

1 because I just wanted to do something, and at that time I
2 saw them hassling with him. I came around this table and
3 got up on the table on my knees and tried to hit this guy.
4 At this point they were struggling with him for the gun, and
5 the gun was pointed at me, so then I heard--I don't remember
6 how, but it was a reaction, I got down off the table. Then
7 when I got down off the table, I got down and I walked back
8 around here, and that's at that that point I heard something
9 of "Get the gun, Rosie," or "Give me the gun." And that's
10 when I--Rosie was there, I heard someone say, "Give it to
11 Rafer." I did not see Rosie hand the gun to Rafer, but I
12 don't recall Rafer being there other than the point of
13 giving the gun.

14 Q When you were trying to hit the suspect, do you
15 recall anyone saying to you--

16 A --Richard Aubry said something.

17 Q Richard?

18 A A-u-b-r-y.

19 Q Do you recall Rosie saying anything to you at that
20 point such as, "Don't do that, baby," or anything like that?

21 A Rosie said something, but I don't think he said
22 it to me. Now I think about it, he was just talking and
23 crying.

24 Q All right, fine. Now, when you saw the Senator,
25 did he make any statement that you could hear?

26 A I didn't hear him make a statement. No.

1 Q Now when you say you saw a girl go out the door
2 and then you went around and engaged yourself with the
3 suspect, the gun got pointed at you, you stepped back. You
4 heard other conversation about "Give the gun to Rafer," then
5 at this point what did you do?

6 A After the gun was there, that's when I decided
7 that I wanted to follow through and see what had happened
8 there, and that's when I went up through the kitchen area
9 up into the parking lot thinking that the girl was involved
10 and maybe I could find out something.

11 Q Did you find out anything?

12 A Yes, when I got there, there was a gentleman
13 there that was telling cars to get out of the way to let an
14 ambulance in, and I turned around and came back down, and
15 I made a wrong turn and I got right back, and when I came back
16 they put a table up to the entrance leading back to the
17 corridor, and first I was denied entrance to the corridor,
18 and another gentleman, who had traveled with the Kennedy
19 party, recognized me. But I don't recall by word every
20 gesture, but the guy was keeping me away, let me into the
21 area.

22 Q When you went back to the area, what did you do
23 or see?

24 A We formed a chain of arms and sort of surrounded
25 the Senator, and his wife was there at that time, as I
26 remember, and we just held our arms around. I got--I was

1 pretty close, and I just looked down at him, and his wife
2 was there, and I just left that and went to the Colonial
3 Room, and I just sat down in there, and I remember the police-
4 men being there and remember Speaker Unruh in there.

5 Q Let's go back a little bit and pick up--going
6 back to the girl that you saw leave the room, the reason you
7 paid attention to her leaving the room was because you had
8 seen a girl earlier with the person you had tried to hit?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And are you sure that this person that left the
11 room was, in fact, the same girl that had been earlier
12 talking--

13 A --no.

14 Q Would it be a fair statement to say that the
15 only reason any of this came to your mind later when you
16 realized the seriousness and crisis that occurred here, that
17 if there was a possible sinister motive, that you should
18 come forward with this?

19 A The whole statement or the girl?

20 Q About the girl.

21 A No, I'd say I did see a girl, and it was just a
22 part of trying to piece it together and say what I had seen.

23 Q The girl that did leave, though, did you see
24 other people leaving at the same time, could it be just
25 leaving to get away from possible injury?

26 A Right.

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1 Q Do you think she could have been leaving for
2 that reason also?

3 A There is a possibility.

4 Q All right.

5 Q BY SGT. PATCHETT: You said earlier that you saw
6 this girl or a girl with the person who later is identified
7 as the suspect. Actually this could have been this press
8 woman that was--or this woman with the Kennedy party that
9 was checking people's press credentials?

10 A I couldn't say that it could be.

11 Q You don't know that this woman was with this
12 suspect either?

13 A Right. That is correct.

14 Q BY SGT. COLLINS: Would you describe this girl
15 for us that you saw leaving?

16 A I can't very well describe the girl I saw leaving.
17 I could describe the girl I saw in the corridor.

18 Q Will you describe the girl in the corridor
19 earlier?

20 A Tall, between five-four and five-five. She had
21 on a dress that was not--there was white in the dress, but
22 I don't think it was--I can't say it was polka dot or any-
23 thing like that, but I know there was more than one color in
24 the dress.

25 Q How old?

26 A Between 18 and 22, maybe.

1 Q Tell us about her hair.

2 A It was in an upsweep type.

3 Q Color?

4 A I can't recall.

5 Q You said that you didn't see any other women
6 around, is that right?

7 A Let me--let me make a truthful statement. I
8 can't say for sure, but I know the women were not too apparent
9 around there.

10 Q And one of the things that attracted you to this
11 particular girl, she had a very predominant buttocks, is
12 that right?

13 A Right.

14 Q Okay, what were you wearing that night?

15 A I had on a rust-brown suit, a blue shirt, and a
16 mod-flowered tie.

17 Q I have shown you some pictures, and from this
18 group of pictures you identified the one picture of Sirhan
19 Sirhan as the one you did see in the kitchen, and the rest
20 of the--remainder of the group you didn't recognize anybody?

21 A That is right. I think for the record, you could
22 recognize pictures from the paper anyway.

23 Q Now, you saw a man earlier with this girl talking.
24 Can you describe him?

25 A At that--earlier upon just entering the Ambassa-
26 dor?

1 Q No, you said within the kitchen.

2 A No, the other man was taller, maybe six-one or
3 six-two. He was stockily built--you know--he wasn't skinny.
4 He was built pretty nice.

5 Q How old?

6 A I'd say he could be--I can't factually give a
7 statement to that.

8 Q What race would he be?

9 A Well, he was--he was white.

10 Q And he was wearing?

11 A I--as I remember, I can't factually say.

12 Q You said earlier slacks and shirt.

13 A Slacks and shirt. I can't factually say. I
14 don't--he didn't have a dress shirt like you have on.

15 Q He wasn't wearing a tie?

16 A No.

17 Q All right, can you think of anything, Mac, you
18 would like to cover?

19 SGT. MACARTHUR: No.

20 Q BY SGT. PATCHETT: In your article you mentioned
21 seeing people, a man and woman, in the Ambassador earlier.
22 The man you had the negative eye contact with. Now, in
23 reviewing this, you don't feel that he was definitely the
24 same person? Definitely?

25 A Let's see. I can't definitely say on a basis of
26 a life and death situation, but I'm reasonably sure. I have

1 a reasonably (sic) feeling it was.

2 Q Might have been, but you are not definite?

3 A Right.

4 Q And the girl you saw with this person, you are
5 not sure she was the person you saw later in the evening?

6 A No, I am not sure.

7 Q The woman you saw upstairs on two occasions in
8 the kitchen area that you mentioned in your statement, you
9 are not sure this was the same woman you saw in the
10 Ambassador, and it is not the same woman you saw running out
11 of the kitchen area, is that right?

12 A No, not in terms of fact.

13 Q BY SGT. MacARTHUR: You just saw a female. You
14 can't be sure, and the only reason you connect that with the
15 suspect before was that he was talking to a woman?

16 A Right.

17 SGT. MacARTHUR: Okay.

18 Q BY SGT. COLLINS: I show you a picture of Mr.
19 Heath.

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you see him in the kitchen area?

22 A I saw him after everything had died down.

23 Q During the speech when you made your walk
24 through, you did not see him?

25 A He was on the stage beside me sometime during
26 the speech.

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Q But you didn't see him in the Colonial Room when you walked down there?

A No.

Q Or Mr. Dutton?

A No.

SGT. COLLINS: Do we have anything else?

SGT. PATCHENT: It's now 12:15.

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RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

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

GRIFFIN, BOOKER, 8421 S. VERMONT, PHONE - 778-4360 *line*

Mr. Griffin was interviewed at the Los Angeles Office of the Negro Industrial and Educational Union at 8421 S. Vermont on 6-7-68 at 11:30 a.m. (Mr. Griffin is the Los Angeles director of the organization.) He states: "THAT he has known Senator Kennedy for about 10 or 11 years and also that he was active in the Senators' California campaign. On Tuesday evening, 6-4-68, at about 10:15 p.m., Mr. Griffin arrived at the Ambassador Hotel for the election returns. He did not have a Press Pass or other pass to get into the Embassy Room, so he went downstairs to the Ambassador Room which was apparently open to the public.

While Mr. Griffin was in the Ambassador Room, he states that he observed two people whom he thought seemed out of place. He states that there was a male whom he describes as:

MALE, of some descent similar to Mexican; short, 5-4, or less; small build and shabbily dressed in old clothes: Mr. Griffin says that he is positive that this man he saw is the suspect in the Kennedy shooting; Sirhan SIRHAN, and he ID the suspect from a picture the I/O showed him. Mr. Griffin describes the other person, a

FEMALE, Cauc - or "OF NORDIC DESCENT", 5-5/6", (taller than the male), with hair of unknown color, but arranged up on her head in a fluffy manner, and wearing a dress that was predominately white, but that may have had other color in it. Mr. Griffin stated the reason he thought the two people seemed out of place was because everyone else but these two were celebrating the apparent Kennedy victory. Mr. Griffin

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GRIFFIN, BOOKER - INTERVIEW -- continued

was standing about 8 to 10 feet from the two people but did not hear any conversation between them but stated that he had what he describes as "negative eye contact" WITH THE MALE.

After spending about 15 to 20 minutes downstairs in the Ambassador Room, I was able to obtain a press pass to go into the Embassy Room. After Mr. Griffin had been in the Embassy Room for an hour or so, he observed the same two people that he had seen in the Embassy Room, and this time there was another male with them. He described him as:

Male, with lighter complexion than the other man, tall (6-0/6-2), NFD.

The three were standing in the kitchen corridor next to the doorway that leads through the kitchen and out into a parking area. This was about 30 to 45 minutes before Senator Kennedy's arrival.

Just prior to the conclusion of Senator Kennedy's speech; Mr. Griffin passed through the kitchen corridor and went into the Press Room; he heard the first shots being fired. His position in the doorway of the Press Room gave him a clear view of the whole corridor. Almost simultaneously, he observed Senator Kennedy throw one of his arms over his face, and the female and the taller unidentified male run out of the doorway. He then observed some people struggling with the other male who still had the gun in his hand. When Mr. Griffin saw the two people run out of the doorway, he remembers saying out loud, (continued)

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GRIFFIN, BOOKER - INTERVIEW-CONTINUED

"They're getting away."

MR. GRIFFIN recalls that just prior to the shooting, he mentioned to a friend (whom he does not want to identify), that "there's a guy I've been seeing all evening and for some reason we don't seem to take to each other". He was referring to the suspect he identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

STATEMENT INTERVIEW BY W. M. RATHBURN #11790, R.R. PHILLIPS #12167

PERSON INTERVIEWED: X GRIJALVA, Richard DATE/TIME 7-2-68, 6:30 p.

SEX M RACE Mex HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5'7" WT 242 DOB 10-27-45

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 9011 South Morrill, Santa Fe Springs PHONE 695-3193

BUSINESS ADDRESS Calif PHONE PHONE

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

Interview conducted July 2, 1968, 6:30 p.m. at above residence address Richard Grijalva arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, 4001 Fish Canyon Road, Duarte June 4, 1968, 12 noon. Grijalva was accompanied by his sister, Miss Roberta Grijalva (See interview I-1082) Grijalva upon arriving at the gun club went to the control tower to get a target. Grijalva received his target and was starting to the rifle range when he observed a man at position #20 or 21 on the pistol range rapid firing. Grijalva describes the man as a male, foreign descent, 20-22, thin build, 5'2"3", dark brown hair combed back neat, wearing light blue pants, blue sweater, and dark sunglasses. Grijalva stopped to watch the man fire because the man was rapid firing which is unusual on the range. Grijalva then went to the rifle range where he placed his own target and fired his guns 30/30, 243, 30/06 and a .22 rifle. Grijalva returned to the control tower in approximately twenty minutes from the time he received his first target to get a new target, Grijalva again saw the aforementioned man at positions 20 or 21 on the pistol range still rapid firing. Grijalva states the man was the only person on the pistol range, that he was firing a possible .22 caliber revolver, four inch, due to the small frame and the sound of the gun. Grijalva saw two large cartons of ammo on the bench in front of the man, each carton containing ten small boxes of fifty each, possible Remington brand. Grijalva did not observe what the man was doing with the shell casings. Grijalva returned to the rifle range position 36. Grijalva states the man had one large box of ammo with him which contained ten small boxes of 50 each. Grijalva states the aforementioned man came to the rifle range about 2:30 p.m. He took position 30 or 32 where he fired a .22 rifle, bolt action, equipped with a scope. Grijalva left the range at approximately 3 p.m. and states the man was still on the rifle range firing. Grijalva states the FBI has talked to him. Grijalva identified the mug shot of Sirhan out of four look alikes as the man he mentioned above being at the gun club June 4, 1968.

See Addendum for Grijalva and Sirhan positions at the gun club.

Grijalva did not see anyone with or anyone talking to Sirhan
 scr/11-13-68

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IN INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-990

TAPE # 29335
TAPE # 29221

(X) INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: GRIJALVA, Richard DATE/TIME 7-2-68 6:30 PM

SEX M RACE Mex HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-7 WT 242 DOB 10-27-45

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 9011 S. Morrill, Sante Fe Springs PHONE 695-3193

BUSINESS ADDRESS None PHONE _____

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

Interview conducted 7-2-68 at 6:30 PM at above residence address.

Richard GRIJALVA arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, 4001 Fish Canyon Rd., Duarte, 6-4-68 at 12 noon. GRIJALVA was accompanied by his sister Miss Roberta GRIJALVA (See-Interview I-1082). GRIJALVA, upon arriving at the Gun Club went to the Control Tower to get a target, GRIJALVA received his target and was starting to the rifle range when he observed a man at position #20 or #21 on the pistol range who was rapid firing. GRIJALVA describes the man as a male; foreign descent; 20-22; thin build; 5-2/3; dark brown hair combed back neat; wearing light blue pants, blue sweater & dark sun glasses. GRIJALVA stopped to watch the man fire because the man was rapid firing which is unusual on the range. GRIJALVA then went to the rifle range where he placed his own target and fired his guns 30/30, 243, 30/06, and a 22 rifle. GRIJALVA returned to the Control Tower in approx. 20 minutes from the time he received his first target to get a new target, GRIJALVA again saw the aforementioned man at position #20 or #21 on the pistol range rapid firing. GRIJALVA states the man was the only person on the pistol range that he was firing a possible 22 cal. revolver 4 inch due to the small frame and the sound of the gun.

GRIJALVA saw two large cartons of ammo on the bench in front of the man. Each large carton containing 10 small boxes of 50 each. Poss. Remington brand. GRIJALVA did not observe what the man was doing with the shell casings. GRIJALVA returned to the rifle range position #36. GRIJALVA stated the aforementioned man came to the rifle range about 2:30 PM, he took position #30 or #32 where he fired a 22 rifle bolt-action equipped with a scope. He states the man had one large box of ammo with him which contained 10 small boxes of 50 each. GRIJALVA left the range at approx. 3 PM and states the man was still on the rifle range firing. He states the FBI has talked to him. GRIJALVA ID the mug shot of Sirhan out of 4 look alike, as the man he mentioned above being at the gun club on 6-4-68.

Interview taped - tape #29221, Side #1 #4.

See-Adendum for GRIJALVA & Sirhan positions at the gun club. GRIJALVA did not see anyone else talking to Sirhan. 355

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SIRHAN AT POSITION # 20 OR 21 PER RICHARD G. RIZALVO'S STATEMENTS

STORAGE SHACK

PISTOL RANGE

REPAIR SHACK

CONTROL TOWER



RICHARD G. RIZALVO'S POSITION WHILE OBSERVING SIRHAN FIRING ON THE PISTOL RANGE RIFLE RANGE

RIZALVO ALSO AT POSITION # 36 RIFLE RANGE

PARKING AREA

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

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

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PERSON INTERVIEWED: GRIJALVA, Roberta DATE/TIME 7-5-68, 12 noonSEX F RACE Cauc HAIR Blk EYES Brn HT 5-5 WT 140 DOB 12-2-48RESIDENCE ADDRESS 9011 S. Morrill, Santa Fe Springs ^{Calif} PHONE 695-3193BUSINESS ADDRESS 14612 East Whittier Boulevard PHONE _____

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

Interview conducted July 5, 1968, 12 noon, at above residence address. Roberta Grijalva arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, 4001 Fish Canyon Road, Duarte, June 4, 1968, 12 noon, along with her brother, Richard Grijalva (see interview I-990).

Grijalva states she was watching her brother fire his rifles on the rifle range at approximately position 38. She heard rapid firing coming from the pistol range but did not go to the pistol range or see who was doing the rapid firing. Grijalva identified the mug shot of Sirhan from four look alike as the person she saw at the gun club rifle range, June 4, 1968. Grijalva states Sirhan Sirhan came to the rifle range approximately 2:45 p.m., took position 34 and was firing a .22 automatic rifle and had three boxes of ammo in a red, blue, and white box with a big "X" printed on the outside. Grijalva describes Sirhan as a male, foreign descent, 22-23, 5'1½", thin build, dark pants, dark blue sweater cardigan, dark sunglasses. Grijalva states there were three other people on the rifle range at about position 36. #1, male Caucasian, 30, 5'8", medium build. #2, female Caucasian, 25, blond, dark capris and light-colored blouse. #3, male Caucasian, 21, 5'10", thin build, blond hair, dark pants and cowboy boots. Grijalva left approximately 3 p.m. Sirhan was still firing. FBI Agents Bagley and Laner interviewed Grijalva. Grijalva did not see anyone with or talking to Sirhan.

INTERVIEWS

FILE #

I-21

Person(s) Interviewed:

GUY, Virginia

Date

6-21-68 130pm

SUPPL TO I-94

Reporter for Flair Magazine-

Business Address & Phone

4319 18th St., N/W Wash. DC

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Residence Address & Phone

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

The following interview was conducted by phone from Sen. Kennedy's office in Wash. DC

SUPPL TO I-94

SEE + ATTACHED STATEMENT

Investigators making interview
Mac Arthur & Patchett

Approved by:

LT. P...

STATEMENT OF VIRGINIA CUI, DEFENDER FOR BLAIR MAGAZINE,
4319 18TH STREET, NORTONWOOD, WASHINGTON, D.C., 882-4319.

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2 After the Senator finished his speech, I was proceeding him
3 through the kitchen area to the Colonial Room. I was
4 8 or 10 feet in front of him when I heard the shots. As
5 to what happened next, I am not really sure. I can remember
6 other people being nearby, one was Dick Drayne. I remember
7 someone saying, "Something happened to Bobby." I remember
8 seeing Bobby was down and had been shot. Most of the
9 details are very hazy in my mind. I do not remember seeing
10 a suspect or anyone actually doing the shooting. Like I
11 said; everything was very hazy.

12 From the statements made by witness, she places
13 herself in the vicinity of the second metal steam table.
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FILE # 4-116

Informants Name:	Business Address & Phone:
HAGER, Lloyd	4001 Fish Canyon Rd. Duarte 358 9165
Residence & Phone:	
760 RANDOM LANE EL 83058	
Investigator Receiving Info:	Date & Time Received:
McGrann	6-17-68
Information:	

MR. OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB, TO
BE INTERVIEWED.

ASSIGNED TO: McGrann

(Tape Made)

ACTION TAKEN - RESULTS: 6/17/68 12:45 PM

INFORM. INTERVIEWED ON 6-17-68 AT THE SAN GABRIEL Valley Gun Club. HAGER IS THE MGR OF THE CLUB & HAS HAD EVERETT BUCKNER (K13) IN HIS EMPLOYEE ~~FOR~~ FOR THE PAST 2 MOS. BUCKNER WORKED AS RANGE MASTER & AMMO SALES. BUCKNER WAS SO EMPLOYED ON 6-4-68.

HAGER DID NOT SEE SIKHAN AT THE RANGE ON 6-4-68, ~~AND~~ IN FACT HE HAS NEVER SEEN SIKHAN BEFORE HE APPEARED ON TV 6-5-68 12:45/105 PM

HAGER WAS FIRST AWARE THAT SIRHAN HAD FIRED AT THE S.G.U. GUN CLUB 6-4-68 ON ~~6-6-68~~ 6-6-68. MR. CHARLES KENDALL (J 316) A MEMBER OF THE CLUB CAME TO THE CLUB ON 6-6-68 & ASKED HAGER IF HE KNEW SIRHAN THE MAN THAT SHOT KENNEDY HAD FIRED ON 6-4-68. HAGER DID NOT BELIEVE KENDALL, HOWEVER WHEN HE CHECKED THE ROSTER FOR 6-4-68 HE DISCOVERED SIRHAN HAD SIGNED IN FOR THAT DATE.

HE DID NOT MAKE ANY NOTIFICATIONS UNTIL 6-7-68. ON THAT DATE HE CALLED L.A.P.D. PRIOR TO CALLING L.A.P.D. HE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH CLUB PRESIDENT MR. JOSEPH TESCHER (HOME ADD. 2275 OAK KNOLL SAN MARINO CA 92213 - BUS ADD. 612 S FLOWER MA 93631) & VICE PRES. MAYNARD GOODELL (HOME ADD. 1615 DUN CANNON AVE QUARTE 358 9736 BUS ADD. SANTA ANITA ENCL. CO. PASADENA 795931). BOTH TESCHER & MAYNARD AGREED TO MAKE NOTIFICATIONS.

HAGER VERIFIED BACKMERS STATEMENT THAT TARGETS # 23 & 24 (ADDENDUM #1) WERE CLOSED FOR ROSTER ON 6-4-68. 301

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RIFLE RANGE

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FILE # I-1337

PERSON INTERVIEWED: HAMILL, Pete DATE/TIME _____

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

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 478 68th St., Brooklyn N.Y. PHONE (212) 833-2930

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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

Near R.F.K. when he was shot.

Not interviewed by LAPD. Following is a synopsis of the FBI Interview of 8-5-68.

Witness was on stage with Senator during the speech. After the speech, Witness was preceding the Senator through the pantry with George Plimpton I-1020. He looked back and observed the Senator shake hands with some people and then start to walk away. At that time Witness heard 5 shots in rapid succession. He saw Sirhan standing about 7'-8' to the left front of the Senator. His arm was fully extended and he was firing a gun. There was a look of tremendous concentration on his face. Witness saw the Senator falling to the floor and someone catching him.

Witness recalled George Plimpton rushing to the suspect & going for the gun. Rosie Grier "slammed" Sirhan into a table, according to Witness.

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FILE # I-1337

PERSON INTERVIEWED: HAMILL, Pete DATE/TIME 10-9-68 2:30pm

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

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 196 Berkeley Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y. PHONE (212) 499-9213

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE (212) 758-8980 Ex. 20

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

RE-INTERVIEW OF WITNESS REGARDING HIS OBSERVATIONS (IMPRESSIONS)
OF THE SHOOTING.

Witness was walking toward the Colonial Room, preceeding Senator Kennedy, in the area of the West end of the ice machines. He had turned and was walking backwards, looking at the Senator. He described the Senator standing with his body facing in an Easterly direction and his head turned to his left in a Northerly direction. His right arm was across his body and he was shaking hands. He was standing approximately 2' South of the South end of the first steam table and approximately 4' West of the West edge of the table. The suspect was standing approximately 4' to 6' from the Senator, near the center of the same table. His right foot was forward and his right arm was extended with the gun in his right hand. Witness estimated the gun was about 2' from the Senator. He indicated he could be off on the distances due to the circumstances.

He heard the shots and it was then that he first saw the suspect in the above described position. However, he did not see the flashes from the gun nor the Senator being hit. His view of the suspect's face was a left profile. He described the suspect as having a look of determined concentration on his face. He next saw the Senator with his right hand up in the air.

In reviewing the moment of the incident, witness recalled that he froze. His next recollection was that of Rosie Grier rushing toward the suspect. He was informed that there was about a twenty second period between the shooting and Grier arriving. He replied that he did not recall what happened during that period.

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Date

Mr. PETE HAMILL was interviewed at his temporary residence, 196 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 638-8215. He stated that he will be moving within a week to 479 14th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

He is a free lance writer and on June 4-5, 1968, while living in California, he covered the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign.

During the evening of June 4, 1968, prior to Senator KENNEDY making his victory speech, HAMILL was in Senator KENNEDY's suite in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with Senator KENNEDY and JIMMY BRESLIN, the writer. HAMILL went to the elevator with Senator KENNEDY when Senator KENNEDY was on his way to make his victory speech.

There was confusion at the elevators and HAMILL did not get on the same elevator with Senator KENNEDY.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, HAMILL stood on the podium to Senator KENNEDY's rear and left. This was near the left rear corner of the podium near some drapes and some stairs that went down. Standing near HAMILL were GEORGE PLIMPTON, the writer, and PLIMPTON's wife, FREDDY. Standing near the stairs was BILL BARRY of Senator KENNEDY's staff.

During the speech "a guy" or a "kid" tried to get on the podium by coming through the drapes which were in back of HAMILL. BILL BARRY noticed this individual and told him to get out. HAMILL would not recognize this individual if he saw him again.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, HAMILL or PLIMPTON asked BILL BARRY which way to go out.

On 8/5/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640

SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN:jrf

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BARRY pointed to a corridor to the pantry. HAMILL and PLIMPTON went out that way which was down the nearby stairs and HAMILL did not see Senator KENNEDY leave the podium. HAMILL next saw Senator KENNEDY in the pantry. HAMILL was walking along with GEORGE PLIMPTON in front of Senator KENNEDY and to his (Senator KENNEDY's) right about ten feet. HAMILL did not know that Senator KENNEDY was going to the press room but thought Senator KENNEDY was headed from "The Factory", where a party was to be held. As HAMILL was walking along and looking back, he saw Senator KENNEDY turn to his left to shake hands with someone. After Senator KENNEDY shook hands with this individual, he (Senator KENNEDY) turned to continue walking straight ahead. At this time what HAMILL thought were five (5) shots were fired in very rapid succession. HAMILL looked and saw SIRHAN SIRHAN who was standing in front of and to Senator KENNEDY's left about seven (7) or eight (8) feet with his (SIRHAN's) arm fully extended and his face in tremendous concentration, shooting a gun at Senator KENNEDY. Senator KENNEDY was falling to the floor and someone caught Senator KENNEDY.

ROSIE GRIER ran by HAMILL and "slammed" SIRHAN into a table. GEORGE PLIMPTON rushed over to SIRHAN and went for the gun. RAFER JOHNSON came out of somewhere and HAMILL thinks that JOHNSON got the gun. SIRHAN was "thrown up on a table" or group of tables and "slid down to the end of the table" or tables.

There was much yelling and noise and HAMILL was momentarily "stupified". He then looked at his watch. It was 12:12 A.M., June 5, 1968. HAMILL heard people saying such things to SIRHAN as "Why did you do it?" HAMILL did not hear SIRHAN say anything.

HAMILL stated that he did not see or notice SIRHAN before the shooting. HAMILL did not touch SIRHAN.

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HAMILL went out of the hotel by or near the press room to get his brother BRIAN HAMILL, a photographer, who did not have a pass to get in to watch the speech.

HAMILL stated that he looked at his watch when Senator KENNEDY's body was removed and it was 12:32 A.M.

After the shooting WARREN ROGERS of "Look Magazine" and BUD SCHULBERG, a writer who lives in Los Angeles, came out of the press room and into the room where the shooting occurred.

HAMILL stated that he heard later that there was an entrance to the hotel near the press room in which entrance to the hotel and the kitchen or pantry area could be easily had.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-1509

SON INTERVIEWED: HEALY, Robert Leo DATE/TIME 7-18-68 3 PM

aka. Robert Healy

M RACE C HAIR _____ EYES _____ HT _____ WT _____ DOB 7-2-25

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 17 Cavanagh Rd. N. Scituate, Mass. PHONE (617) 545-9097

BUSINESS ADDRESS Boston Globe, Boston, Mass. PHONE _____

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

HEALY stated he was writing a story in his room during the evening. He went to the Colonial Room at 11:20 PM, at 11:40 PM he was informed by Hugh McDonald that the Sen. would meet with the writing press after his speech, but didn't say when. About midnight he went into the kitchen area and met and shook hands with Sen. Kennedy. He went on the stage with the Senator but left after a few minutes because of the heat & the crowd. Enroute back to the Colonial Room, through the kitchen, HEALY observed a M/C 18-20 walking out of the Colonial Room toward him. He could not recall any further description of this person but felt it might have been the susp. The person stopped HEALY and asked if he could have his press pass. (possibly not susp. but Michael Wayne) as he was collecting them. HEALY refused and the person became bolder in his request (but never to the point of threatening). HEALY gave the person a final "NO" and continued toward the Colonial Room. The unk person continued in an opposite direction.

HEALY viewed the Senator's speech on T.V. in the Colonial Room. At the conclusion, he went to the door, leading to the kitchen, and stood looking toward the door leading to the Anteroom. He observed the Sen. walk toward him with a group of people. He could see as the sen. stopped, turned to his left and shake hands with a group of Hotel Employees. The next thing he recalled was seeing 4 or 5 flashes from the gun and hearing an equal number of shots. He did not see the susp. approach the Sen. prior to the shooting.

Immediately after the shooting, HEALY jumped up on the metal tables and ran to the other end. He was aware of nothing going on as he ran up the tables. When he reached the edge of the last table, he looked down and saw the Sen. Lying on the floor. It was then that he became aware of a struggle taking place by his left foot. He looked down and saw a group of men struggling with the susp. He didn't recall who any of the men were, except Rosie Grier. He recalled that he was amazed at the difficulty Grier had getting the gun away from such a small man. HEALY wrote an eye-witness account of the incident for his paper. He agreed to forward a copy to the S.U.S Unit.

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INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*

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1. SAW SIRHAN BEFORE SHOOTING Date 6-25-68

ROBERT HEALY, Boston Globe, Boston, Massachusetts, advised he represented his paper in the coverage of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign in the California primary election.

HEALY stated he did not know the reason why Senator KENNEDY changed his plans concerning his going to the Ambassador Room after his speech following the June 4th primary.

HEALY stated he observed SIRHAN B. SIREAN when he was seized immediately after the shooting. He stated he had never seen SIRHAN on any previous occasion.

HEALY stated that earlier on that evening, he observed an individual who resembled SIRHAN but who definitely was not SIRHAN. HEALY stated he met this individual just after Senator KENNEDY began his talk in which he thanked his workers and the voters for the victory.

HEALY stated that he could not hear the speech very well and entered the Colonial Room so he could watch it on TV. He stated the room contained about 12 working press and TV men. HEALY stated that there were two security men at the door of the Colonial Room checking press credentials.

He stated that just inside the door of the Colonial Room he was approached by a young man who asked HEALY if he would give the young man the press credentials HEALY had hanging around his neck on a chain. HEALY said that he could not do that and the young man wanted to know what HEALY intended to do with the credentials after the affair was over. HEALY gave him some answer and got rid of him, but noted that the fellow was very persistent and even wanted to know where he could get similar credentials.

HEALY did not observe this man again. He recalled the young man's description as follows:

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On 6-19-68 at Boston, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-546

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/jmp Date dictated 6-25-68

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Race: White
Age: 19
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 135 pounds
Hair: Dark brown, curly
Complexion: Dark, appeared to be possibly of Mexican extraction.
Clothing: Not recalled. Wore "PT 109" tie clip and several badges including a KENNEDY badge, a MC CARTHY badge and a Peace badge.
Voice: Normal, no accent noted.

HEALY stated he was amazed that this man had evidently gained entry to the Colonial Room despite the fact that security men were positioned at the room's entrance.

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Robert Leo Healy - Writer Boston Globe

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Healy was on stage with Senator Kennedy for approximately three minutes after the start of his speech. He left the stage and was going to the Colonial Room via the kitchen when he observed an individual walking out of the Colonial Room. He was not sure that this person was the suspect, but after seeing the suspect, after the shooting, he felt it was the same person. This person stopped him and asked to have his press pass, stating he was collecting them. Healy refused and the person became bold and insistent but never became threatening. Healy made a final refusal and went into the Colonial Room. The person continued in the opposite direction. Healy viewed the Senator's speech on TV in the Colonial Room. At the end of the speech he walked to the door, leading into the kitchen and stood there. He observed the Senator walking toward him. The Senator stopped in the area at the end of some long metal tables and began shaking hands with hotel employees. The next thing Healy recalls was seeing four or five flashes and hearing the same number of shots. He jumped up on the metal tables and ran to the opposite end. When he reached the end he looked down and saw the Senator lying on the floor, it was not until this time that he became aware of a struggle taking place at his left foot. He looked down and saw a group of men wrestling with the suspect. The only thing he could recall regarding the struggle was the unusual fact

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that a large man such as Rosie Grier was having so much trouble getting the gun from the suspect. He did not observe suspect going up to the Senator immediately prior to the shooting. He did not see the Senator fall or any other victim fall.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-949

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Thadis Heath

DATE/TIME 7-23-68 5:30PM

SEX M RACE Neg HAIR Blk EYES Brn HT 6-0 WT 183 DOB 12-4-37

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 3668 Olympiad / LA ^{Los Angeles, Calif}

PHONE 295-2868

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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

During interview it was ascertained that Mr. Heath was in the kitchen area at the time of the shooting. Further questioning was conducted by Sgt. Collins of the case preparation team.

1 INTERVIEW OF THADIS HEATH, D.O.B.: December 4, 1937
2 3668 OLYMPIAD DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, 295-2868
3 INTERVIEWED BY SGT. C. E. COLLINS, S.U.S. UNIT, AT PARKER
4 CENTER, JULY 23, 1968, 6:00 P.M.
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This witness had worked at the Kennedy headquarters for approximately one month. His immediate supervisor was Walter Sheridan. He had received payments for expenses and so forth from the Kennedy campaign group. On June 4th he arrived at the hotel at 8 p.m. He stayed in the area of the Embassy Room from that time until Senator Kennedy came on stage. He gives the following account of his actions during the speech and after: I stood on the steps at the right side of the stage next to the anteroom door. I moved up onto the platform as Senator Kennedy entered the Embassy Room and came onto the stage. The stage was very crowded. Jesse Unruh, Mrs. Kennedy, Paul Schrade, and Rosie Grier were standing immediately around the Senator. At the conclusion of the speech, I was standing at the rear of the stage and to the west side of the stage, or the left side as you look at the stage. During his speech, Fred Dutton came to me and asked me to go with him as he wanted to check a rear hallway. We left the stage on the west side, walked past the staff area, down the hall in back of the stage, and then through the pantry to the press room. There were hotel employees in the kitchen area. I did not notice anyone else. We stayed about four or five minutes in the press room, then returned to the

1 stage. We entered the stage area through the rear door to
2 the stage. Kennedy left the stage by this rear curtain. I
3 left the stage on the west side, went past the anchor desk
4 around in back of the stage as I had before. I could see
5 Senator Kennedy about 20 feet in front of me walking toward
6 the kitchen. Bill Barry was walking with him. Speaker
7 Unruh was to his right. Rafer Johnson was close to him,
8 and Paul Schrade was close behind him. There were also quite
9 a few newsmen close to him. I went through the door and
10 into the kitchen. The hotel help was lined up to shake hands.
11 I saw the Senator extend his hand, but I do not recall
12 seeing him actually touching or shaking hands with anyone.
13 I turned to go back, turning to my left, and as I did I
14 heard the first shot, and then a rapid burst of five or six.
15 While the shots were going, I heard yelling, "Get him."
16 One left (I thought one person had left). I moved forward
17 to the door opening which was to my left and observed the
18 scuffling. Rosie was there grabbing at the suspect. I
19 moved over by the ice machine, saw the Senator on the floor,
20 and a fellow kneeling by him. He was a Caucasian. I saw
21 two other fellows kneeling by Schrade. I glanced back by
22 the table, and I could see the scuffling was continuing there.
23 I thought I heard Senator Kennedy say something, but I could
24 not say what it was. I did hear Paul Schrade say, "Take care
25 of the Senator." I did not hear Sirhan make any statements.
26 He has a prior interview by the FBI Agent Cook.

1 STATEMENT OF RAFER JOHNSON
 2 TAKEN AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL
 3 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1968, 9:45 A.M.
 4 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. F. J. PATCHETT, # [REDACTED]
 5 SGT. J. R. MacARTHUR, # [REDACTED]
 6 SGT. CHARLES COLLINS
 7 SUMMARY REPORT DICTATED BY LAPD OFFICERS. REPORTED AND
 8 TRANSCRIBED BY SHARON THIELMAN, CSR, ON JUNE 28, 1968.

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 10 Rafer Johnson resides at 5470 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.
 11 telephone 294-1270.

12 Johnson indicated that along with Grier, and other
 13 members of Senator Kennedy's campaign group, that he had spent
 14 the evening in the Senator's suite on the Fifth Floor at the
 15 Ambassador Hotel. When the time came for the Senator to
 16 address a group in the Embassy Room, they left the suite and
 17 took a service elevator to the kitchen area adjacent to the
 18 Embassy Room. The Senator entered the stage via a set of
 19 stairs on the left side (left side facing from the stage to
 20 the room). Johnson positioned himself on the left side of the
 21 stage during the speech.

22 It was his understanding that at the conclusion of
 23 the speech, the Senator was to exit the same way, however, at
 24 the conclusion he observed the Senator turn around and go
 25 through some curtains at the rear of the stage. Johnson then
 26 exited by going through the door immediately next to the stairs
 on the left side of the stage. The door entered into a foyer
 area adjacent to the kitchen. Johnson recalled that the room

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1 was quite crowded and the complexity of the situation was
2 increased by the presence of television cameras and cables.

3 At the time of the shooting, he placed himself in
4 the vicinity of the doors leading into the kitchen, however,
5 he had not yet entered the kitchen. He estimated he was two
6 or three paces from the door. He recalled hearing what he had
7 first thought was the pop of two balloons but then in looking
8 into the kitchen area he observed smoke. He immediately ran
9 into the kitchen area and headed toward the direction of the
10 smoke. He recalled seeing a man lying on the floor who he
11 thought was dead (probably Paul Schrade). He then saw
12 Senator Kennedy lying on the floor and paused momentarily over
13 the Senator.

14 He related that at the time he felt there was
15 nothing he could do for the Senator and so he turned and went
16 in the direction of a group of men scuffling with the man.
17 He heard someone shouting, "Get the gun, get the gun". At
18 that time, he observed Rosie Grier, along with other men,
19 holding a suspect. He saw the gun in the suspect's hand and
20 dove across the table in an effort to grab the gun. He got
21 his hand on the gun but Rosie Grier had better control of it.
22 Rosie removed the gun from the suspect's hand and gave it to
23 him. Johnson stated he kept the gun in his possession until
24 his arrival at Rampart Station at which time he turn the gun
25 over to a police officer named McGann (Sgt. McGann, Homicide
26 Division).

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CAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

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

INTERVIEWED BY M.J. MC GANN
R. L. CLAKINS HOMICIDE DIV.

STATEMENT OF RAFER JOHNSON
5470 West Blvd.
90043
Ph: 294-1270

Can I.D. susp. and gun. (Heard one shot, Kennedy entered door. Then heard several more, by the time 2nd shot fired, he was at door.) Susp. pacing Kennedy who was walking eastbound surrounded by newsmen. When Johnson entered through door, he saw Rosey Grier heading toward susp. who was holding the gun. Grier got to the susp. and grabbed him before Johnson did. Susp. was still waving gun out in front of him. Johnson thought it was held in his left hand. Johnson took possession of the gun. Susp. was held by Grier, Johnson, and other unk persons. Susp. turned over to uniform officer at scene. Susp. taken out through main lobby. Susp. described as Male Latin, 25/26, short, thin, dark curly hair, med. length, blue denim pants, jacket unk color, blk socks. Johnson asked, "Why did you do it" Susp stated in English, "I'll explain it." As Johnson passed Kennedy, he noted Kennedy, an aide, and possibly a woman down.

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front of him. Johnson thought it was

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FILE # I-617

TAPE # 29317

SON INTERVIEWED: KADAR, Gabor

DATE/TIME 7-30-68 2:30 PM

M RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-8 WT 130 DOB 1-4-47

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 309 N. Ogden Dr., Los Angeles, Calif PHONE WE 42168

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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

SEE: ATTACHED INTERVIEW

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AGENTS MAKING INTERVIEW: _____

APPROVED BY: _____

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS GATHERED FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH GABOR KADAR CONDUCTED BY SGT. J.R. MAC ARTHUR, SGT. C.E. COLLINS, AND SGT. F.J. PATCHETT, ALL OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 803 PARKER CENTER ON JULY 30, 1968 AT 2:30 P.M.

Gabor Kadar, Address: 309 North Ogden Drive, Los Angeles. Telephone No. Webster 42168. Male Caucasian. Birthdate: January 4, 1947. Height: five feet-eight inches. Weight: 130 pounds. Brown hair and brown eyes. Occupation: President of Diplomat Sales Company Incorporated of 309 North Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, California.

Witness states he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 10:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968. Upon arriving, he had tried to gain entrance to the Embassy ballroom, but was refused. He then went to the Ambassador ballroom and remained there for approximately one half hour. He then went to the floor below the Ambassador ballroom into a kitchen area where he obtained a cook's uniform which he put on and then went back up the stairs to the Embassy room where he gained admittance. He removed the uniform.

During Senator Kennedy's speech, he stood in front of the podium on the west side. When the speech was concluded and Kennedy left the stage by the rear exit, witness jumped up on the stage and followed the Senator out the back. He observed the Senator enter the pantry area and was approximately three or four feet from the door when he heard what he thought was four or five firecrackers go off. He then ran forward and observed one man lying on the floor who appeared to be dead. He then observed two males struggling with the suspect. He believes one of the males was Roosevelt Grier. He then jumped up on the metal table where the struggle was going on. He yelled for someone to get the gun. He also states that he hit the suspect on the chest and on the knee.

He remained in the kitchen until after the police arrived and took the suspect away.

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SON INTERVIEWED: ~~KAWALEC~~, STANLEY STEVEN

DATE/TIME 7-2-68 10am

M RACE Cauc HAIR _____ EYES _____ HT _____ WT _____ DOB 12-2-20

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 502 S. Westlake #107 PHONE HU 36171

BUSINESS ADDRESS Ambassador Hotel PHONE DU 37011 ext 356

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

Interview:
Kawalec was guard posted by Wm Gardner, chief of security, Ambassador Hotel, at rear door of stage. Just prior to conclusion of speech he was instructed by another security guard, Tom Perez (works back gate at Ambassador from 30pm to 1030pm), to clear the crowd in the kitchen area as the Senator would be coming through. Kawalec recalled there were a lot of people in the kitchen as he walked ahead of the senator. He attempted to have people stand back for the senator as he walked through the kitchen. He recalled the senator stopping to shake hands with people. He was not sure where he was when he first heard the shots. However, he did recall having to turn around, as the shots came from his rear - unknown if right or left side, and when he did he first observed the senator down. His next observation was the struggle with the suspect. He stated there was a fireman to his left (unknown name at this time) and the two joined hands to hold back the crowd. His position at this time was at the end of the ice machine furthest from the partition. He recalled hearing 4 or 5 shots, no more. He was in uniform at the time.

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Informants Name: KENDALL, CHARLES Business Address & Phone: 2107 WEST RAMONA BLVD (WEST COVINA) 337 3150

Residence & Phone: " " " " " " TAPE # 29201
TAPE # 25270

Investigator Receiving Info: McGANN Date & Time Received: 6-17-68

Information:

MEMBER S.G.V. Gun Club. TO BE INTERVIEWED.

ASSIGNED TO: McGANN

ACTION TAKEN - RESULTS:

ON 6-17-68 I INTERVIEWED MR. KENDALL AT HIS HOME.
HE STATED HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB FOR THE PAST 10 YRS.
ON 6-4-68 APPROX. 12⁰⁰ PM. HE ARRIVED AT THE CLUB & ENTERED THE RANGE FROM THE PARKING AREA WALKING ALONG THE EAST END OF THE STORAGE SHED ADDENDUM #1 TO TARGET #5.
AFTER ARRIVING AT TARGET #5 HE NOTED SIKHON - 381

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FIRING ON TARGET # 12 OR 13. SIRHAN WAS FIRING A SHORT BARRELED REV. BLUE STEEL IN COLOR SMALL CAL. SIRHAN WAS FIRING DOUBLE ACTION RAPID FIRE.

KENDALL ALSO NOTED A BIRD FEM (NO FUR. DESCRIPTION) FIRING ON TARGET # 1 OR 2 ADDENDUM # 1. HE ALSO OBS. TWO OR THREE YOUNG ADULTS FIRING ON TARGET 21 OR 22.

AFTER FIRING FOR ABOUT 20 MIN HE NOTED THE BIRD FEM. WAS GONE. HE DID NOT SEE THIS FEM AGAIN. SIRHAN WAS STILL FIRING RAPID FIRE & REMAINED ON THE RANGE FOR APPROX 1 1/2 HRS. WHEN KENDALL STARTED TO LEAVE THE RANGE HE NOTICED SIRHAN DISCUSSING HIS TARGETS WITH BUCKNER (THE RANGE MASTER).

KENDALL DID ^{NOT} SEE SIRHAN HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH ANY ONE ON THE RANGE.

ON 6-5-68 12⁴⁵ AM KENDALL SAW SIRHAN ON T.V. & REMEMBERED HIM FROM THE RANGE.

ON 6-6-68 KENDALL RETURNED TO THE RANGE & TOLD MR HAGER (GUN CHANGE) OF HIS DISCOVERY.

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Both KENDALL & HAGER checked & TOL
~~found~~ SIGN IN ROSTER & FOUND SIRBONS
NAME & ADDRESS.

KENDALL IS VERY COOPERATIVE & SEEMS
TO BE RELIABLE.

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PISTOL RANGE

REPAIR SHACK

RIFLE RANGE

PARKING AREA

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

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

1 INTERVIEW OF ROBERT M. KLADE
2 TAKEN AT 7800 CLEARFIELD AVENUE
3 VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA
4 MONDAY, JULY 8, 1968, 2:00 P.M.
5 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. C. E. COLLINS, #6207
6 SGT. J. R. MacARTHUR, #4372
7 SUMMARY REPORT DICTATED BY LAPD OFFICERS. REPORTED AND TRANS-
8 CRIBED BY SHARON THIELMAN, CSR, ON JULY 11, 1968.

9 *Robert M.* Mr. Klade resides at 7800 Clearfield Avenue, Van Nuys, *Calif.* tele-
10 phone 989-2567. He is a self-employed bill collector,
11 business address 3850 Wilshire Boulevard, Room 200, telephone
12 385-2002. His date of birth is August 29, 1943.

13 The night the Senator was shot, my wife and a
14 friend, Judy Royer, had gone to the Ambassador Hotel. She
15 is a volunteer Kennedy campaign worker. We arrived at the
16 Hotel at approximately 8:30 P.M. We were in the Ambassador
17 Ballroom most of the evening. Sometime prior to the Senator
18 making his victory speech, I was asked by one of the Kennedy
19 campaign workers to watch one of the doors leading into the
20 pantry area. This door is the second door east of the stage.
21 I watched it for about ten minutes while the regular fellow
22 went and got some refreshment.

23 During this time, some people came out of the
24 kitchen and this group included the suspect who I later saw
25 the police take away. He was described as a male Mexican
26 in his early twenties, 5'6", 135 lbs., with black curly hair.
He was wearing light blue pants and a light blue shirt. The
clothes were fairly snug-fitting. He was standing at a

1 location where no one was supposed to be standing so I went
2 up to him and told him that he would have to move back. He
3 was very nice and moved back.

4 After the regular fellow, who was watching the
5 door, came back, I went into the pantry area and I met Judy
6 Royer. She was coming from the staff press room which was
7 located just west of the stage. We both walked slowly into
8 the pantry and down towards the Colonial Room. Judy was
9 commenting on the lack of security. She told some guy with
10 a rolled up picture of Kennedy he would have to leave the
11 pantry area. He told her he had part of an autograph of
12 Senator Kennedy and the Senator told him he would finish
13 signing it when he came back through the kitchen. Judy made
14 him leave the pantry area at that time.

15 We walked into the Colonial Room. We stayed there
16 for a short time and then went back out into the pantry area.
17 We were about in the center of the pantry area when we saw
18 the Senator and the crowd come through the door leading from
19 the stage. We turned around and headed back towards the
20 Colonial Room. We had reached the last serving table when
21 I heard what sounded like five firecrackers go off. I turned
22 around and all I could see was a mass of people milling
23 about and a lot of activity. I just stood there stunned. I
24 heard someone yell, "Guard the door" so I went to the doors
25 leading into the Colonial Room and stood guard. I looked
26 back and I could see someone wrestling up by the serving

1 tables. About this time, someone came running toward me
2 and ran into the Colonial Room. He stopped and talked to
3 one of the uniformed security guards. After that, I went
4 into the Colonial Room. I was in a daze for about four or
5 five minutes. A little while later, I saw the police carrying
6 the suspect out through the Colonial Room. It's the same
7 fellow I told would have to move earlier who was standing
8 near the pantry doors. No prior interviews.

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1 TAPE RECORDING OF
2 INTERVIEW OF JOSEPH A. LAHIVE
3 TAKEN AT 4055 TUJUNGA, #305
4 FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1968, 9:45 A.M.
5 QUESTIONED BY: SGT. C. E. COLLINS
6 TRANSCRIBED BY SHARON THIELMAN, CSR, ON JULY 10, 1968

7 SGT. COLLINS: This is an interview of Mr. Joseph
8 ~~A. LaHive~~ at 4055 Tujunga, Apartment 305. ^{VAN NUYS, CALIF} Phone number at
9 this location is 985-4681. Mr. LaHive is President of the
10 Van Nuys Democrat Club and was in attendance at the Kennedy
11 victory speech.

12 BY SGT. COLLINS:

13 Q Mr. LaHive, at the time of the shooting, can you
14 tell me where you were standing in the Hotel?

15 A I was standing in the corridor behind the stage
16 area, what we might classify as an anteroom. The Senator
17 passed to my left as he came off the stage and proceeded
18 through swinging doors into the kitchen area.

19 Q I see. Now, who was with you at that time?

20 A My lady friend, Miss Estelyn Duffy.

21 Q That's Estelyn, E-S-T-E-L-Y-N?

22 A That's right.

23 Q Duffy, D-U-F-F-Y?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Uh-huh.

26 A Nearby was Cap Hardy or Howard Hardy, I think is his
proper name, who works for Councilman Ed Edelman, and Bert

1 Spiceman, another member of the Van Nuys Democrat Club.

2 Q All right. Now, when were you first aware that
3 there was a problem or anything unusual occurring?

4 A When I heard the staccato burst of fire.

5 Q You heard some shots fired?

6 A Which a lot of people mistook for fireworks,
7 balloons and so on. It seemed to me. I reacted instantly
8 in the sense that they were shots.

9 Q How many shots did you hear?

10 A I immediately described it as six or seven.

11 Q What did you do at that time?

12 A Moved toward the area where the shots were heard.

13 Q What did you see first as you entered the kitchen?

14 A I was conscious of a woman moving, running toward
15 me, blood coming down the middle of her forehead and, ah,
16 screams and hollering of the people and the presence of a
17 man on the floor who appeared to be shot through the head.
18 Subsequently, found this to be Paul Schrade.

19 Q All right. Going back just a little bit, the girl
20 that you saw with the blood, was that on her head?

21 A Yes, it was on her head. Blood streaming down her
22 head, yes.

23 Q Do you know now who that person was?

24 A I understand it was a Mrs. Evans.

25 Q Fine. And then you proceeded on into the kitchen
26 and you saw a person that you have later identified as Mr.

1 Schrade?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And he was laying on the floor?

4 A Right, with a cluster of people about him. Now,
5 amongst the people in that cluster was Cap Hardy.

6 Q Cap Hardy was in that group next--

7 A There appeared to be another man there. I later
8 found out he was the one that was shot in the stomach in
9 that area but I didn't know that at the time. I didn't know
10 how he'd gotten into the *** where he was. My prime point of
11 concern at that instant in my mind was: Is the Senator hurt?
12 And I moved again forward realizing there was another person
13 in a prone position and that turned out to be the Senator.

14 Q All right. As you made your way through the area,
15 how would you describe it as far as people?

16 A Pandemonium, but I didn't find my course impeded
17 so that I had to struggle to go through. I seemed to have
18 a clear path except for TV cameraman or-- and equipment. I
19 think it was a camera, but I threw him aside and that was
20 right in the anteroom as I started through. Beyond that, I
21 had no impediment at all until I came in contact with the
22 suspect and the gun which was, of course, long after he had
23 already been knocked over against the table.

24 Q All right. How many people do you think were in
25 that area when you entered the kitchen?

26 A I have said about forty people.

1 Q All right. Now, your impression when you looked
2 at Mr. Schrade on the floor, did you think that he was alive
3 or---

4 A Well, my immediate reaction was that he had been
5 shot and he was dead.

6 Q All right. When you looked at Senator Kennedy, did
7 you have any impression?

8 A Yes, I had the impression, at least to me, that his
9 total face was immobile. I didn't think it was moving at all
10 at that instant. I think he may have been in the initial
11 stage of being knocked down and out. Blood was coming--
12 falling at a right ear and that was the only wound that I was
13 conscious of; that there was blood coming from behind the ear.
14 I saw from the eyes and staring and the mouth open what
15 appeared to be a-- at least a very seriously injured person.

16 Q All right. At that moment, what did you do?

17 A Moved forward because there was a struggle ahead
18 of me, toward the struggle. At that moment we did not have
19 any idea as to whether or not there was one, two or three
20 assassins. There was no way of determining that, not
21 knowing what happened, but I followed Rosie Grier toward
22 what appeared to be the only assassin still in the room.

23 Q All right. Now, you say you followed Rosie Grier,
24 did you recognize anybody else at that time?

25 A No, I did not.

26 Q What occurred next?

1 A I saw the gun on the table with about six men's
2 hands and arms all over it and the only thing I could accom-
3 plish at that point, at least in my rather pent-up feeling,
4 was to get that gun away.

5 Q All right. Now, you said you saw the gun on the
6 table. Was it in the possession of someone?

7 A I say about six hands were apparently right on top
8 of it.

9 Q Were one of those hands that of the suspect's?

10 A Yes, finger was-- First thing I did look for was to
11 see whether the finger was in the trigger guard and it still
12 was in the trigger guard and we were very conscious then that
13 there might be more bullets in there. The attempt was to get
14 your hand on the revolving barrel so that the trigger couldn't
15 be pulled any more.

16 Q Uh-huh. All right. Now, you were standing at that
17 time right with Rosie and you had your hand on a group of
18 hands that were holding this gun; is that right?

19 A I had my hand on the barrel of the gun rather than
20 on the butt.

21 Q All right. And what occurred next?

22 A Ah, Rosie appeared to have good ██████████ of the
23 suspect, his body laid across him. Naturally, sobbing and
24 crying, but at the same time was in control of the situation
25 and the next point was to try to get the gun released from
26 the suspect's hand. We couldn't make Rosie let go because.