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REIS SIEMSINTINOFSKI, Waiter, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 5524 Garelock Avenue, Azusa, California, and his home telephone number is 334-8603.

SIEMSINTINOFSKI advised he has been a citizen of the United States since May 1, 1968 and has resided in this country for the past six years. He advised he worked in the Lautrec Restaurant from 11:00 A.M. until 11:30 P.M. on June 4, 1968, and went home immediately after he got off work. He observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated it was not familiar to him. In addition, he stated nothing came to his attention prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY that would be of value in this investigation.

SIEMSINTINOFSKI furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	March 16, 1937
Place of Birth	Navolec, Yugoslavia
Height	5'6"
Weight	165

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JOSE RODOLFO SIERRA, Banquet Houseman, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 3316 San Marino Street, Apartment 300, Los Angeles, California, and has no home telephone number. SIERRA advised he worked from 4:00 P.M., June 4, 1968 until 1:00 A.M., June 5, 1968. During the above hours, he and other banquet housemen were responsible for keeping the Embassy Room clean, thus they were in the Embassy Room until shortly after 1:00 A.M. He did not become aware of the fact that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot until the crowd began shouting and moving out the exits and toward the Embassy Room service pantry. SIERRA observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised it was not familiar to him. Further, he could furnish no information of value in this investigation.

SIERRA furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	January 11, 1945
Place of Birth	Guatemala, City, Guatemala
Height	5'6"
Weight	150
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

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RAMIRO SIFUENTES, Bar Boy, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 311 South Pecan, Los Angeles, California, and his home telephone number is 269-3010. SIFUENTES stated he arrived at work at 4:00 P.M. on June 4, 1968 and did not leave the hotel until 2:00 A.M. on June 5, 1968. He advised he did not see, hear, or have any knowledge of the fact that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would be shot on the morning of June 5, 1968 and, in addition, stated after viewing the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN that he had not observed this individual in the past.

SIFUENTES furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	April 6, 1933
Place of Birth	Chalehihiutes, Zacatecas, Mexico
Height	5'5"
Weight	185
Employee Card No.	2871
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

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MICHAEL SILVERS, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence 1043 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California, residence phone HU 2-0821, advised that he was off on the evening of June 4, 1968.

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

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Miss AGNES ANN SMITH, cashier - checker, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised she worked from 6:30 p.m., June 4, 1968 to until 2:30 a.m., June 5, 1968. On that evening she was situated in the main lobby, directly in front of the Palm Court Cocktail Lounge at a temporary bar. Miss SMITH advised she was never in the Embassy Room or in the main kitchen. During her employment, she heard nothing resembling gunfire.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to SMITH and she advised that the only time she had seen this individual was when the police were removing him following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

The following background information was obtained from interview:

Name	AGNES ANN SMITH
Race	White
Sex	Female
Born	7/25/24 at Kenosha, Wisconsin
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Residence	5959 Cahuenga Boulevard Apartment D North Hollywood, California
Telephone	762-2442

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Mrs. FRANK (EVELYN) SMITH, 1691 West Jefferson Boulevard, was interviewed concerning information she might possess regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She furnished the following information:

She is employed as a relief powder room girl at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. Her duties include replenishing the supply of tissue and other items in the powder rooms of the hotel. In carrying out her duties, she generally moves between the several different powder rooms in the basement and lobby floor of the hotel.

She was on duty until about 11:30 p.m., June 4, 1968. She had intended to stay after working hours so she could listen to and perhaps observe Senator KENNEDY; however, her husband was waiting for her outside the hotel to take her home, so she departed the hotel at 11:30 p.m.

During the evening, several young people asked her where the Senator would deliver his victory address. She told them that it would probably be delivered in the Embassy Room. None of these people was SIRHAN SIRHAN, accused assassin of Senator KENNEDY. Further, she did not overhear any conversations which indicated a plot to assassinate the Senator.

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RALPH STILES SMITH, Waiter, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at this place of employment and advised that he was on duty at approximately 5:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, following which time he went directly home. SMITH's duties were in the Regency Ballroom and he was never in the Embassy Ballroom.

A photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN was displayed to SMITH and he stated that he had never seen this individual in or about the hotel.

The following physical description of SMITH was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	October 31, 1904
Place of birth	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Residence	16350 Leffingwell Road Whittier, California telephone 943-3930

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GEORGE SOLOMONIDES, Manager, Lautrec Restaurant, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 10279 Casanes Avenue, Downey, California, and his home telephone number is 862-8254.

SOLOMONIDES advised he reported for work at about 11:00 AM, June 4, 1968. Shortly after 2:30 PM, same date, as SOLOMONIDES stood at the front entrance of the Lautrec, he observed the following described person:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	28 years
Height	5'6"
Weight	140 pounds
Complexion	Dark olive
Apparel	Light blue three-fourths length shirt or sweater; open in front. Tennis shoes, color unknown. No further apparel observed.

SOLOMONIDES stated the above described person carried some white loose leaf or possibly newspapers under one arm as he wandered around the fountain in front of the Palm Room located in the main lobby. SOLOMONIDES recalled he only observed this individual for about two minutes, for he was then summoned from inside the restaurant. SOLOMONIDES stated he did not observe the above described individual again. He viewed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated it was a close resemblance to the above described person, but could not positively state it was SIRHAN.

SOLOMONIDES advised later on June 4, 1968, at about 10:30 PM, as he stood at the pantry door of the Lautrec Restaurant, the following described individual attempted to walk through the pantry door:

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Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	26 to 27 years
Hair	Blond
Apparel	Beige business suit, white shirt and tie

SOLOMONIDES told this individual that he could not enter the rear door of the restaurant, that he would have to proceed to his destination through the lobby. The above described person smiled, said nothing, then walked out the front entrance. About ten minutes later, this same person again attempted to enter the pantry door, however, SOLOMONIDES again stopped him. As before, no conversation took place, as this person again exited the front door.

SOLOMONIDES stated he did not have any further contact with either of the above described individuals, and he closed the restaurant at about 11:15 PM. SOLOMONIDES immediately went home where he learned of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on television. SOLOMONIDES could furnish no information of value in this investigation and advised the second described person positively was not SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. SOLOMONIDES stated that if the first described individual was SIRHAN, June 4, 1968 was the first time he saw him.

SOLOMONIDES furnished the following information concerning himself:

Birth Data	June 5, 1927 Larnaca, Cyprus
Height	5'6"
Weight	175 pounds

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INOCENSCO HERNANDEZ SOTELLO, Silver Polisher, Date _____
 Steward Department, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boule-
 vard, Los Angeles, California, advised that on June 4, 1968
 he worked from 3:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. He advised that
 during the entire day and evening he remained in the polishing
 room, thus did not observe any persons other than employees
 of the hotel. He stated he had no knowledge of the fact
 that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would be shot until the morning
 of June 5, 1968, when he learned of this fact on the radio,
 since shortly after 11:00 P.M. he went directly home.

SOTELLO furnished the following background infor-
 mation concerning himself:

Date of Birth	December 28, 1907
Place of Birth	Zacateras, Zacateras, Mexico
Height	5'5"
Weight	150
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Residence	2122 Deley Street, Los Angeles
Home Telephone	None

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ROSENDO SOTO, 1420 Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California, advised he was employed as a kitchen laborer at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, from about June 1 to June 8, 1968. He worked the 4:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift.

SOTO advised his regular day off was Tuesday, June 4, 1968, so that he did not work on that day, and was not at the Ambassador Hotel when United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He had no information about the shooting other than what he had seen on television, and did not recognize a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

It is noted ROSENDO SOTO did not speak the English language so that he was interviewed in Spanish through the assistance of the apartment manager, Mrs. SANTILLAN.

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Miss COLLEEN ANN SPINING, Director of Agency and Tour Sales, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised that she began work at the hotel on June 11, 1968 and therefore was never near the hotel on June 4, 1968.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to Miss SPINING, and she advised that she has never seen this individual.

Miss SPINING is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Born	October 29, 1942
	Chickasha, Oklahoma
Residence	401 South Mariposa
	Los Angeles, California
Telephone	(None as yet)

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HERMANN SPLITTER, Waiter, Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, residence address 500 South Catalina Street, Los Angeles, home phone 385-4088 advised that he worked the Coconut Grove from 5 PM, June 4, 1968, until approximately 12 midnight. He advised that as he was in the process of clearing his tables some employees of the Coconut Grove informed him that Senator KENNEDY and others had been shot in the kitchen area which joins the Embassy Room. SPLITTER stated that although he remained in the Coconut Grove after being informed of the shooting, he heard a considerable amount of commotion in the lobby and subsequently saw several women crying hysterically immediately outside the entrance way to the Coconut Grove.

SPLITTER stated that midway through the course of the evening June 4, 1968, he visited the Embassy Room in the hopes of viewing Senator KENNEDY but only learned that the Senator would not make an appearance until approximately 11 PM and returned to the Grove to resume his duties.

SPLITTER stated that after it was learned that the Senator had been shot the assistant maitre d' announced to all of the Coconut Grove staff that they would be detained until such time as the Los Angeles Police Department permitted them to leave. SPLITTER stated that he remained in the Coconut Grove until approximately 2:30 AM, on the morning of June 5, 1968, at which time he was informed that he was free to leave.

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

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FRANCISCUS ANTONIUS STALPERS, Assistant Manager, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, residence 115 Arden Avenue, Glendale, California, telephone 244-2260, advised he arrived for work on June 4, 1968 at about 7:30 p.m. and finally left the hotel at 5:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968. Throughout the evening of June 4, 1968 he patrolled the rooms used by the primary candidates in an attempt to enforce the Fire Department regulations.

STALPERS observed a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised it is not familiar to him. Further he advised nothing came to his attention prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to indicate this event would occur. He stated he first learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot when requested by one of the security guards to call the police because Senator KENNEDY had just been shot inside the Embassy Room service pantry. STALPERS stated he observed Los Angeles Police Department officers remove an individual from the crime scene, however, did not get sufficient observation of him to effect an identification. STALPERS furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of birth	April 26, 1939
Place of birth	Haarlem, Holland
Height	6'2"
Weight	170 pounds
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Alien registration	[REDACTED]
Employment	Employed at Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California for five years

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During the early morning hours of June 14, 1968, APRIL STEVENS, 1307 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, advised that she is currently employed as a telephone operator of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

STEVENS advised that she was on duty at her switchboard during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968 when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel. She advised that at no time did she leave her switchboard and she is unable to furnish any information regarding the shooting. She stated she first learned of the shooting when the calls for the police began to go through her switchboard.

STEVENS was shown photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and she advised that to the best of her knowledge she has never seen SIRHAN.

STEVENS stated she was born April 29, 1951, and her Social Security Number is [REDACTED].

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ALBERT LOUIS STOWERS, 13577 Mercer Street, Pacoima, California, advised as follows:

On the night of June 4, 1968, he was working as a Security Guard at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. His post was at the entrance to the Ambassador Room, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his supporters were having a victory celebration.

At approximately 12:10 a.m. to 12:20 a.m., one of Senator KENNEDY's aides came rushing out of the Ambassador Room shouting "Senator KENNEDY has been shot". He, STOWERS, did not leave his post and was kept busy controlling the crowd.

He does not remember seeing a woman in a polka dot dress nor does he remember having seen the subject, SIRHAN SIRHAN. He did not witness any of the events that transpired in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel.

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On June 11, 1968, GEORGE SUCHANEK advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a cook.

He stated that on June 4, 1968, he worked in the kitchen until 11:00 p.m. and thereafter, went home. He stated that he did not know anything of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY nor had he ever seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He was born on December 24, 1940, in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and resides at 747 South New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California. His Social Security Number is

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On June 11, 1968, NESTOR RAUL SUPERVILLE advised that he was employed as a temporary waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, during the evening of June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, June 5, 1968. He said that he was working in the Embassy Room where Mr. KENNEDY was shot but was in the back of the room at the time of the shooting and did not witness the shooting. He said the place was so crowded that he first was aware of some kind of trouble when he heard the noise and the screams but he did not hear any shots. He said during the evening people had been popping balloons with cigarettes and if he had heard anything at all like a shot he would have assumed that it was a breaking balloon.

He said that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel, was not acquainted with him, and had never heard this name before.

SUPERVILLE furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Home Address	946 North Hudson, Apartment 2, Los Angeles, California
Home Telephone	462-5482
Social Security No.	██████████
California Driver's License	P850951
Birth Data	August 12, 1933, Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

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ELMER SUSSEX, Porter, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he is a resident of 549 Main Street, Los Angeles, California. On the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed, he was working in the basement and only after the commotion started did he find out that the Senator was killed. He was not in the area of the shooting prior to or after the incident and he has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel.

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On June 10, 1968, ELLIS LOFTON SWANSON advised that he is employed as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was on duty during the evening of June 4, 1968, until 2 AM, on June 5, 1968.

SWANSON stated that he works as a waiter in the Palm Room Bar located just off the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel and was not aware of the shooting until ROBERT SALCEDO, Ambassador Hotel Bar Manager, came into the Palm Room at approximately 12:30 AM, June 5, 1968, and told them to close down the bar as Mr. KENNEDY had been shot.

SWANSON stated that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel, did not know him and had never heard the name before.

SWANSON furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Home Address	12784 Rexton Street, Norwalk, California
Clock No.	2891
Home Telephone No.	921-5704
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Birth Data	September 27, 1931, Clay, North Carolina
Length of Employment at Ambassadot Hotel	17 years

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JESSE SWOFFORD, 634 West 54th Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone PL 1-9962, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as a banquet houseman. He furnished the following information:

He was born July 25, 1950 at Shreveport, Louisiana. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED].

On June 4, 1968, he worked at the hotel from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. He remained at the hotel until approximately 1:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. At approximately 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968, he was in the hallway, which is located behind the Embassy Room. His position in the hallway was toward the inside stairway, which leads from the Embassy Room level to the Ambassador Room level.

At about that time he heard several noises, which he thought were balloons exploding. The noises seemed to sound one right after another.

He went to the room where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, but he did not see Senator KENNEDY. He saw a man being held on one of the steam tables in the room and he believes ROOSEVELT GRIER and two other individuals were holding this man on the table. He does not recall whether the man on the table was holding a gun at the time.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that he saw this individual's picture in the newspaper and also observed SIRHAN on television, the day following the shooting. He believes SIRHAN is the same person he observed being held on the steam table.

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ISTVAN SZONYI, known as STEVE, 1022 South Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles, California (no telephone), was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as a banquet houseman. He furnished the following information:

He was born May 5, 1952 in Budapest, Hungary. He is five feet ten inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, and has blond hair. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He was admitted to the United States on February 25, 1957. He has been employed at the Ambassador Hotel since June 1, 1968.

On June 4, 1968, he worked at the hotel from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. He left the hotel sometime between 11:00 p.m. and midnight, June 4, 1968.

He was at home sleeping on June 5, 1968 at approximately 2:00 a.m., when his father woke him and advised him that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and others had been shot at the Ambassador Hotel.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised he had seen this individual's picture in the newspaper and also had observed SIRHAN on television. He stated that prior to seeing SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper, he does not recall ever having seen SIRHAN before.

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On June 12, 1968, LUCIO TAPIA, 1000 West 23rd Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born in Mexico on December 15, 1935, and he is currently employed as a Dishwasher at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

TAPIA stated that he was on duty during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that he was not working on the same floor as the floor on which Senator KENNEDY was shot and he did not see Senator KENNEDY before or after he was shot.

TAPIA was shown three photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and he advised that he had never seen SIRHAN before in his life.

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On June 11, 1968, HENRY TAYLOR, advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a potwasher.

He stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he was in the back of the kitchen and did not see or hear any shots being fired. He stated that he only works two days a week and does not recall of ever having seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He was born June 24, 1907, in West Point, Mississippi, and resides at 3217 Bouaz Street, Los Angeles. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED].

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Mrs. KATHERINE THOMSEN, File Clerk, Sales Department, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised that she worked from 9:00 a.m. to until 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, after which she went home and did not return to the hotel.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to Mrs. THOMSEN and she advised she had never seen this individual in or about the hotel.

Mrs. THOMSEN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Born	August 31, 1925 at Devils Lake, North Dakota
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Residence	813 South Flower Los Angeles, California
Telephone	627-6981

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STANLEY F. TKACZYK, 1204 South Loara Street, Apartment 5, Anaheim, California, advised that he was born on February 5, 1946, at Gardner, Massachusetts, and had Social Security Number [REDACTED], and that he is employed as a Desk Clerk at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. TKACZYK advised that he was at the double doors leading into the corridor from the Embassy Room when he heard what he believed at the time to be balloons bursting. He saw the crowd erupt into shouting and considerable commotion but saw nothing of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and did not see his assassin.

Mr. TKACZYK was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that, to his knowledge, he had never seen this individual in person.

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On June 10, 1968, MAXWELL (NMN) TREBACH, advised he is employed as a Bartender at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was on duty during the evening of June 4, 1968, but left the hotel just before midnight as his shift had ended. Consequently he was not in the hotel at the time of the shooting of Mr. KENNEDY. TREBACH stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he had worked in the Lautrec Bar which is located in the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel.

TREBACH stated that he was first aware of the shooting when he arrived home at approximately 1 AM, June 5, 1968, and turned on his television set and heard the announcement.

He said that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel and the name was not familiar to him.

TREBACH furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Clock No.	2811
Home Address	5636 La Mirada, Hollywood, California, Apartment 207
Home Telephone	HO 4-5853
Date of Birth	September 9, 1906

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JOSEPH TREPIAK, Diswasher, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at 147 South Normandie Street, Apartment 209. On the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed he was in the kitchen and at no time prior to the shooting was he in the area of the incident. He learned of the shooting when the commotion started and remained in the kitchen until the Senator was removed from the hotel. He has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel and is sure he was never an employee.

TREPIAK stated he has been issued Social Security number [REDACTED].

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SAMUEL PERRY TROUT, Security Guard-Back Door, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised he resides at 833 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, and his home telephone number is 665-7728. TROUT stated he was on duty at the hotel from 6:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. on June 4, 1968 and did not return for work until 6:00 A.M. on June 5, 1968. TROUT viewed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, but stated he was not familiar with him. He further advised that nothing came to his attention during the day of June 4, 1968 to indicate Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would be shot.

TROUT furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	May 20, 1908
Place of Birth	Kansas City, Missouri
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Social Security No.	

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On June 11, 1968, ANDREA TZIVELEKI advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a waiter.

He stated that at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968, he was working in the Regency Room of the hotel.

He stated that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN before and had no information concerning the incident.

He was born on December 28, 1915, in Turkey and resides at 218 Kenmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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ALBERT VALDIVIA, 826 Fedora, Los Angeles, California, advised he is employed as a runner and food carrier in the Lautrec Restaurant, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. He works the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift.

VALDIVIA advised he worked his normal shift on June 4, 1968, and went home shortly after 11:00 p.m. He was not a witness to the shooting of United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador that night, and was watching television at his residence when the shooting was announced. VALDIVIA advised he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN other than observing him on television in connection with the shooting.

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LAMBERTO GARCIA VALDIVIA, Kitchen Helper, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised on June 4, 1968, he worked from 3:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. and went directly to his home immediately after he got off work. VALDIVIA stated he has been employed for 12 years at the Ambassador Hotel, and had no knowledge that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would be shot until reading about the killing in the newspaper on June 5, 1968.

VALDIVIA furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	September 17, 1906
Place of Birth	Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
Height	5'5"
Weight	200
Social Security No.	██████████

VALDIVIA viewed a photograph of SIRHAN and stated it was not familiar to him.

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NICOLAS VALENZUELA, 908 South Normandie, Los Angeles, telephone number 387-4835, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a room service waiter. He furnished the following information:

He was born November 25, 1944 at Huanuco, Peru. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He served two years in the United States Army from September 1965 to September 1967 and his Army Serial Number is [REDACTED].

He worked for the hotel for a short period before going into the Army and he has been back at work approximately one week.

On June 4, 1968, he began work at the hotel at approximately 4:30 PM and continued at work at the hotel until approximately 1 AM, June 5, 1968.

At approximately 12:15 AM, on June 5, 1968, he was in the room service section of the hotel. He heard what he thought were two small firecrackers exploding. After a two or three second pause, he heard several other explosions which he assumed were small firecrackers.

Shortly after hearing the explosions, a person (identity not known) said that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He went to the doorway and observed Senator KENNEDY and one other man lying on the floor. There was quite a commotion taking place in the room where Senator KENNEDY was lying.

As he was standing at the door, he was told by his supervisor to get back to work, and he returned to his work area. VALENZUELA stated that he did not observe the man who fired the shots.

He advised that he has seen photographs in the newspapers of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and prior to having seen these photographs of SIRHAN in the newspaper, he does not recall ever having seen this individual. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN.

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Date 6/13/681

On June 11, 1968, PAZ P. VARA advised that she is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, in the employee's cafeteria.

She stated that she worked on the night of June 4, 1968, however, she left the hotel at 10:00 p.m. and went home. She stated that she knew nothing concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

She was born on January 24, 1928, in Mexico, and resides at 974½ South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California. Her Social Security Number is [REDACTED].

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Mrs. ROY VARROW, 430 South Berendo, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

Her husband, ROY VARROW, is the banquet manager of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. They were in the Embassy Room together during Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory speech there around 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968. When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, she and her husband went through the front doors of the Embassy Room and they were headed for KENNEDY's press conference. While they were in the hall in front of the Embassy Room, not too far from the swinging doors that lead to the kitchen, they noticed a big commotion in the kitchen. Her husband then went into the kitchen, but she did not follow him. She stayed in the hall for a short time and then she went over to the coat check room, where she stayed for at least half an hour. At no time did she see anyone running away from the kitchen, nor did she hear anyone running away from the kitchen, nor did she hear anyone say "we" or "I" shot KENNEDY. She was not a witness to the shooting, and she did not hear the shots.

Mrs. VARROW was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and she advised that she had never seen the man.

The following description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	Mrs. ROY VARROW
Sex	Female
Race	White
Birth Data	March 26, 1936
	England
Height	5'5"
Weight	115

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"June 14, 1968
Los Angeles, California

"I, Roy Varrow, banquet manager at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, voluntarily make the following statement to David R. Pender, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I was born on May 20, 1930, at London, England. I have been employed by the Ambassador Hotel for 3 months. I now reside at 430 South Berendo, Los Angeles.

"I was at the Ambassador Hotel from 9:00 AM on June 4, 1968, until approximately 1:00 AM on June 5, 1968. During Senator Kennedy's victory speech in the Embassy Room I was near the front of the stage. When Senator Kennedy finished his speech, I left the Embassy Room through the front door, and I was headed toward the Colonial Room where a press conference was to be held. I was standing in the hall in front of the Embassy Room, near the swinging doors which lead to the kitchen, when I heard 2 or 3 pops in quick succession. At the time I thought these noises were balloons popping. I then heard a commotion in the kitchen and Uno Timonson came out and said something about "shooting". No one else came through the swinging doors while I was there. I went into the kitchen right after Timonson came out of it, and I saw a struggle going on. I jumped on top of the ice machine and I saw that several men had a man pinned against the ice machine. This man's head was on the ice machine, and I was about 6 inches from him. I did not see the man's hands, nor did I see a gun. I have been shown a photograph of Sirhan Sirhan, and the man in

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"this photograph is 99 per cent the same as the man whose head was on the ice machine. I could not say they were 100% identical unless I were to see the man in person.

"I remained on top of the ice machine for several minutes. When I got off the ice machine I remained in the general area until the police came and arrested the man who had been pinned against the ice machine. The man whose head I saw on the ice machine and the man the police arrested were identical.

"I later went to the hospital with the police.

"I have read the 1½ Page Statement and is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Roy Varrow

"Witness: /s/ David R. Pender, Special Agent,
F.B.I., Los Angeles, California, 6/14/68"

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MARY VAUGHN, Maid, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that she is a resident of 1313 West 38th Street, Los Angeles, was at the paymaster's office at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed and was completely shocked at the news. She stated that at no time was she in the area of the shooting and only out of curiosity, tried to see the Senator. She advised that she has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel prior to the shooting and is sure he was never employed in the hotel.

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ARMANDO MARTINEZ VEGA, Bar Boy at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, furnished the following information:

He started work at 6:00 PM on June 4, 1968, and finished at approximately 1:00 AM on June 5, 1968. He is a Bar Boy and, as such, he went to the various bars in the hotel helping out the bartenders. Included in the rooms that he visited were the Embassy Room and the Palm Court. He was in the lobby of the hotel at the time of the shooting. He did not hear the shots, and he saw none of the incidents surrounding the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. VEGA was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and he advised that he had never seen the man.

The following description of VEGA was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ARMANDO MARTINEZ VEGA
Birth Data	June 19, 1943 Managua, Nicaragua
Residence	1291 Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, California
Height	5'5"
Weight	148 pounds
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Length of Employment at the Ambassador Hotel	Two weeks

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VICENTE C. VELASQUEZ, Pot Washer at the Ambassador Hotel, 1010 West 32nd Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born on January 22, 1909, at Colima, Mexico.

VELASQUEZ advised that he is employed on the 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM shift but that he was not working on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, and was not present at the hotel nor did he see the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

VELASQUEZ was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that, to his knowledge, he had never seen this individual in person.

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MARGARET MARY VENABLES, Apartment 10, 3772 Lockland Drive, telephone number 291-5106, advised she is employed as a Night Housekeeper at the Ambassador Hotel. Her office is located in the Linen Room on the Casino Level of the hotel. She takes requests from customers who need linen or maid service. On Monday, June 3, 1968, between 9:30 PM and 9:45 PM, she was sitting at a desk in her office completing paper work. She looked up from her work and she observed two men in the room. The taller of the two men walked past her and peered into the Executive Housekeeper's Office. The shorter man stood facing her and the taller remarked, "We are impressionable young men and we would like to see Mr. Kennedy". She indicated to the men that she did not know where Senator KENNEDY was staying in the hotel and she told the men that they had no business in the area as it was the private property of the hotel.

JULIO (Last Name Unknown)(LNU), who is the Houseman at the hotel, walked into the area at this time. She told JULIO to take the men to security and the men left the Linen Room following JULIO. A short while later, JULIO returned and stated that he had escorted the men down the steps, to the basement area, to the guard located at the time clock area. JULIO stated the men had asked him for a white waiter's jacket so that they could go see Senator KENNEDY.

After talking with JULIO, VENABLES telephoned HANS KORTHOFF, who is the Night Manager of the hotel, and she told him of the incident. KORTHOFF replied that the lobby was full of hippies and they were taking over the place.

VENABLES described the taller man as follows:

Race	White
Height	5'5"
Age	19 to 23 years old
Complexion	Dark

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Hair	Black, curly, long sideburns
Clothing	Wore sport shirt (type sport shirt not recalled), on this shirt was a large KENNEDY button

VENABLES described the smaller man as follows:

Race	White
Height	5' to 5'2"
Age	19 to 23 years old
Hair	Black, straight hair combed back
Complexion	Dark
Clothing	Tan wash trousers, white short sleeved shirt, wore KENNEDY button on shirt over left pocket and sticking out of left shirt pocket was the writing on a piece of paper "attorney"

VENABLES was exhibited three photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and she advised she could not state that he was one of the individuals she observed at the hotel on June 3, 1968. VENABLES did state that the taller individual had hair similar to that of SIRHAN and the length of the sideburns on the taller man was about the same length of those on SIRHAN. She did not recall the man speaking with any accent and, to her knowledge, only JULIO and herself observed these men.

She returned to work on June 6, 1968, after Senator KENNEDY had been shot and she again mentioned to KORTHOFF the fact that the two men had been in her Linen Room on June 3, 1968. KORTHOFF asked her if she had reported this to the police but she informed him that she had only reported the incident to him.

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FLAVIANO VENEGAS-ROMERO, Waiter, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was working in the Room Service Department at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot around 12:15 A.M. on June 5, 1968; however, he heard no shots or observed anything which would be of value in this investigation. He observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised this individual was not familiar to him nor had he heard SIRHAN's name prior to the time he learned SIRHAN was a suspect in the KENNEDY murder.

ROMERO furnished the following information concerning himself:

Date of Birth	October 4, 1924
Place of Birth	Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
Height	5'6"
Weight	160
Social Security No.	██████████
Residence	475 McDonnell Street, Los Angeles
Home Telephone	None

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Mrs. ROSE BERNARDINE WALSH, 314 West Avenue 42, Los Angeles, California, telephone CA 5-1193, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, where she has been employed as a cashier and food checker for the past two years.

Mrs. WALSH advised that her regular shift is from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on the evening of June 4, 1968, she was working as a cashier in the Cave Bar at the hotel and had no knowledge concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until she heard one of the waitresses say that KENNEDY had just been shot. She recalled that this was at approximately 12:30 a.m. or 12:45 a.m. on June 5, 1968, and the bar manager immediately closed the bar. She went upstairs to the room service bar located adjacent to the main kitchen to turn in her money and check out.

She stated that she was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the shooting incident and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was unknown to her. Further, she had never observed anyone resembling SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

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RATN WANTHIVANOND, Front Desk, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he is a resident of 840 Carondelet Street, Apartment 16, Los Angeles, and has been employed at the Ambassador since May 2, 1968. He advised that on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed, he was on the front desk and only when the commotion in the lobby started did he determine that the Senator had been shot. He advised that he was not in the area of the shooting; therefore, could not comment concerning the incidents prior to or after the shooting. He stated that he never saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN around the hotel nor did he notice a female wearing a white dress with polka dots.

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On June 10, 1968, WILLIAM V. WAYNE advised that he is employed at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, as a cook in the coffee shop.

He stated that on June 4, 1968, he had worked from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. He stated that he did not see anything of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY nor had he ever seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

He was born on August 13, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois, and resides at 4611 West Santa Barbara Avenue, Los Angeles, California. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM ARNOLD WILLIAMS, Night Manager, Wilshire Entrance Parking Lot, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his place of employment and advised that he was on duty from approximately 4:30 PM, June 4, 1968, until 7 AM, June 5, 1968. He was in the parking lot the entire time and never in the hotel. A photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was displayed to WILLIAMS and he stated that he had never seen this individual in or about the hotel prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

The following is a physical description obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	██████████ 1924, Benton, Kentucky
Social Security No.	██████████
Residence	4146 Garden Avenue, Los Angeles, California
Telephone No.	NO 4-7494

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1Date 6/17/68

During the early morning hours of June 13, 1968, ORANGE WOMERLY, 1742 Summit, Pasadena, California, advised that he was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 3, 1934, and he is currently employed as a Night Cleaner for the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

WOMERLY stated that he was on duty during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that he was not in the area of the hotel where the shooting took place and he only learned of the shooting through persons milling about in the hotel lobby. He stated that he never saw Senator KENNEDY before or after the shooting.

WOMERLY was shown three photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and he advised that he had never seen SIRHAN before seeing the photographs of SIRHAN in newspapers.

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1Date 6/14/68

On June 10, 1968, Miss CLARA WOODARD advised she is employed as a Switchboard Operator, Switchboard Telephone Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, and was on duty the evening of June 4, 1968. She advised that she had left the hotel before ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot and, consequently, did not witness the shooting and had no information concerning SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

She advised she resides at 4210 South Dalton, Los Angeles, and was born January 18, 1948, at Los Angeles, California. She has Social Security Number [REDACTED]

A photograph of SIRHAN was exhibited and this individual advised she had not seen him before.

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Mrs. DIANE WYNN, Assistant Sales Manager, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised she was present at the hotel from approximately 9:20 a.m. to until 7:15 p.m. on June 4, 1968.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was displayed to WYNN and she advised that she had never seen this individual in or about the hotel.

WYNN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Born	August 6, 1928, At Los Angeles, California
Marital Status	Married
Husband	ARNOLD E. WYNN
Residence	7819 Talbert Apartment 1 Playa Del Rey, California
Telephone	823-1378

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