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STATEMENT OF JERRY OWEN, 1113 North Mar-Les Drive, Santa Ana, Calif.  
Phone: 839-0123, DOB 4-16-13, 6', 215, dark hair, blue eyes.  
Never arrested in Los Angeles (claims he was arrested and exonerated  
three times). Church work - Evangelist; conduct services on Sunday  
at Calvary Baptist Church in Oxnard.

7th # 28693

STATEMENT TAKEN AT UNIVERSITY DETECTIVE DIVISION 6-5-68 5:00 p.m.

I left Santa Ana Monday, 6-3-68 around 1:00 p.m., came in on the freeway and turned off and stopped at the Coliseum Hotel on Santa Barbara and Figueroa where a friend of mine has a heavyweight boxer who stays by the name of Rip O'Riley, and he asked me how I was getting along and to come in and see if I needed any equipment from United Sporting Goods Store on Hill Street, downtown, Los Angeles, I went down and purchased a pair of boxing shoes and was taking them out to Hollywood to have some green shamrocks sewed on each side. As I turned over from 9th and Hill Street, I stopped at one of the lights and I was waiting for the light, one fellow walked up and reached out to touch a large chrome horse (ornament) on my Chev pickup truck and he asked if I was going west and I said "yes" I was going out Wilshire over into Hollywood. They wanted to know if they could ride and the two of them jumped in the back of the pickup. When we stopped at the light at Western and Wilshire, there was three or four young kids on the corner dressed hippie style (heads).

They both got out of the truck. One fellow (susp) asked if he could ride up front with me. He appeared to be in his early 20's, I thought he was Mexican, dark bushy headed kid, looked like a Mexican, but spoke very good English. As we went out Wilshire he asked me if I could stop for a little while at the big hotel and stated that he had a friend that worked there, that he'd only be a few minutes. I waited about ten minutes and was ready to go on my way when he came across the street and got into the truck and he started talking about horses. He wanted to know if I had horses and what kind of horses. In the conversation he stated that he

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was an exercise boy at the race track. In the conversation I told him I was going to Oxnard to sell a Palomino horse that had been used to pony horses. I told him that I was going to sell it for \$250., and he said he would like to buy it, cause if he had his own horse he could work at the track ponying some horses, and told me that I could meet him that night. We discussed where I was going to stay. I told him that I would be going to the Saints and Sinners, and he seemed to know when I said on Fairfax, then he wanted to know if I was Jewish and I said "no", "I'm not Jewish, I'm Welsh," and he said I have no use for Jews. He said that as a boy he lived in Jordan. He told me that he was raised in Jordan and left there when he was 13 or 14 years old. In his conversation he seemed to be opposed to Jews and trouble. He said he would have cash at 11:00 p.m., that night. I came to the hotel and parked and he was across the street on the corner. Across the street was a car; 57, 58, or 59 Chevy, hard top, kind of off-white, a dirty car. He went across the street. The girl that was standing on Wilshire and Western was there. The other fellow in the car got out. (Girl 20/21, 5/5, 140, chunky, wearing slack outfit, straight dirty blonde hair and needed a bath) He went across, talked to them, and came back and showed me a hundred dollar bill. He said he was supposed to get more money and he didn't have the rest. He said "I'll buy the Palomino from you and give you \$250." So I said I'll go over and stay in the hotel (St. Moritz Hotel, 5849 Sunset Blvd, 467-2174, Rm 203). I left a call for in the morning for 8:00 a.m., cause he was to have the money at 8:00 A.M. So I got a phone call about five minutes to eight and I came out in front and the same girl and the same guy said that he wanted the horse bad and if I could wait over until Tuesday night. He said something was happening

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at the Ambassador Hotel and he would take the horse and he asked me if I could get the boy a job at the ranch because he was a good rider. He was too heavy for a jockey. I gave him a card. I left. I stayed in Oxnard Tuesday night with some friends. I left Oxnard at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday. I arrived at the Coliseum hotel at exactly five minutes after three, discussed Kennedy tragedy with waitress. I began to look at Hollywood Citizen News and saw kids picture in the paper. I told the waitress that it looked like the three same kids I saw the other night.

Q. What time did you leave the Coliseum Hotel?

A. Monday afternoon at about 1:20 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Q. What was the name of the friend that you know that owns the coffee shop?

A. Bert Morris

Q. You left the Coliseum coffee shop and you went to a store to buy some shoes?

A. First I went by the Teamsters Gym and then I went to United Sporting Goods Store, located at 9th and Hill.

Q. What time was that?

A. About 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 p.m., June 3, 1968.

Q. You went from United Sporting Goods Store, west on 7th St. to Grand, north on Grand to Wilshire and west on Wilshire?

A. Yes

Q. What time did the two guys get into your truck at 7th and Grand?

A. Shortly between 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Q. Two guys got in your truck; one of whom you have identified as the fellow that has his picture in the paper. Describe the other fellow.

A. Mexican or Latin, 23, three or four inches taller and slimmer, dark hair, long hair, old jacket, sleeves were different color from body of jacket, dark standard levis, shoes, nothing unusual. No mustache. Medallion around his neck, a tall kid.

Q. Describe the short one.

A. Shorter kid I identified from the paper. He was wearing a sweat shirt (dk gry), light colored pants (beige), bushy hair, in his 20's, not over 22 or 23. They got in the back of truck and I drove north on Grand and west on Wilshire to LaBrea.

The other kid got out on Western and Wilshire, on the right hand corner. We stopped at the light and here stands three or four kids on the corner, including a blonde girl. The three or four kids on the corner appeared to know the two guys that were with you. The tall kid got out.

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Q. Describe the girl.

A. Blonde, wearing slack outfit, (dk gry or blu), 20/21, Cauc, needed a bath, have stuff on neck and large wristwatch. Made a big fuss about the horse. (ornament) Had sandals on. The same guy that was with her I saw later on that night.

Q. Describe him

A. Biggest of the whole bunch, gold turtleneck, fair suit, long hair and long sideburns, dark brown hair, straight and combed good. He was in his 30's, pretty neat, greenish-golden iridescent suit, matching pants, no mustache, medallion around neck, very neat, polished and manicured nails.

Q. Described the others

A. Two guys on the corner, extreme hippies, between 19/23, (whiskers, pants to knees, long hair).

Q. Then what happened?

A. We stopped at the Ambassador Hotel for about ten minutes. He said he knew someone that worked there and he'd only be a few minutes. He started talking about the horses and he said he had to get some money. He said he would like to stop at the big hotel, he didn't say the Ambassador. He said I have a friend who is working there. He gets out and goes in. He's gone ten minutes or more. He came back and then he wanted to go out to Hollywood.

Q. Did he say what his friend was doing in the hotel?

A. He works in the kitchen.

Q. Was his friend male or female?

A. Friend was a male.

Q. Was he dressed in the same clothing?

A. Yes

Q. Were you able to determine what entrance he went into the hotel?

A. No

Q. How long was he in the hotel?

A. About ten minutes.

Q. When he got back what happened?

A. After returning to car, we continued west to Rosemont, north on Rosemont to Vine, north on Vine to Smitty's Shoe Shine, across from Hollywood market. I stopped at Smitty's and he waited in the car.

Q. Did Smitty's see the kid in the car?

A. No

Q. Then what happened?

A. I went across the street with the shoes and when I came back that's when he told me he'd meet me and have some money and he really wanted the horse. I told him that I was going to the Saints and Sinners.

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When I said that, he said, where's that, and I said on Fairfax and right away. He said that "heeb" town. I then drove north on Vine, east on Sunset to the old bowling alley. He got out. I told him I'd meet him on this corner at 11:00 p.m. that night. He was to have the \$250. He said, I'm interested in buying the horse and I said, O.K. I'll meet you here at 11:00 p.m. tonight and I left. At 11:00 p.m. that night, across the street from the hotel, he was standing on the corner. I backed the truck and he said, just a minute. He went across the street and I could see from the lights that it looked like the same dirty girl, and the guy in the suit sitting at the wheel of the dirty Chev. He then came back and said, I got \$100. He showed me a hundred dollar bill. He said I'm suppose to get more money, but I can't get it until tomorrow morning. He was very interested in getting the horse. I said if you are positive that you will take this horse for \$250, I'll wait over, if not, don't waste my time. So I went over into the hotel across the street, registered and put a call in for 8:00 a.m. A fellow called, who said he was phoning for Joe Sahara. I met him outside at the parking lot. There was the car, the same girl and guy (wearing the same yellow turtleneck shirt and same suit). He (the guy in the suit) said if you could stay over until tonight, he (susp) hasn't got his money.

Q. The call received from the hotel was not to wake you up?  
A. No, it was from them.

Q. When you went out to talk to these people, what did they say about Joe Sahara?  
A. He said that Joe got the message and that he was interested in buying the Palomino horse, and that he won't have the money until tonight. If I would wait over, it was positive deal to take the horse.

Q. When you left, did you hear anymore from them?  
A. No, not until now.

Q. Would you know the girl if you saw her again?  
A. Yes, I believe I would.

Q. Would you know the guy with the yellow turtleneck?  
A. Yes, I would know those two.

Q. Would you know the guy whose picture is in the paper?  
A. I think three of them I could positively identify.

Q. Maybe the tall kid who rode in the back of the truck?  
A. I wouldn't be too positive, but they looked enough alike to be the same nationality, or cousins or brothers. They looked like they were Mexicans.

Q. If you were to retrace your steps in a police car, could you do it?  
A. I think I could retrace it all. I think the man at the hotel saw me and the truck when I asked for a cheap room.

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Q. Was the kid with you when you stopped at the hotel?

A. No, He'd left.

Q. Where did he get out?

A. He got out right on the corner by the bowling alley. He told me, I'll meet you right here at 11:00 p.m. and I said, I'll be here at 11:00 p.m. sharp.

Q. When you left Smitty's you must have drove up to Sunset and turned right or left; going east again and drove down to the corner by the bowling alley. Did he seem to be familiar with the GO-GO place?

A. Yes, he did mention there's a girl place over there.

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SECTION A

2. S.U.S. report re Owen's activities - sections pertain to the polygraph examination and the July 3, 1968, meeting of Lt. Pena, Lt. Hernandez, D.A. Fitts, Attorney George T. Davis and Jerry Owen at the law offices of George Davis, 745 Market Street, San Francisco.

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-205

Person(s) Interviewed: Jerry Owen

Date 7/3/68

Suppl Re I/V

Time- 2:45 p.m.

Taped Poly Exam  
#29272

Business Address & Phone 745 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

Residence Address & Phone

Poly Exam at Crime Lab SFPD

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

DDA Fitts, Lt. Pena, Sgt. Hernandez

Subj. was int. at offices of Attorney George T. Davis, 745 Market St., San Francisco on 7/3/68 12:15 p.m. for approximately one hour and a half. He was then taken to SFPD and given a polygraph test. He failed the test substantially, made several changes in his story. In meaningful areas:  
1. Time he saw Sirhan (?), he thinks like Sirhan. 2. He changed his route from home, did not stop at Coliseum Hotel, but went straight to United Sporting Goods. 3. He had the susp w/turtle neck sweater showing him a \$100 bill at 8:00 p.m. 6/4/68 instead of (Susp Sirhan) on eve of 6/3/68. 4. He did not mention Ambassador Hotel. 5. He could not identify good photo of Sirhan and picked a nebulous look a like out of the pack of mugs as susp. #2 in truck. 6. He is not an ordained minister.

7/2/68 11:30 a.m.

Taped Lt. Pena talked to Att. Geo. T. Davis in San Francisco by telephone 415 392-1919. Cooperative will have Owens at his office in one hour and call back.

7/2/68 12:00 noon

Taped Davis called back. Owens at office w/Wesley Gardner and Mr. Hardester, Private Invest called off Press Conference 12 T.V. and News people in office.  
Owens will be int. by SUS Personnel will int Owens 6-3-68 in Frisco

Jerry Owens residence Tel. 714 839-0123  
Wesley Gardner - 707 226-5338  
William F. Owens - San Bruno 415 583-2462

Take to San Francisco:

1. Copy of Owen's statement
2. Portable poly
3. Picture of Kourhy??
4. Set of mugs
5. Description of Kourhy
6. Tape of prior statement
7. Picture of Kourhy gal and Corey gal

Investigators making interview  
Fitts-Hernandez  
Pena

Approved by:  
Lt. Pena

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John Antoine Khoury DOB 12/9/43, Palestine, Lebanese Citizen,  
M-Heb-6'-to6'1"-Blk hair- slender build-150 lbs-light olive  
complexion-brn eyes-slender facial features

745 Market Street

Between 3rd and 4th

Came down town between 3rd and 4th parking lot north side of  
Mission St. Ask attendant for back entrance of Davis office.  
Call him fifteen minutes before come up back entrance.

7/3/68 12:15 p.m. Office of George T. Davis, 745 Market St.  
San Francisco

Jerry Owen: (Pena, Hernandez, Pitts,)

Left home at 1113 Marless, Santa Anna, ponies etc. gives free  
rides to kids to go to church these and Oxnard. Gets phone  
call from schl teacher (also said 11:00 a.m.) Mon  
agreed to sell pony \$175. Was leaving for Oxnard (1:00 to 1:15  
p.m. left) got call re shoes for boxers. Routed on freeway  
to United Sporting Goods (Approx. 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.) 9th and Hill  
in old truck, (in Margin--48 Chev truck) Goes to United Sporting  
Goods pick up pair of shoes (and boxing robe) (in Margin--Tennis  
shoes, sweat shirt, dk kakis) Was going to take shoes, robe  
to Hwd. across from Ranch Market to home. Colored man saw inscription  
on robe/shoes. (left approx. 3:00 to 3:15) (In margin-What happened  
to trip to Hwd. Colored men to see inscription (X) Left United  
got going east and on to 7th and Grand to signal (3:30 p.m.) Picked  
up tall/short Mexican looking guys at 7th and Grand. After being  
asked by shorter one if he was going out Wilshire way, said yes  
going to Hwd. They got in truck, he turned right get on Wilshire  
and Vermont.

(In Margin-White Garage Texaco Station got out went left and  
turned right)

4:00 p.m. Guy got off talked to guy and gal and little guy  
got out in front (4:07) to see friend in kitchen.

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Mon when guy said he would meet him at 11:00  
p.m. Had coffee and sandwich w/Maxie Roseubloom talked about  
Saints and Sinners. (In Margin-go-over times at different locations)

(in Margin-Susp. in early 20's)

W/Roseubloom Plaza Hotel at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. went to St. and  
Sinners 8:30 to 10:00 to 10:30. Ret for meet at 11:00 p.m. with  
subj.

(In margin-Is going to Palestine with Maxie Roseubloom to Brooch  
saving his money)

(In Margin-Selling his house, broke)

(Note-Man at shoe shine parlor Smitty)

Douglast Lewis, 36th Vermont, Coliseum Hotel- talked about the horse  
deal he had with subj. etc. Cashier at Coffee Shop at Olympis Hotel  
had Citizens News to w/story talked him into telling the story.

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(Bert Morris, Colisuem Hotel)

Printed truck at UNIV

Says Univ Dets told him about 4 \$100 bills after he mentioned \$100 bill deal from subj.

(In margin-Speaks at Oxnard)

(In margin-Where was the taller guy when at the ranch market)

(In margin-What was his reason for staying in truck after)

(In margin-1st call PS4)

Got phone call threat - male good voice, no accent, keep your blankety Blank mouth shut horse deal or you will ---- ---- ----  
On day Kennedy died, Has unlisted phone- time of call between 2-5 P.M. Belives/almost sure it was Subj who called.

(In Margin-2nd call)

Sat. June 22nd - Keep you mother blankety blankety mouth shut.

Wed. after that coming from Oxnard

(In Margin-Reverand Jonathan Perkins - claims was in Pol Bldg and talked Det and saw mugs)

Polygraph of SFPD.Lab

2:45 p.m. Pima Country-Conspiracy, fraud, 1962 fire fraud sentenced to 8-10 Bond served/App541 3yrs and released (Vindicated???)

Changed wordage of alleged threatening call. Just told him to keep his mouth or we will take care of him.

Imight be wrong it may not be the guy.

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO MAYOR YORTY  
FROM JACK BROWN

DATE NOVEMBER 13, 1968  
SUBJECT:

CONFIDENTIAL:

ON OCTOBER 15, RON ELLENZOHN AND I HAD A LENGTHY CONFERENCE WITH JOHN CHRISTIAN, A FREE-LANCE INVESTIGATIVE TV REPORTER FROM SAN FRANCISCO. YOU MAY RECALL I PREVIOUSLY MEMOED YOU ABOUT CHRISTIAN AND HIS BELIEF THAT THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS A CONSPIRACY.

CHRISTIAN PLAYED FOR US A TAPED INTERVIEW WITH OLIVER "JERRY" OWEN, AN EVANGELIST AND HORSE TRADER WITH HOMES IN BOTH ORANGE COUNTY AND THE OXNARD AREA. IN THE RECORDING, OWEN TELLS A TALE OF PICKING UP TWO YOUTHS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, DRIVING THEM TO THE AMBASSADOR AREA, NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONE OF THEM WHO WISHED TO BUY A HORSE AND COMPLICATED PLANS TO DELIVER THE HORSE NEAR THE AMBASSADOR ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 4.

THE DAY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, OWEN IDENTIFIED THE POTENTIAL HORSE BUYER AS SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. OWEN THEN APPEARED AT UNIVERSITY POLICE STATION AND VOLUNTEERED A STATEMENT. OWEN LATER WENT--CHRISTIAN SAYS "FLED"--TO THE BAY AREA.

APPARENTLY ACTING ON MY PREVIOUS MEMO TO YOU, POLICE CONTACTED CHRISTIAN IN SAN FRANCISCO AND HE OFFERED TO TURN OVER HIS TAPE AND OTHER MATERIAL TO THEM. BUT HE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE OFFICERS.

ELLENZOHN CHECKED POLICE AND LEARNED THEY HAD SPENT 100 MAN-HOURS INVESTIGATING CHRISTIAN'S ALLEGATIONS THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS AN

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MAYOR YORTY

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ULTRA RIGHT-WING PLOT AND THAT OWEN WAS ACTUALLY ACTING FOR A PARAMILITARY GROUP WHICH HAD HIRED AND CONDITIONED SIRHAN TO KILL KENNEDY. POLICE DISMISSED OWEN'S STATEMENT AS ONE OF THE MANY FALSE STORIES ARISING AROUND THE ASSASSINATION. CHRISTIAN WAS ALSO SAID BY POLICE TO BE AN ASSOCIATE OF JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NEW ORLEANS, WHICH I SUPPOSE DISCREDITED HIM.

YESTERDAY, HOWEVER, CHRISTIAN CALLED ME TO SAY THAT CHARLES O'BRIEN, CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, HAS TAKEN DIRECT INTEREST IN THE OWEN CASE. O'BRIEN HAS PUT ALL OF HIS INVESTIGATIVE FORCES TO WORK ON IT, ACCORDING TO CHRISTIAN.

PERHAPS BY COINCIDENCE, THE GOVERNOR ALSO RECENTLY REFUSED TO EXTRADITE EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY TO NEW ORLEANS. I DID NOT SEE AN ADEQUATE EXPLANATION FOR THE MANY MONTHS DELAY IN THAT DECISION. CHRISTIAN ALLEGED OWEN AND BRADLEY ARE PART OF THE SAME PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION.

IF POLICE WISH TO LOOK ANY FURTHER INTO THIS MATTER, THEY CAN NOW REACH CHRISTIAN IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. HE LIVES AT 10050 REEVESBURY DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, PHONE 279-1853

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OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTELLIGENCE UNIT

DATE: 7-17-68

ASSIGNED TO: B. A. Hawkins, Lt.

PRINCIPAL/S: Jerry Owens and Sirhan Sirhan

INFORMATION FOR: Sgt. Sandlin, Intelligence Division, LAPD

DETAILS:

On 7-16-68, Sgt. L. L. Sandlin, Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division, attached to S.U.S., telephoned reporting officer and requested we interview the minister of the Calvary Baptist Church at 601 South F Street, Oxnard, regarding any knowledge he might have of certain activities of Reverend Jerry Owens. Sgt. Sandlin also requested that we attempt to locate an old red Chevrolet pickup truck with a chrome-plated horse mounted on the hood, which was supposedly left in Oxnard by Rev. Owens. Sgt. Sandlin also requested we attempt to ascertain to whom Rev. Owens sold a palomino horse during the months of June or July, 1968.

Assigned officer learned that a Harold Bickam, 2181 Hughes Drive, Oxnard, telephone 483-9060, Oxnard, was better acquainted with the activities of Rev. Owens than the Calvary Baptist minister.

At approximately 12:20 p.m., 7-16-68, assigned officer contacted and interviewed Mr. Bickam. Mr. Bickam stated he was well acquainted with Rev. Jerry Owens and had visited in his home in the Los Angeles area on several occasions. He stated that Rev. Owens had advised him that during the afternoon of 6-3-68, he was in Los Angeles on some boulevard (name unknown) when two men crossed the street in front of him. One of the men asked Owens if he was going west and he stated that he was. The two men then got into the vehicle with Owens. Bickam stated, as he remembers it, Rev. Owens stated one of the men got out shortly thereafter. The man who remained in the vehicle was Sirhan Sirhan, Rev. Owens stated, he felt sure, the alleged assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy. Bickam stated that Rev. Owens went on to state that he and Sirhan Sirhan had a conversation regarding horses and race tracks; that during the conversation the fact that he had a palomino horse for sale was brought up; that Sirhan indicated that he desired to purchase the palomino horse and asked Rev. Owens to stop at a cafe or club (location unknown.) Sirhan advised Rev. Owens to wait for him, that he would attempt to get the money, \$300, from someone in the cafe or club. Bickam related that Rev. Owens stated that Sirhan stayed in the cafe for a long period of time; that when he came out he apologized and stated he could only get \$100 but that if Rev. Owens would stay overnight, he was sure he could get the remaining \$200. Rev. Owens stayed in a motel until the morning of 6-4-68 when he was contacted by a well-dressed man who stated that he was sent by Sirhan who was unable to make it, that if Rev. Owens would accept the \$100 as partial payment on the palomino horse, Sirhan would have the remaining \$200 if Rev. Owens could meet him at the Ambassador Hotel that night.

Mr. Bickam stated that the palomino horse in question has not been sold and is now corralled with some ponies in a corral in El Rio approximately 3 miles north of Oxnard; that Owens' pickup was not red, but was a green 1948 Chevrolet; that Rev. Owens left the pickup with a Paul Compton, brother to Neil Compton, a sergeant with the Port Hueneme Police Department; that Paul Compton lived at 1449 West Fir Street, Oxnard.

Assigned officer, together with Sgt. R. Liburdy, went to 1449 West Fir where the 1948

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green pickup Chevrolet, California license #K 14398 was photographed in color.

At approx. 7:00 p.m., 7-16-68, assigned officer received a telephone call at his home from Sgt. Neil Compton who stated his brother, Paul Compton, had called him and wanted him to ascertain why the green pickup parked at his residence had been photographed. Assigned officer advised Sgt. Compton that evidently Rev. Jesse Owens had made a statement that he owned the pickup, and LAPD had requested the photographs. Assigned officer also advised Sgt. Compton that it was just routine, that if it had been confidential, etc., that assigned officer would not have gone to the Compton residence in broad daylight and photographed the truck. Sgt. Compton stated he had advised his brother the same thing and that his brother had stated he only knew Rev. Jesse Owens casually, that he brought the 1948 Chevrolet pickup to his, Compton's residence and left it a short time back.

The photographs will be developed and they, along with the negatives and a copy of this report, will be forwarded to Sgt. Sandlin, Los Angeles Police Department.

SECTION A

13. List of telephone numbers called from the "M C Owen" residence, 1113 North Mar-les Drive, Santa Ana, during July and March, 1968.

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M C OWEN  
1113 N MAR-LES DR  
SANTA ANA CA 92706

14 835-C123      AUG 4 68

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P. C. CHEN  
1113 N. MAR-LES CH  
SANTA ANA

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## INTERVIEW

FILE #

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Tyrus L. Hardy DATE/TIME 1-29-69 1730 hrs.SEX M RACE Car HAIR Brn EYES Blu HT 5' 11" WT 165 DOB 3-24-46RESIDENCE ADDRESS 114 W. Dorton, Santa Anna PHONE 835 1050BUSINESS ADDRESS 701 W. 1st St., Santa Anna PHONE 513 3137

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

Mr. Hardy boards his horse at the A-Bar-T stables in Santa Anna. He reported persons working around the stables told him that he was keeping his horse in a stall that was to rented to Sirhan B. Sirhan. They told him that Sirhan was going to buy a horse from a preacher known as "Shepard of the Hills". (Jerry Owen) He did not know the source of the information.

Mr. Hardy viewed a group of mugs including those of Sirhan, Jerry Owen, the Sirhan brothers and the group of look alike. He stated he has not observed any of those people around the stables. He had never seen Sirhan. He has been boarding his horse at the stables since 11-4-68 and did not use the facility previously.

The owner of the A-Bar-T stables is reported to be James Clark. The stables are located at 3016 W. 5th Street in Santa Anna.

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## INTERVIEW

FILE # \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Martha Hardy DATE/TIME 1-22-69 1730SEX Fe RACE Cau. HAIR Blk EYES Bru HT 5' 2" WT 115 DOB 8-25-47RESIDENCE ADDRESS 114 N. Parton, Santa Anna PHONE 835 1959BUSINESS ADDRESS 624 Dyer Rd., Santa Anna PHONE 546 0541

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

Mrs. Hardy reported seeing a man of Sirhan's description flashing money at the A-Bar-T stables in Santa Anna. She reported hearing that Sirhan was to buy a horse from a preacher known as "Shepard of the Hills" (Jerry Owen).

Interview of Mrs. Hardy established that she had heard a rumor about Sirhan purchasing a horse and was unsure of the source of the rumor, except it originated at the A-Bar-T stables. The man she saw flashing the money was not Sirhan. The incident occurred in November 1968, sometime after Sirhan's arrest.

Mrs. Hardy viewed a group of photographs including those of Sirhan, Jerry Owen, the Sirhan Brothers, and the look-alike mugs. She stated that none of these people have been around the stables. She and her husband, Tyrus M. Hardy, have kept their horse at the stables since 11-4-68 and did not use the facility prior to that date.

She does not know Jerry Owen and has never seen Sirhan.

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INTERVIEWED BY:

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## INTERVIEW

FILE # \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON INTERVIEWED: James Clark DATE/TIME 1-30-69 0930SEX Male RACE CAU HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5' 8" WT 160 DOB 4-5-41RESIDENCE ADDRESS 11691 34th, Garden Grove PHONE 839 5672BUSINESS ADDRESS 3016 W. 5th St., Santa Anna PHONE 531 9316

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

Clark is the owner of the A-Bar-T stables. A customer of the stables, Tyrus Hardy, reported a rumor that arrangements had been made for Sirhan to board a horse at that location.

Clark stated that he bought the stables in March of 1968 and has managed the entire business since that time. He was aware of a rumor that Jerry Owen had reported making a deal with Sirhan Sirhan to sell a horse. He stated that Sirhan had never been to the stables and Owen had not approached for a stall during that time period. He remembers seeing Owen drive the pickup that William Powers sold him, but denies seeing Sirhan with him.

Clark pointed out that rumors are common among stable hands. He has never heard any reports that Sirhan was seen around the stables in the Santa Anna area.

Clark reported that Owen used to ride up and down the riverbed near the stables. Clark stated that he saw no one matching Sirhan's description riding with Owen.

Owen boarded his horses at Clark's stables when he went on vacation. He left his horses at the stable on June 18, 1968 after telling Clark he was going out of town for a while. He returned and claimed the horses on July 27, 1968. He paid for the transaction with two checks of \$74.00 each.

The first time Clark heard anything about Owen being connected with Sirhan was after the newspaper reported Owen to be in hiding in the San Francisco area.

A rumor is circulation in the area, that Owen made several trips to the Hollywood. Three or four years ago. A check with the Los Angeles office of the State Department failed to locate a passport issued to any of his known names or aliases.

Clark viewed a group of photographs, including Sirhan, the look-alikes and and Sirhan's brothers. He was unable to identify any of them being at his stables.

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**Department of Justice**  
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April 7, 1969

Deputy Chief Robert A. Houghton  
Commander, Detective Bureau  
Los Angeles Police Department  
150 N. Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Your File 6.24

Dear Chief Houghton:

My apologies for the delay in sending on the material you requested in your letter of February 6, 1969. Apparently Mr. Christian delivered tapes to a number of persons in our office and collecting them has been a major undertaking.

I enclose a copy of the material as we now have it. Another tape is being transcribed. We do not accord it a high priority in view of our normal and critical appellate case load. If it is substantially different from the first or in any way contributes anything different or significant, we shall immediately send a copy to you.

The pictures enclosed came from an associate of Mr. Christian, Mr. William Turner who believes that she might be the famous or infamous "lady in the polka dot dress."

When you have copied the pictures, will you please return them to us so that we might return them to Mr. Turner.

Any information of any relevance which comes to our attention regarding this matter, from any source, will, of course, be sent on to you.

Again, my apologies for the delay, but Mr. Christian was at once prolific and universal.

Sincerely,

*Charles A. O'Brien*  
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Chief Deputy Attorney General

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re Jerry Owens

1 TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE NO. 30881, A RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH  
2 REVEREND PERKINS ON FEBRUARY 11, 1969, ROOM 317, PARKER  
3 CENTER, 150 NORTH LOS ANGELES STREET

4 QUESTIONING: LIEUTENANT R. H. KEENE, JR., 6246  
5 SERGEANT P. L. SARTUCHE, 10518

6 TRANSCRIPTION BY: JAMES J. RABE, J8871, HOMICIDE DIVISION

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8 SERGEANT SARTUCHE: Reverend, this is Lieutenant Keene.

9 REVEREND PERKINS: I'm glad to meet you.

10 LIEUTENANT KEENE: Hi. How are you? I'm very glad to  
11 know you. Sit down.

12 REVEREND PERKINS: He's got a real Irish name.

13 SERGEANT SARTUCHE: Hasn't he. How would he spell that  
14 name if it were true Irish?

15 REVEREND PERKINS: Well, K-a-n-e, is very likely the way  
16 he spells it. And sometimes they spell it K-e-a-n, and--  
17 I don't know how you spell it.

18 LIEUTENANT KEENE: It is an Irish name. It comes from  
19 Kavin County I think. K-e-e-n-e.

20 REVEREND PERKINS: Well, K, double e, n-e would likely--  
21 I was going to say English.

22 LIEUTENANT KEENE: No. It's Irish.

23 REVEREND PERKINS: Well, it's Irish, but I mean it's sort  
24 of down at the border down there they let the English take  
25 over--

26 LIEUTENANT KEENE: Yeah, Scotch and Irish, English and  
the whole thing.

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1 REVLREND PERKINS: Yeah.

2 LILUTENANT KEENE: Have you gone into--

3 SERGEANT SARTUCHE: No, I didn't. We've been talking  
4 about his background.

5 BY LIEUTENANT KEENE:

6 Q. We never did get a chance to talk to you.

7 BY REVEREND PERKINS:

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. And I guess you were up there one day back in June;  
10 you were upstairs on the 8th floor.

11 A. Yeah. That's right.

12 Q. And your relationship as a possible witness wasn't  
13 possibly known at that time and so we would like to get--  
14 We don't want to take up much of your time.

15 A. Oh, I don't care. I've got plenty of time.

16 Q. We haven't.

17 A. Yeah. You're a busy man.

18 Q. No. We're no busier than you are, but we don't want  
19 to make you go back and go through a long and tortuous thing,  
20 so to speak. There are just a few things we wanted to pin  
21 down, but what we would like you to try and do--

22 A. If you want to tape what I say, well, it's all right  
23 with me.

24 Q. Okay, fine, but just for me to go back and starting,  
25 if you can remember of your own knowledge, starting from  
26 Monday morning, and Monday morning is June 3, before the

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1 Tuesday, which was the primary election, and just start from  
2 that morning and start from there until the first time, we'll  
3 say the next time that you saw Jerry Owen.

4       A. Well, I've known Jerry for 37 years and regardless  
5 of what everybody says about him, I think he's a very reliable  
6 fellow. Now he was-- I used to be-- I want to give you a  
7 little background I think you ought to know. I used to be one  
8 of the leaders of the Pentecostal Evangel. Of course, I was  
9 a (Methodist) preacher for 14 years and then I went in news-  
10 paper work and I created the new book for the general council  
11 of the Assemblies of God. And about 27 years ago they had a  
12 big blowup in San Francisco and Earl Warren gave Jerry the  
13 City Hall to keep the people off the streets and he drew about  
14 seven or eight thousand people. I heard all-- They had a new  
15 bible and everything you can think of and I thought the fellow  
16 was a fraud maybe. I didn't know any better. So after about  
17 four years, somebody told him if he'd come to me that I was  
18 no longer a member of the Assembly of God and if I was, I was  
19 a very independent thinker and that I would listen to him and  
20 hear his case and if I found out that he was getting a raw  
21 deal I would go to bat for him. So he came to me and told  
22 me his side of the story and I found out that they framed him  
23 up there and I went up and talked to George Davis, you know who  
24 George Davis is, and I verified it. I tried to get him  
25 straightened out and they wouldn't do it. And so I kept  
26 telling Jerry for years I said, "Some of these days they'll

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1 put you in the penitentiary. So back in Baltimore they tried  
2 to do it, but I went back there and blew up their case. I  
3 studied law for five years.

4 Q. Who tried to do what?

5 A. The Assemblies of God, see.

6 Q. Oh, I see.

7 A. The Pentecostal organization that I had worked with  
8 for years. And so I went back there and blew that up and he  
9 got a judgment. I cleared that up and came back here and I  
10 said, "If you don't go to court for these people, they'll put  
11 you in the penitentiary." So he went over to Phoenix and  
12 started a radio and television affair. He's quite a colorful  
13 character. He's a friend of Henry Armstrong and Max Baer,  
14 fellows like that. So I-- He said for me to go over there  
15 and I scattered them in Phoenix and then he went down to  
16 Tucson and they framed him there and sentenced him to eight  
17 years in the penitentiary.

18 Q. What did they say he did?

19 A. Burned a church.

20 Q. Was the church burned?

21 A. No. It's just a little bit--

22 Q. But there had been a fire?

23 A. A little fire. So the man, the main witness, he got  
24 sick and he made an affidavit to the effect that he was drunk  
25 and one of those Assembly of God men, this policeman, got him  
26 to sign this affidavit and they took it to the higher court

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1 and he was vindicated and he never served any time. Then when  
2 they carried it to the higher court over in Phoenix, he was  
3 vindicated, of course, and he sued them for ten million dollars  
4 over there and five million in San Francisco besides suing the  
5 insurance company here. Well, when he sued them I even sent  
6 word to them what happened and I said, "You fellows don't  
7 have a leg to stand on," I said, "I investigated all that  
8 stuff." And I had enough influence with them, it scared them.  
9 They realized that they had just taken rumor after rumor. Now  
10 they are not bad men, this Springfield, so much as they just  
11 took some preacher evidence without investigating and I said,  
12 "Well, you go into court and-- I told Jerry, I said, "Jerry,  
13 they haven't a leg to stand on except rumor and a lot of  
14 stuff they can't prove." So boy they got scared and they  
15 didn't even go and he got a default judgment. He got fifteen  
16 million dollars default judgment against them. And I'm just  
17 telling you that as background so if you run into--

18 Q. So you would vouch for his--

19 A. Oh, yes. I've known him 27 years.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. If he tells you anything, he'll go through with it.  
22 He was in the underworld, he and Max Baer were great partners  
23 and friends.

24 Q. Getting back to the 3rd, Reverend--

25 A. Yeah. I--

26 Q. That's all right. On Monday, on that Monday, did

1 you see Jerry Owen on Monday?

2 A. Yeah. He called me on Monday and he said, "Say--  
3 He always calls me Perk--

4 Q. Did he call you by phone?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Where you staying?

7 A. At the hotel.

8 Q. At the Embassy?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Embassy--

11 A. He called me and he said, "Say, you know, I'm in  
12 trouble." And I said, "What's your trouble?" He said, "I  
13 just saw a picture of Sirhan--

14 Q. Now wait a minute right there. First now we're  
15 confused now on the date, you see, because the newspaper and  
16 the picture. None of that occurred until after the 5th.

17 A. Well, he told me the next day.

18 Q. Well, that's all right. The next day is all right.  
19 No problem there, but this is a long time ago. Now let me  
20 just show you here on a piece of paper what we are talking  
21 about now. Here's Monday, June 3. Now this is a Monday;  
22 June 4 is the election day. This is the day that they had the  
23 primary election. That's a Tuesday. Now June 5 is the morning  
24 after the election and it's the morning--

25 A. Is that the morning the papers came out?

26 Q. Morning of the shooting, right.

1 A. Oh, well, then I'm wrong.

2 Q. That's all right. This is what we want to try and  
3 establish. Now June 5, this is a Wednesday.

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Kennedy was shot the last night, or actually early  
6 that morning. He was shot at 12:15, the morning of the 5th  
7 which is just after midnight.

8 A. Yeah, yeah.

9 Q. Right. Now that's Wednesday. Okay. Now is this  
10 day here the day of the shooting or June 5, Wednesday?

11 A. It was right after the paper came out with the  
12 picture; that would be the 5th, wouldn't it?

13 Q. All right. And is this when he called you?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. All right. Was that the first time that Jerry spoke  
16 to you about-- Was that the first time that you realized  
17 that Jerry Owen thought there was some connection between him  
18 and the person whose picture was in the paper?

19 A. Yeah, yeah. Yes. He said, "I saw this picture in  
20 the paper," and he said, "That fellow tried to buy a horse  
21 from me."

22 Q. Okay. And how long after the paper came out-- Do  
23 you recall what paper you saw? Did you see a picture yourself?

24 A. Oh, I read both papers carefully every day.

25 Q. Well, which two papers are those?

26 A. The Times and the Examiner, both.

Q. All right. Was it an Examiner that you saw?

1 A. Well, I saw both.

2 Q. Was it an evening paper or did you see it the  
3 following morning? See, now the Times you read in the morning.

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And the Herald, the Examiner, you read at night--

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. --usually, although the Herald comes out with it,  
8 the paper, early in the day and the Times comes out with a  
9 preview at night.

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Can you remember which paper you saw it in?

12 A. I think I saw it--I think it's in both papers. Now  
13 I can't be sure.

14 Q. Probably was.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. All right. Now do you remember with respect to the  
17 time of day, was it in the evening or in the morning or can  
18 you recall?

19 A. Well, sometimes I buy three papers.

20 Q. I mean we're talking about when these papers came  
21 out. Were you staying at the Embassy Hotel--

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. --that time?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. All right. Did you see a paper before he called you?

26 A. Yes.

1 Q. You knew that Kennedy had been shot?

2 A. Oh, yes. Yeah.

3 Q. You had seen it in the paper?

4 A. Yes. Heard it over television.

5 Q. All right. Was it long enough after the shooting to  
6 where the newspapers and the television discussed the name of  
7 the person who had done it? Was Sirhan's name known? Was it  
8 described? Was he described by name in the newspapers and on  
9 the television?

10 A. I think it was, but I couldn't be sure. All I know  
11 is when Jerry called me over the phone he said, you know, that  
12 fellow that shot Kennedy.

13 Q. Uh huh.

14 A. Now he might not have mentioned the name Sirhan that  
15 first--

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. But he called me and said, "I want to see you to  
18 talk this over with you," he said.

19 Q. Where was he calling from?

20 A. Oh, some place here in town. And then we had lunch  
21 together. He said, "I'll come by afterwhile and we'll have  
22 lunch together. I want to talk with you."

23 Q. All right. You had lunch?

24 A. That's right.

25 Q. Not dinner, but lunch?

26 A. Noon, long about twelve, one o'clock.

1 Q. Now these newspapers with Sirhan's picture, all  
2 these things came out in the afternoon, now they came out  
3 like Wednesday afternoon. If he said, "I want to come by and  
4 see you," and he did come by and you had lunch together, would  
5 that have been the following day?

6 A. No. It was late that afternoon sometime.

7 Q. All right.

8 A. We just went out and had a cup of coffee and a  
9 sandwich.

10 Q. Do you remember where you went for the coffee and  
11 the sandwich?

12 A. Yeah. I think we had it right there at the hall,  
13 I think we had it there in the Embassy auditorium, or the  
14 hotel, the restaurant.

15 Q. The hotel you live in?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Not the Coliseum Hotel?

18 A. No. I'll tell you where it was, it was Hank's place,  
19 across the street.

20 Q. Across from the Embassy?

21 A. In the Stillwell.

22 Q. In the Stillwell?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Where is that located?

25 A. That's right across the street from the Embassy,  
26 right across--

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1 Q. Address wise?

2 SERGEANT SARTUCHE: Eight hundred block of Grand.

3 A. Right across. You can see it there. It's Still-  
4 well's. It says Hank's Place.

5 Q. Did he pick you up at the hotel?

6 A. No. He came by in the lobby.

7 Q. He came by your room, or you were waiting in the  
8 lobby?

9 A. Yeah. I was also waiting in the lobby and we went  
10 across the street there to Hank's.

11 Q. Was it daylight outside?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Was he on foot or did he have a vehicle with him?

14 A. No. He had his boots on and I took it that he had  
15 his truck with him.

16 Q. Did you see his truck?

17 A. Yes, I did. Finally after we-- He had the truck  
18 parked and I was coming back; he had that truck parked right  
19 at the corner of Ninth and Grand on that parking lot across  
20 from the Embassy.

21 Q. Do you recall what color the truck is?

22 A. Oh, it's a truck he's had. I've seen the truck a  
23 good many times. He hauled his ponies around, sort of a  
24 peculiar looking affair. He had those shetland ponies that  
25 he hauled around in there.

26 Q. In the truck, or did he have them in a trailer where

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1 he pulled them usually in a trailer?

2 A. Well, sometimes he would have them in a little long  
3 trailer, several ponies, and sometimes he had a big truck  
4 there that he'd cart a horse around. Now in my mind I just  
5 don't remember--

6 Q. Was there a horse with him that day?

7 A. I don't know whether he had a horse that day or not.  
8 I saw the truck.

9 Q. You think you saw the truck?

10 A. I know he had some kind of a truck because he wouldn't  
11 come into town with his boots on unless he--

12 Q. Yeah. You think perhaps, but I don't want you to  
13 deduce that he had the truck because you saw him with the  
14 boots and whenever he has the boots on--

15 A. No.

16 Q. --that he has the truck, you know.

17 A. The two always go together and I know that he had  
18 some kind of a truck.

19 Q. Okay. Now that you're sure then that was Wednesday,  
20 it had to be on Wednesday at least because Kennedy was shot  
21 on Wednesday morning.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. And it was all in the newspapers. You feel that it  
24 all was Wednesday, late in the afternoon?

25 A. Well, my guess is that some place around two, three  
26 o'clock. He didn't come as quickly as he said he would. And

1 we had visited over the air, or over the phone, and he said,  
2 "I'll come by and see you after a bit." I said--

3 Q. Two or three o'clock?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. And he called you just before he came over, a short  
6 time before?

7 A. Uh huh.

8 Q. Like he called you and said he wanted to talk to  
9 you and from the time you got his phone call he came over a  
10 half hour, an hour later, something like that?

11 A. Well, I told him, I said, "I'm working upstairs, and  
12 you can just call me and-- And he come down to the lobby and  
13 we went across to Hank's.

14 Q. All right. A short time after the phone call he  
15 came by in person?

16 A. No. It might have been an hour or two.

17 Q. All right. Well, that was still a relatively short  
18 time.

19 A. Right.

20 Q. All right. Prior to that time, prior to the phone  
21 call, had you ever heard from anyone, including Jerry, of any  
22 connection between Jerry and Sirhan?

23 A. Oh, no. No, not until he called me.

24 Q. All right.

25 A. When he called me.

26 Q. He didn't--be careful now--

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1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. The day before for example, or the day before that,  
3 he didn't come to you and say, "I know a fellow that wants  
4 to buy my horse?"

5 A. No. No, he just--

6 Q. So the reason I'm asking you this, and the reason  
7 I wanted to pin this down with you, you made a statemtn back  
8 in January about three or four weeks ago to a gentleman that  
9 has long sideburns--well, you may not have seen him. You were  
10 interviewed over the phone.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. All right. You know who interviewed you?

13 A. No. I had an idea. He told me he was with the  
14 police department.

15 Q. What did he say his name was?

16 A. I've forgotten because I said to myself, in the  
17 first place--

18 Q. Would you remember if I told you his name? I know  
19 who interviewed you because he made a recording of the conver-  
20 sation and he played the recording for us. Now his name was  
21 John Christian. Apparently that doesn't mean anything to you.

22 A. Nope.

23 Q. Richard Lubbok (Phonetic) is a friend of his. He  
24 said he was from the police department and he wished to inter-  
25 view you--

26 A. That's right.

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1 Q. --with respect to what?

2 A. Jerry Owen.

3 Q. All right. Do you remember what day it was?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Day of the week?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Now you were down here in California, I mean in  
8 southern California, usually you come down here sometime after  
9 the first of the month. Was this true in January, or were  
10 you here the whole month of January?

11 A. Well, I haven't been up there for quite a while.

12 Q. I see.

13 A. I was living here all the time then.

14 Q. All right. He said that, as I recall, that this  
15 conversation took place with you on January 10th.

16 A. Well, it must have been about then.

17 Q. Does that sound about right?

18 A. Yes, it does.

19 Q. Was he the only person you interviewed?

20 A. No. Paul Peterson of NBC, or whichever it was.

21 Q. How long ago was that?

22 A. About two weeks before that.

23 Q. He said he was Paul Peterson?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Do you know that he was?

26 A. I think it was because I recognized the voice.

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1 Q. Oh, did he speak to you over the phone?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. I see.

4 A. He wanted to talk to me about the Arab situation.

5 Q. About the what?

6 A. Arab situation.

7 Q. Oh, no connection with Jerry Owen?

8 A. No.

9 Q. I see. All right. Well then this person that  
10 spoke to you over the phone, did he say he was from the Los  
11 Angeles Police Department?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. And you inferred from that then that it was perhaps  
14 someone like from the investigative--

15 A. Well, I knew better than to talk to a fellow over  
16 the phone. I should have said, now here, show your cre-  
17 dentials, but I said, "I've got nothing to hide, so if he's  
18 trying to pump me, I'll just tell him the truth as I see it  
19 and let it go at that."

20 Q. See, in listening-- It's too bad that we don't  
21 have this tape for you to listen to.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. If and when we get it, which we may, we'll let you  
24 listen to the tape.

25 A. Yeah.

26 Q. Because what he does, apparently over the tape, he

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1 goes through this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3rd,  
2 4th and 5th sequence in such a way that I feel that unless  
3 you had a chance to look at each date and day as you have  
4 done carefully with us here, that you would possibly make  
5 an answer that had a different significance than you intended.

6 A. Well, I was suspicious of him because I said to  
7 myself, "Now, I'm a fool. I'm an old newspaper man and I know  
8 enough to see and demand credentials," and I said, I was think-  
9 ing all the time, "now here's a fellow who may try to trick me  
10 up and he may be on the opposite side," and so forth. So my  
11 mind was a little bit disturbed when I was talking with him.  
12 I had a notion to tell him, "Well, here, I'm not going to  
13 talk to you over the phone," and next I said to myself, "Well  
14 all I know is not very important." I didn't think about my  
15 testimony being important so I said, "Well, I'll just talk.

16 A. It really isn't--it is important to us because  
17 we're glad to find out the truth as opposed to what he says,  
18 which is not the truth on the basis--

19 A. Well, I didn't talk to him and I felt like just  
20 saying, "Now, here, you're barking up the wrong tree. You  
21 show me your credentials and I'll talk with you."

22 Q. See--

23 A. That's what I probably should have done.

24 Q. You're not involved in the assassination any way.  
25 Jerry Owen apparently is not involved in any way except what  
26 he had to report later to the police, but this person that

1 called you over the phone is not from the police department  
2 and taped this statement with you for whatever purpose he  
3 might have.

4 A. He's with the--

5 Q. He's with himself.

6 A. --defense for Sirhan.

7 Q. No. He's with himself. He's a self-employed writer,  
8 a free lance writer.

9 A. I thought--I suspected that.

10 Q. And he's getting information for whatever purpose  
11 he might have and just converting it to his own use. So  
12 what I would suggest you do is this. Sergeant Sartuche will  
13 give you a business card, if you don't have one already with  
14 our phone number on it. If anyone attempts to interview you,  
15 we would appreciate it if you would either refer them to us  
16 or talk to one of us before you give them an interview for  
17 this reason, I would not like to see someone else take some-  
18 thing, twist it, and put it to anyone else's disadvantage.  
19 This is what this person would do. Now if they are sincere  
20 and reliable newspaper men or something like that, whatever,  
21 you might, anything you might have to say, that's up to you.

22 A. Well, I know this policeman or real bona fide  
23 newspaper man would show his credentials and he didn't show  
24 me any credentials and I didn't think--

25 Q. Didn't he interview you over the phone?

26 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Well, of course he couldn't very well do it over the  
2 phone, could he? But he could say--

3 A. He could offer to show--

4 Q. I just found \$10 in here. I'm trying to get one  
5 card here to give you-- Okay, our phone number is up there  
6 and our extension is 2962. My name is Lieutenant Keene, and  
7 I'll write Sergeant Sartuche, S-a-r-t-u-c-h-e--

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Now you keep that with you.

10 A. I will.

11 Q. And if anyone comes around and tries to put words  
12 in your mouth, well you tell them two things; one, that you  
13 have been advised of the Allarcon admonition and this is for  
14 real in which the judge at the time of the Grand Jury indict-  
15 ment admonished anyone that might have anything that might  
16 have a bearing on the case not to discuss this case with  
17 anyone except the investigators or in open court. So you  
18 tell him that under this court admonition you can't discuss  
19 the case.

20 A. Oh, I will.

21 Q. And refer him to us and then we'll be happy to help  
22 you do whatever has to be done.

23 A. My mind wasn't asleep. I said to myself, "I'm  
24 foolish to talk to this fellow," but I said, "I've got no  
25 connection with it and I can't be brought into it." So I  
26 said, "Well, here just talk with him."

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1 Q. Well, you see--

2 A. I wouldn't do it again.

3 Q. The main reason we wanted to talk to you, Reverend,  
4 was he's trying to put this whole occurrence back some date  
5 to where it would have some terrible significance that it  
6 doesn't have and if or when we get the tape you can listen  
7 to it.

8 A. Yeah. I would like to listen to it.

9 Q. And see how he has turned it around, because we went  
10 over it very carefully now and I'll just repeat for the last  
11 time what you're saying is that the first contact you had  
12 with Jerry Owen was from Jerry Owen in regard to his telling  
13 you of meeting someone who wanted to buy a horse, and that  
14 this conversation with Owen took place the day after the  
15 shooting, around there, right after the news broadcasts and  
16 everything.

17 A. Well, that would be the truth.

18 Q. Fine. That was the main thing we wanted to cover.

19 A. I didn't make the statement to the fact that this--

20 Q. No. You didn't intend to, but I think when you  
21 listen to the tape you'll see how he's taking the alleged  
22 meeting-- and this person that Owen said he met that wanted  
23 to buy the horse, that did take place before the shooting.

24 A. That's right. That's right.

25 Q. According to Mr. Owen.

26 A. Right.

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1 Q. But he didn't tell you about that until after the  
2 shooting?

3 A. No. Oh, no.

4 Q. See--

5 A. Oh, no.

6 Q. This other person says differently. That's why--  
7 when we get the tape--

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. --we'll let you listen to it.

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. And you can see how dangerous it is to talk to  
12 someone like that over the phone because he can twist some-  
13 thing around.

14 A. Oh, I was stupid to do that.

15 Q. And have the opportunity to make your position  
16 clear.

17 A. I was disturbed of the Kennedy death, you know,  
18 and I just talked when I shouldn't have done it.

19 Q. Phil, is there anything else you think that he  
20 might have knowledge of that might help you in what you tried  
21 to pin down with respect to Mr. Owen's activities that he  
22 could corroborate in any way?

23 BY SERGEANT SARTUCHE:

24 Q. Did you know many of his fighting associates?

25 A. Yeah. I knew Max Baer, Henry Armstrong, Maxie  
26 Rosenbloom--

1 Q. How about somebody by the name of John Gray?

2 A. Johnnie Gray, the Negro?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. Yeah. I knew Johnnie.

5 Q. How did you know Johnnie?

6 A. Well, I met him around Phoenix and I met him around  
7 here. Quite often I used to go to the gyms. I used to be a  
8 boxer myself, just an amateur, see--

9 (Discussion between Lt. Keene and Sgt. Sartuche off the  
10 record)

11 LIEUTENANT KEENE: I've got to go.

12 REVEREND PERKINS: I'm glad to have met you.

13 LIEUTENANT KEENE: Yes. It's been real nice.

14 REVEREND PERKINS: Yeah.

15 LIEUTENANT KEENE: You call us now.

16 REVEREND PERKINS: Yeah. I will. I will.

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