PANTS, NO HAT, UNK UPPER CLOTHING.

MRS WILLIAMS FIRED ABOUT 18 RDS FROM HER WEAPON, BUT DID NOT THINK IT WAS FIRING PROPERLY.

SHE ASKED SIRHAN IF SHE COULD COCK THE GUN (FIRE SINGLE ACTION) & FIRE. SIRHAN LEFT HIS POSITION ON THE LINE & CAME UP TO HER POSITION. HE GAVE ~~HE~~ MRS WILLIAMS SOME INSTRUCTIONS (AS DESCRIBED BY MR. BUCKNER THE RANGE MASTER) SIRHAN SHOWED HER HOW TO LINE UP THE SIGHTS, FRONT & REAR. SIRHAN THEN FIRED ABOUT 18 RDS FROM HER GUN. AFTER FIRING HE STATED "IT'S FIRING A LITTLE TO THE LEFT". SHE FIRED HIS GUN (DESCRIBED AS 2" OVERSIGHT IN ~~THE~~) ABOUT 18 TIMES. CONT

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SHE DESCRIBED THE GUN AS SMALL JUST FITTING HER HAND. SIRHAN WAS FIRING MINNIE MAGS WHICH WERE ABOUT THE SAME ^{SIZE} AS HER LONG RIFLE BULLETS.

SHE STATED SIRHAN WAS A VERY GOOD SHOT, FIRING MOSTLY RAPID FIRE.

AT ABOUT 5:00 PM HER HUSBAND CAME OVER TO HER POSITION ON THE PISTOL RANGE AND HAD A SHORT CONVERSATION WITH SIRHAN. SHORTLY AFTER THAT THE RANGE WARTER CALLED TIME. ~~SHE~~ SHE STATES SIRHAN LEFT THE RANGE ~~AT~~ ABOUT 5 MIN. BEFORE SHE DID & WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN.

MRS WILLIAMS DID NOT SEE ANY ^{ELSE} ONE ON RANGE DURING THE TIME SHE WAS THERE. SIRHAN ASSISTED HER FOR APPROX 20 MIN DURING WHICH TIME THEY TALKED ABOUT FIRING. SIRHAN WAS DESCRIBED AS POLITE.

MRS WILLIAMS, 18 FEM CALIF. 26 DOB 6-8-42 5'2 110 BLD. BRN. BLK HAIR SHOULDER LENGTH, BRN EYES. SHE STATES SHE WAS WEARING A PINK SWEATER, BRN. LEVIS, PINK TENNIS SHOES. (MRS WILLIAMS DID NOT SIGN POSTER)

NORTH

DIRECTION OF FIRE

1 2,3 4,5 6,7 8,9 10,11 12,13 14,15 16,17 18,19 20,21 22,23 24

CONTROL TOWER

STORAGE SHACK

PISTOL RANGE

REPAIR SHACK

RIFLE RANGE

PARKING AREA

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

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

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Person(s) interviewed: Williams, RONALD G. Date: 6-19-68
 NEW HOME ADDRESS PHONE 966 0439 Time: 3:50/PM
 Business Address & Phone 21232 TUDOR, COVINA CALIF PL 31231
JERSEY MAID MILK PRODUCTS 1040 W SLAUSON L.A.
 Residence Address & Phone 2428 SIERRA LEONE WEST COVINA
9651870

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

Mr. Williams was interviewed at his home on 6-19-68 3:00 PM. He stated his wife Mrs. Claudia Williams ^{Y-86} of his wanted to try out some guns they had never fired. Mr. Williams purchased a 30-30 rifle CAROLINE 7 shot SER# AC 11147 Mfg. MARLIN FIRE ARMS CO ON XMAS 1967. His wife received her gun a 22 CAL 6" REV. SER# 1553884 W/104 BLUE STEEL WITH BONE GRIPS MFG High STANDARD NINE (9 shot) XMAS 1966.

Mr. Williams states he & his wife left their home about 2:30/3:00 PM ON 6-4-68 ENROUTE TO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB. NEITHER ONE OF THE WILLIAMS KNEW THE ROUTE TO THE CLUB THEREFORE they were going to stop by Mrs. Williams employee for directions. They dropped their children off at the baby sitters ^{BE} BETWEEN 2:30/3:00 PM.

This has been verified by the baby sitters Mrs. MARGIE THORNO ~~Francis~~. After leaving the baby sitters they stopped by a market. They then proceed to the BRICK PATCH BAR, 4373 E LIVE OAK, ARCADIA.

Mr. ROBERT WHITE, Mrs. Williams employee stated the Williams arrived about 4:00 PM 6-4-68. Cont.

Investigators making interview: M.J. Mc GINN approved by: Lt. Reno
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AFTER FIRING HIS RIFLE FOR APPROX. 30/40 MIN. WILLIAMS RETURNED TO HIS WIFE'S POSITION ON THE ~~RANGE~~ PISTOL RANGE.

UPON ARRIVING AT HER POSITION HE NOTED ONE OTHER PERSON ^{A MALE} ON THE RANGE. HE ~~IS~~ DESCRIBED THE MALE AS ^{SHORT 5'10 130/20'S} ~~WAS~~ ^{WAS} OF DARK HAIR. CASUAL CLOTHES.

~~Sumner~~ WILLIAMS DESCRIBED A MUG OF SIRHAN AS LOOKING VERY MUCH LIKE THE PERSON HE SAW ON THE RANGE.

SIRHAN STOPPED MRS WILLIAMS TARGET POSITION & HAD A SHORT CONVERSATION WITH MR. WILLIAMS. SIRHAN PRODUCED A SMALL CAL. BLUE STEEL REV. 2 1/2 BARREL & STATED "THESE MINNIE MAGS ARE REAL GOOD, YOU SHOULD GET SOME OF THESE." THE MINNIE MAGS WERE ABOUT THE SAME LENGTH AS THE LONG RIFLE 22'S HIS WIFE WAS FIRING.

MR. WILLIAMS DID NOT SEE SIRHAN FIRE.

UPON LEAVING MR. WILLIAMS SAW SIRHAN WALK TOWARDS AN OLD DE SOTO OR DODGE PINK & WHITE IN COLOR.

MR. WILLIAMS DID NOT SEE ANY ONE ELSE ON RANGE WHEN THEY WERE THERE. (CONT)

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MR. Williams is MARE CONC. 6'2
220 PND, BLUE DOB 9-29-41. BORN
IN LOS ANGELES. HAS LIVED IN EL MONTE
AREA ~~FOR~~ FOR PAST 13 YRS.