Part Six

"I am my brother's keeper" Adel Sirhan

During our long drives up from Los Angeles to Corcoran prison to visit Sirhan, Adel frequently told me "I am my brother's keeper". The new evidence we discovered begged for an evidentiary hearing but we were up against the might and weight of an overworked, often understaffed, tired and seemingly indifferent judicial system. And so we did the only thing we knew what to do - put one foot before the other and keep on going until......

Then unexpectedly, out of the blue Adel, feeling tired all the time saw his doctor and discovered he had terminal liver cancer and that he would not live to see his next birthday- he had just turned 62. And so Adel and I discussed how best to deal with this devastating news to Sirhan. And how it would impact on our ongoing research.

Adel made it clear he did not want Sirhan to know his prognoses. I agreed to respect his wishes and so I accompanied Adel on his final visit with Sirhan which took place shortly after his exploratory surgery - while he still looked and felt fairly good and before the ravages of cancer would take its toll . Adel wanted that final visit to be filled with light - hearted jokes and as much pleasantries as we could manage. He did not want crying and despair from Sirhan - he couldn't handle that.

On that last visit Adel told Sirhan that I had mined all there was from the trial transcripts and that he wanted me to take possession of all of the boxes containing Sirhan case files stored in Adel's bedroom (Adel told me he always kept the door to his bedroom locked thereby safeguarding them) so that I could begin examining and researching anything of importance. Adel made it clear to Sirhan in my presence that he did not want Munir to be involved in any way with my research and that Munir was not to have anything to do with Sirhan's files in his (Adel's) bedroom. He also told Sirhan that he and Munir were not on speaking terms for years. Sirhan readily agreed to Adel's wishes and we moved on to the next subject. About seven months later Adel was dead and this is what happened to Adel's wishes re Sirhan's files in his bedroom:

Both Larry and I contacted Munir about Adel's wishes to turn the bedroom files over to me. Not surprisingly Munir was less than cooperative and I can understand his reluctance in light of the fact that he and I had no contact with each other throughout the years and I didn't bother to conceal my disapproval of his role in the case (Munir buying the gun for Sirhan). But finally he agreed to turn over a few boxes to me.

What I received were a few small cardboard boxes containing mostly old yellowed newspapers that were barely readable and included in that junk was a letter which took my breath away.

Of course I was looking forward to examining those files, but with Munir closing that door I felt it was time to move on. But what about my promise to Adel on our return from his final visit to not abandon Sirhan research? I took a time-out and then, an old lady like me jumped into the 21st century with my own web site. It was the logical thing to do since I felt my ballistics research should be available to anyone who was interested in Bobby Kennedy's terrible and cowardly assassination. It was clear the courts didn't have the appetite to touch this political hot potato. I will state for the record nearly all of the ballistics evidence used in Sirhan trial was fraudulent. Why was this?

I am including photos of the keys to the doors in the house which Adel had made for me. He told me when he is gone to go in and take possession of the files. On each key tag he wrote: "To Rose Lynn Mangan From Adel Sirhan" and on the reverse side he wrote which key fit the correct lock. When I informed Munir of Adel's giving me the house keys and his instructions to remove case files Munir responded by telling me that he has to have the locks changed because Sharif might come in. That was utter nonsense - and I assured Munir that I would NOT enter the house with Adel's keys. Leave the locks alone.

In retrospect I see how very much Adel was his brother's keeper . When we returned from Adel's farewell visit he gave me Sirhan's gun box and Muzzey's The American People from Sirhan's library. It contained a damaging written notation which had not been examined by a handwriting expert that caught my attention. Chief defense counsel Grant Cooper made the avowal that the questioned writing was Sirhan's. and a copy of that page was admitted into evidence! Amazing. This shameful business is in Larry's Writ which was based on my Supplement 3 Report. In short there was no foundation for a copy of that unexamined questioned document to have been admitted into evidence. I would like very much for any law school to examine this affair and I would like to hear what they have to say about it.

When a request was made by both criminalist Lowell Bradford and the Dr. Henry C. Lee Institute for me to donate my research records I agreed and I included both the Sirhan gun box as well as the Muzzey book used in the Sirhan trial. It is my understanding that the Dr. Henry C. Lee Institute has one of the largest Robert F. Kennedy archive collections and of course I am honored that I was asked to donate my collection to them.



In addition to Adel giving me Sirhan's gun box, Muzzey's American People from Sirhan's library and the Sirhan house keys, Adel also gave me the tapes from his answering machine with numerous recorded messages. Adel was always careful to examine anything which might assist in his effort to learn what happened in the Ambassador Hotel that night. He never gave up on trying to learn more and maybe in those tapes there was something that needed our attention.

By far the most interesting taped messages were recorded by Ted Charach - no question, Ted is a brilliant investigative reporter/documentarian and unfortunately I feel his important contributions to this case are not adequately recognized.

With Adel's death I have turned to the internet for help with the research Adel and I were working on. I am asking help from retired criminalists, people from law enforcement, law schools, anyone who will take the time to examine our research findings. Here in this section I am including a number of documents which cannot be explained away - and as always I begin with Sirhan Trial Transcript page 3967. And I cannot emphasize enough the enormous importance of my Special Exhibit 10 Report; and it is my belief that nothing less than a Congressional Investigation is called for. But I know better. My sad question - what do you do about false evidence when the courts won't listen? Then who do you turn to?

A - photos of Adel' house keys

B - Sirhan Trial Transcript page 3967

C - Criminalist Charles V. Morton Declaration dated October 3' 1975. Morton was one of the seven examiners who was nominated by Sirhan's then attorney Godfrey Isaac to reexamine the Sirhan ballistics evidence as a result of the Judge Robert Wenke Court Order in September 1975. I have included Morton's Declaration to the court because I find it most disturbing. Here is what bothers me:

Morton attached EXHIBIT "A" (Master set of photographs) in which he both lists the photo number and identifies it under the heading "subject". What I found is that he misidentified photo No. 14. He identified photo # 14 as: "Test PNG (EX. 55) at Land 1 (index mark) showing gross marks in land impressions." That is incorrect. PNG is Grand Jury 5B in the PN (panel number) DEFG series. Not from Ex. 55 (Peoples Exhibit 55 contains three test bullets and two shell casings and which bears the wrong gun serial number on this evidence envelope - the Jake Williams gun number). While Morton's identification of photo # 14 is incorrect it does not pose a major problem. However, the same cannot be said for his identification of his photo # 8 and photo #9.

Morton writes for Photo No. 8: "Black and white print from 4x5 negative, special hearing Ex. 10 taken by LAPD 6/6/68." Now let's take a look at what he writes for Photo No. 9: "Black and white photograph of Ex. 47 and Ex. 52 showing same area depicted in special hearing Ex. 10 (Photo No. 8)."

It is important to note that (Photo No. 8) as seen above does not reference Morton's



Photo No. 8 in his attachment Exhibit "A" MASTER SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS. I shall tell you what it is and I shall attach copies of the actual photographs of Spec. Ex 10. The actual Photo # 8 in Special Exhibit 10 is from a 35mm photomicrograph which was delivered to the Judge Wenke Court for the seven examiners to examine. As seen on the lower left corner is Photo#8 and on the upper left side we see written "68-521466 6-6-68 DW". The seven examiners created their own photograph of 47/52 using the same bullets used by Wolfer and they numbered this photo Photo # 18 47/52. I am also including a copy of Special Exhibit 10 which was given to me by Robert Joling and which bears Photo # 8 at lower left of picture. I will say this - criminalist William Harper called the 1975 examination a "fix", but unfortunately he did not give his reason. This aroused my interest. Had Harper not told me this I would not have taken the time to meticulously examine the ballistics evidence and the records and documents associated with the evidence in the 1975 examination.

Morton tells the court that photo # 9 depicts exhibit 47 and exhibit 52. But he leaves out the fact that exhibit 52 was misidentified by criminalist Wolfer who labeled it his "test" bullet. That information should not have been omitted.

Morton's identification of his photo # 8 fails to inform the court that photo # 8 depicts ex. "47 and Wolfer's "test" bullet - not the examiners' finding of ex. 47/52. And as will be noted in my Special Exhibit 10 Report, which I based on Court Order # 2 Evidence Inventory, court records, Dr. Noguchi Autopsy Report, Los Angeles County Grand Jury testimony dated 6-7-68 and doctors records, and photos of the actual evidence bullets and evidence envelopes - the seven examiners also misidentified Wolfer's "test" bullet (they identified it as ex 52). It is not ex. 52 (People's Exhibit 52). It is in fact a bullet of unknown/unidentified origin.

- D Court Order #1 and Court Order #2 Evidence Inventory with numerous corrections which I have written in red ink. Additionally, I include documents which bear upon the specific evidence.
- E Additional Ambassador Hotel floor plans including location of stairs Sandra Serrano was sitting on when girl in polka dress and two men climbed up the stairs and then the girl and one man came down the stairs and left the hotel.
- F Serrano transcript (portions)
- G Several pages from Sirhan's notebook that I find extremely disturbing.
- H Several pages of Sirhan's written response to questions put to him by Dr. Diamond while Sirhan was under hypnoses.
- I Documents which raise questions about the different Munir siblings. and Munir's correctage.
- J I'm sharing some experiences and adding some documents



mary Sirhan

Mary Sirhan was a simple and a good person and I feel privileged to have had a close and trusting relationship with her. One of the more memorable experiences was watching her bake the most delicious large oval rolls almost every day. Since the market was about four long uphill blocks from her house she usually bought five pound bags of flour which didn't last very long. So I suggested we look into buying flour from a wholesale supply house - a hundred pound bag (I believe that was the size). Well she and I struggled with that 100 lb beast dragging it into the kitchen and propping it up against the back wall. And as we were driving back to the house she said - what a great country America is. Flour so cheap to feed a whole family for months- and for pennies. There is no country as great as America. What a country is America.

And when I took her to the fabric store so we could buy fabric to sew dresses for her to wear to court she said she never saw so much of everything you could want. America for her was - in a word - greatness. She was a genuinely good person who struggled with her son's involvement in that awful assassination. She thought Sirhan did kill Bobby Kennedy until we began to learn about a second gun from criminalist William Harper. Then she wanted to learn everything there was to learn. I should also add that from the start she told me Sirhan told her that he had no memory of firing the gun . They told him he killed Kennedy.

While driving one day she spotted a grove of olive trees and asked me to slow down and look for the caretaker. When I reached him Mary asked if she could pick up the olives that had fallen on the ground and that she would not touch the trees. He freely gave permission and we gathered a bagful of large plump green olives. Later that week I visited the garden nursery and bought an olive tree about three feet tall. Adel planted it for her in the back yard and she named it Linda (for some reason she couldn't say Lynn so I was Linda to her). And before long Linda gave her olives by the bushels. Adel told me how much she loved that healthy olive tree.

She really loved everything in this country and I was sorry she experienced so much suffering. I remember a few of the letters she received were anti-Kennedy. This upset her very much and I remember her shaking her head. She told me those were terrible things to write and she was sorry some people could have such dark hearts.

No matter what people may think of Sirhan his mother was one of the finest people I knew.



DeWayne Wolfer

As can be imagined Sirhan and I often discussed the numerous problems with the ballistics evidence in his case - more specifically - the fraudulent bullets and the two known guns. However, surprisingly, Wolfer's name came up only a few times. Sirhan could not understand why Wolfer switched bullets etc. My response was "This was not Wolfer's doing". I arrived at my conclusion by simple logic. Here is my reasoning: Wolfer was a highly respected expert in the field of ballistics and he was a noted bomb expert. Additionally, he taught classes in criminology at California State College at Long Beach, recognized as one of the best criminology courses in the country. Additionally, Wolfer was head of LAPD crime lab and he testified at numerous trials in his capacity as a respected ballistics expert. In fact when Bill Harper closed down his lab he donated his library and lab equipment to Cal. State at Long Beach school of criminology. The only collection he did not give CSLB was his Sirhan research files. He gave all of his Sirhan research papers to me, which I in turn donated to the Dr. Henry C. Lee Institute along with my own research collection (which included nearly all of Sirhan's letters in my possession). Why then would a man of Wolfer's impressive stature falsify the ballistics evidence? The simple answer is - he wouldn't. He didn't.

So who did tamper with the evidence? We will never know - but it wasn't Wolfer

And to bolster my reasoning let us take a look at page 3967 of the Sirhan Trial Transcript. Prosecutor Fitts tells the court (in the judge's chambers) that the bullets "will not have adequate foundation as I will concede at this time." But that is only the tip of the iceberg. Do you know what else Fitts said? "...it is our understanding that there will be a stipulation that these objects came from the persons whom I say they came from. Is that right?" Let me tell you why this is so egregious.

It will be remembered that trial judge Herbert Walker twice turned down the plea bargains sought by both defense and prosecution, and so this prearranged stipulation to bullets needed the trial judge's blessing. How do I know the bullet stipulation was a prearrangement? Well, Fitts tells me. He said "...it is our understanding that there will be a stipulation..." Just when did this mutual understanding to stipulate to the bullets take place?(between defense and prosecution). Where did it take place? Why did it take place? When did it take place? If the bullets were authentic then there would be no need for this prearranged unholy agreement to stipulate the bullets into evidence. You would prove them up, you would have a chain of custody - you would establish an adequate foundation. But they couldn't do that and Wolfer was left to take the heat.

I was absolutely right when I told Sirhan "This was not Wolfer's doing".



The Defense Divided

Sirhan often spoke to me about his experiences with his defense team and on quite a few occasions he expressed those feelings in his letters to me. This is what he wrote: "I had six prosecutors" and "With a defense team like that who needed a prosecutor?"

Let me give you an example of just how right his assessment was: One day Mary Sirhan told me that defense attorney Parsons warned her to be very careful what she tells Robert Blair Kaiser because he (Kaiser, a defense investigator) reports everything back to the DA (District Attorney). This was nothing short of amazing and so I asked Adel if Parsons also told that to him. Adel confirmed Parsons' warning.

And so one day I called Kaiser and asked him if there was any truth to Parsons' warning. Kaiser denied it outright. I told Kaiser that since it was second hand hearsay I suggested that the next time he planned on visiting Los Angeles that he meet with Adel. Kaiser readily agreed and before too long Larry, Adel, Kaiser and I met in my son's apartment where Adel repeated Parsons' warning. In short, the Parsons/McCowan camp was not on the same track as Cooper/Kaiser. Whatever the reason, that was a despicable thing to do.

Thank goodness Kaiser is still alive- he will absolutely corroborate the above to be true.. In carefully examining the performances of all the players - both prosecution and defense it was evident Fitts was the smartest in that camp and on the defense side it was Kaiser who was clearly the smartest and who had the best understanding of what was going on. Too bad Parsons sabotaged him.

I wouldn't wish that "defense" team on my worst enemy.

The Sting Operation

This is most difficult for me to write about and I would have let that sting experience rest except for a recent internet posting I read on The Education: Forum (I wish to emphasize that I do not assign wrong-doing on the part of Education: Forum). Because the information I read was patently FALSE I have no choice but to set the record straight. Therefore, I will now relate my experience relative to a set-up/sting operation with me as the intended target. Here is the accurate account of that traumatic experience:

My story begins in the mid 1990s when I bought a used commercial size copy machine from Jerry Vaccaro, a local business man in Carson City. He asked what business I bought it for and I told him it was for a research project. When Vaccaro learned that my research involved Senator Robert F. Kennedy assassination he told me that he was a long time friend of Michael McCowan. At some point of this conversation Vaccaro told me that McCowan was "working off a beef" with the FBI and that McCowan was convicted

* Robert Blair Kaiser author of RFK Must Die

To the best of my memory of this extremely frightening experience 131/2 years later of state the facts as accurately as I remember them.

committed

of mail fraud and other offenses and that he (McCowan) had applied for a Presidential Pardon. He also fold me that McCowan was "working off a beef" for the FBI during the Sirhan trial!! This was amazing information and so I telephoned Larry , Sirhan's attorney , to drive up to Carson City as soon as possible - I wanted Larry to hear Vaccaro's information. Before the month was out Larry did in fact drive up to Carson City, Nv. and Vaccaro repeated the McCowan information to him.

In the months that followed Vaccaro and I had many discussions about RFK case, and then shortly before I was scheduled to testify in the Jamie Scott Enyart trial (about my discovery of the re-numbering/falsification of the fatal bullet item numbers on the evidence envelope) Vaccaro made the proposal that I meet with an important LAPD official - from Intelligence. He refused to identify who this important LAPD person was. The object of the proposed meeting - stated by Vaccaro - was that I would receive documented proof of McCowan working as an FBI plant during the Sirhan trial to work off the beef. It should be pointed out that I repeatedly told Vaccaro that the McCowan/FBI charge was valueless unless I had documented proof. And so when Vaccaro proposed that meeting in Burbank, Ca. with Mr. "X" (at which time I would receive the required proof) I agreed to fly down to Burbank.

Jean Scherrer was Mr. "X" (see attached document). The meeting took place May 11. 1996 at the Hilton Hotel restaurant in Burbank, Ca. Present at the meeting was Jerry Vaccaro, Jean Scherrer, Sirhan attorney Lawrence Teeter, Adel Sirhan and me. Instead of receiving the promised proof I was informed by Scherrer that I would have to give him Sirhan film rights - which in fact was not possible even if I wanted to as the power of attorney Sirhan gave me was limited to hiring and firing attorneys. (I did not hear the same request specifically made to Larry.) I immediately smelled a rat and rejected that piece of insanity - for that is exactly what it was. At no time did Scherrer offer up Sirhan parole considerations as he recently told Shane O'Sullivan (which I read on The Education | Forum). In fact, as we (Adel, Larry and I) left the meeting Larry told me that was a sting. I did NOT agree to a quid pro quo - I repeat, I absolutely did not agree at any time to give Scherrer Sirhan film rights in exchange for the official documentation I was led to believe (by Vaccaro) would be freely given to me when he (Vaccaro) proposed that meeting in Carson City, Nv. In short, Larry labeled it a bribery set-up. I was so outraged at that set-up / sting that I told Larry to write a letter to LAPD Chief Willie Williams to memorialize the entire incident (see attached). I am grateful Larry paid attention to my alarm and wrote to Chief Williams.

It seemed very suspicious to me that that set-up/sting took place shortly before I was scheduled to testify at the Enyart trial. I also want to add that that plan gone awry terrified me. Had I not frustrated that hair-brained scheme I certainly would have been barred from testifying in the upcoming Enyart trial about my damning discovery. And as Larry observed I would have been charged with the crime of trying to obtain an official document by attempting to bribe a law enforcement official. And so I say to Scherrer for the misery and fright he put me through he should be ashamed of himself. I remember in the past having read about ""Dirty Tricks Squads" but never in my wildest dreams did I

* see sectional pages 86-88

think that I would one day be the target of such a nightmarish experience.

Rafer Johnson

When my husband to be Joseph Richard Mangan told me he helped coach the great decathlon athlete Rafer Johnson I asked to meet him. I had read in the official records that Johnson had possession of the pantry scene gun for almost two hours and I wanted to ask if he noted the gun serial number. Since the Los Angeles County Grand Jury Transcript did not record the serial number of the gun they received in evidence I wanted to know what was the earliest recorded gun number. And only Rafer could answer that question.

The meeting at the Drake Stadium went very well with Rafer promising to give me the gun number. Rafer told me that he took the gun to his home where he examined it and wrote the serial number of the pantry scene gun in his diary. He gave me his unlisted telephone number and when I called his mother very politely told me she would give him the message. Rafer never accepted my phone calls and never called back.

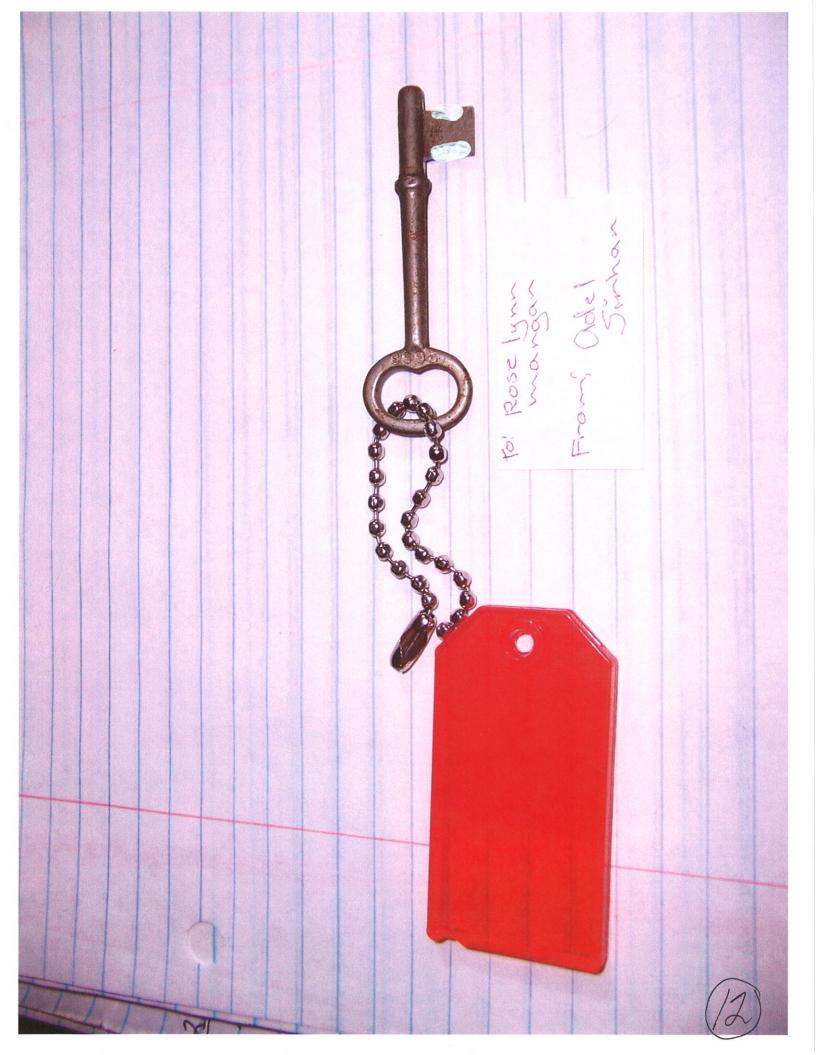
The only reason I could think of for his change of mind was that I was Sirhan's researcher and he couldn't bring himself to appear to assist Sirhan. Now, after all of these years and in light of Sirhan's "Hey Punk" letter it seems highly improbable that Sirhan will ever be paroled. So, Rafer should have no reason to withhold the serial number of the gun he had in his possession for nearly two hours.

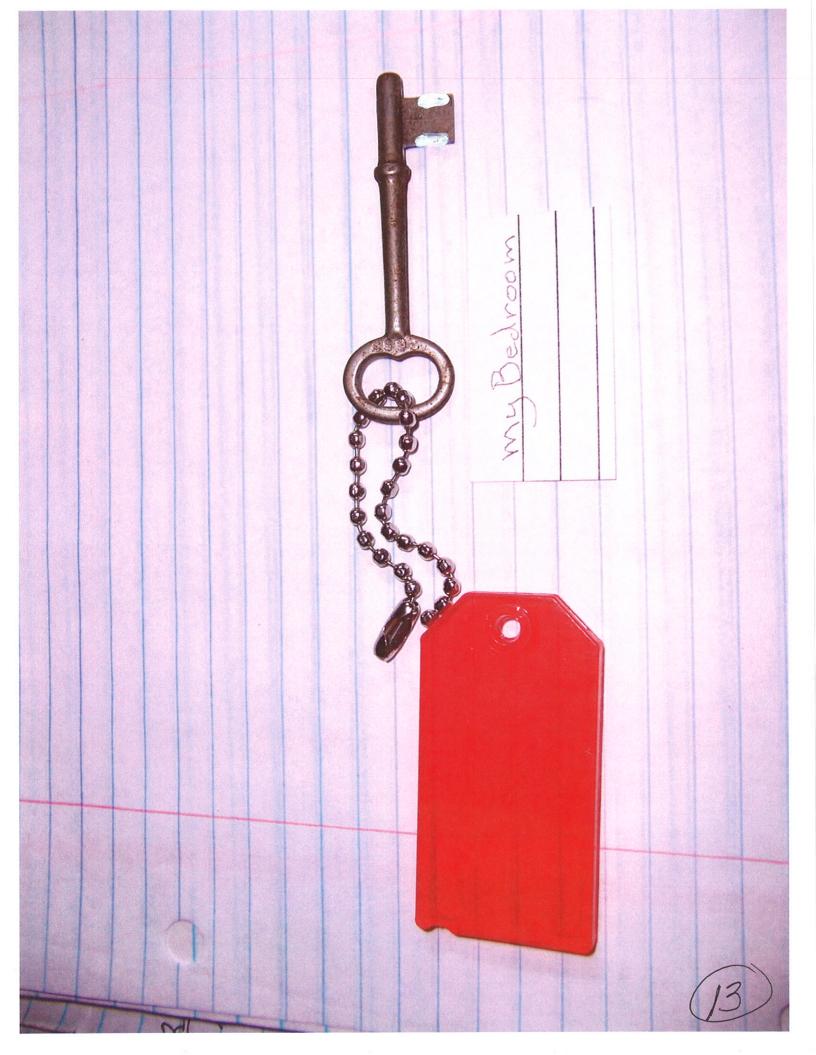
That gun number is a critical piece of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination puzzle. Surely Rafer can see giving me the gun number now won't help Sirhan gain his freedom but it will help shed some light on that awful assassination. The right thing to do is to ask for a Congressional investigation. But to do nothing,











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to whether each picture that we prepare for the jury is a fair and accurate representation of the original exemplars?

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MR. COOPER: No, we concede that it is his handwriting, as you know.

MR. FITTS: All right. Now, there is another problem that I'd like to get to with respect to the medical.

It is our intention now to call DeWayne Wolfer to testify with respect to his ballistics comparison. Some of the objects or exhibits that he will need illustrative of his testimony will not, because he is being taken somewhat out of order for reasons that we will come to later, will not have adequate foundation, as I will concede at this time.

MR. COOPER: You mean the surgeon took it from the body and this sort of thing?

MR. FITTS: Well, with respect to the bullets or bullet fragments that came from the alleged victims, it is our understanding that there will be a stipulation that these objects came from the persons whom I say they came from. Is that right?

MR. COOPER: So long as you make that avowal, there will be no question about that.

MR. FITTS: Fine. Well, we have discussed the matter with Mr. Wolfer as to those envelopes containing those bullets or bullet fragments; he knows where they came from: the envelope will be marked with the names of the victims

Charles Morton

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiffs,

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,

Defendant.

NO. A 233421 DECLARATION OF CHARLES V. MORTON

CHARLES V. MORTON declares:

He is a criminalist, employed by the Institute of Forensic Sciences, Oakland, California. He has done firearms work for 13 years, and in connection with this work has taken comparison photomicrographs. He was appointed by the above-entitled Court, by order of September 18, 1975, as a firearms examiner to conduct scientific examinations of certain exhibits and materials in the above-entitled case.

During the course of the scientific examinations of the evidence in the above case, your declarant took photomicrographs of bullets and bullet comparisons. A list of such photomicrographs is attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and by this reference incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

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The equipment used and the photomicrographic conditions under which the photomicrographs were taken are shown in Exhibit B, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein as if set forth at length. The procedures used in taking these photomicrographs were those ordinarily used in photomicrography. The photomicrographs listed in Exhibit A are a fair and accurate representation of the objects which were photomicrographed by your declarant.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on October 3, 1975, at Los Angeles, California.

Charles V. HORTON

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MASTER SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS

| Photo No. | Subject |
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| 1. | Cannelure designs of different manufacturers. |
| 2. | CCI, mini-mag, .22 LR cartridges with clear cannelures. |
| 3. | CCI, mini-mag, .22 LR cartridges with poorly defined cannelures. |
| 4. | Ex. 47 bullet with AO stage micrometer scale (0, 1, 0.01 and 0,001 inches) indicating cannelure spacing. |
| 5. | Ex. 47 bullet with unfired CCI mini-mag, .22 LR bullet for comparison of cannelure spacing. |
| 6. | Ex. 47 v. panel test T-1 for cannelure spacing comparison where both knurled cannelures are visible on T-1. |
| 7. | Same as Photo Number 6 but with T-1 rotated to an area where knurled cannelures are partially obscured. |
| →> 8. | Black and white print from 4x5 negative, special hearing Ex. 10, taken by LAPD 6/6/68. |
| →> 9. | Black and white photograph of Ex. 47 and Ex. 52 showing same area depicted in special hearing Ex. 10 (Photo No. 8). |
| 10. | Color photograph or area depicted in Photo 9. |
| 11. | Test PNA (Ex. 55) at Land 1 (index mark) showing gross marks in land impressions. |
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| 16. | Test T-1 vs. Test T-2, showing lead fouling over coating of T-1 and non-reproducibility of individual characteristics. |
| 17. | Test T-3 vs. Test T-4, showing reproducibility of fine and gross individual characteristics on lead tests. |
| 18. | Test T-3 vs. Test T-4, same as Photo No. 17. |
| 19. | Test T-5 vs. Test T-6, showing effect of lead fouling on T-5 following lead tests T-3 and T-4 and gross mark at edge of Land.1. |
| 20. | Test T-7 vs. test T-8 show gross mark at leading edge of Land 1. |
| 21. | Test T-3 vs. Test T-7 showing comparison of lead test (T-3) vs. coated test (T-7) and non-reproducibility of fine individual characteristics. |
| 22. | Magnification check using AO stages micrometers (0.1, 0.01 and 0.001 inches) and Photar 50mm objectives (photomicrographic conditions see photo documentation sheet part B 2(a)). |
| 23. | Example of land width measurement on Ex. 54 using AO stage micrometer at 12.5x magnification on print. |
| 24. | Example of land width measurement on Ex. 47 (land 4) using AO stage micrometer at 12.5x magnification on print. |
| 25. | Ex. 47 (land 4) with AO stage micrometer showing micro indentations of unexplained origin. |
| 26 31. | Ex. 47 land impressions 1 (index) through Land 6 (counting clockwise when viewing bullet base). Note: Land 4 (Photo No. 29) is blurred due to movement during exposure. |
| 32 37. | Ex. 54 land impressions 1 (index) through Land 6 (counting clockwise when viewing bullet base). |
| 38. | Ex. 51, showing general poor condition and contamination of remaining rifling impressions. |
| 39, | Ex. 52 showing Land 1/Groove 1 before placing index mark at "D" on Ogive. |

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| 40. | Ex. 52 showing gross marks in Land 3 (counting clockwise when viewing bullet base). | | | | |
| 41. | Ex. 38 (PN1) showing impact damage, distortion and limited rifling impressions available for comparison. | | | | |
| 42. | Ex. 38 (PNIA) showing impact damage, distortion, and limited rifling impressions available for comparison. | | | | |
| 43. | Black and white polaroid print showing white residue noted in bore of Sirhan gun (Ex. 6) before preparing bore for test firing. | | | | |

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| V. | ORDER FOR RETESTING OF EXHIBITS |
| SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Defendant |))) |
| 1. In the public interest, the Cour and CBS, Inc., for scientific examination captioned case: | rt grants the application of Paul Schrade on of the following exhibits in the above |
| People's 47 - Non-fatal bullet to People's 48 - Fragments of fatal X People's 49 - Color photo bullet People's 50 - Bullet fragments to People's 51 - Expended bullet ta People's 52 - Expended bullet ta People's 52 - Portions of People People's 53 - Bullet fragments to People's 54 - Expended bullet ta People's 55 - Three test bullets People's 59 - Kennedy's coat People's 78 - Autopsy Report of Name of People's 83 - Package containing | irtridge ug error - More are 2 sleep in Res 38 ug empty ammo box - mini mag caken from Senator Kennedy's body bullet taken from Senator Kennedy's head aken from victim Paul Schrade's body ken from the body of victim Irwin Stroll ken from the body of victim Ira Goldstein 's 52 aken from the body of victim Elizabeth Evans ken from the body of victim William Weisel fired from Sirhan's gun shall assing ramoused Robert F. Kennedy |

If the experts determine that additional exhibits in the Clerk's custody require examination, they shall seek a court order that such items be produced.

Note - Court Order # I differs from Court Order # II in the number of exhibits that were removed - exhibits not present-ed to the 7 firecomment faminers, I marked the deloted items (above) with an" X",

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TYPE OF HEARING SIFFLIAL PRIC. ADMITTED IN EVIDENCE

NO. A 233 421

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,

Defendant.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Order for Retesting of Exhibits (Order #2), dated September 23, 1975, the following exhibits were marked as indicated.

| 21 | People's Exhibit No. P. | anel Identification No. (PN) | |
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| 22 | #38 (envelope with 2 bullets) | 1 & la nou, see 2 pla | d |
| 23 | #47 (non-fatal Kennedy) | 2 | |
| 24 | #48 (fragments, fatal Kennedy) | 3 & 3a | |
| 25 | #50 (fragments, Schrade) | 4 | |
| 26 | #51 (bullet, Stroll) | 5 | |
| 27 | #52 (bullet, Goldstein) | 6 | |
| 28 | #53 (fragments, Evans) | 7 | |
| 29 | #54 (bullet, Weisel) | 8 | |
| 30 | #55 (3 test bullets from gun# H18603 Sirhan's gun) | A, B&C where are the o | 2 |
| 31 | Grand Jury #5B (4 test bullets | D, E, F & G | |
| 32 | from Sirhan's gun) | -, -, | |

6. In making any examination or test of any exhibit the members of the panel of firearms experts shall not do any act which will impair the integrity of any exhibits.

Dated: 9-23-1975

People's

/s/ ROBERT A. WENKE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Prior to any examinations, the evidence was inventoried and assigned Panel Identification Numbers. Each bullet was indexed with a circular depression on the ogive, and an identification mark was placed where it would do the least amount of harm.

The evidence inventory follows:

Panel

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Exhibit ID No. No. Description Stapled envelope with 2 tags, Case #A233 421 This evid envelope Envelope Marked:

#46 Vehicle License No JWS 093

The recents a CSA 38 CDW (2 spent slugs) 6-D 38 Envelope marked Panel ID #1 and la Contents: 2 bullets as: also should I lead-uncoated, no ID marking, 2 grooves. ID marking CDU and GD in 12 land impressions, wood imbedded in mushroomed area. Case LAPD ground and I copper colored coated bullet, no ID marking, Report
(see Hegge Vestiming) I land impression, wood imbedded in mushroomed area. Item # 46 47 Stapled envelope, 2 tags. Envelope marked 68-5731 Name: Robert Kennedy

Contents: Bullet Date: June 6, 1968 8:40 a.m.

Signed: Thomas T. Noguchi Initialed DW

Contents: 1 copper colored coated bullet, hollow point ID mark
"DW" (base) "TN" (base)

This is in correct. The correct I D marking on The Dase of Plo 47 - the kannedy meck bullet -is TN31 (not DW TN) In fact the incorrect ID engraving on Plo 47 tells us this is a proitehed - a substitute

People's Panel Exhibit ID No. Description 48 This is a substituted evid-ence invelope-see my photo of original suid. ensuelape Envelope Tagged, Case # A 233 421 Marked: Evidence Name: Sirhan, Sirhan B. 594 139 (Booking #) should be Location: 1212 Shatto Charges 187 P.C. John Dae Officer: Sgt. Varhey 10833 DHQ Varney #26 - 1 Vial w/bullet fragments #27 - 1 Vial w/bullet fragments 24 #27 - 1 Vial w/bullet fragments 25 Kennedy 3 Contents: Vial #24 Initialed D.W. bullet fragments Badly mutilated copper coated lead bullet ID mark "DW". Marked 3 on base. 4 metal fragments of no value, approx. 7 bone fragments. Vial #25 Cork marked P-ID-3A 3a Minute fragment. 50 Envelope Tagged, Case # A 233 421 Marked: Evidence Date: 6-6-68 Div: RAMP DR# 68-521466 Name: Sirhan, Sirhan B. Booking # 495139 Location: Kaiser Hospital Charge: 187 P.C. Officer: L.M. Orozco 11072 RAMPS Det. Item #57 <u>2 bullet fragments</u> Schrade 4 Contents: Vial: Schrade, Paul Dr. Fuchs DW Item #87 (57) 2 small lead fragments. Marked P-ID-4 on top Marked 4 on base Envelope Tagged, Case # A 233 421 skrall evidence envelope has disappeared. It was substituted with a plain swelspe - see photo Marked: Evidence Date: 6-5-68 Civ. Homicide Dr. #68-521466 Location: 5925 San Vicente Charge: 187 P.C. should be Officer: J.D. Dill 6215 Wom:
Item #105 1-Expended Bullet
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Stroll Name: Sirhan, Sirhan B. Booking #495139 5 Contents: 1-copper colored coated bullet, side flattened,

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| | 6 | Contents: Vial: Bullet from Ira Goldstein Age 19 Dr. M. Finkel Initialed DW P-ID-6 1 copper colored coated bullet, .22 L.R., hollow point marked "DW" on nose, marked 6 on base. (is the panel 1 D number) |
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Tagged envelope, Case # A 233 421

Envelope marked: Victim: Robert Kennedy

Los Angeles Police Dept. Crime Lab Test Shot

Name: Doe, John Date 6-5-68

Make: Iver Johnson Cal. .22 Type: Rev.

No. H53725 DR# 68-521466

Crime: 217 P.C. Officer: Melendez

Signed: DeWayne A. Wolfer

Contents:

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Envelope Marked: Evidence

Date: 6-5-68 Div: H.D. DR# 68-521 466

Name: Doe, John Booking # 495 139

Location: Rampart Charge: 217 P.C.

Contents:

Revolver Cal. .22

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Revolver, Iver Johnson "Cadet", caliber .22 LR.

I. J. A. & C. Wks. Fitchburg, Mass. U.S.A.

Description

People's

Exhibit

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ID No.

A form was designed so that each panel member could record data, based on his personal observation of the evidence. This form, when completed by all examiners, was used as a basis for the first joint report, as authorized by paragraph 1, Court Order #4, which reads:

eight shot, blued steel, serial number: H53725,

top strap marked: Iver Johnson Cadet Mod. 55-SA Pat. Pend.

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- (a) their determination whether or not the condition of any of the exhibits is such that at the present time a reliable firearms identification can be made, \underline{and}
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| 1 | fit the door or the trunk of that vehicle. |
| 2 | Q The license number of the vehicle was what, |
| 3 | sir? |
| 4 | A John William Sam 093. |
| 5 | Q That's the license number of the car? |
| 6 | A That is the license number of the car. |
| 7 | MR. HOWARD: May that be marked 6-C, please, Mr. |
| 8 | Foreman? |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: On the right front seat, under some |
| 10 | newspapers, were two expended slugs. |
| 11 | MR. HOWARD: May that envelope and slugs be marked |
| 12 | 6-D. MO D Marking (DW) hote CDWhite |
| 13 | Q By the size, could you approximate the fine |
| 14 | caliber? |
| 15 | A They are approximately .22 caliber. EDW on spent |
| 16 | Q When you say "expended slugs," what does " |
| 17 | that mean? • under no papers |
| 18 | A That is the lead portion of the bullet from passing |
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| 20 | Another item was a .22 caliber shell. It's |
| . 21 | got the label, Super X, approximately long rifle. |
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| 23 | amongst some other newspapers amongst some other loose |
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| 25 | MR. HOMARD: May that be marked Grand Jury Exhibit |
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I put them in a manila envelope and sometime later I made up the name and address.

Why did you want to keep three of them out?

Because all of the bullets had not been identified, There were some of the bullets in the victim Α as I recall. that had not been recovered, that we were to take out at a later time.

We attempted to take out -- at a later time.

What did you mark the four bullets with? Did you mark them in any way, the bullets that went in to the Grand Jury?

I put my initials on them, yes.

Which one of the four did you identify as the matching bullet taken from the victim?

I did not identify any of those four. I said these were bullets that were used. But actually one of the three bullets that I took -- the better bullets -- would be one of the better matching bullets.

Now, the bullets in the Grand Jury became what exhibit, do you recall?

I would have no idea.

All right. Q.

Well, you testified in the Grand Jury proceedings that the bullets that were contained -- the four bullets that were contained in the envelope, whatever designation it had, matched, the bullets taken from the victim; is that correct?

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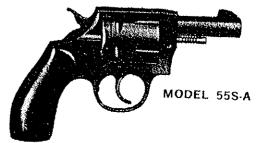
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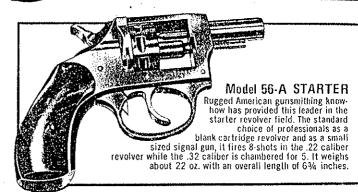
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Same rugged solid frame as the 55-A but fitted with $2\frac{1}{2}$ " barrel and pocket grips. Designed as a kit or pocket piece. Sold widely for home or pocket security, and off-duty police.



AMMO: .22 Cal.*; .32; .38; same as 67S BARREL: 21/2" WEIGHT: 24 oz. LENGTH: 7" PRICE: \$42.95

NEW Model 55S-A CADET (New .22 Magnum Model) A ruggedly designed pocket revolver or kit gun, Ideal for hunting, as a home defender or, for a permanent place in the tackle box. A ruggedly constructed shot .22 available with a 2½-inch barrel firing shorts, longs, long rifles as well as a new .22 magnum caliber version. It is also available in 32 and 32 calibrat The wrest. available in .32 and .38 calibers. The overall length is 7 inches, with a weight of 22 oz.



* Grand Jury witness from gun range described this gun's sight as Sirkan's gun
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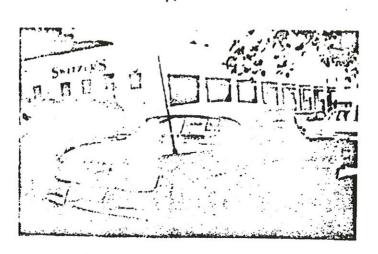
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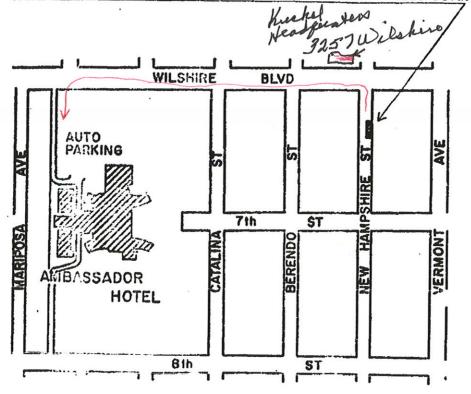
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Sirhan's vehicle, a 1956 De Soto two-door sedan, pink and white, California license JWS 093, was found on the east side of New Hampshire Ave. 200 feet south of Wilshire Blvd.



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January 21, 1969

Lieutenant R. H. Mceno TO:

Sergeants C. D. Colling and P. J. Patchett FROM:

In checking past copies of the Mos Angeles Times, the Sunday edition of June 2, 1968, Section 1, page 14, carried the following ad, "You and your driends are cordially invited to come to see and hear Sonaror Rosses Resnedy on Suncky, June 2, 1968, at 8 p.m., Cocoanus Grove, Ambassador Notel, Los Angeles."

On Monday, June 3, 1963, Pary I, pr. 3, there is a photograph of Schator Kennedy at the Loled dimine High School, Surger Crove. In Part V, page 1, of the same edition, there is a story on Ars. Robert Kennedy which states, "The Kennedys are staying at the Ambassador Hotel."

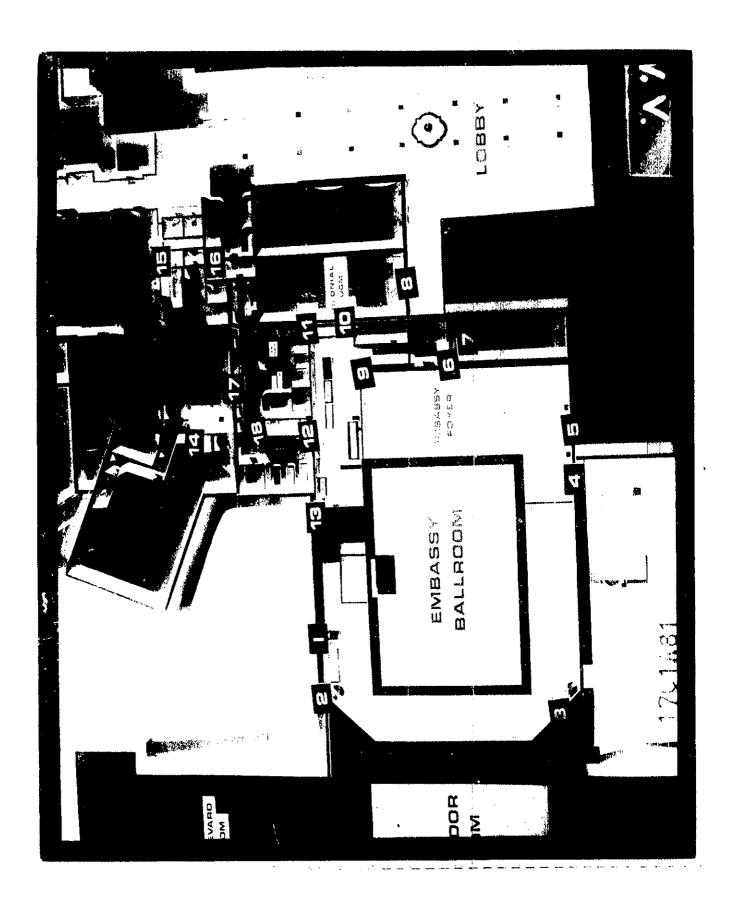
The June 4, 1968, edition, Part I, page 18, carries the following ad, "Join the Miracle March for Espaci on the Miracle Mile, Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5th, 6:30 p.m., Wilshire Boulevard at Detroit Street. Parade moves west to rally on steps of L.A. County Art Museum. Sheldon L. Pollack, Chairman. 'Six days in June.'"

Copies of the two ads were requested from the back issue office, Los Angeles Times, 145 South Spring. Investigators were informed it would take approximately two days for the copies to be ready.

The Kuchel for Senator Campaign Office was located at 3257 Wilshire Boulevard. This address is located on the north side of Wilshire Boulevard between Derendo and New Hampshire Streets. The location is approximately a third of a block west of New Hampshire. There is only one business between this location and New Hampshire Street, that being the Corcoran Music Company, 3255 Wilshire Boulevard. Switzer's Clothing Store is directly across the street from the building that housed the Kuchel Campaign Office. Sirhan's vehicle was parked across from the east side of the building. The Muchel Headquarters faces the north side.

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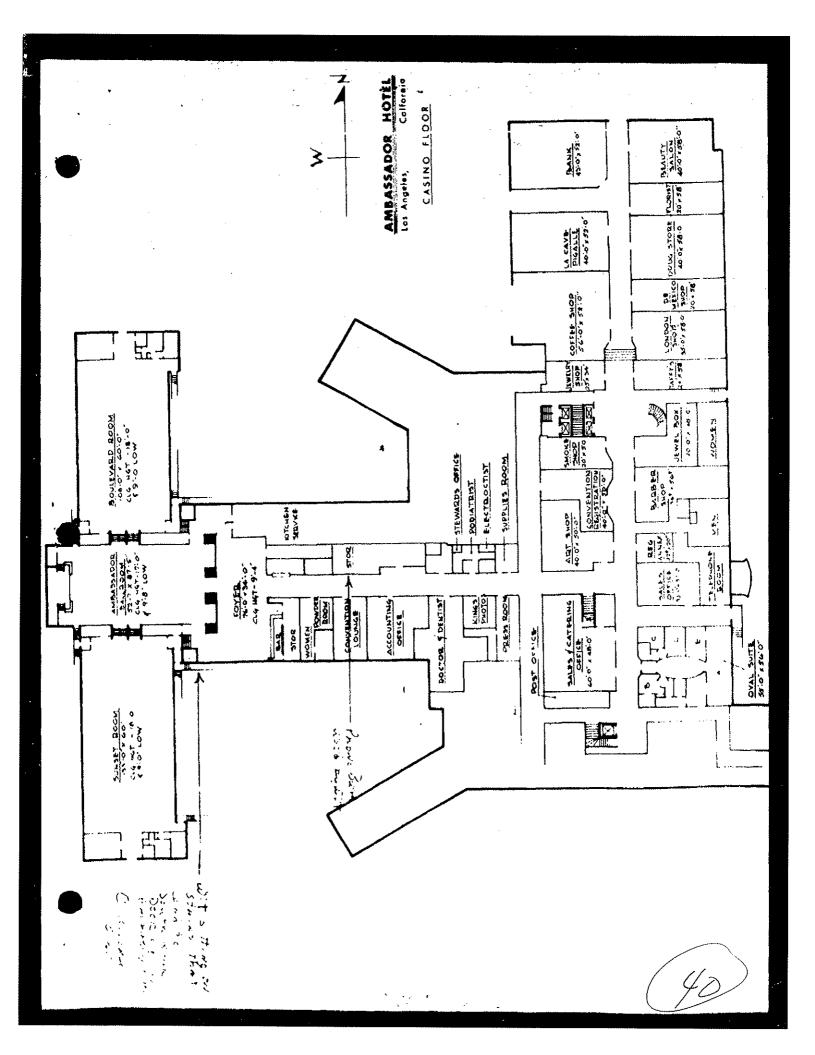
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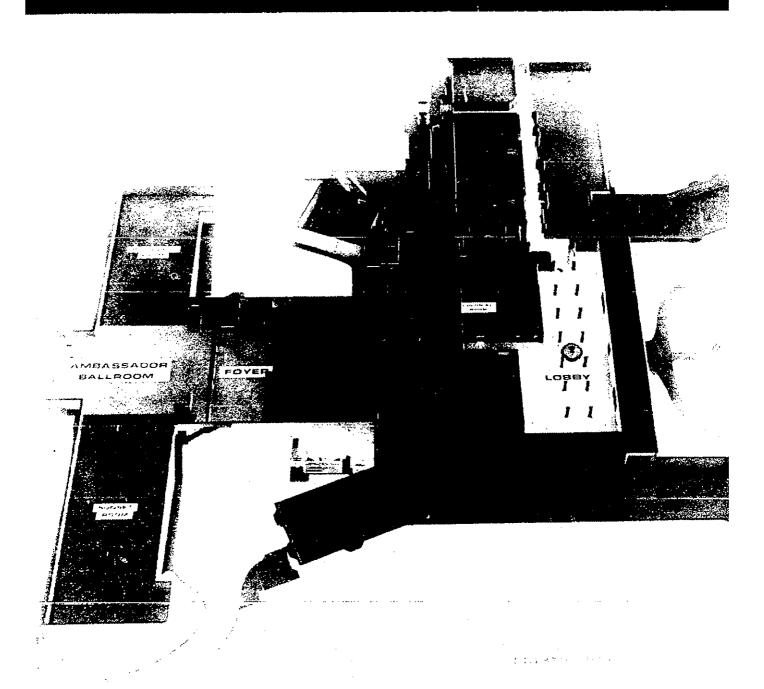




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- 5. EXIT FROM EMBASSY ROOM TO GOLD ROOM
- 6. HAIN ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY BALLROOM
- 7. HALLWAY TO GOLD ROCK AND DOLPHIN COURT
- 8. MAIN ENTRANCE TO COLONIAL ROOM (PRESS ROOM)
- 9. EXIT FROM PANTRY TO MAIN LOBBY CORRIDOR
- 10. EXIT FROM PANTRY INTO COLONIAL ROOM
- 11. PANTRY ENTRANCE INTO MAIN KITCHEN
- 12. PANTRY ENTRANCE INTO EMPLOYEES EATING AREA
- 13. DOUBLE DOOR ANTE-ROOM TO PANTRY
- 14. FREIGHT ELEVATOR (KITCHEN)
- 15. SERVICE ELEVATORS (KITCHEN)
- 16. EXIT TO BELL CAPTAIN'S DESK AND LOBBY
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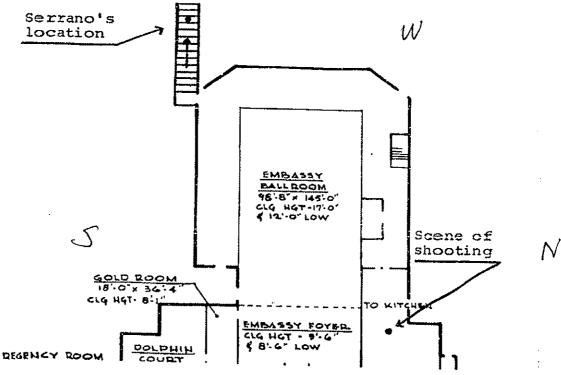
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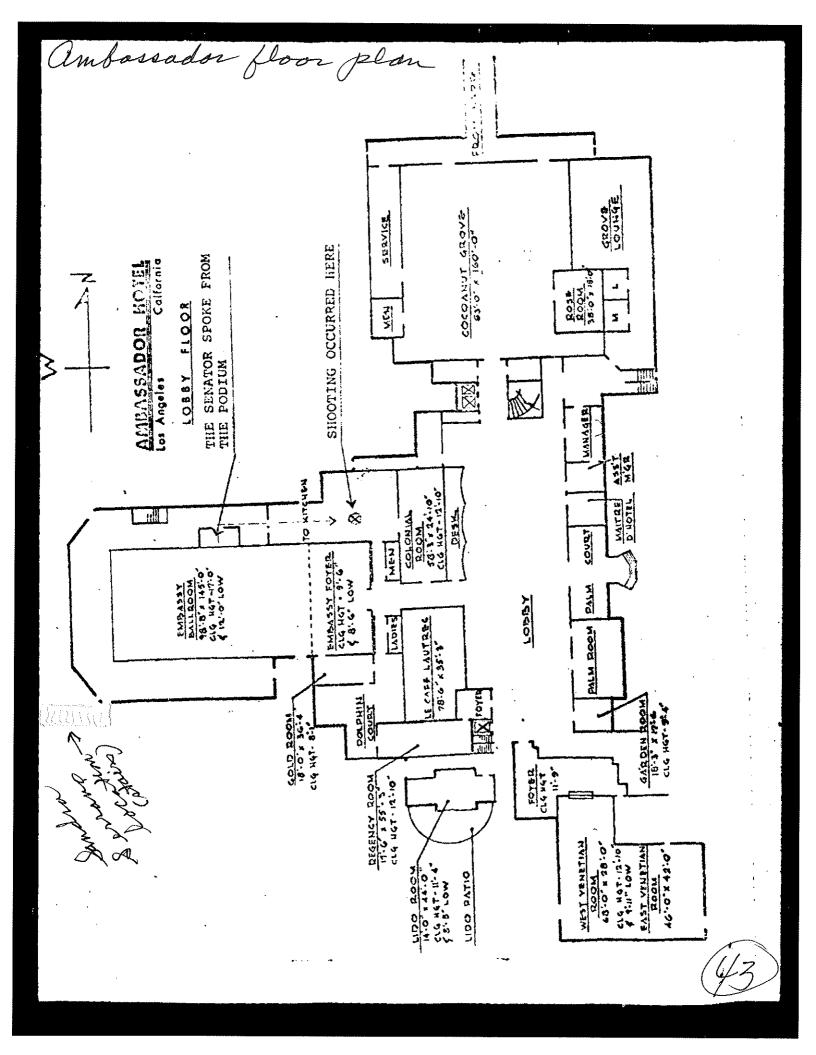


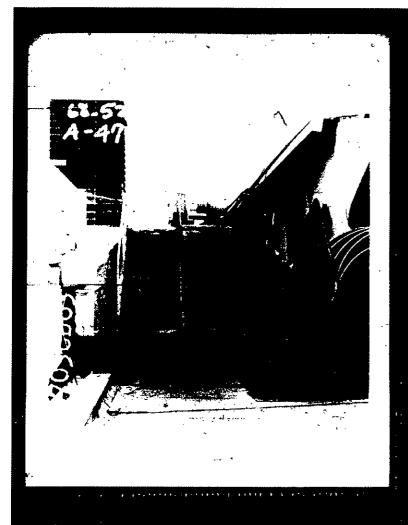


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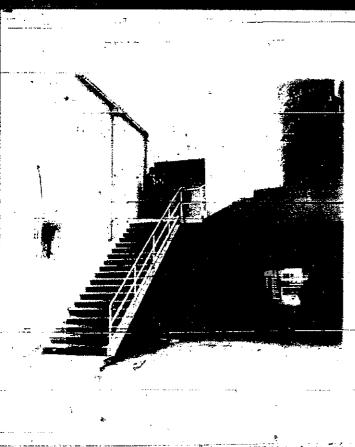
Sandra Serrano stated that she was seated on this stairway, as she is depicted above, when she heard shots and then a woman wearing a polka dot dress ran down the stairs yelling, "We shot him." The investigation proved that Serrano could not have heard the shots from the kitchen, and a Fire Department Inspector stated that Serrano was not on the stairway after the shooting. The Polka Dot Dress Investigation was subsequently proven to be













THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL

The Ambassador Hotel is a 512-room, eight-story hotel located on twenty-five acres at 3400 Wilshire Boulevard. The ground floor, or Casino Level, houses the Ambassador Ballroom, Boulevard Room, Sunset Room, numerous shops, a cocktail lounge, a coffee shop, a large kitchen and service area with related offices. The main (Wilshire) entrance is on this level. The next floor, called the Lobby Level, contains the Embassy Ballroom, Gold Room, Palm Court Room, Dolphin Court, Regency Room, Venetian Room, Cocoanut Grove Nightclub, Grove Lounge, Rose Room, main lobby, hotel desk, accounting and administrative offices, and a large kitchen and service area adjacent to the banquet rooms. This level is at ground level on the east and south sides of the hotel. The next five floors are in the shape of a giant "H", with rooms on the outside, halls and stairways on the inside. The sixth floor is smaller with correspondingly fewer rooms.

The Kennedy entourage was registered in the Royal Suite, Rooms 512, 513, and 514, in the southeast wing. Kennedy campaign workers registered in eighty-five additional rooms. Over four hundred employees normally staff the hotel on a day-to-day basis including three working shifts. "Cash extra" employees are used to supplement the permanent staff as needed. There were 244 employees on duty the night of June 4.

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TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OF SANDRA SERRANO 2212 NORTH MARENGO, ALTADENA

TAKEN IN ROOM POLY B, PARKER CENTER THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1968, 10:15 P.M.

QUESTIONED BY: SCT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ #7101, S.U.S. UNIT TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION ASSISTED BY: SCT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ

SGT. THOMAS STRONG, JR. #5972, S.U.S. UNIT

SCT. HERNANDEZ: I want to get into some of the preliminary stuff. Now, my name, as you know, is Sgt. Hank Hernandez. We're in Room B on the fourth floor of the Police Administration Building, and I'm talking to Miss Sandra Serrano. The time is 10:15 p.m. The date is June 20th, 1968. And now, Sandra, I'm going to ask you some questions just so we can get the true facts on the previous statements that you made before. You know that you shouldn't be afraid, and I hope you're not. The whole thing that we are trying to resolve here is what actually happened at the Ambassador Hotel on June the 4th, the evening that Senator Kennedy was assassinated; and I well understand, as you have explained to me, that this thing was magnified out of proportion with people that you said messed you around up there. So if you will tell me the truth about what happened, and I could ask you questions --

A Uh huh.

Q --and you can answer me. But I would rather start with you telling me the truth, just the truth, just what happened that night. Now, you went to the Ambassador

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Q And then somebody misquoted you or stated that you had said that this girl had told you to the effect, "We have shot him?"

A Un huh. Right.

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Q And you said, "Who is--who did you shoot?" And that they told you, "Kennedy." Now this is also--

A -- I didn't say--

Q --out of proportion here?

A Right.

Q Is that right?

A Right.

Q And in effect what you have told me previously is that this person told you "he shot Kennedy" or "they shot Kennedy"; is that right?

A Uhm, something or something about shooting Kennedy, yeah.

Q Well, also before you had stated that you had heard some shots?

A No, I never said I heard shots.

Q You never said that. Well, now, somebody quoted you as saying that you had heard shots.

A No, I never said I heard shots.

Q Okay.

A I heard backfires of a car, and I know they were backfires from a car, I know they weren't gunshots.

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(Discussion off the record)

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Let's get back on to it then. Here we go.

You saw these people then walking to the entrance,

, walking from north to south towards you?

A Yes.

Q Did they walk past you up to the terrace?

A Yes, they did.

Q All right, after they walked up to the terrace did you see where they went?

A No.

Q All right, what is the next thing that occurred, if you recall?

A I was sitting there for a while and then I thought it was a backfire of a car, and I thought, to me, I thought I heard six shots; six backfires.

Q What did you do then when you heard this noise?

A I just looked acund, looked for a car, you know, I just looked for a car and then about half a minute later this girl comes tearing down the stairs saying -- she said, "We shot him. We shot him." And I said, "Who did you shoot?" And she said, "Senator Kennedy."

Q Now, what did this girl look like?

A That's the same girl.

Q This is the same girl that you saw walk --

A Right, that walked out.

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You never saw "B" either?

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1 BY SGT. MELENDRES:

- 2 You mean the people that you have described to us?
- 3 A Yeah, the people that I described to you.
- 4 BY SGT. PACHETT:
- 5 So you then you got on the phone to call your
- 6 parents and tell them?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 9 A Right.
- 10 & But --
- A I had trouble getting through the lines.
- Q But at this time you didn't know that he had been
- 13 shot?
- 14 A No.
- Okay, fine. Can you think of anything else?
- 16 BY SGT. MELENDRES:
- 17 Q I want to ask one question. Did you actually see
- 18 Mr. Kennedy get shot?
- 19 A No, no, no. I wasn't there at all.
- 20 Q All right.
- 21 BY MR. HOWARD:
- 22 Q Time-wise from the time you heard these backfires
- 23 until you heard, "We shot him," they shot him was the
- 24 conversation, how long was that?
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| - | 2 | A. 141 East Coloredo in Pasadena. |
| | 3 | Q. Do you know their phone number? |
| | 4 | A. No, sir. |
| | 5 | Q. Are you employed full-time? |
| | 6 | A. Yes, sir. |
| | 7 | Q. In what capacity? |
| | 8 | A. Five days a week. |
| | 9 | Q. Well, what type of work do you do there? |
| | 10 | A. Oh, I'm sorry. Stock clerk. |
| • | 11 | Q. You are a stock clerk there. Okay. When were you |
| | 12 | born, Joe? Date of your birth. |
| | 13 | A. 7-15-46. |
| | 14 | Q. 7-15-46. And how long have you been in this country? |
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| | 18 | Q. 80, 12-56, or 1-57? |
| | 19 | A. Yes, sir. |
| | 20 | Q. Is that correct? |
| | 21 | A. Yes, air. |
| | 22 | Q. Where did you enter the U.S.? |
| | 23 | A. In New York. |
| | 24 | Q. In New York. And you were born in Jerusalem, |
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Munic guestemen Yeah. 11 . Q. And Munir is spelled M-u-n-i-r? A . Yes, sir. Is that right? do Uh huh. A . C. And Bishara is your middle name; is it not? A. Yes. Q. And how old are you? 20, 7-15-47. A. G. 7-15-47, did you say? Yes. A . And where do you live now? Q. 696 East Howard, Pasadena. A . Q. And your phone number there? 798-2136. A. 798-2136. Are you married? Q. A . No. Q. Have you ever been married? A. No. Let's see, you are from Palestine? Q. Palestine. Α. Is that Jordan? Q. Α. Well, we came over from Jordanian (Unintelligible) Palestine, Q. Okay. Α. Jordanian, Palestine.

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 - Q. Does he speak Spenish?
 - A. No.
 - It is not Spanish? Have you heard him--
- I have heard him speak in his foreign language, but A. it is not Spanish, and I've heard that it was Arab.

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- About how old?
- Now this is very hard. He looks older then he might be. I would say around 19 or 20.
 - Q. All Pight--
- About five--five-five, five-six, height. Weight around 135, 140, black hair, curly.
 - ٥. What complexion?
 - I would may olive, A.
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- His eyes I really don't know. He is -- he used to wear dark glasses, supposedly prescription, but as I noticed him today and lately he has been wearing his regular clear glasses. He has said in the past he had trouble and this

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Soliman Sirhan - mistaken identity? ar is Sirhan a commun ment likely most likely

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1. One brother, Sharif, was booked Dec. 18, 1963
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3. A third brother, Soliman Sirhan, was arrested sev. months ago as an Israel: spy by the iraqi govt. Soliman was captured again the Jordanian border with maps of Iraqi military adrports in his possession. (Rof. Review of the News 6-19-68)

Dallas Morning News June 7, 1908

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times during the following several weeks.

6. Westerfield had alleged in his article that several months prior to the assassination Saliman Sirhan, a brother of Sirhan Sirhan, had been arrested by the Iraqi government as an Israeli spy. This information was allegedly obtained by Westerfield from a Pasadena newspaper published June 8, 9, or 10, 1968. Sirhan has never had a brother named Saliman. Westerfield admitted that he compiled the contents of the article from newspaper articles, his own observation of television programs and personal conclusions regarding Sirhan. The evidence strongly indicated that he made little, if any, effort to verify the accuracy of his information.

Summary

The investigation of other allegations regarding Sirhan's background and associations tended also to disprove the claim of Westerfield. Because his allegations were poorly supported and vague, claims did not warrant extensive investigation. It appeared that Westerfield was reaching for any allegation which would support a preconceived point of view. His unwillingness and inability to provide concrete support for his claims caused investigators to discount his allegations.



EARLY YEARS IN JERUSALEM

Bishara Salameh Ghattas Sirhan and Mary Bishara Salameh Masher, both age 17, were married in 1930. Bishara Sirhan was born in El Taiybeh, Palestine; Mary Sirhan was born in Jerusalem. They were both of the Greek Orthodox Paith. Bishara worked as a mechanic in the Municipal Sanitary Department of Jerusalem, and he had seven years of schooling.

Their second son, Saidallah, was born July 14, 1932; their third son, Sharif, was born on June 7, 1933. The fourth child was a girl, Aida, born March 3, 1936. Another son, Adel, was born October 10, 1938. These children were all born in Jerusalem, Palestine (now Israel).

In 1939 a document to become known as the British "White Paper" established Palestine as an independent state to be governed by both Arabs and Jews. The Mid-East was troubled over this issue but no actual fighting was reported in the area.

Birth of Sirhan Sirhan

The Sirhan family established their residence at El Quatamon, Jerusalem, Palestine, between 1940 and 1942. In 1943 and 1944, they lived at Beit Safafa in Jerusalem. No Arab-Israeli fighting was reported in that area during that time.

The Sirhan family's sixth child, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was born March 19, 1944, in Jerusalem, Palestine. The family had moved to Khaldis House in Tabah, New City Jerusalem. The United States Embassy reported there was no fighting of a

major scale in this area during that time.

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PHONE CALLS - JUNE 5. 1988 KENNEDY SHOOTING

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5:50 p.m. Lt. Hughes

Sgt. Calkins, Homicide Divicion, called in stating he received a call at 4 a.m., today (June 5, 1968) from a Mrs. Christenson, 131 S. Hoover, DU-30594, says her daughter was at the Ambassador tonight. She observed a suspect and wants to make a statement I 363 to the police. Her daughter is 16 years, her name is Theresa Christenson. Very cooperative.

5:55 p.m. Hambly

Corum, San Gabriel PD, had an informant, Barbara Gottlieb. 936 Belton Way, San Gabriel, 282-0280; who reports she knows the brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, who is a co-worker at Cannon Electric on Humbolt St., in L.A. She said he has not been to work for two days. 5:50 p.m. White

Decoupcarank, Intell. Div. states that a Tom Richy phoned him. Richy is with the Military Intelligence Liaison. He gave info that a Terry Fell of Military Intelligence, in the San Francisco area, phone, Area Code 415 - 561-3242 or 561-2330. Mr. Fell says he knew the suspect Sirhan, as a friend, when he attended Pasadena Civic College at the same time as the suspect. He knows that the suspect went to Long Fellow Grammar School in Pasadena, George Washington High School, and John Muir High School in Pasadena. At the time they were attending the City College, he knew that the suspect was active with the organization, to gain support for the Shah of Iran, at the time the Shah was visiting this country. Also, the suspect had a very close friend, DAVOR PEVEC, who lived at 1121 No. Metor, in Pasadena; and is believed to be a student at the University of California at Santa Barbara.



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25 26 MR. PARSONS: Mrs. Mary Sirhan, would you come forward.

MARY SIRHAN,

resumed the stand as a witness in behalf of the defendant, having been previously duly sworn, was examined and testified further as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION (resumed)

BY MR. PARSONS:

THE CLERK: You have already been sworn. Be seated, please.

State your name for the record, please.

- THE WITNESS: Mary Sirhan.
- Q BY MR. PARSONS: Mrs. Sirhan, I show you a photograph.

Your Honor please, I ask this be admitted as Defendant's next in order, and it is D?

THE COURT: D -- Defendant's E.

MR. PARSONS: I will put an E on the back.

- Q BY MR. PARSONS: Now, I will show you this photograph and ask you if you recognize that?
 - A We, you know --
- Q You don't have to stand. This is your family photograph?
 - A That is our family photograph and it has been

taken 23 years ago.

- Q This is a fair representation of your family as it appeared then?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Now, will you indicate, for instance -- let's start at the bottom, right here at the left. Who is this sitting in your lap?
 - A That is Sirhan Sirhan.
- Q And the next picture, who is that in the bottom row?
 - A He is Munir, which I have a son named Munir.
 - Q And the boy who passed away?
 - A That is the boy who was killed.
 - Q All right.
 - A I never forget him.
- Q And the third person located in the bottom row, the young boy is who?
 - A That was Adel Sirhan.
 - Q And the brother, Adel, is that right?
 - A That is right.
- Q And in the first right-hand corner is Mr. Sirhan, your husband?
 - A Right, sir.
 - Q And the father of these children?
 - A Yes.
 - Q And to the left with the children with little



Sirhan in your lap is a picture of you, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

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Q Now, to the right of you in the rear row is a young man, and who is that?

A That is my son Saidallah.

Q Saidallah?

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- Q And next is the daughter?
- A That is my daughter Ayda.
- Q And she passed away some time ago?
- A She passed away.
- And next to Ayda is another young man. Who is

that?

A That's my son Sharif.

MR. PARSONS: I offer this in evidence, your Honor.

THE COURT: Any objection, counsel?

MR. FITTS: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: It may be received in evidence and marked Defendant's E in evidence.

Q BY MR. PARSONS: Now, Mrs. Sirhan, the other day we were questioning you and I was about to stop and ask you to describe the homes in which you lived.

Please keep your voice up.

But I want to show you a photograph and I ask it be marked --

THE COURT: Defendant's F.

Q BY MR. PARSONS: Now this is a photograph apparently; on the left side it shows a street and on the right side it shows what appears to be a room.

Do you recognize this as a fair representation of a street in Jerusalem?

A Yes.

q That is the portion on the left?



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| 2 | Q | Which would be 1949. | | | | |
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| Û | . Q | So when was Sirhan born, that is this ociendant? | | | | |
| ; | A | 1944, 1944. | | | | |
| 8 | Q | So he was less than a year old in this picture? | | | | |
| 9 | A | Right. | | | | |
| 10 | Q | And this picture then must have been taken | | | | |
| 11 | about 1945 | or 1946? | | | | |
| 12 | A | Something like that. | | | | |
| 13 | Q | And do you know who was the next oldest child | | | | |
| | in this group? | | | | | |
| 15 | A. | Munir. | | | | |
| 16 | କ | That is the first Munir? | | | | |
| 17 | A | Yes. | | | | |
| 18 | Q | How much difference was there in their age? | | | | |
| 19 | A | Four years, yes, four years. | | | | |
| 20 | Q | And then who would have been the next oldest? | | | | |
| 21 | A | Adel. | | | | |
| 22 | Q | Adel, and how much difference between Sirhan | | | | |
| 23 | and Adel? | January Dianet | | | | |
| 24 | A | Well, maybe six or seven years. | | | | |
| 25 | Q | Six or seven years. And then the next one | | | | |
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I'm givikng you an opportunity, you know, what we discussed before. I'm giving you an opportunity after advising you of your right to be a standup sort of an individual and come out xw with the truth.

Q Sir, that's when I said--that's why--what I am trying to do.

Q Well, then how come do you keep running away from the issue here?

A I'm not running, sir.

As a matter of fact, if it hadn't been for you strip.

Sirhan would never had a gun in his hand on Tuesday night when he shot Kennedy; isn't that true?

A No, sir, he might have gotten a gun elsewhere.

Q How?

A I don't know. He may have.

Q How long had he been asking you for a gun?

A For about, well as soon as I got out of County Jail, 8 months, since then????

Q Okay, when did you get out of the County Jail?

A I don't remember, August or July.

Q What year?

A 19--67.

Q A year ago? About a year ago? That's not true; is it?

A I don't know if it's a year ago or '66. I don't remember, sir.

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Q Has he lived anywhere else since he returned home?

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Q How much clothing does he have? Does he have suits, suits?

A He used to when he used to go to Muir and Eliot. He used to. He was proud of dressing and wearing good material things and his sister used to choose them for him and yeah.

Q What about recently?

A No.

Q Does he have any suits?

A No. He had some and I think he gave them away or he didn't have. He didn't even dress as he used to and I used to say, "Why don't you go and look at yourself?" He said, "I am okay. I'm clean. I know I'm clean."

Q How many different pair of trousers do you think he had?

A He didn't have-- he used sometimes to borrow some trousers from his brothers to wear and when he got that check from the insurance from his fall you know--

Q Uh-huh.

A He had-- he bought some. I bought him some trousers too and shirts.

Q Jackets, sweaters?

A He took Munir's sweater. He had some sweaters but-

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Involvement of Independent Writers

This investigation paid particular attention to those members of the media who made allegations which required specific investigation or those who, by their actions, involved themselves in one or more aspects of the investigation. A description of those person's part in the investigation follows:

Rex Westerfield

Rex Westerfield, the Western Regional Director for the John Birch Society authored an article entitled, "Assassination" which was printed in the June edition of "The Review of the News" a weekly publication from Belmont, Massachusetts. The article alleged that the assassin of Robert Kennedy was a pro-Communist and that the assassination itself was a Marxist conspiracy.

Westerfield made several specific allegations including the report that Sirhan had attended Du Bois Club meetings in Los Angeles; the report that a mailman had delivered anti-American mail to Sirhan's home; that based on Sirhan's notobook that he was a social set; that a young girl had been invited to Du Bois

Club meetings by Sirhan; and that Sirhan's brother, Saliman, had been arrested as an Israeli spy by the Iragi government several months prior to the assassination.

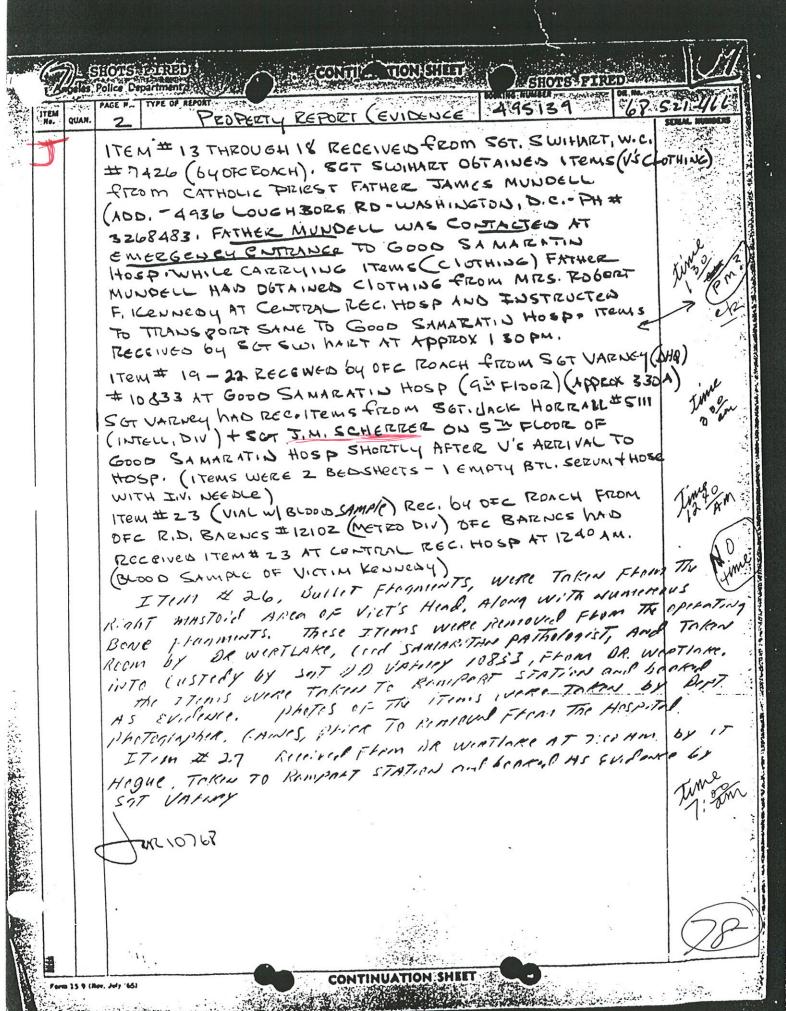
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Theodore R. Charach

Theodore Charach, a free lance news reporter affiliated with Continental News Service, was in the hotel the night of the shooting and during his initial interview he did not indicate that he was able to assist investigators. That was on June 12, 1968; subsequently investigators read an article from a Canadian was paper which stated that Charach was reportedly a witness to the shooting and capture. Charach however admitted that he had not seen anything and that everything he had heard was second hand.

On July 19, 1968, Charach met with investigators and produced some enlargements of film purportedly taken on June 2 and June 4, at Kennedy festivities, by a U.C.L.A. student. The complete U.C.L.A. film was delivered to the Department and was found to be of very poor quality. A copy was made, but investigators were unable to identify any persons depicted in the film as those involved in the investigation.

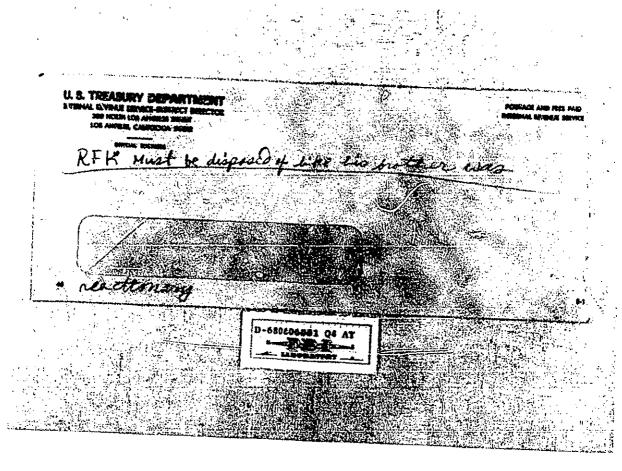
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- View facing west, depicting bullet trajectory as in photo no. 20 through 20-C; this is at terminal point, outside kitchen service area (anteroom). No bullet or mark located.
- Photo depicting sixth ceiling tile, (see photo no. 19) from west end of kitchen service area and fourth tile from north wall. Pointer indicates bullet hole.
- 21-A Same seiling tile as shown in photo no. 21, showing probe inserted into another bullet hole.
- Officer, LAPD, holding probe pointing to where a bullet struck ceiling above tile. Finger points to location where bullet struck tile frame. String protrudes through elongated bullet hole in fourth panel from double doors and fourth panel from north wall.
- 22-A Close-up view of photo no. 22,
- 22-3 Close-up view of photo no. 21.
- 22-0 Close-up view of photo no. 22.
- 23- Unable to identify.

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Chief Willie Williams
Los Angeles Police Department
150 N. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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CERTIFIED RETURN

RE: People v. Sirhan Sirhan

Dear Chief Williams:

I am writing to you as counsel for Sirhan Sirhan. I wish to advise you of some circumstances that have been brought to my attention that would, I believe, be of interest to you.

On May 12, 1996, Sirhan case researcher Rose Lynn Mangan, Adel Sirhan and I met with Mr. Jean Sherrer, 7532A Atoll Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91605, a former LAPD officer who, Ms. Mangan had been led to understand, had some knowledge of events following and related to the assassination of Robert Kennedy. As it turned out, Mr. Scherrer advised that he and his partner had taken Rafer Johnson into custody at a hospital and transported him to Rampart Station so that a gun which was in Mr. Johnson's possession from the crime scene could be booked into evidence. Mr. Scherrer evidenced great interest in my theory of the case. We mentioned that our investigation has unearthed substantial evidence concerning substitution of and tampering with bullets in the Sirhan case. Some of this evidence is as follows:

- 1. Dr. Nogouchi's autopsy report states that when a bullet was removed from the vicinity of Robert Kennedy's sixty cervical vertebrae, Dr. Nogouchi inscribed "TN31" on the base of that bullet. That bullet later became Peoples' Exhibit 47. However, the bullets were later examined by a court-appointed panel of seven firearms examiners in 1975. At that time, the examiner who looked at the bases of the bullets noted that Peoples' Exhibit 47 contained the designation "DWTN" on the base. The fact that LAPD firearms expert Dewayne Wolfer ("DW") confirmed in 1975 that the bullets in the court's custody were the same ones he had examined in 1968 strongly suggests that the substitution of a stand-in neck bullet in place of the original took place prior to trial.
- 2. When a bullet was removed from the buttocks of victim Ira Goldstein, the surgeon, Dr. Max Finkle, placed an X on its base. No such designation was noted in the 1975 report.

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- 3. Although LAPD's Dewayne Wolfer testified that he had been able to achieve a match between victim bullets and test bullets, not one of the seven examiners stated that he had been able to achieve similar results.
- 4. The panel of examiners unanimously concluded that Wolfer's claim to have linked a Sirhan test bullet with the Kennedy neck bullet was false and that what Wolfer had instead done was to match the Kennedy neck bullet with the Goldstein bullet.

At some point during the conversation, Mr. Scherrer, who was presenting a spirited defense of LAPD's handling of the case, stated that such mishandling of evidence was standard for all LAPD cases. According to Mr. Scherrer, officers routinely help themselves to evidence as souvenirs. This explanation was also offered for the fact that the fatal Kennedy head bullet has lost its original distinctive shape since it was photographed prior to trial.

The impression created by Mr. Scherrer was that he had come to this meeting with the intent of learning as much as possible about our plans for a habeas corpus writ, defending LAPD's handling of the matter, discouraging us from proceeding with predictions of defeat and attempting to explain away the numerous problems with the way It is important to consider this when the evidence was handled. evaluating his assertion that tampering with physical evidence by souvenir-seeking officers is routine at LAPD. Mr. Scherrer was apparently either unaware of the sweeping implications of his explanation or was willing to ignore them in favor of an explanation that, while damning to LAPD generally, was offered to refute charges of intentional misconduct in the RFK assassination case such as those which were presented several years ago to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. If this is LAPD's best defense for the deplorable state of the physical evidence in the Sirhan case, then either the Department is extremely defensive about its handling of such evidence in this one case or routinely fails to maintain the integrity of its physical evidence across the board and to safequard it from souvenir-seeking officers in general. I would like to point out that author Dan Moldea, who has written a recent book concluding with a defense of the official theory, i.e., the theory that Sirhan shot Kennedy and acted alone, nonetheless has claimed to have been advised that the Sirhan gun was extensively fired by officers seeking test bullets as souvenirs shortly following the assassination. This was the explanation that was offered by Moldea for the inability of the seven firearms examiners in 1975 to duplicate Wolfer's purported findings linking the Sirhan gun to victim bullets.

I would request that this matter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners for an investigation. I request that the Board hold public hearings on the questions raised above, with emphasis on the Sirhan case but also dealing generally with what is being described

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as an epidemic of evidence tampering within the LAPD.

There is another matter of concern. The meeting was arranged by Mr. Jerry Vaccaro, General Manager, Capital City Liquidators, Inc., 301 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706, who had advised Ms. Mangan that she would have a chance to meet a witness who could provide important evidence about the case. During the meeting, Vaccaro stated that he and Mr. Scherrer wished to obtain the exclusive film rights from Sirhan Sirhan and a power of attorney with which they would then "open doors" to new information. Vaccaro had previously advised Ms. Mangan and later both Ms. Mangan and me that he knew that Michael McCowan, a defense investigator at the time of Sirhan's trial, was working as a double agent in the defense camp for the FBI. This knowledge was based upon McCowan's purported admissions to Mr. Vaccaro, a "friend". Vaccaro stated at the meeting that he would sign a declaration to this effect once his "incentives" were guaranteed, i.e., film rights. I carefully explained the impropriety and unacceptability of this proposal to Mr. Vaccaro and Mr. Scherrer and rejected it out of hand. I also explained that our own investigation rests upon access to publicly available materials located in the State Archives and upon interviews with eye witnesses. Mr. Scherrer, who identified himself at the meeting as a retired Organized Crime Intelligence Division (OCID) officer, made no protest at Mr. Vaccaro's proposal, which I categorically and firmly rejected. If this meeting was an OCID (or FBI) sting operation designed to snare or discredit the Sirhan defense team, then surely you must realize that such antics are not appreciated and tend to simply further reinforce the appearance that LAPD is in a most desperate position in the RFK matter. Whether or not Mr. Scherrer's actions were part of such an operation, his conduct in silently ratifying Mr. Vacarro's proposal provides still further confirmation of the wisdom of your commendable efforts to upgrade LAPD's professional ethics.

I would appreciate your views on the foregoing.

Very Truly Yours,

Lawrence Teeter, Esq. Attorney for Sirhan B. Sirhan

