

Kranz anticipated that there "will undoubtedly continue to be controversy" because of the unique nature of the case and the notoriety and the publicity given Robert Kennedy's assassination.

"In the minds of the public," he said, "the very nature of a political assassination is such that our pop culture will undoubtedly produce new theories and scenarios."

Kranz acknowledged that it is impossible to prove a negative: that Sirhan's gun and no other gun killed Kennedy and wounded the other victims.

"Nevertheless," he concluded, "the overwhelming evidence underscores the fact that Sirhan Sirhan was the sole assassin."

Kranz was appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 12, 1975, at a time when a growing chorus of questions were being asked about the assassination.

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May 17 Hearing On New Sirhan Report Slated

By IRA RIFKIN,

Evening Outlook Staff Writer

County supervisors have set a May 17, public hearing on a special report that concludes Sirhan B. Sirhan acted alone when he assassinated Robert F. Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel in 1968.

The hearing is likely to give yet another forum to critics of the official version of Kennedy's murder, which has been supported in the report prepared for the Los Angeles supervisors by special counsel Thomas F. Kranz.

The new hearing was ordered at the suggestion of Supervisor Baxter Ward, himself a prime critic. In 1974, Ward held a series of hearings into ballistics evidence during which he attempted to establish that a second gunman may have been involved in Kennedy's death.

Kranz, who presented his report to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, agreed to appear May 17 to, as Ward put it, "respond to public comment" concerning his 60-page document.

The hearing will be held at 2 p.m. in the Hall of Administration.

While Kranz agreed to answer questions, he told reporters he saw no further need for hearings. But he added, "Due to the tragic magnitude of this event, however, I do not believe that people will ever be totally satisfied with the conclusions that have been reached."

Kranz was appointed by the supervisors in 1975 to conduct an independent investigation of the incident because of the growing number of questions then being raised about whether Sirhan, now in prison for the murder, acted alone or was part of a conspiracy.

In his report, Kranz said he found no indication that there was more than one assassin." Kranz said he was "convinced from all the evidence that there was no second gunman and that the original trial court verdict was correct."

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Kranz, who said he had no direct contact with Sirhan during his probe, recommended that the Los Angeles Police Department make public its 10-volume file on the assassination.

Kranz said he believes the LAPD "did a very good job" of investigating the incident, and that continuing to keep the files secret "only gives fodder to the critics."

Kranz also recommended that the county establish an independent crime laboratory to serve police departments throughout the county. Such a move, he said, "will remove any suggestion" that investigations of crimes are subject to any political or police pressure, as has been alleged in the case of Kennedy's death.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 5/4/77

FROM: *MC* ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)(C)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one copy of the report of THOMAS F. KRANZ on the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

For the information of the Bureau, on 4/3/77, an article appeared in the "Los Angeles Times" indicating the conclusion of Special Counsel THOMAS F. KRANZ that SIRHAN-SIRHAN acted alone in the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. THOMAS F. KRANZ is a Special Counsel appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to investigate the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

According to this article, Special Counsel KRANZ has found no evidence or possibility of evidence of any cover-up by law enforcement agencies to protect their reputation or preserve their original conviction.

According to this article, the report of the findings by KRANZ was to be released on Tuesday, 4/5/77.

KRANZ was appointed as a Special Counsel in this matter by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on 8/12/75, to investigate independently the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

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Attention: Investigator William Burnett

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone call to Special Agent Richard A. Schussler of our Legal Unit on May 11, 1977.

Upon consultation with Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarter, Washington, D. C., it has been determined that photographs E1 through E4, as listed on page 48 of FBI report dated June 8, 1968, captioned Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, Civil Rights, may be released by your office to Supervisor Baxter Ward. These photographs are referred to in a report (FD-302) prepared by SAA Alfred C. Greiner and depict certain holes and marks in a doorway area leading into the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

If you desire to release additional FBI reports or material which are in your possession as result of the joint investigation conducted in this matter, please feel free to contact this office in order that suitable arrangements can be made.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. GEBHARDT
Assistant Director in Charge

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Consultation was made with SA BREKKE and SA STEVE RIGGIN, FOIPA Unit, FBI Headquarters, on 5/12/77. They advised that the above photographs, E1 through E4, have previously been released per FOIPA requests and have been made a part of public domain and advised no objection for DA's Office to release these photos to Supervisor BAXTER WARD.

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Re: Robert F. Kennedy Assassination
Character: Civil Rights Act, 1968 Violation; Voting Rights Act, 1965
Violation

Re: Attachments

- A) William F. Bailey Affidavit
- B) Map of Ambassador Hotel pantry showing where bullets 9-11
were fired and landed from Sirhan's 8-shot revolver.

Dear Sirs:

Attached is more evidence that Robert F. Kennedy was
the victim of more than one on-the-scene killer.

One is not satisfied with the fact that there are other
RFK assassins still walking around on the streets, and/or their
on-the-scene assassination supervisors, middle-men-and-women, and
financial backers.

Your attention is directed to paragraph 3 of Bailey's
affidavit, where he says he and (Agents Robert Picard and and
Robert Ibbott saw the two small caliber bullet holes in the center
post of the two doors leading from the preparation room.

According to Robert Kaiser's book, RFK MUST DIE, the case-agent
was A.O. Richards Jr., who is still in the FBI.

Recently, Confidential News Media source reported that
Agent Richards is being forced to retire at age 55, or on 12/31/77.
Source stated that Agent Richards is not happy about having to retire.

As the Special Agent in Charge of the Intelligence Division
of the L.A. FBI office, which has custody of the RFK file, you
might tell FBI headquarters in Washington D.C. that Agent Richards
should ~~not~~ be permitted to stay in the FBI as an agent, if he wants to,
~~because~~ and if he is physically able to, because one believes that
it is important that the FBI have an agent around who is familiar
with the "background/conspiracy" aspects of the case, as well as the
physical evidence. (In fact, I would like to make a civil rights
complaint on behalf of Agent Richards, and all other FBI agents
who are being forced to retire unfairly at age 55, which is unconstitu-
tional.)

The law does give the Director of the FBI the right to
let certain agents stay on past age 55 if there is a special need for
them, and I believe that Agent Richards' expertise in this matter
surely qualifies him to stay on.

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Additionally, Source states that Agent Richards is an authority on organized crime investigations. Public records reveal that Agent Richards was essential in the FBI's breaking up of the L.A. area Peter John Milano et al scheme in 1973-1974, by having recruited Harry Coluduros to function within the Mafia oriented conspiracy as an "informer" for the government.

Agent Richards would also be of value to the FBI in breaking up the current Mafia and National Crime Syndicate conspiracy to kill FBI informers with .22-caliber pistols.

(Sirhan was apprehended with a .22-caliber pistol, and ~~the~~ the other killers also used .22-caliber pistols, or .38-caliber pistols converted into .220caliberized weapons).

These areas of the Ambassador Hotel, where the extra bullets were found, were taken to Parker Center Police headquarters. They were never introduced into evidence at Sirhan's trial, and ~~it~~ according to Asst. Chief Daryl Gates, they were destroyed in late June, 1969. (That was the same month the L.A. Free Press published photos of these areas containing bullet holes).

The FBI investigation of supervisor Al C. Greiner also logged these holes which Bailey is talking about, as having been bullet holes.

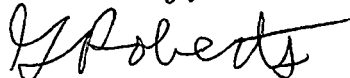
The LAPD has reportedly released photos of the area taken before the bullets were taken to PCPH, and these SID photos show bullets in the holes.

The other bullet was the one behind the stage, No. 9, (the two which Bailey refers to are No. 10 and 11), was identified by LAPD uniform Sgt. Robert Rozzi, in the famous A.P. photo of him pointing out the bullet, with Police Sgt. C. Wright.

Other suspects in the case are the "lady in the polka dot dress," Ace Security Guard Thane Eugene Cesar, Ace Guard Jack Merritt, etc. etc. In the current issues (March and April, 1977) KNAVE magazine, you can find photos of the lady in the polka dot dress, or what is alleged by investigative reporter Ted Charach to be that person.

One hopes the FBI will reopen its investigation, with particular emphasis on identifying those responsible, and those who covered-up the crime, such as the LAPD personnel who destroyed the evidence in June, 1969, if they really did that.

Sincerely,



G. Roberts

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ON OR ABOUT JUNE 5-6, 1968 I, WILLIAM A. BAILEY, employed at that time as a Special Agent of the FBI (Assigned to the Los Angeles Office) was present in the Preparation Room of the Ambassador Hotel. Approx. 4-6 hours after the attempt on Sen. Robt. F. Kennedy's life. The Pantry was referred to as the Preparation Room.

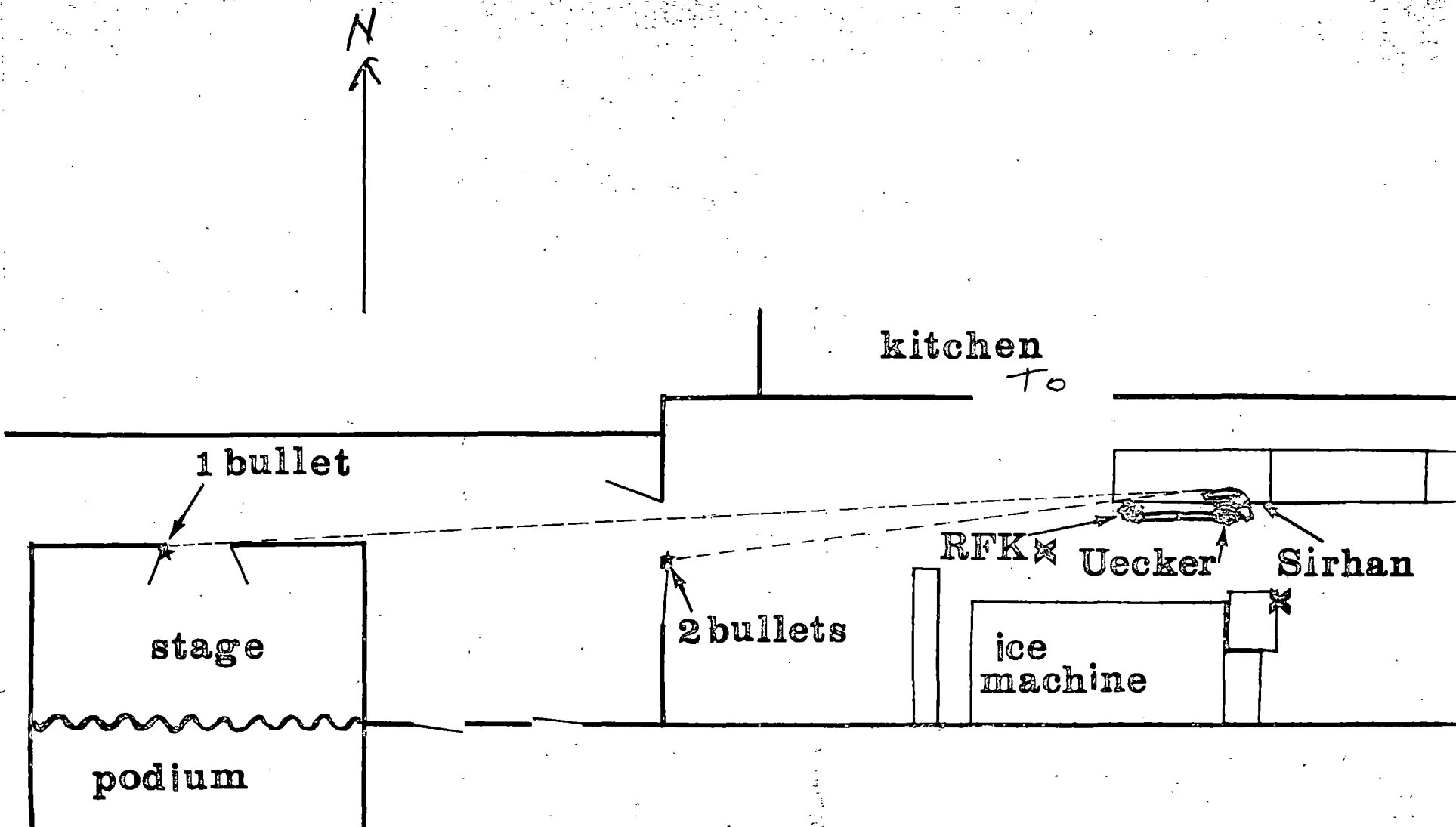
At that time I was assigned to interview witnesses present at the time of the shooting. I was also charged with the responsibility of recreating the circumstances under which same took place. This necessitated a careful examination of the entire room + its contents.

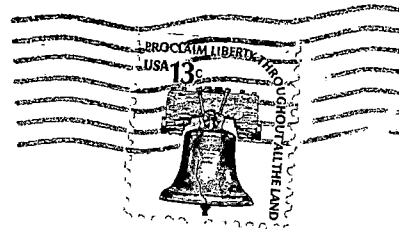
At one point during these observations I (and several other Agents) noted at least two (2) small caliber bullet holes in the center part of the two doors leading from the Preparation Room. There was no question in any of our minds as to the fact that they were bullet holes + were not caused by fire carts or other equipment in the Preparation Room.

I resigned from the FBI in Jan. 1971 and have been employed as an Assistant Professor of Police Science at Gloucester County College, Sewell, New Jersey since that time.

The above statement is being printed + was furnished freely + voluntarily to Mr. Vincent Bugliosi on Nov. 14, 1976 at Glassboro State College, Glassboro, New Jersey.

William Bailey
Nov. 14, 1976





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Mr. George E. Russell
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Dear Mr. Russell:

In reply to your mailgram of November 9th, we have no record in our central files that you have previously furnished us information regarding the late Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Since you indicated you have information of concern to this Bureau, please contact a representative of our office located at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90024, furnishing full details.

Sincerely yours,

Harold N. Bassett

Harold N. Bassett
Assistant Director

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Attention SAC: If contacted by Mr. Russell, furnish details to the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, in form suitable for dissemination.

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