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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) ATTN: FOI SECTION
RE: KENSALT BESSIE G. SMITH

Re Bureau telephone call from FOI Section on 6/8/76.

Enclosed are three envelopes of negatives of prints that appear in Los Angeles report of SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR. dated 6/9/68 and captioned, "KENSALT."

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Date 12/4/68

██████████, ██████████, interviewed at his home, ██████████, at first denied and then in the presence of his mother admitted that he made several telephone calls to the Jackson Office of the FBI in which he identified himself as a seventeen-year-old white female named SUBRINA DUBLE and that in these calls he stated he had pertinent information regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He stated he has no information whatsoever regarding the KENNEDY assassination except what he has heard and read in the newspapers. He said that he does not know what motivated him to make these telephone calls.

Throughout the interview, ██████████ was uncommunicative and stared at the floor.

The following description was obtained by interview and observation:

Name	██████████, ██████████.
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Birth	December 27, 1950, at Pascagoula, Mississippi
Height	5'9"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Mother	LOUISA MYRTLE PITTS
Father	LEE JOSEPH PITTS, SR.
Residence	546 North Fair Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi
Education	High School graduate

On 12/3/68 at Pascagoula, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-94-30

by SA JAMES J. FILES :ccs Date dictated 12/4/68

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Mrs. LOUISA MYRTLE PITTS, who was present while her son, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was interviewed, advised that she is employed as a school crossing guard by the Pascagoula, Mississippi, Police Department. She stated she has had difficulty with her son who was recently arrested by the Pascagoula Police Department while making telephone calls using an assumed name and posing as a white female.

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JAMES CHARLES EVERS, also known as Charles Evers, Negro male, Field Director, Mississippi Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was contacted at the NAACP Office, 1072 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. EVERS was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry.

He advised in the Spring of 1968 he was appointed Co-chairman of the Robert F. Kennedy for President Committee in Mississippi. He also campaigned for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the State of California during part of May and the first week of June, 1968. While in Los Angeles, California, campaigning for the late Senator KENNEDY Mr. EVERS said he resided in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He said during the victory rally for the late Senator KENNEDY held in the Embassy Ballroom on the late evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the vicinity of the television cameras at the time Senator KENNEDY left the hall to go through the serving kitchen to another room near the Embassy Room. He said he heard a loud "pop" and saw the commotion of people going toward the serving kitchen; however, he was not in a position to observe the late Senator KENNEDY being shot or the assassin shooting him.

Mr. EVERS said he has observed photographs of the alleged assassin, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, in many magazines, newspapers and on television and to his knowledge he had never seen SIRHAN prior to seeing his picture in various media after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mr. EVERS said he cannot recall seeing SIRHAN in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, or

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on any previous date. He does not know SIRHAN and does not know anyone who knows SIRHAN.

Mr. EVERS said no information has come to his attention concerning any possible conspiracy regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. EVERS said after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated he remained in Los Angeles until the body was removed to New York and then to Washington. He attended the funeral ceremonies in New York and Washington immediately after leaving Los Angeles.

Mr. EVERS noted that while in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles he was registered in a room by himself; however, he spent quite a bit of his time while at the hotel in the Senator Kennedy suite at the hotel.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

ATTN: MRS. BESSIE C. SMITH, RM. 5441 JEH
FOIA Section

RE: KENSALT

Re Bureau telephone call from BESSIE SMITH on 8/27/76 to Supervisor FRANCIS A. CALLEY at Los Angeles.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of report of SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR. at Los Angeles dated 2/7/69 as requested in referenced call.

The original of this report Bufile 62-587-1106, Section 39, has been misplaced. It has been on special locate since 5-24-76. I requested a copy from LA in order to finish processing my FOIO requests. 9-16-76 best.

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TITLE OF CASE KENSALT		REPORT MADE BY AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.	TYPED BY kaf
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE: Report of SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS dated 12/4/68 at Los Angeles.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of Exhibit 21, copy of report of the Medicolegal Investigation of the Death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Coroner's Case Number 68-5731.

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Additional copies are being furnished the Bureau pursuant to specific Bureau instructions.

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RE: Investigation Concerning Three
Japanese Citizens Registered At
Ambassador Hotel at Time of
Assassination

The source referred to in the investigation concerning M. AOYAMA, H. HIRANO and T. MORINAGA was Office of Special Investigations (OSI), District Office 46, Tokyo, Japan.

RE: "Allegations Concerning
Membership in Organizations"
Section of This Report

The confidential source utilized was LA 4688-S to SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN on January 23, 1969. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], referred to in this section of the report, is listed on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office, Priority III, Bufile 100-445791, LA 100-67358.

RE: "Physical Evidence"
Section of This Report

A communication addressed to Mr. NIXON and Mr. HUBERT HUMPHREY was received by the United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., and forwarded to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C. The envelope contained a two-page letter allegedly written by SHARIF B. SIRHAN. The Laboratory identified this document as Qc35

On December 2, 1968, the Laboratory advised that no particular similarities were noted in the writings of SAIDALLAH SIRHAN and SHARIEF SIRHAN with respect to the questioned writing on Qc35. The Laboratory pointed out that unless the original document for Qc35, or a clearer copy thereof, is submitted to the FBI Laboratory, it is doubtful whether future comparisons with known handwriting samples, will result in any definite conclusion. Therefore, at the present time there is no immediate need for Los Angeles to submit the original documents for Kc25 and Kc26 to the FBI Laboratory. Kc25 and Kc26 are identified as additional writings of SAIDALLAH and SHARIF SIRHAN.

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LEADS

No specific leads are being set forth in view of the fact that all leads arising from this investigation are continuing to be handled on an expedite basis.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will continue efforts to obtain all pertinent records and charts not presently available prepared by the Governmental agencies.

(2) Will continue intensive investigation of all aspects of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.
Date: 2/7/69

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 56-156

Bureau File #: 62-587

Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

On 12/5/68, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, appeared before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge HERBERT V. WALKER. Los Angeles attorney GRANT B. COOPER made motion to be included as an attorney of record for SIRHAN. COOPER requested, and was granted, continuance of case to 1/7/69. On 12/18/68, SIRHAN again appeared before Judge WALKER for purpose of including New York attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN as an additional attorney to represent him. Judge WALKER also ruled that the jury would be sequestered during the entire trial. On 12/23/68, defense attorney GRANT B. COOPER appeared before Judge WALKER and made formal demand to District Attorney's Office for certain items under California Law of Discovery. On 1/7/69, trial commenced in Los Angeles County Superior Court, and court recessed for consideration of motions. On 1/8/69, defense attorney COOPER renewed previous motion for 30 day delay of trial which was denied. Selection of jury began 1/9/69, and continued until 1/24/69. Trial continued to 1/29/69, when court to hear defense motion to quash Grand Jury indictment against SIRHAN. On 1/29, 30/69, court heard motions to quash indictment which were denied. Further proceedings continued to 2/4/69, and jury ordered to return to court on 2/5/69. Additional members of ROBERT F. KENNEDY's staff and news media and additional persons registered as guests at Ambassador Hotel at time of shooting interviewed. None recalled observing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in Ambassador Hotel prior to shooting. MICHAEL ANTHONY SACCOMAN, Monrovia,

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California, advised that on 6/4/68, he had been at Fish Canyon Firing Range (commonly known as San Gabriel Valley Gun Club). SACCOMAN advised SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN also at gun range and he and SIRHAN exchanged guns. SIRHAN using "hollowpoint .22 long rifle, Mini-mags" ammunition and SIRHAN described as being "a pretty good shot". SACCOMAN advised SIRHAN appeared to be alone at range and SIRHAN advised him his pistol could "kill a dog". [REDACTED] age 17, interviewed and admitted having made several telephone calls to Jackson Office of FBI in October 1968, identifying himself as 17-year old white female named SUBRINA DUBLE with information concerning assassination. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN reportedly good friend of [REDACTED], during grade school and high school days in Pasadena. [REDACTED] who attended Communist Party meetings as late as October 1968, reportedly indicated that SIRHAN thought politically along Marxist lines, but was not a political activist. [REDACTED] reportedly indicated that he did not attempt to recruit SIRHAN into the Communist Party at any time.

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PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in Los Angeles County Superior Court on December 5, 1968, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS.

At this court appearance, Los Angeles Attorney GRANT B. COOPER made a motion to the court that he, COOPER, be included as an attorney of record to represent SIRHAN.

COOPER requested, and was granted, a further postponement of the case until January 7, 1969, for trial date. COOPER requested this continuance on the basis that he had been involved in United States District Court at Los Angeles on behalf of a defendant in a lengthy Federal trial. An additional reason given for the request of continuance was that New York Attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN is also to assist in the defense of SIRHAN and his previous commitments precluded his appearance in Los Angeles before January 7, 1969.

Judge HERBERT V. WALKER, who is the presiding judge for this trial, advised on December 5, 1968, that he is making arrangements for closed circuit television coverage of the trial as the courtroom will not accommodate the number of news representatives who have made application to attend the trial.

Judge WALKER further advised that it is his intention to sequester the jury once it has been sworn and this condition will remain until the termination of the trial.

On December 18, 1968, SIRHAN appeared in court before Judge WALKER for the purpose of including New York Attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN as an additional attorney to represent SIRHAN.

During this same appearance, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney JOHN HOWARD requested the court to hear, and stated, his objections to sequestering the jury. Defense Attorney COOPER argued against HOWARD and was in favor of a sequestered jury. Judge WALKER ruled that the jury would be sequestered during the entire trial.

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On December 23, 1968, Defense Attorney GRANT B. COOPER appeared before Judge WALKER at which time JOHN HOWARD, representing the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, was present. At that time, COOPER made formal demand upon the District Attorney's Office for items desired under the California Law of Discovery. Judge WALKER granted the motion ordering that these items be turned over to the defense. The District Attorney's Office immediately complied with the court order. These items included various statements, photographs, and drawings pertaining to SIRHAN and his family.

On January 6, 1969, Judge HERBERT V. WALKER requested a meeting with representatives of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and Defense Attorneys for SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine ground rules for trial procedures when the trial starts on January 7, 1969.

At that time, GRANT B. COOPER attempted to make a motion to have separate juries; one to determine guilt or innocence, and one to determine penalty.

COOPER also attempted to make a motion to vacate the Grand Jury's indictment against SIRHAN on the basis that the Grand Jury, as it currently exists, is improperly paneled. Judge WALKER refused to hear the motion on that date and indicated that they would be heard prior to the selection of a jury.

On January 7, 1969, the trial for SIRHAN commenced in Los Angeles County Superior Court and Defense Attorneys offered motions. Court was recessed until January 8, 1969, for consideration of motions.

On January 8, 1969, Defense Attorney COOPER renewed a previous motion for a 30-day delay of the trial and this motion was denied by the court.

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On January 9, 1969, selection of the jury was begun and this continued until January 24, 1969, at which court session both defense and prosecution agreed on 12 jurors.

On January 24, 1969, trial was postponed to January 29, 1969, for court to hear defense motion to quash the Grand Jury indictment against SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

On January 29, 1969 and January 30, 1969, court sessions consisted of defense efforts to quash the indictment. Further proceedings in this matter have been continued until February 4, 1969, and the jury has been ordered to return to court on February 5, 1969.

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ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF
INDIVIDUALS IN AREA OF SHOOTING

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/20/68

ANTHONY AKERS, Attorney, 555 Madison Avenue, New York City, furnished the following information:

He was personally acquainted with the late JOHN KENNEDY and ROBERT KENNEDY and the KENNEDY family.

On April 1, 1968, he went to California, at the request of ROBERT KENNEDY, to head up the Southern California Delegation and was in California until ROBERT KENNEDY was fatally shot on June 5, 1968.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in ROBERT KENNEDY's personal headquarters on the Fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, watching election returns on television, with the personal staff and upper echelon of ROBERT KENNEDY. At about 11:20 PM the news projection showed that ROBERT KENNEDY was going to be the winner. ROBERT KENNEDY thought it was time to go down and meet the crowd below.

After making arrangements with Mr. UNO the hotel manager, and two or three other people, as to the routine to follow to get ROBERT KENNEDY downstairs to the Podium he led ROBERT KENNEDY downstairs to the Podium. As far as he can recall they took an elevator to the basement of the hotel, walked through a passage way to a freight elevator and up the freight elevator to the floor where the ballroom and Podium were located. As far as he can recall they entered the serving kitchen from the freight elevator, walked by the serving table and ice machine on up to the Podium. In the area of the serving kitchen ROBERT KENNEDY shook hands with a few of the hotel employees.

At the time there was a crowd of people behind and up on the Podium. The ballroom was crowded with people.

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On 11/18/68 at New York, New York File# NY 44-1640

by SA O. EUGENE SMITH/ems Date dictated 11/19/68

After leading ROBERT KENNEDY up to the Podium he told ROBERT KENNEDY that he was going to clear a path so that when he (KENNEDY) left the Podium he could go to a ballroom on a floor below where there was a crowd of people. He told ROBERT KENNEDY to go to the left when he left the Podium and KENNEDY agreed to this.

He started clearing a path from the Podium on the left side of the Podium. ROBERT KENNEDY left the Podium and he lost sight of him in the mass of people. He was puzzled because he expected ROBERT KENNEDY to turn in his direction. He stayed where he was because he thought ROBERT KENNEDY might be chatting with someone. He continued to try to keep a path open for ROBERT KENNEDY.

Several minutes went by. People were talking in loud voices and celebrating. He was about thirty feet to the left of the Podium. The crowd started surging back toward him from the direction of the Podium. He heard women screaming and he thought someone had gotten knocked down in the crowd. He then noticed people running around in a daze and women weeping.

He then heard that someone had been shot. STEVE SMITH came out to the ballroom to try to clear the ballroom. He went back to the area where ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. ROBERT KENNEDY had already been removed from the hotel and SIRHAN SIRHAN had already been removed from the hotel by the police.

He had no knowledge of SIRHAN being in the hotel prior to the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY.

He did not hear any shots and did not realize that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot until several minutes after the shooting. At the time of the shooting his wife was up in the Fifth floor personal headquarters of ROBERT KENNEDY watching television.

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Just prior to STEVE SMITH coming out to try to clear the ballroom he noticed an individual from the rear running toward the anteroom. This individual would have been between the Podium and the anteroom. He only observed this individual for a moment. This individual had a close shaven head, dark skin, age about thirty to forty, stocky build and appeared to be a mulatto. He did not see this man's face and would be unable to identify him. At the time he thought to himself that this individual was probably a photographer rushing out to get his film developed. He also recalls slightly that there may have been another man running in front of this individual but he cannot describe this second man at all.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1968

RICHARD CORBERT, Assistant to the President, Park Agency, Room 3021, Pan American Building, New York City furnished the following information:

At the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California he was behind a group of people who were with Senator KENNEDY. He heard the shots but did not observe the shooting. He did not observe SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time, either before or after the shooting.

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Date 10/29/68

EUGENE A. DELLEA, Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was interviewed at the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Police Department.

He furnished the following information:

On May 17, 1968, he flew from Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, via TWA to Los Angeles, California, arriving there at approximately 3:00 a.m., May 18, 1968. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, he checked into the Ambassador Hotel.

On May 18, 1968, he met with DONALD DOWD, a co-ordinator during the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was briefed on the campaign programs.

He advised that a Workshop was held in a school in West Los Angeles and that during the day of May 18, 1968, he travelled to various locations in West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica, California.

He related that from May 18, 1968, through June 4, 1968, he worked with Mr. DOWD in organizing Senator KENNEDY's campaign in the Los Angeles area.

He stated that the campaign activities were running smoothly and the only trouble occurring was that campaign posters on the cars of campaign workers were constantly being ripped off the cars.

He related that on the night of June 2, 1968, he was in the Coconut Grove. He advised that he noticed an individual wandering around who didn't appear to belong to the campaign group.

He advised that KAY HACKETT, a campaign worker, mentioned to him that she had asked this individual to leave the area, but he had refused to do so. He advised that he asked the individual to leave, but the individual did not do so.

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On 10/21/68 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts File # Boston 56-74

by SA EDWARD V. DAILLEY/kab Date dictated 10/21/68

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He advised that he spoke to Mr. DOWD about this individual and Mr. DOWD told him to go and tell a policeman to see if he'd ask the individual to leave.

He advised that he mentioned the matter to a policeman, but he later observed the same individual talking to a group of Catholic nuns. He advised that he then assumed that the individual was probably connected with the campaign in some capacity, and he dismissed the matter from his thoughts.

He related that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he saw the same individual in the Embassy Room and recalled that Mr. DOWD mentioned to him that this same individual was back again.

He advised that so far as he knew this individual did not exhibit any pass or identification card which allowed him to be in the Embassy Room. He related that it was possible to enter the Embassy Room without showing identification due to the large crowd and confusion in the room.

He furnished the following physical description of the individual:

Nationality:	Possibly Lebanese, Greek, or Italian
Age:	Middle 50's
Hair:	Dark
Build:	Very heavy
Weight:	250 lbs.
Height:	6' - 6'2"
Remarks:	"looked like a hood"

He was exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that he never saw SIRHAN or ever heard SIRHAN's name mentioned at any time and that SIRHAN was not identical with the man he saw in the Coconut Grove and the Embassy Room.

He advised that at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he was in the Embassy Room standing immediately in front and below the television cameras with Mr. DOWD. He related that this placed him in the right rear of the Embassy Room next to the restaurant.

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He recalled that the television cameras were not operating and that some of the people in the Embassy Room were leaving.

He advised that he heard a "pop" sound as though a balloon had been popped. He then noticed a great deal of confusion and shouting and heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He related that Mr. DOWD ran out of the room through a door behind the television camera. He advised that he tried to follow Mr. DOWD, but he was forced back by police officers.

He related that he then rushed out the main door into the lobby and met Mr. DOWD there with POLLY FITZGERALD, a KENNEDY relative. He advised that he and Mr. DOWD and POLLY FITZGERALD then saw policemen taking a man out of the area.

He advised that he and Mr. DOWD accompanied Mrs. FITZGERALD to her suite and that Mr. DOWD went to Senator KENNEDY's suite to check on the Senator's children.

He advised that Mr. DOWD returned to Mrs. FITZGERALD and that they then went to the hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken.

He believed that they arrived at the hospital at 2:15 a.m., June 5, 1968; and they remained at the hospital until 7:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

He advised that after leaving the hospital, he went to the airport and flew to Boston, Massachusetts, on Senator KENNEDY's airplane, arriving in Boston at 9:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

The following background information was obtained through interrogation and personal observation:

Name:	EUGENE A. DELLEA
Address:	Pomerooy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Born:	January 26, 1936, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Height:	5'11"

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Weight:	174 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Employment:	Technician, Hillcrest Hospital, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Parents:	GUY DELLEA - father JOSEPHINE DELLEA - mother Pomroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/681

Mrs. EDWARD (POLLY) FITZGERALD, 38 Barbara Road, Needham, Massachusetts, advised that she is a cousin of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised that she participated in the late Senator's presidential campaign in several states during the spring of 1968. She advised that she was upstairs in her room shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when she was advised by telephone that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She hurried downstairs to the lobby and observed an individual subsequently identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN being removed from the area by police.

Mrs. FITZGERALD advised that she could relate no incidents in regard to the shooting inasmuch as she was not present and she further stated that she had never seen SIRHAN previously on any occasion.

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On 11/25/68 at Needham, Massachusetts File # BOSTON 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/car Date dictated 11/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/17/68

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN, National Chairman of Democratic Party, was interviewed at Washington, D. C., and furnished the following information:

O'BRIEN stated he was with Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's campaign throughout the duration. On the night of the slaying O'BRIEN stated he was in the audience during Senator KENNEDY's speech. Immediately following the speech he left the auditorium to go to his room. O'BRIEN said he did not know about the shooting until he was outside of the hotel. At no time had he seen SIRHAN or the girl in the polka dot dress.

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On 12/13/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA ROBERT F. PETTY:mnc Date dictated 12/17/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1968

Mr. Theodore C. Sorensen, attorney 575 Madison Ave., New York, New York, stated that he was a member of Senator Robert Kennedy's Presidential campaign and as such was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on the night of June 4.- 5, 1968.

During Senator Kennedy's speech and immediately after it, Mr. Sorensen was in a suite of rooms in the hotel and did not witness the speech or the shooting. After Senator Kennedy had been taken to a hospital, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Adam Wallinsky, another member of Senator Kennedy's campaign, went to the hospital.

Mr. Sorensen does not know Sirhan Sirhan.

0-12/9/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1610

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fe Date dictated 12/9/68

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On 12/9/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 12/9/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 5, 1968

ROBERT L. TAYLOR, 206 Pine Avenue, Severna Park, Maryland, advised that he is self employed as the executive representative for Automatic Retailers of America, with offices in his home, where he resides with his wife and family. He furnished the following information:

He was a volunteer worker in the Kennedy Campaign and had been placed in charge of the businessmen's committee for the State of California. He spent most of the month of May, 1968, in California, in connection with this campaign and stayed, for the most part, in cabana 14B of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

On June 4-5, 1968, TAYLOR was at the Ambassador Hotel and about 15-30 minutes before the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, he had left the shooting scene at the hotel and was in his cabana taking a shower, getting ready for departure on June 5, 1968, for his home in Maryland. He estimated that cabana 14B was approximately 100 yards from the front entrance to the hotel. He stated he did not hear any shot at about 12:15 A.M. on June 5, 1968, but that he got out of his shower at about that time because of the loud level of noise from the hotel and thereafter learned of the shooting.

He was not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, could not recall seeing him and had no information concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY from personal knowledge. He stated he could not get into the area of the shooting scene shortly after the shooting because of the crowds and the restrictions of the police department.

He left Los Angeles, California, by plane for his home in Maryland, June 5, 1968.

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On 11/30/68, Severna Park, Maryland File # BA 44-684

by SA ROBERT L. LAFFENAR:be1 Date dictated 12/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/31/68

Mr. HARRY BENSON stated that he is a photographer for the London Daily Express, London, England, and also for the Black Star Publishing Company, Photographs, 450 Park Avenue South, New York, New York. He resides at 181 West 73rd Street, New York, New York, Apartment 6A, telephone number 249-0284.

On the evening of June 4-5, 1968, he was in Los Angeles, California, at the Ambassador Hotel. During Senator ROBERT KENNEDY'S speech, BENSON was in the ballroom where the speech was made and also in an area next to the stage watching the speech on a monitor. When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, BENSON was of the impression that he was going to leave by the area in which BENSON was standing. He did not but left through the rear of the stage. BENSON was then in an alcove near the ballroom and out of sight of Senator KENNEDY when he heard a girl scream something such as "He's been shot." Instantly there was bedlam. BENSON headed toward the area of Senator KENNEDY and on the way met STEVE SMITH, Senator KENNEDY'S brother-in-law.

When BENSON got to the room of the shooting, he saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor. His lips were moving but BENSON heard nothing. BENSON stayed there, taking pictures, until Senator KENNEDY was removed.

BENSON did not see the shooting and to his knowledge did not then and never has seen SIRHAN SIRHAN.

BENSON then went outside the ballroom where there was a white, male, about 42 years old, approximately 6' 2" rather fat with a United States flag in his mouth. BENSON stated that this individual was a "real nutty guy" who said something such as "Thank God, he's been shot." At this time BENSON was talking to JOHN PILGER and GEORGE GALE, reporters for the London Daily Mirror, who did not get into the kitchen and they observed this "real nut."

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