

1 Q You met him?

2 A No, I was with him all the way and nobody got in
3 between us.

4 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

5 Q Through the kitchen?

6 A No, through the pantry doors.

7 Q Through the pantry doors?

8 A Into what is the kitchen more or less, the start of
9 the kitchen right by the ice machines just where I started
10 to walk by the ice machines which were at the end of the table
11 where these people were standing, and this guy, he was wearing
12 at the time, he had a blue jacket on, powder blue.

13 BY SGT. PACHETT:

14 Q Light blue?

15 A Light blue, and a white shirt and he had blue pants
16 and I believe they had black checks, I'm not sure.

17 Q Would you describe the pants as light or dark?

18 A Light blue, light blue pants.

19 Q If you looked at the pants would you say they were
20 light or dark?

21 A Light.

22 Q All right.

23 A And he was sitting there -- he was in kind of in a
24 funny position, because he was kind of down -- like if he were
25 trying to protect himself from something.

26 Q Sitting where?

1 A He wasn't sitting, he was like in a crouch.

2 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

1 A He wasn't sitting, he was like in a crouch.

2 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

3 Q Crouched?

4 A He was standing, but crouched.

5 BY SGT. PACHETT:

6 Q Kennedy is waling towards him?

7 A Walking towards him. Well, he stopped to shake hands
8 with, I guess it was the dishwasher, and then Martin shook his
9 hand, the same waiter that was taling to me. He was directly
10 across from me at the time.

11 BY MR. HOWARD:

12 Q Is that Martin Polotsky (phonetic)?

13 A Yes sir, and he was directly across from me.

14 BY SGT. PACHETT:

15 Q Now at this particular moment are there still two
16 people between you and the Senator?

17 A No, at this time there are --- Mr. Kennedy, the young
18 man who got shot, the boy, and there was no one in front of me.

19 Q You were on Mr. Kennedy's left side or right?

20 A Right side near the ice machines.

21 Q And who was next to you to your left?

22 A Oh, a crowd of people. There was a green barrier
23 with, you know, those plastic leaves, and it was on a white
24 thing we use as screens.

25 Q Okay.

26 A There was that and there was some people, and I

1 don't know how many people, but they -- as I was getting
2 squeezed closer and closer to the ice machines because the
3 crowd was pushing in on him and he tried to shake as many hands
4 as he could, and then this guy, I thought he was going to go
5 and shake his hand cause he had his hand down like this.

6 Q Was his one hand down and the other hand covering it?

7 A Yes, like if he tried to push the people away from
8 his hand, like if he had a sore hand or something, and then
9 he kind of swung around and he went up on his -- like on his
10 tiptoes -- and he stuck over with the gun and he shot, you
11 know, and the first shot I don't know where it went, but I
12 know it was either his second or third one that hit Mr. Kennedy
13 and after that I had blood all over my face from where it hit
14 his head, because my glasses -- Martin saw the blood all
15 over my face -- he's the only one that could vouch for that --
16 because he wa directly with me, looking straight at me. And
17 the other man, who was behind Mr. Kennedy, all I remember is
18 he was the last man they took out of the hotel. I believe he
19 was shot in the head, I'm not sure, but he fell in my arms.

20 Q The other man?

21 A The other man fell in my arms and the boy was next.
22 He fell after Mr. Ucker (phonetic) grabbed the gun -- which is
23 a captain there.

24 Q Excuse me, who grabbed the gun?

25 A Mr. Carl Ucker.

26 Q Who is Mr. Carl Ucker?

1 A He's the captain in banquets. He works for my
2 father.

3 BY MR. HOWARD:

4 Q Ucker? U-c-h-r-e?

5 A Ucker, U-c-k-e-r or something.

6 BY SGT. PACETTI:

7 Q It sounds like Ucker.

8 A I'm not sure, I'm sorry.

9 Q Let's take a moment now, and we will talk about the
10 fellow who you saw with the gun in his hand.

11 First of all, what nationality? How would you
12 describe this man?

13 A A Latin.

14 Q Latin?

15 A A Latin, a man about --

16 Q Excuse me, what is the youngest this person could
17 possibly be?

18 A The youngest?

19 Q Yes, in your opinion?

20 A Maybe 23.

21 Q He would have to be at least 23?

22 A At least; something like that.

23 Q What's the oldest he could possibly be?

24 A I don't think older than 28.

25 Q Somewhere between 23 and 28. About how tall would
26 this person be?

1 A Approximately, I guess, 5'4".

2 Q How tall are you?

3 A 5'10", I'm not sure.

4 Q So he appeared to be somewhat shorter than you?

5 A Yes, he was. He was shorter than I was.

6 Q And how would you describe his build?

7 A He was slender.

8 Q Slender?

9 A Slender build. He must not have weighed over 120
10 pounds, I don't think he could have.

11 Q How about the color of his hair?

12 A Dark brown or black, but it was wavy.

13 Q Wavy?

14 A Wavy, yes. It looked wavy at the time.

15 Q Did this man have sideburns?

16 A I didn't notice, I'm sorry.

17 Q Did his hair look short or long or was it just an
18 ordinary haircut?

19 A It looked like an ordinary Latin -- the way they
20 wear their hair.

21 Q Well, how do the ordinary Latins wear their hair?

22 A Kind of back a little I guess because I really didn't
23 take notice of his hair. All I could see was the gun, you
24 know, and he had a stupid smile on his face at the time.

25 Q Do you think you could recognize this man if you
26 ever saw him again?

1 A Yes, definitely.

2 Q Is there any question in your mind?

3 A No, none at all, because I'll never forget the way
4 he looked at me.

5 Q All right.

6 A Do you want to know where he was standing?

7 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

8 Q No, we'll get to that before we finish. Give us a
9 description of how he was dressed, as best as you can.

10 A When I saw him first there was a girl behind him too.
11 I don't know if you need that. There were two people that I
12 saw.

13 BY SGT. PACHETT:

14 Q Excuse me one moment. Let's take first what he's
15 wearing.

16 A Okay.

17 Q Does he have on a jacket?

18 A He had a blue jacket on.

19 Q Was this a sport coat?

20 A A sport coat.

21 Q This has no zipper, it has buttons?

22 A Buttons.

23 Q Like a suit coat, only a sport coat?

24 A Right.

25 Q And what color is this?

26 A Blue, powder blue.

1 Q Powder blue?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Quite light?

4 A Quite light.

5 Q His shirt that he was wearing --

6 A As far as I could tell it was light.

7 Q Was he wearing a tie?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q No tie. How about the trousers?

10 A They were blue, possibly with fine black checks on

11 them. I'm not sure of that, but they were a light blue.

12 Q All right, did you see his shoes?

13 A No sir, I did not.

14 Q Did you see any jewelry on his hands?

15 A No, I didn't, I'm sorry.

16 Q All right. Now you say you saw a gun in this man's

17 hand?

18 A Yes sir, I did.

19 Q What was the color of this gun?

20 A It looked like black, not black, but blue -- what is

21 it they call it -- it's real dark blue.

22 Q All right, that's sufficient. Are you familiar with

23 guns at all?

24 A Yes sir, I am.

25 Q Do you know the difference between a revolver and

26 an automatic?

1 A The only difference I know is that an automatic is
2 like a 45, that's the only kind of gun I can remember.

3 Q All right, do you know what a clip is?

4 A Yes..

5 Q All right, now this particular type of gun, did it
6 look like an automatic?

7 A No, it looked like a revolver, a snub-nosed revolver
8 like the police have, you know, it couldn't have been longer
9 than this.

10 Q By "longer than this" you are referring to the length
11 of a ball point pen or perhaps a little longer?

12 A A little longer, maybe one inch longer than a ball
13 point pen.

14 Q That's what you saw?

15 A That's what I saw from my position.

16 Q Do you recall which hand this gun was in, if any?

17 A I think it was the right because when -- he had to
18 stretch -- it looked as though it was this hand, because you
19 see, in all the bouncing around, all I could see was the gun.

20 Q Uh hum.

21 A And I didn't take notice. I tried to, you know --
22 everybody tried to put their hands up.

23 Q When you first saw this man you say that he was
24 slightly bent over?

25 A Yeah, I though he was sick. I thought somebody was
26 sick.

Q Could you see his entire body?

1 A No, he was -- he looked as though he was crouched.

2 Q Were there people in front of him?

3 A Yes, two grown -- two big men -- in front of him.

4 I don't know who they were.

5 Q Yet you describe the man when there are two big men
6 in front of him, how do you do this?

7 A Because he had to step, well he did, he pushed with
8 this hand. You see, when he had to step over --

9 Q Prior to this, when you say you saw him slightly
10 bent over --

11 A Yes, yes, he was up on the trays. He was up on the
12 tray stand.

13 Q He was up on the tray stand?

14 A Yes, he was up looking, you know, and he was looking
15 around and this was when we first came in.

16 Q Excuse me, how tall is a tray stand, as tall as a
17 table?

18 A No, no, the trays were piled up, but maybe four
19 inches off the ground and he stood on this.

20 Q And you could see him at that time?

21 A Yes, you could see him good. He was the only one
22 that was standing up on that side.

23 Q Then there was no one else on that side, is that
24 right?

25 A No, there wasn't.

26 Q And then as the Senator walked towards this man,
somebody got in front of him?

1 A Yes, those, you know, the people all mingles in this
2 one area and he pushed his way through. The only reason that
3 he was noticeable was because there was this good looking
4 girl in the crowd there.

5 Q All right, was the girl with him?

6 A It looked as though, yes.

7 Q What makes you say that?

8 A Well, she was following him.

9 Q Where did she follow him from?

10 A From --- she was standing behind the tray stand
11 because she was up next to him on --- behind, and she was
12 holding on to the other end of the tray table and she --- like
13 it looked like as if she was almost holding him.

14 Q Did you see him get off the straight stand?

15 A Yes, I did.

16 Q And then he walked towards the Senator?

17 A Yes.

18 Q This girl, ---

19 A She stayed there.

20 Q At the tray stand?

21 A Right. I glanced over once in a while. She was
22 good looking so I looked at her.

23 Q What is it in your mind that makes you think they
24 were together, the fact that they were standing together?

25 A No, no, he turned when he was on the tray stand once
26 and he had the same stupid smile on, you know, and then he kind

1 of turned and said something. I don't know what he said.

2 BY MR. HOWARD:

3 Q You did see him speak to her?

4 A He turned as though he did say something, whether he
5 said anything --

6 Q Did she move her mouth like she was speaking to him?

7 A No, she just smiled.

8 Q But in other words, he was looking towards, say, the
9 Senator?

10 A Yes. He was holding on up here and there was
11 another pole behind him, where she was holding on and he
12 turned like this, as though to say something, and whether his
13 lips moved or not I couldn't see that.

14 Q And it was after he turned and she smiled?

15 A She smiled.

16 Q And would it seem to you that she smiled at something
17 that had been said?

18 A Yeah, or --

19 Q Or that she was smiling because the Senator was
20 walking towards her?

21 A No, when she first entered she looked as though
22 she was sick also.

23 Q All right, this girl, what nationality would you
24 say she was? Any idea at all?

25 A No, all I know is she was white.

26 Q She was white; Caucasian?

1 A Yes, a Caucasian girl.

2 Q What is the youngest this girl could be?

3 A 21, 20, 21.

4 Q At least 20 or 21?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Would you have no question about serving her a drink
7 in a bar?

8 A On no, no.

9 Q She was definitely of age?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What is the oldest you think she was?

12 A I don't know, about 24.

13 Q All right, how tall was this girl?

14 A I really couldn't determine because I only saw her
15 in the dining room. I never seen, saw her standing on the
16 ground.

17 Q In relation to the fellow who was standing on the
18 tray thing that we discussed, that was four inches above the
19 ground, where was her head in relation to his body; were they
20 about the same height at that time or --

21 A You could say approximately.

22 Q Well, when they turned to talk to her --

23 A They were almost eye level.

24 Q They were almost eye level at that time?

25 A But, you see, with the tray stand you would never
26 know how it's balanced. I don't know whether one end was

1 higher because the way it is now, it's central, it's not
2 equalized.

3 Q So, you couldn't really --

4 A You can't really judge, no.

5 Q How about her build, could you see it?

6 A Oh yeah.

7 Q "Oh yeah," what does that mean?

8 A Very shapely.

9 Q She wasn't skinny, she wasn't fat?

10 A No.

11 Q What was this girl wearing?

12 A She had a white dress with -- it looked like either
13 black or dark violet polka dots on it and kind of a bively (phon-
14 etic) like collar.

15 Q A what kind of collar?

16 A A thing that goes around like that. I don't know
17 what they call it.

18 BY MR. HOWARD:

19 Q Pretty greasy looking?

20 A You could go out -- you couldn't go to the Coconut
21 Grove with it, you know, but it was a nice dress to dress up
22 in, a nice dress.

23 BY SGT. PACHETT:

24 Q How about this girl's hair, what color was it?

25 A Brown I would say, a brunette.

26 Q Your hair is brown?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Lighter or darker than your's?

3 A A little darker than mine.

4 Q Was it long or short or what?

5 A I would say about to here, not much longer.

6 Q Just above the shoulders?

7 A Just above the shoulders kind of --

8 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

9 Q To her neck?

10 A Yes, about the neck, maybe just a little longer,
11 I don't know.

12 BY SGT. PACHETT:

13 Q Was it straight or curly?

14 A One side was a little puffed up a little.

15 Q Did you see anyone else with this girl, that you
16 recall?

17 A Not that I recall. Those were the only two people I
18 saw on the tray stand.

19 Q All right, did you see this girl after the shooting?

20 A No, I was too busy trying to see what I could do.

21 Q Do you recall seeing her during the shooting?

22 A No, I just saw the girl and I forget about her and
23 everything else but the gun.

24 Q Did you hear any comment or any statement made? What
25 do you recall hearing at the time of the shooting, anything?
26 Anybody holler something?

1 A No, all I remember is one person just a split
2 second before the gun went off, "Grab him," and that was it.

3 Q You heard somebody say, "Grab him?"

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did you see anybody grab this person.

6 A Yes, Mr. Rafer Johnson and the other big Colored
7 guy, I don't know his name, that had a beard.

8 Q Do you know Rafer Johnson?

9 A Yes, he used to be on TV, a sportscaster. I've seen
10 him on TV.

11 Q And you observed Rafer Johnson grab this man?

12 A Evidently, yeah, I thought he was going to break his
13 ribs but he evidently pushed or grabbed him.

14 Q In a bear hug?

15 A He looked as though he grabbed him bear hug like,
16 but all the people jumping on top of this one man, it was very
17 hard to see what happened exactly, then that other big Colored
18 guy got him and I could have -- I know he put him against the
19 heater. We have -- it's a long -- it looks like a stainless
20 steel cabinet that we heat all the plates in.

21 Q Uh hum.

22 A And he pushed his stomach right into that.

23 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

24 Q The plate heater?

25 A The plate heater, right. It's, well, it's --
26

1 BY SGT. PACHETT:

2 Q So this man is facing the back of the fellow that
3 did the shooting?

4 A Yes, he had him first, but by that time he had shot.
5 I heard four distinct shots.

6 Q Let me ask you this. Is there any doubt in your
7 mind that the fellow that you saw pushed over this plate
8 heater was the same person that you saw with the gun in his
9 hand?

10 A There was no doubt about it; it was, because he
11 still had the gun in his hand.

12 Q He did?

13 A Yes.

14 Q As far as the shooting was concerned, how many shots
15 did you hear, do you recall?

16 A I saw the first two go off. I saw them actually --

17 Q You saw the flash?

18 A The flash, I saw the powder burn and I saw those
19 two go off and after the second one I couldn't see because I
20 had blood all over my face. And I didn't get it all over me,
21 why I didn't get it all over me but I got all smashed up when
22 the guy fell on me, when he fell down right on top of my
23 hands, and the other boy, I tried to grab him when he fell.
24 When he got shot it was in the leg or some place.

25 BY MR. MURPHY:

26 Q Right after the shooting when Rafer Johnson, if it

1 Was, ---

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- that grabbed this fellow, and this other Colored
4 man ---

5 A Yes.

6 Q -- did the fellow who did the shooting say anything?

7 A I didn't hear over the yells and the other people.

8 Q You don't recall?

9 A I wasn't on that side of the room.

10 Q Do you recall who took the gun from this fellow?
11 Did you see anyone take the gun?

12 A I did not see the gun being removed from his hands.
13 There were too many things going on.

14 Q The last time you saw this fellow ---

15 A He had the gun still clasped in his hand.

16 Q And that's the same fellow that had the gun in his
17 hand ---

18 A -- when he shot Mr. Kennedy.

19 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

20 Q Can you identify him if you see him again?

21 A Yes sir, I can.

22 BY SGT. PACHETT:

23 Q Is there any doubt in your mind?

24 A No sir, there isn't.

25 Q About how long a period of time were you looking at
26 this man?

1 A From the time when he was on the tray stand?

2 Q From the time that he first caught your eye.

3 A Well, approximately, I guess, less than half --
4 about a half a minute or 30 seconds, because it couldn't have
5 been longer than that.

6 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

7 Q This all happened split seconds?

8 A It all happened so fast that you couldn't do anything.
9 Everybody saw the gun in plain sight and everybody I guess was
10 kind of, you know, dumbfounded; they didn't know what to do.

11 BY SGT. PACHETT:

12 Q Okay Vince, I think that will pretty well cover it.

13 (Discussion off the record)

14 BY SGT. PACHETT:

15 Q Okay, just to sum this up, what's the first thought
16 that comes in your mind as far as the appearance of this man
17 that had the gun? What's the first thing that you recall?

18 A In reference to which?

19 Q To anything, the picture that's in your mind, what's
20 the thing that sticks out?

21 A The stupid smile he had on his face.

22 Q Smile on his face?

23 A It was kind of like an envious smile, like ah, you
24 know, villainous -- I don't know how to describe it.

25 Q All right, let's go back to one other point. The
26 first time you said you saw him you said he was bent over a

1 little bit?

2 A Right, he was holding onto the tray stand with his
3 hand and he had it down and was at that time cramped, that's why
4 I thought he was hurt.

5 Q Was there anything on the arm or the hand or the
6 clothing?

7 A Not at this time, no.

8 Q Nothing on his arm?

9 A Nothing on his arm.

10 Q How about the other hand that was fairly close to
11 his stomach?

12 A I didn't -- you couldn't see it.

13 Q You couldn't see anything?

14 A It was like he had it inside his shirt or something.

15 Q You couldn't see it?

16 A I really couldn't see it.

17 Q Couldn't see a thing.

18 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

19 Q How about this man that you mentioned that shook
20 hands with Mr. Kennedy, Jockoloski you say, Jockoloski?

21 A No, Polotsky.

22 BY SGT. PACHETT:

23 Q Martin Polotsky.

24 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

25 Q Did he see anything? Was he there with you when the
26 shooting took place?

1 A He was there but he didn't see it because he had
2 just turned away.

3 BY SGT. PACHETT:

4 Q You talked to Martin about this?

5 A Oh, Martin was the one that came over. He yelled at
6 me, "Vinny, you're hurt!," and he saw the blood all over me
7 and he came running over to me and he said, "You all right?"
8 And I said, "Yeah," and, you know, I started bawling I was so
9 upset.

10 Q Well, how do you know that he didn't see it?

11 A He said he didn't.

12 Q He told you that?

13 A Because we had almost an hour until the clock --

14 (End)

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FILE # I-305

Informants Name:

Business Address & Phone:

IVYAK, ANDREW JOHN
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AMBASSADOR HOTEL (Exec. Stewart)

Residence & Phone:

58 S. Ardmore #602 No phone

Investigator Receiving Info:

Date & Time Received:

atchett/Mac Arthur/Collins

6-17-68 530pm

INFORMATION:

Informant places himself in employees eating area just off the area where the shooting occurred. He was seated at a table against the far wall and had a clear field of vision of the area where the shooting occurred. He was in the process of completing paper work, heard some noise, similar to firecrackers, got up from the table and ran in the direction of the noise. He stated he was unaware of a shooting and his intent was to stop the noise. As he entered the area of the shooting he observed some men running toward a man, who he later stated as the suspect. These men grabbed the suspect and he started to runaway the mental tables to get the suspects gun. It was at this time that he observed Sen. Kennedy laying on the floor. He didn't recall anyone else in the eating area just prior to the shooting, but stated a fireman could have been at that location. He did not see the shooting or the suspect until the suspect was being apprehended.

ASSIGNED TO: ABOVE OFFICERS

ACTION TAKEN - RESULTS:

Interviewed-no re-interview necessary.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-793

Person(s) Interviewed: RAYNE, Dick

Date 6-21-68

Time 5pm

Business Address & Phone Works in office of Sen. Kennedy

Residence Address & Phone 33241 Livingston Street, N/W Wash. DC (202) 244-3734

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

Subject was interviewed by phone,

SEE - ATTACHED STATEMENT

Investigators making interview

Patchett & Mac Arthur

Approved by:

L.T. Pina

1 STATEMENT OF JACK DRAYNE, RESIDES AT 3341 LIVINGSTON STREET
2 NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON D.C. PHONE (202) 244-5734. HE
3 WORKS IN THE OFFICE OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, NO. 431,
4 OLD SENATE BUILDING.

5 He stated he was in the Colonial Room when the shooting
6 took place. He had gone to the room as the Senator was
7 to have been interviewed by the writing press. At the
8 time he stated there were 15 to 20 people in the room.
9 The door to the room was open. This door is the one leading
10 to the kitchen. He heard what he thought were firecrackers,
11 recalled there was a feeling of excitement, and then a Hays
12 Corey of Time Magazine and a Bob Sheagy, a reporter for the
13 Boston Globe, ran into the kitchen ahead of him. He saw
14 a large group of people around a man and at first thought
15 this was a group around the Senator. He later learned
16 it was the suspect Sirhan and that the Senator was shot and
17 lying on the floor. He did not see the shooting.
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(X) RECORDS CHECKED (RP)

INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-440

PERSON INTERVIEWED: DREW, Richard DATE/TIME 7-15-68/10:10AM

EX M RACE C HAIR EYES 5-9 HT 5-9 WT 150 DOB 12-6-46

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 128 E. Colorado #1, Arcadia PHONE 445-4285 or 447-4556

BUSINESS ADDRESS Pasadena Independent Star News PHONE 681-4871

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

P/R works for The Pasadena Independent Star News as a photographer. On June 4, 1968 he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 6:40 PM. During the evening he took several pictures of the crowd and continued taking pictures during Sen. Kennedy's speech. He recalls his activities as follows:

During Sen. Kennedy's speech I worked my way around the ballroom taking pictures. I started from the area by the anchor desk walking to the rear of the ballroom, then across the ballroom. I then walked toward the doors, right of stage and entered the kitchen. I obtained a glass of water and was drinking it when I saw Kennedy coming into the kitchen. I was standing about 15' from the double doors next to a metal table on Kennedy's left. Kennedy passed in front of me and I followed within six feet of him. I did not see him shake hands with anyone, I think I was setting my lens exposure. I heard firecrackers, looked up and saw smoke; Sen. Kennedy had dropped a little. I then saw the gun pointing at me and I dropped to the floor. I saw about half of the suspect's face, thought he had a blue jump suit on. Later I saw him being held by a group of people and recognized him as the same person who had held the gun. Someone lowered the Senator to the floor, I couldn't see where he was hit. I saw Paul Schrade back and to my right. I started taking pictures. I didn't have a flash and tried to get my pictures as other photographers moved in with their lights. I moved over to the metal table, got up on it and took pictures. I took the pictures from the table about four minutes after the shots were fired. The group holding Sirhan had moved down the tables behind me. I did not hear Sirhan say anything. I did hear Kennedy say "Don't move me." He seemed to know his injury was serious.

Later I found that I had blood on the left side of my jacket. I saw the following photographers in the kitchen:

- 1. Ron Bennett - UPI
- 2. Harry Benson - Assoc. Press - London
- 3. Boris Yaro - L. A. Times
- 4. Eppridge - Life Mag.
- 5. Howard Decker -
 w) Photographer,
 Possibly out of
 New York

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INTERVIEWS

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: DREW, RICHARD DATE/TIME _____

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

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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

Prior Interviews:

1. F. B. I. - Agent W. White
2. City News Service - Taped Interview

Richard Drew - Pasadena Independent Star News - Photographer I-440

HE I was standing in the kitchen about 15 feet from the double doors when I saw Senator Kennedy enter. HE passed in front of me and I followed within six feet of him. HE heard firecrackers, locked up and saw smoke, noticed Senator Kennedy had dropped a little and then HE saw this gun pointed at ~~me~~ and then HE dropped to the floor. HE only saw about half of the suspects face. Later I saw him being held by a group of people and recognized him as the same person who had held the gun.

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HE ~~HAD~~ SEEN Paul Schrade back into ~~my~~ right, I started taking ~~pictures~~ ~~at that time~~ ~~him~~ ~~say~~ anything. HE ~~did~~ heard Kennedy ~~say~~ "don't move me."

HE TOOK SEVERAL PICTURES

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FILE # I-450

PERSON INTERVIEWED: EDWARDS, Corliss

DATE/TIME 6-25-68/1:30 PM

X F RACE C HAIR brn EYES hzl HT 5-6 WT 116 DOB 10-31-22

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 735 Donna Beth, West Covina PHONE 332-3565
339-0615

BUSINESS ADDRESS Unemployed PHONE _____

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

For statement see Mr. George S. Micch (I2) statement.

INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: MIOCH, George S. DATE/TIME 6-25-68 1:30PM

X RACE _____ HAIR _____ EYES _____ HT _____ WT _____ DOB _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 14043 E. Olive, Baldwin Park PHONE ED 8-1774

BUSINESS ADDRESS C.Y.A. El Monte Office PHONE 442-1730

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

On the above date and time I interviewed Mr. Mioch, Mrs. Corliss Edwards (I-450) Mr. Robert Earl Edward (son of Corliss) (I-451) & Miss Mara Mioch (daughter of George Mioch) (I-452). The above were interviewed at the home of Mrs. Edwards 735 Donna Beth, West Covina. They were interviewed together & each added information in chronological order.

The above group arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club on 6-4-68 at approx 11:00AM. After obtaining their targets, they went to the rifle range (addendum). They did not take notice of anyone on the pistol range at that time. When they purchased their targets, George & Corliss had an argument. The argument was due to Corliss having a revolver that she did not know how to fire. In fact she did not know if the gun would fire at all. George made the statement "You have got to learn how to fire the gun today." Corliss replied "I will learn how to fire the gun today." George stated he was mad & it would have been evident to anyone listening to their conversation. This conversation was in front of the control tower (addendum) and in front of the Range Master (Everett Buckner K-13).

At approx. 12:00 Noon two male Mex. boys identified as David Monellano (K-2) and Henry Carreon (K-30) came to the rifle range & took up a position near where George & his group were firing. One of the boys had a rifle and the other had a pistol. The boys had a conversation with George concerning the firing of pistols on the rifle range. George explained that the firing of pistols was prohibited on the rifle range.

One of the boys went ahead and fired about 6 rounds from the pistol & the range master came over to the rifle range and told him there was no pistol firing on the rifle range. The boy with the pistol left the rifle range and the other boy remained and fired his rifle.

George & his group left the rifle range about 12:00 Noon, shortly after the boy with the pistol. They went to the pistol range & took position on target #13 (addendum)

When George & his group first arrived on the pistol range, their attention was drawn to a male who was firing on target 9 or 10. They identified this
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male as Sirhan Sirhan. The reason their attention was drawn to Sirhan was the fact that an apparent employee of the club asked in a loud commanding voice "Who owns the De Soto?" Sirhan held up his hand & stated "Here". The employee stated "Move it." Sirhan left his position on the range. George or his group did not notice where Sirhan went when moving the car nor did they see the De Soto mentioned.

Sirhan returned a short time later & resumed his firing position.

George and his group also noted four other persons firing on the pistol range a male cauc 6'185 dark hair, was firing on target #1. He left in a 1967 veh. dark in color. He was firing a large gun such as a police revolver. There was another male cauc 60 5-7/8 thin dressed in brn shooting clothing. He was wearing green ear protectors such as those worn by LAPD range officers. He also had a shooting case & several guns. Two other male cauc (no further description) were firing on position 20,21,22, or 23.

At approx. 12:30PM George and his group saw the two boys that had been firing on the rifle range (Montellano & Carreon) arrive at the pistol range & take up a position on target #22.

Prior to Montellano & Carreon arriving or just shortly after they arrived on the pistol range, the two male caucs that had been firing on 20,21,22, or 23 left. Just a short time after Montellano and Carreon arrived, George noticed the two men on the west end of the range targets 1&6 had gone. This left just Sirhan, Montellano, Carreon, George, and his group still remaining on the pistol range.

None of the Mioch group had a conversation with Sirhan.

Description of George S. Mioch - male cauc 6-2 brn brn 200 DOB 6-10-23.

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FILE # I-1364
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CON INTERVIEWED: Albert V. Ellis DATE/TIME 8-14-68

M RACE Cauc HAIR Brn EYES Blue HT 5-9 WT 125 DOB 4-23-39

DWELLING ADDRESS 509 Pearl St; Redondo Beach PHONE 372-9638

BUSINESS ADDRESS 16901 S. Western; Gardena PHONE 321-5100

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

Ellis went to the hotel by himself. He arrived there at approximately 9PM and joined his friend John Shamel, the convention manager for the Ambassador Hotel. At the time Mr. Ellis and Mr. Shamel were roommates but have since parted.

Ellis states he was in and out of the Embassy Room most of the evening. At the time of the speech he was standing with Mr. Shamel about 20' back from the right side of the stage. After the speech he and Mr. Shamel walked towards the main doors of the Embassy Room. Mr. Ellis stated that he and Shamel were standing about 2' outside these doors when he heard a lot of screaming in the crowd that Kennedy was shot. At about this same time he heard a female voice to his rear say, "We shot him". Ellis states he glanced back momentarily to see who made the statement and he only recalls that it was a female. He cannot give any description whatsoever. Mr. Ellis stated that at the time of the statement Shamel was still standing next to him. Just a few moments later Mr. Unomanson ran over and told Mr. Shamel to call a doctor. Mr. Shamel then left to go downstairs to the switchboard.

During this interview Mr. Ellis stated he mentioned the statement "we shot him" to Shamel a little later in the evening. Ellis states that several other people in the lobby outside the Embassy Room were discussing the phrase "we shot him". Ellis states that the F.B.I. interviewed him about a week ~~xxxx~~ later at which time he mentioned the "we shot him" to the agent. Ellis was shown a photo of ~~XXXXXX~~ Sirhan. Sirhan and he stated that he saw someone that "looked like him" but that he could not positively ID that person as Sirhan.

A subsequent telephonic interview was made with Mr. Ellis on 8-21-68. Prior to this an interview was conducted with Mr. John Shamel. Also, the F.B.I. interviews were checked. The F.B.I. reports show that Mr. Ellis was interviewed by S/A Pickard on 6-14-68. In this report Mr. Ellis was reported to state that he heard the "we shot him" remark as he was walking back towards the stage in the Embassy Room. Mr. Ellis states that this is incorrect and that what he told the officer was the true version. The F.B.I. report also states that Ellis was shown a photo of Sirhan and that ~~xxxx~~ Ellis made a positive identification at this time. Ellis states that this is also incorrect and that he was never shown a photo of Sirhan.

In the interview with Shamel he states that he was standing with Ellis outside the Embassy Room but that he did not hear the "we shot him" remark. Shamel also states that Ellis never mentioned the remark to him. When this was mentioned to Ellis he stated that he does not clearly recall discussing the remark with Shamel. Ellis also added that the remark "we shot him" did not indicate to him

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that the person making the remark had anything to do with the shooting. Ellis took the remark in the context that "we" referred to people in general. Ellis repeated that he was absolutely positive that the remark he heard was "we shot him" and that ~~ex~~ he was not confusing it with any other phrase.

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FILE # I-1364

PERSON INTERVIEWED: ELLIS, Albert Victor DATE/TIME 8-22-68

SEX M RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Blu HT 5-8 WT 130 DOB 4-23-39

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 509 Pearl, Redondo Beach PHONE 372-9638

BUSINESS ADDRESS 16901 S. Western PHONE 321-5100

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

ELLIS arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at 6 PM with J. Shamel (842 S. Berendo, Ph# 386-8322.) They were part of the advance group assigned to prepare the Hotel for the nights events. ELLIS was to check all the fire exits.

Around one (1) hour before Kennedy's speech, ELLIS was in the Embassy Room directly accross from the podium. At this time, he saw a subject that did not fit in with the crowd. This individual was in the north/west corner of the Embassy Room, "just standing." ELLIS cannot recall anything else about him other than he had a fat nose and pimples on his face--yet he is sure that it was Sirhan. This is the only time ELLIS saw this individual.

ELLIS states he was just outside the Embassy Room when a man named "Uno" asked Shamel (who was with ELLIS) to call for an ambulance. ELLIS then went to the exit by the kitchen and assisted in holding back the crowd.

ELLIS stated that when Uno called out for an ambulance, he heard a female yell, "We killed Kennedy" (C-F.B.I. Report of 7-1-68 Section II, Pages 364 & 365 for complete interview by their Dept.) ELLIS cannot recall anything about this female other than her statement.

ELLIS in his F.B.I. interview stated he saw Sirhan around 10 PM; he now has changed his time to 11 PM. Although he is sure he saw Sirhan, he can't describe him correctly. In officers opinion, the subject is mistaken in seeing Sirhan in the Embassy Room.

INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-1013

Person(s) Interviewed:

EPPRIDGE, Bill

Date 6-21-68

TIME LIFE BLDG. N.Y.

Time- 11:10 am

Business Address & Phone 333 E. 46 St., New York (212) 687-3276

Residence Address & Phone

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

Photo for Time & Life, was near scene

The following was conducted by phone from Senator Kennedy's office in Wash. DC on above date and time

SEE - ATTACHED STATEMENT

1 STATEMENT OF ILL EPPRIDGE, 333 EAST 46th STREET, NEW YORK,
2 PHONE (212) 687-3276; BUSINESS ADDRESS TIME LIFE BUILDING,
3 NEW YORK CITY. BUSINESS PHONE (212) LL-62342, JOB TITLE
4 STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, LIFE MAGAZINE.

5 I was with the Senator in Room 512 at the Ambassador Hotel
6 on June 4, 1968, 11:55 p.m. The Senator received word that
7 it was time to go down to the Embassy Ballroom and make
8 his victory speech. The Senator and his party left the room
9 and took a freight elevator to the kitchen area. He then
10 proceeded to the stage in the Embassy Ballroom. During
11 the speech I was on the stage behind the Senator and stand-
12 ing next to Mrs. Kennedy. After the speech, the Senator
13 went out through the back of the stage. I followed him out
14 and was about 12 feet behind him. I was also behind Jim
15 Wilson's TV crew. I had not gone through the double doors
16 into the kitchen area when I heard what sounded like pop,
17 pop, and then a very rapid four more pops. Then I took
18 off running towards where the sounds were coming from.
19 Jim Wilson's TV crew was just ahead of me. The first
20 thing I saw was Paul Schradé was down. I then ran forward
21 and saw the Senator was hurt. I never saw the suspect or
22 the actual shooting. From the time that the Senator left
23 his room until after the shooting was over, I had taken
24 about 30 or 40 still shots.

25 Mr. Eppridge was shown a map of the kitchen area, and
26 he placed himself, at the time of the first shot, approxi-
mately two feet before the double doors leading into the
kitchen area. Mr. Eppridge also volunteered that he would

1 send print of all his pictures he had taken on the
2 night of the shooting.
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INTERVIEWS

ON INTERVIEWED: ERHARD, George Jr DATE, TIME 6-5-68

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

DENCE ADDRESS 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena PHONE 798-3957

NESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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

Received information from CII regarding serial # of gun in question which indicated this gun was registered to a HERTZ, Albert Leslie, of 777 East Valley Blvd., Apt. #32, Alhambra, Ph#289-3311; which was purchased 8-10-65 in Pasadena.

To 777 East Valley Blvd., in Alhambra, and interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Albert L. HERTZ. Subjects stated the gun in question had been purchased in August 1965 by Mr. HERTZ and several months later, Mrs. HERTZ gave this gun to her daughter, Dana. This person was found to be Dana Westlake who lives at 349 Redwood Drive, in Woodacre, Calif., Ph#(415) 454-3202, with her husband Robert F. Westlake

Phone Marin County Sheriff's Office and talk to Sgt. McKamey, who stated he would go to this location and interview Mrs. Westlake and returned disposition. Information from Sgt. McKamey was that Mrs. Westlake stated while she was still living in Pasadena prior to moving to Woodacre, either in the latter part of November or the first part of December, in 1967, she gave the gun in question to a neighbor boy. She stated this boy's name was George ERHARD, of 1978 Olive Way in Pasadena, Ph# 798-3957.

To 1978 Olive Way and picked up George ERHARD. Subj. stated Mrs. Westlake gave him the gun around the first of the year, in 1968, and that he had had it only a very short time before he sold it to a person that works with him at the Nash Department Store, which is located in Pasadena of the northeast corner of Aroyo & Colorado St. This person was known only to him as Joe and described as a Male Latin appearance that he thought he sounded like an Arab. ERHARD was taken to PAB where his statements were recorded in the presence of Officer Evans & Harrison.

Subj. ERHARD stated he could recognize and point out Joe. He was then taken to the Nash Department Store in Pasadena where Joe, who was later id. as Munir SIRHAN was taken into custody. At this time, officers received information that Adel SIRHAN was also in custody at the Pasadena Police Department. Adel SIRHAN volunteered to let his home be examined. He accompanied
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See also taped interview filed under 27th Price

Sgt. Brandt and Officer Evans to his home, which is located at 696 East Howard St. in Pasadena, where officers searched home for evidence. Both suspects then taken to Rampart Det. for further investigation.

NOTHING FURTHER.

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: ERHARD, George

DATE/TIME 6-25-68 3:30pm

X RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

 RESIDENCE ADDRESS PHONE

 BUSINESS ADDRESS PHONE

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

SYNOPSIS OF TAPE #29261 - Recorded on June 25, 1968, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 318, at Parker Center. Present at the interview are George Erhard, Munir Sirhan, William Price and Lt. Hernandez of S.U.S.

The purpose of this interview was to clarify certain facts regarding the statements made by Munir Sirhan in regards to buying the murder weapon:

(NOTE: To understand the questioning it must be known that George Erhard sold the murder weapon allegedly to Munir Sirhan).

Lt. Hernandez began the questioning by asking each person present if they knew each other. They all replied "Yes". Lt. Hernandez then proceeded to question Munir Sirhan about statements he made in regard to George Erhard being at the Sirhan residence. Erhard denied this. The remainder of the tape is long and lengthy and pertains to Munir Sirhan's statements made on previous interviews. These statements are proven false under Lt. Hernandez's interrogation. The following is a brief summation of the statements made by Munir Sirhan.

Munir stated Erhard visited the Sirhan residence. This statement proved untrue because Munir later states he was lying.'

Munir also denied buying the murder weapon from Erhard, Munir stated it was Sirhan B. Sirhan who actually bought the gun. (This was proved false on the polygraph, and in a later interview Munir stated he was lying and in fact did buy the gun.)

Finally, Munir stated he had told Erhard that Sirhan and himself were aliens, and should not sell them the gun. This was proven false because Munir later stated he was lying.

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INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

APPROVED BY:

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FILE # I-2929

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FINLEY, Mrs. Charles R. (Frances) DATE/TIME 9-11-68 10 34

SEX F RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-4 WT 121 DOB 3-20-21

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 4223 E. Broadway, Long Beach PHONE 438-8774

BUSINESS ADDRESS None PHONE _____

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

Mrs. FINLEY worked at the Rafferty Hqtrs 4059 Columbus, Long Beach.

She & her daughter-in-law, Margaret FINLEY (I-3300) went to the Ambassador Hotel & to the Rafferty Room arriving at approx. 8 PM. They found seats near the band stand & sat watching the people. There were many waiters, serving drinks. All appeared to be Mexican. (No Females serving drinks) As they sat, a young man whom she thought to be a waiter walked by. She and her daughter-in-law decided he was not a waiter. Described as M/Poss Armenian, Mid 20's, short unkept curly hair, white shirt, dark pants. He was alone as he walked passed them.

She recognized a picture of Sirhan in the paper as the same individual she saw in the Rafferty Room. Mrs. FINLEY was shown mugs of Look-alikes and she selected a photo of Sirhan as the closest resemblance to the person she saw at the Hotel.

Mrs. FINLEY & her daughter-in-law left the Hotel about 12 midnight. Heard of the shooting on the radio. She did not have a camera or tape recorder.

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Finley, Jeffrey Charles

DATE/TIME 9-11-68 12 PM

SEX M RACE C HAIR Blond EYES Blue HT 6' WT 175 DOB 1-9-44

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 315 WISCONSIN, LONG BEACH PHONE 4347530

BUSINESS ADDRESS 2440 Rose Av. Signal Hill PHONE _____

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

MR FINLEY WAS STATE FIELD DIRECTOR FOR THE RAFFERTY CAMPAIGN. HE ARRIVED AT THE AMBASSADOR ABOUT 9 PM + WENT TO THE RAFFERTY HOTEL. HE REMAINED THERE UNTIL APPROX. MIDNITE. HE WENT TO THE EMBASSY RM BUT COULD NOT GET IN. RETURNED TO RAFFERTY HOTEL. HE WAS ON PODIUM W/ RAFFERTY WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. MR RAFFERTY WAS IMMED. TAKEN TO ^{HILL} RM ON THE 4TH FLOOR.

MR FINLEY DID NOT SEE SIRHAN AT ALL - DID NOT HAVE A CAMERA OR TAPE RECORDER.

STATES HE RETURNED TO THE MAIN LOBBY OF HOTEL THEN WENT DOWN + SAW KENNEDY BEING PLACED IN AMBULANCE.

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

APPROVED BY:

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-2206

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FOSS, Rent C. DATE/TIME 6-20-68 12:15 PM

EX RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 209 N. Daroca St., San Gabriel PHONE 282-4092

BUSINESS ADDRESS PHONE

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

P/R states he was at the Eaton Canyon Gun Range this month (unk date) on a Wednesday or Thursday at about 11:15 AM. Range is located on New York Blvd. N. Pasadena. P/R was target practicing & observed a subject who he thought looked like Sirhan. P/R states the subject was also target practicing to P/R's left approx. 10 ft. from him. P/R described subject as M/Hindu; 25/26; 5-4/5; slight build; approx. 110 lbs; Drk curly long hair that hung over subject's ears; slender nose. P/R states that subject was not shooting gun rapidly but was slow firing. P/R described the gun as being a small caliber .22 Revolver - 2/2 1/2 barrel - B/S. Subject was at the range prior & after P/R's arrival.

When shown mug photo's P/R picked out Sirhan with some hesitation and stated the subject at the range had a slender nose.

P/R could not positively ID mug of Sirhan.

Clothing on subject unknown.

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Freed, Evan PhillipDATE/TIME 8-1-68 9:10AMX M RACE cauc HAIR brn EYES hzl HT 6-1 WT 145 DOB 9-11-46RESIDENCE ADDRESS 9431 Cresta Dr., L.A. PHONE 870-5900BUSINESS ADDRESS Cal State L.A. & Evening Star News, Culver City PHONE 839-5271

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

This is a re-interview.

Mr. Freed was interviewed in Room 803, P.A.B., and made the following statement with the use of "the mock up". Freed arrived at the hotel approx. 8:00 PM and went directly to the Embassy Rm. He remained there for approx. 10 min. and then went to the Kennedy suit on the 5th floor. Freed is a photographer. He remained on the 5th floor until the Senator went down stairs to make his speech. He went to the Embassy Rm. to hear the Senator's speech. While in the room, he became involved in a scuffle with an unk. male and damaged his camera. He went to the kitchen area to make repairs on his camera. While in the kitchen, he obs. the Senator coming toward him. At that time he was in the vicinity of the first of the three steel tables. He obs. the Senator stop to shake hands with some people. At this time, he was off to the Senator's left and facing the Senator about 6 feet from him. He was looking in his camera, focusing it, waiting to get a good picture. He described the room as being fairly dark or the lighting not too good. He recalled hearing the noise on his left, which was in the opposite direction from the Senator. He did not recall what the noise was. He started to focus his camera when he simultaneously heard what he thought were firecrackers going off to his right. He turned and looked toward the floor and then in his field of vision, he saw the suspect with gun in hand. He did not recall how the suspect was holding the gun. He did not see flashes from the gun or smoke. Suddenly, he became aware of people falling. He is not sure that he saw the Senator fall, but he did see someone fall who was in the area where he last saw the Senator. He started backing up himself, and at the same time recalled a group of men struggling with the suspect. He next recalls being in the area of the doors going into the Colonial Rm. He stood there for approx. 10 seconds and then went into the food preparation area of the kitchen and from there back to the area of the shooting. He stated he was so overwhelmed by the incident that he was just wandering around. When he returned to the area of the shooting, he saw the Senator lying on the floor. After that, he said, "I'd seen enough, I didn't want to see any more so I left." Immediately after the shooting, while standing by the doors to the Colonial Rm., he saw 2 men run from the vicinity of the second steel table. One man seemed to be chasing the other and was hollering, as best as he could remember "Get him; Get him; Get it." He felt the men could have been going for help or that one was chasing the other; he didn't recall seeing either one again. He was not interviewed by the

F.B.I.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # 44-237-177
TAPES # 29241

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FREED, Evan Phillip 21 yrs. DATE/TIME 6-14-68; 7:30PM
SEX _____ RACE _____ HAIR _____ EYES _____ HT _____ WT _____ DOB _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 9431 Cresta Dr., L.A. PHONE 870-5900
BUSINESS ADDRESS Cal. State L.A.-student & Evening PHONE _____
Star News, Cul.City

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

Interviewed Mr. Freed at Police Bldg. above date and time. Mr. Freed stated that he is a free lance press photographer for the Evening Star News - Culver City, and was covering the activities at the Ambassador Hotel on Election Night. (6-4-68)

He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at at approx. 8:30 PM and was admitted to the fifth floor, where he spent most of the evening. Claims he took several photos of Senator Kennedy during the evening when the Sen. was walking about the fifth floor. However, he stated photos had not been developed at this time. Sometime later that evening he heard someone say that Sen. Kennedy was going down the elevator to the Embassy Room. Mr. Freed States he also went to the Embassy Room, but used spiral stairway instead of elevator, which was too crowded.

After hearing most of Senator Kennedy's speech from the Embassy Ballroom, Mr. Freed walked into the kitchen area and stood in the vicinity of the ice making machine. When Mr. Freed heard the applause and realized the speech was over, he looked down the corridor toward the back of the stage, and saw the Senator approaching. He entered the kitchen with very few aids in front of him (possibly only one.) At first he headed toward the freight elevator, but for some reason he turned and walked toward the stainless steel table in the kitchen area. Mr. Freed claims he stood in path of Sen. Kennedy while the Sen. was shaking hands with some of the kitchen personnel. When the Sen. got within three to five feet of Mr. Freed, and was shaking hands with one of the kitchen help, Mr. Freed heard a "pop noise" like a balloon. Freed turned to his left (direction of the noise) and then heard sounds like fire crackers going off. He instinctively looked up to see Sirhan Sirhan firing what appeared to be a 22 cal. pistol in the direction where Sen. Kennedy had been standing. However, he could not see the Sen., because suddenly there were numerous people running in different directions and as a result, he was forced against the east wall of the kitchen. However, immediately after the shots were fired, Mr. Freed claims he saw Rafer Johnson and someone else (thinks it was Bill Bundy) struggling with Sirhan.

A few seconds after being pinned against the east wall of kitchen, Mr. Freed stated he saw three people running in his direction. One was a woman, the other two were men. The woman ran out the door to his right and a man wearing a light blue sports coat ran out the door to his left. The third man was yelling "Get him, get it". He ran out, apparently chasing the man in the blue coat. The man doing the chasing according to Mr. Freed was a "Kennedy Advance Man". He described the man being pursued as a male cauc., 24 hrs., 6-1, 150/160

ck hair, med. length, dark complexion. No description of the woman except
was a female cauc., possibly wearing a polka dot dress.
ough sketch of the kitchen as sketched by Mr. Freed is attached to this report
re seems to be some credibility to Mr. Freed's story. However, it is believed
t Mr. Freed tends to be a name dropper, using names such as Thomas Braden,
l Bundy, Frank Markowits and Dick Drew as being personal associates of his.

INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-1014

Person(s) Interviewed: GALLIVAN, Jack

Date 6-21-68

Time- 4:30 pm

SUPPL TO I-94

Business Address & Phone # 17 South 12th East Salt Lake City

Residence Address & Phone

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

Phone interview above date and time

SUPPL TO I-94

SEE - ATTACHED STATEMENT

Investigators making interview

Mac Arthur & Patchett

Approved by:

LT. Peña

STATEMENT OF JACK GALLIVAN, NO. 17 S. 12TH EAST,
SALT LAKE CITY. PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED.

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2 He was an advance man in the California area for the
3 Senator's campaign. Callivan stated at the time of the
4 shooting, he was approximately three quarters of the way
5 down the length of the metal tables in the kitchen area
6 and was en route to the Colonial Room. He was walking by
7 himself, and although there were other people near him, he
8 does not recall who they were. He heard the shots and on a
9 about the fifth shot recalled turning and looking back.
10 He remembers seeing Barry (William G. Barry, a security man
11 for Senator Kennedy), along with a group of other men,
12 wrestling with the suspect. He ran to where they were, told
13 by Barry he could handle the suspect, and Barry left to
14 help the Senator. He recalled that during the struggle of
15 the suspect, he had the web of his left hand between the
16 hammer and the frame of the gun to keep it from firing
17 again. As he recalled Fosie Grier later wrestled the gun
18 from the suspect.

19 Callivan's location at the time of the shooting would
20 be such that he would have had to have walked past the
21 suspect in the route he traveled. He was questioned
22 regarding observing the suspect prior to the shooting
23 but stated he did not.
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REPORT DETECTIVE DIVISION

INTERVIEWS - JUNE 5, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 63-521 466

INTERVIEW OF FRANK MANKIEWICZ I-84 INTERVIEWED BY E.H. HENDERSON, HOMI
5206 Keokuk J.E. CHIQUET, HOMI
Washington D.C.
Ph: 656 3939 INTERVIEWED ON 6-5-68 5:40 AM/5:48 AM
Bus Address: 2000 L. St., N.W., Wash. D.C.

TAPE FT. - 024/161, Good Sam. Hosp., 9th Floor

I was to the left of the Senator and about five feet behind him. I heard what sounded like firecrackers popping, there was probably less than 10 of these popping noises. I saw 3 or 4 hands on an arm and there was a gun in the hand. I never saw the person who was holding the gun as people were obstructing my view. The gunman was subdued by other persons so I directed my attention to the Senator who was lying wounded on the floor. I cannot I.D. the susp.

INTERVIEWED OF J. W. GALLIVAN, JR. ✓ INTERVIEWED BY HENDERSON
17 S. 12th East CHIQUET
Salt Lake INTERVIEWED ON 3:10 AM/3:23 AM
Advance Man for Senator Kennedy

TAPE FT. - 273/366

Leading Kennedy into the Press Room, heard five shots, saw a male Latin (susp) w/a gun, he was subdued, the gun taken away by Rosie Greer.

INTERVIEWED OF WILLIAM BARRY ✓ I-242 INTERVIEWED BY HENDERSON
16 Overlook Rd CHIQUET
New City, New York INTERVIEWED ON 6-5-68 5:12 AM/5:22 AM
Ph: 914-NE-44541
Bus. Address-16 Wall St. New York, New York
Bus. Ph: 212-577 2152

TAPE FT. - 892/024, Good Sam. Hosp. 9th Floor

I was abreast of the Senator about 4 feet away from him when I heard the shots, we were in the corridor. I saw this man holding a small caliber revolver in his hands, he had just shot the Senator. I took the gun away from him and put the gun on the counter. The susp. grabbed the gun and then Rayford Johnson and Roosevelt Greer helped me subdue the susp. again. I left the susp. with Johnson and Greer and I went

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to where the Senator was lying. Just after the shots were fired, I saw the susp. holding the gun in his right hand, his arm was extended and the gun was about 12 inches from the Senator's head.

INTERVIEW OF ROOSEVELT GREER ✓
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L.A.
Ph: 936-6441

INTERVIEWED BY HENDERSON
CHIQUET

INTERVIEWED ON 6-5-68 3:30 AM/3:58 AM

TAPE FT. - 453/568

Bill Barry, the Senator, Mrs. Kennedy and I were walking away from the stage when I heard several shots. I looked up and saw a man holding a gun in his hand, I think the gun was in his right hand. I didn't see anyone fall as a result of a gunshot. I went to where the man with the gun was standing and helped some other men subdue him. He was still holding the gun so I twisted it out of his hand. I later gave the gun to Rayford Johnson. I saw two men lying on the floor, one of them was Senator Kennedy, he was bleeding from the head.

INTERVIEW OF EARL C. WILLIMAN ✓
3412 Helms Ave.
Culver City
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INTERVIEWED BY HENDERSON
CHIQUET

INTERVIEWED ON 6-5-68, 2:03 AM, 2:24 AM
2:32 AM

TAPE FT. - 144/158

I heard two shots and then saw this man running with a gun in his hand. I ran after the man as did Rayford Johnson and another male negro. We caught him and held him until the police arrived. I didn't see anyone shot but I did see one man on the floor after he had been shot. Later, I saw Senator Kennedy lying on the floor. He was bleeding from the head. The man we caught didn't say anything. Rayford Johnson took the gun from his hand. Now that I think of it, it was not Rayford Johnson that took the gun from the man. The man that took the gun

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: GREEN, George DATE/TIME 8-1-68 9 AM

SEX M RACE Neg HAIR Blk EYES Brn HT 5-11 WT 185 DOB 8-19-35

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

Interview conducted by J. R. MacAuthur #3472. Conducted at Parker Center, Room 803, 8-1-68 9 AM.

Witness states that he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approx. 10:30 PM. He wandered around the various campaign headquarters. Approx. 11:30 he observed a group of reporters standing in the pantry area, adjacent to the kitchen. It appeared to him that someone was conducting TV interviews, but he could not determine who was being interviewed or who was doing the interviewing.

During this time, he observed a M/Mex 21 yrs. 5' 140 wearing blue denims and what appeared to be a black jacket. On later viewing pictures of suspect, witness is pretty certain that this is the same individual as just described. When he observed the suspect, he was standing in an area near where the TV interviews were being conducted. He was particularly attracted to this individual due to the casualness of his attire. Most of the people in the area were either dressed in kitchen uniforms or in suits. Witness states he continued to wonder around the Hotel. He wandered from the Ambassador Room on one of the lower floors into the main lobby. He further states that during this wondering, he is not sure of the exact time, but he remembers seeing a male cau. who he describes as young, fairly tall and thin, black hair. He was accompanied by a F/C in her early 20's blond hair fairly attractive and believes she was wearing a dark dress which may have had some kind of white dots, but he could not be sure of the clothing. Witness states that during the Senator's speech he was in the Embassy Room, but had left and had gone downstairs to the Ambassador Room, met several friends and then returned upstairs through the kitchen area and as he was approaching the pantry area, heard several popping sounds. As he continued into the pantry area, he heard two more popping sounds. Just as he entered the pantry, he observed several people struggling with a suspect. He believes one of the people struggling was Roosevelt Grier. He then jumped onto the metal table near where the struggling was going on. He tried to assist in the struggle and the gun was at one time pointed in his direction. The gun was finally taken away from the suspect and the suspect was subdued. (Con't)

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He thought the gun was possibly a 22 cal. revolver. He observed the Senator had been shot and was lying on the floor.

Witness remained at the scene until the police arrived, observed the police remove the suspect from the pantry area. At this time, recognized him as the same party he had described earlier.

Witness remained at the Hotel until approx. 3 AM.

States he was interviewed several times on TV. Witness states he was interviewed by George Benz of the FBI.