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SUBJECT: SIRHAN CASE

PRESS REPORTED JUNE 28 THAT SIRHAN IN BRIEF COURT HEARING WAS GRANTED AN ADDITIONAL THREE WEEKS DELAY BEFORE ENTERING PLEA TO MURDER CHARGE. PRESS COVERAGE OF HEARING BEING SUMMARIZED IN JUNE 28 USIA WIRELESS FILE. RUSK

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PSYCH/KENNEDY ASSASSINATION/TGFLEA

1. TO COUNTER BAD PRESS HERE ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, TGFLEA/1 AT STATION REQUEST ARRANGED FOR AN OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTOR OF ARTICLES TO WRITE ONE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY STATION. THE ARTICLE APPEARED CEYLON DAILY NEWS 22 JUNE. ENTITLED "THAT BEAM IN OUR OWN EYES", MAKES POINT THAT AMERICA HAS NO MONOPOLY ON VIOLENCE, THAT "THE COMMUNIST WORLD DEPLORES AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSASSINATION AND FORGETS ALL THE PURGES AND LIQUIDATIONS THAT HAVE FOR SO LONG BLOODIED THEIR OWN HANDS, THE UNEMOTIONAL ELIMINATION OF ALL OPPOSED TO THEIR OWN IDEAS . . . CHINA POINTS A PIOUS FINGER AT AMERICA AND EXPECTS THE WORLD TO IGNORE THE MAO-SUPPORTED WAVE UPON WAVE OF VIOLENCE UNLEASHED BY THE RED GUARDS." QKMAYTIDING CLIP.

2. AS FOLLOW UP TO FOREGOING AND PEGGED TO IT, TGFLEA/1 SHORTLY RUNNING ARTICLE WRITTEN BY STATION AND INCORPORATING LINES SUGGESTED IN DIRECTOR-06517, DIRECTOR-06514, DIRECTOR-06858 AND DIRECTOR-08480. ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN "WORLD REPORT" COLUMN AND WILL ALSO PRESENT SELECTION OF GOOD EXCERPTS FROM FOREIGN EDITORIALS DRAWING ON DIRECTOR-08120.

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TO DO BASE CHICAGO

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REF: DO BASE CHICAGO 0236 (IN 39567)

HQS INTERESTED OBTAINING IDENTITIES JORDANIANS CITED PARA 1 REF. CAN BASE PROVIDE THESE WITHOUT [redacted] TOO MUCH TROUBLE?

END OF MESSAGE

1 JUL 1968
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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

REFS: A. DIRECTOR 17137 *

B. DIRECTOR 17404 *

28 JUN 68 IN 40024

NO LNPURE OR BASE TRACES SUBJECT REFS. IF DIRECTOR CAN PROVIDE FURTHER INFO, AILL ATTEMPT MORE THOROUGH CHECK THROUGH BASE ASSETS AS APPROPRIATE.

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B BEIRUT 2949 (IN 31798)

PESHOAL SIRHAN INVESTIGATION.

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A JERUSALEM 2854 (IN 38537)

PRELIMINARY KARUSSIC CHECK WITH EMPLOYEE FROM SILWAN INDICATES BADRAN FATHER STILL SILWAN. VERY POOR LIVING ON SMALL FARM.

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28 June 1968

TO LAFO

SUBJECT: SIRHAN, Sirhan Bishara

REF: Hqs message dated 27 June 1968

Following for passage to Los Angeles Police Department:

Further to ref, we have received the following information on

Gayomard Meherji MISTRY:

Indian PP# A 770124 issued Bombay on 18 August 1960 valid to 17 August 1963

DPOB: Bombay, [redacted]

Visa issued 7 August 1961 for study at Northrop Institute of Technology, Englewood, California

Last known home address: c/o M. K. UNVALA, Gowalia Tank Building, Gowalia Tank Road, Bombay.

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TO SAC LAFO

FROM HDQS

SUBJ SIRHAN, SIRHAN BISHARA 342 200 I SO/1

REF LAFO TWX DTD 25 AND 26 JUNE 1968

FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR RELEASE TO LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

1. OUR CENTRAL AND OVERSEAS FILES CONTAINED NO RECORD OF THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO MET SIRHAN THE EVENING OF 4 JUNE 1968. HOWEVER, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN AMMAN, JORDAN AND THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN JERUSALEM, HAD VISA APPLICANT RECORDS ON THREE OF THE JORDANIANS MENTIONED/

A. MAROUF MOHAMMED BADRAN, BORN SILWAN [redacted] ADDRESS P. O. BOX 123, JERUSALEM. BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, HEIGHT 177 CENTIMETERS. APPLIED FOR STUDENT MI VISA IN JANUARY 1963 TO STUDY AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE. VISA PROCESSING AT AMMAN WAS NEVER COMPLETED BY SUBJECT. HE STATED THAT HIS UNCLE, NAME NOT GIVEN, WOULD HELP SUPPORT HIM. THE UNCLE WAS MOVING PERMANENTLY TO BEIRUT, LEBANON. THE CONSULATE CARD NOTED THAT HIS BROTHER'S VISA HAS BEEN EXTENDED IMM IN THE U.S. FROM 15 FEBRUARY 1963 TO 31 JANUARY 1964. THE CARD ALSO NOTED THAT AN ENQUIRY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. CONSUL IN VALENCIA, SPAIN ON SUBJECT, INDICATING THAT AS OF 9 AUGUST 1963, SUBJECT WAS STUDYING THERE. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT SUBJECT RECEIVED HIS US VISA IN BEIRUT. HE POSSESSED JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 155 444 ISSUED 6 JANUARY 1963, JERUSALEM.

CONTINUED

B. GHALEB MOHAMMAD BADRAN, BORN SILWAN [redacted] ADDRESS P. O. BOX 183, JERUSALEM. DAYA BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM HEIGHT 180 CENTIMETERS, WEIGHT 145 LBS., SINGLE. ISSUED STUDENT VISA IN JANUARY 1961, VALID UNTIL IN JANUARY 1965 TO STUDY AT LOS ANGELES PACIFIC COLLEGE. SUBJECT STATED THAT HIS FATHER WAS A TEACHER IN JERUSALEM. HIS UNCLE, MOHAMMAD D. SULIMAN SIAM, WAS SAID TO RESIDE AT 5002 MONTE VISTA STREET, LOS ANGELES 42, CALIF. AN UNCLE, WHO HAD BEEN A BUILDING CONTRACTOR IN JERUSALEM, SENT GHALEB $750 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF A TRIP TO US. GHALEB HAD JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 257 604 ISSUED 17 SEPTEMBER 1960 AT JERUSALEM.

C. ABDO J. MALKI, BORN [redacted] IN JERUSALEM. ADDRESS P. O. BOX 1660, AMMAN, JORDAN. APPLIED FOR VISA 7 JUNE 1966 BUT THERE IS NO RECORD THAT A VISA WAS ISSUED. THE CONSULATE RECEIVED A PETITION DATED 25 JULY 1966 FROM HIS SISTER ELLEN JABRA MU'ADDI NEE MALKI OF 1352 EAST MARAND STREET, DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, TO HAVE ABDO EMIGRATE UNDER HER SPONSORSHIP TO USA. ELLEN WAS BORN [redacted] IN JERUSALEM. WAS NATURALIZED 20 MAY 1965 IN LOS ANGELES, NUMBER 8SB 7017. ELLEN WAS ALSO PLANNING PETITION FOR ENTRANCE FOLLOWING FAMILY MEMBERS/ PARENTS/ JABRA AND SHMOINI MALKI, BROTHERS/ HANNA AND MARQUES, SISTERS/ JULIA AND MARY. FAMILY APPARENTLY RESIDED AMMAN SINCE ABDO LISTED HIS ADDRESS SINCE 1958 AS THE ABOVE CITED P. O. BOX.

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2. KMRH FURTHER TO OUR MESSAGE OF 20 JUNE IN WHICH WE MENTIONED THAT THE LIBYAN LAWYER, ABDUSSALAM NAFA HAD INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT AFTER ALL INTEND TO COME TO THE U.S. TO DEFEND SIRHAN. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT NAFA, AKA MAHMUD NAAFI, CALLED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI TO STATE THAT HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THE U.S. XXX /DEPARTING TRIPOLI JUNE 26/ IS A PRIVATE TOURIST VISIT WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SIRHAN CASE, AND THAT HE WILL NOT BE GOING TO CALIFORNIA.

3. TO LAFO/ PLEASE NOTE THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECORDS. WHEN GIVING THE ABOVE TO LAPD, MAKE REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH B OF YOUR MEMO TO ADOS DATED 18 JUNE, WHEREIN YOU STATED THAT INFO PROVIDED TO LAPD SHOULD NOT BE ATTRIBUTED AS HAVING COME FROM THIS AGENCY.

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27 June 1968

SUBJECT: Sirhan, Sirhan Bishara

REF: LAFO Message of 26 June 1968

Following information for release to Los Angeles Police Department.

1. Our central and overseas files contained no record of the five individuals who met SIRHAN the evening of 4 June 1968. However, we have learned that the U. S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan and the U. S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, had visa applicant records on three of the Jordanians mentioned:

(a) Marouf Mohammed BADRAN, born Silwan [redacted] Address P. O. Box 123, Jerusalem. Black hair, brown eyes, height 177 centimeters. Applied for student visa 14 January 1963 to study at Pasadena City College. Visa processing at Amman was never completed by Subject. He stated that his uncle, name not given, would help support him. The uncle was moving permanently to Beirut, Lebanon. The Consulate card noted that his brother's visa has been extended in the U. S. from 15 February 1963 to 31 January 1964. The card also noted that an enquiry had been received from the U. S. Consul in Valencia, Spain on Subject, indicating that as of 9 August 1963, Subject was studying there. It appears likely that Subject received his US visa in Beirut. He possessed Jordanian passport #355 444 issued 6 January 1963, Jerusalem.

(B) Ghaleb Mohammad BADRAN, born Silwan [redacted] Address P. O. Box 123, Jerusalem. Dark brown hair, brown eyes, height 180 centimeters, weight 143 lbs., single. Issued student visa 18 January 1961, valid until 18 January 1965 to study at Los Angeles Pacific College. Subject stated that his father was a teacher in Jerusalem. His uncle, Mohammad D. ~~Zizi~~ Suliman SIAM, was said to reside at 5002 Monte Vista Street, Los Angeles 42, Calif.

An uncle, who had been a building contractor in Jerusalem, sent Ghaleb $750 to defray expenses of trip to US. Ghaleb had Jordanian passport # 257 604 issued 17 September 1960 at Jerusalem.

(C) Abdo J. MALKI, born [redacted] in Jerusalem. Address P. O. Box 1860, Amman, Jordan. Applied for visa 7 June 1966 but there is no record that a visa was issued. The Consulate received a petition dated 25 July 1966 from his sister Ellen Jabra MU'ADDI nee MALKI of 1352 East Marand Street, Duarte, California, to have Abdo emigrate under her sponsorship to USA. Ellen was born [redacted] in Jerusalem. Was naturalized 20 May 1966 in Los Angeles, number 888 7017. Ellen was also planning petition for entrance following family members: Parents: Jabra and Shmouni MALKI; brothers: Hanna and Murqus; sisters: Julia and Mary. Family apparently resided Amman since Abdo listed his address since 1958 as the above cited P. O. Box.

2. Further to our message of 20 June in which we mentioned that the Libyan lawyer, Abdussalam NAFA had indicated that he did not after all intend to come to the U. S. to defend SIRHAN. We have received information that NAFA, aka Mahmud NAAFI, called at the U. S. Embassy in Tripoli to state that his forthcoming trip to the U. S. (departing Tripoli June 26) is a private tourist visit which has nothing to do with the Sirhan case, and that he will not be going to California.

3. To LAFO: Please note that above information is from Department of State records. ~~We urge you~~ When giving the above to LAPD, make reference to paragraph 8 of your memo to Hqs dated 18 June.

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1. LOCAL FBI REPORTED THAT IDEN A HAS APPROACHED THEM WITH REPORT GROUP OF ARABS PLAN SERIES OF BOMBINGS IN CHICAGO. IDEN A LIVES WITH SEVERAL JORDANIANS WHERE HE LEARNED OF PLOT.

2. HE REQUESTS FUNDS TRAVEL TO EGYPT OR KUWAIT TO JOIN WITH IDEN B WHERE HE COULD BE OF MORE SERVICE TO US.

3. FBI FURTHER REPORTS IDEN A POSSIBLY UNRELIABLE WITH PAST RECORD OF LOCAL PROCURER. UNLESS HQS SHOWS INTEREST IN FURTHER DETAILS BASE DROPPING MATTER.

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S E C R E T 271820Z JUNE 68 CITE DO BASE/CHICAGO 0237

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REF: CHICAGO 0236 (IN 39567)

IDEN A: KENNETH GARRISON, WHITE MALE 28 YEARS OLD,
5326 S. ABERDEEN, CHICAGO, ILGGM

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1. NO STATION OR LIAISON TRACES SUBJECTS REFS. SHOULD BE NOTED MAJORITY NOBASE SUBVERSIVE RECORDS ON WEST BANK WERE DESTROYED OR CAPTURED BY ISRAELIS IN JUNE WAR, AND MUCH OF THAT INFO NEVER DUPLICATED BY NOBASE HQS.

2. FOLLOWING FROM AMMAN CONSULATE FILES:

A. MAROUF MOHAMMAD BADRAN, BORN SILWAN [redacted], ADDRESS PO BOX 123 JERUSALEM, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, HEIGHT 177CMS. APPLIED FOR STUDENT VISA 14 JAN 63 TO STUDY PASADENA CITY COLLEGE. VISA PROCESSING AMMAN NEVER COMPLETED BY SUBJECT. STATED UNCLE, NAME NOT GIVEN, WOULD HELP SUPPORT HIM, UNCLE MOVING PERMANENTLY BEIRUT. CONSULATE CARD NOTED BROTHER VISA EXTENDED IN USA FROM 15 FEB 63 TO 31 JAN 64. ALSO NOTED ENQUIRY RECEIVED FROM US CONSUL VALENCIA, SPAIN ON SUBJECT, INDICATING AS OF 9 AUG 63 SUBJECT STUDYING THERE. SEEMS LIKELY SUBJECT RECEIVED USA VISA IN BEIRUT. JORDAN PASSPORT 355 444 ISSUED 6 JAN 63 JERUSALEM.

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B. GHALEB MOHAMMAD BADRAN BORN SILWAN [redacted] DPOB JORDAN CIT: JORDAN ADDRESS PO BOX 123 JERUSALEM JORDAN, DARK BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, HEIGHT 180CMS, WEIGHT 143 LBS, SINGLE. ISSUED STUDENT VISA 18 JAN 61, VALID UNTIL 18 JAN 65 TO STUDY AT LOS ANGELES PACIFIC COLLEGE. SUBJECT STATED FATHER A TEACHER IN JERUSALEM. SEE FOR BIO UNCLE MOHAMMAD D. SULIMAN SIAM, SAID TO RESIDE AT 5002 MONTE VISTA STREET, LOS ANGELES 42, CALIF. USA UNCLE HAD BEEN BUILDING CONTRACTOR JERUSALEM AND SENT GHALEB $750 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF TRIP TO USA. UNCLE OF GHALEB MOHAMMAD BADRAN GHALEB PASSPORT 257 604 ISSUED 17 SEPT 60 AT JERUSALEM.

C. ABDO J. MALKI BORN [redacted] DPOB JORDAN IN JERUSALEM, ADDRESS PO BOX 1860 AMMAN JORDAN. APPLIED FOR VISA 7 JUNE 66 BUT NO RECORD VISA ISSUED. CONSULATE RECEIVED PETITION DATED 25 JULY 66 FROM SISTER ELLEN JABRA MU'ADDI NEE MALKI OF 1352 EAST MARAND STREET, DUARTE, CALIF, USA TO HAVE ABDO EMIGRATE UNDER HER SPONSORSHIP TO USA. ELLEN BORN [redacted] IN JERUSALEM, NATURALIZED 20 MAY 66 IN LOS ANGELES, NUMBER 888 7017. ELLEN ALSO PLANNING PETITION FOR ENTRANCE FOLLOWING FAMILY MEMBERS: PARENTS JABRA AND SHMOUNI MALKI, BROTHERS HANNA AND MURQUS, SISTERS JULIA AND MARY. FAMILY APPARENTLY RESIDED AMMAN SINCE ABDO LISTED HIS ADDRESS SINCE 1958 AS PO BOX 1860 AMMAN.

SEX F CIT: USA DPOB SPONSORED ABDO J. MALKI, BROTHER, TO USA JORDAN

D. NO TRACES ANWAR MUSA SAYEGH.

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FOLLOWING INFO FOUND IN DELNPURE FILES:

GAYOMARD MEHERJI MISTRY

INDIAN PP# A770124 ISSUED BOMBAY ON 3/18/60 TO

3/17/63

PDOE: BOMBAY

VISA ISSUED 8/7/61 FOR STUDY NORTHROP INSTITUTE

OF TECHNOLOGY, INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

LAST

KNOWN HOME ADDRESS: C/O

M.K. UNVALA,

GOWALIA TANK BUILDING, GOWALIA TANK

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NO TRACES. FIRST NAME, GAYMOARD, AS RECEIVED HERE SEEMS MISSPELLING.

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TO [redacted] 21z Jun 68

PRIORITY NEW DELHI INFO CALCUTTA MADRAS BOMBAY

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NAME CITED REF HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO GAYOMARD MEHERJI MISTRY, BORN [redacted] IN INDIA, ENTERED U.S. AT NEW YORK 14 SEPT 1961.

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FROM SAC LAPD

SUBJ SIRHAN\ SIRHAN BISHARA 542 200 I SD/1

REF LAPD TWX DTD 25 JUNE 68

ON 25 JUNE 68 AT 0800 AM\ CAPTAIN HUGH BROWN\ LAPD\ TELE FURNISHED FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO ON THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS IN REF TWX AS FOLLOWS:

1. CORRECT SPELLING OF NAME IS MISTRY\ SAYOWARD MENERJI.
DOB [redacted]\ INDIA. ENTERED THE U. S. AT NEW YORK CITY IA SEPT 1961 AS A STUDENT. ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. 12628329.

2. SADRAN\ MARCE MOHAMMAD\ THE ONLY ADDITIONAL INFO IS HIS ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. IA3912332.

3. SADRAN\ GHALEB MOHAMMAD WAS BORN [redacted] IN JORDAN. ENTERED THE U. S. AT NEW YORK CITY ON 31 JAN 1961 & HIS ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. IS 12606634. POSSIBLE SPELLING OF FIRST NAME IS GHALEB.

4. FALKIN ARDO JABRA WAS BORN [redacted] AT JORDAN. ENTERED THE U. S. AT SEATTLE\ WASH.\ 22 JULY 1967. HIS ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. IS 17191440.

5. CORRECT SPELLING OF NAME IS SAYEGH\ ANWAR MUSA. RESIDENCE 2403 RIDGEWAY ROAD\ SAN MARINO\ CALIF. FURTHER CHECKS BEING MADE BY LAPD AT I & N SERVICE TO FURTHER IDENTIFY THIS INDIV.

WITH REGARD TO THE MEETINGS HELD AMONG THESE INDIVIDUALS ON THE EVENING OF 4 JUNE 1968\ CAPT. BROWN ADVISED THAT THEIR INFT\ SAYOWARD MENERJI MISTRY\ TOLD THEM THAT HE HAD KNOWN THE SUBJ AS A FORMER STUDENT AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE. ACCORDING TO MISTRY\ HE HAD A CHANCE MEETING WITH THE SUBJ AT A RESTAURANT ACROSS THE STREET FROM PASADENA CITY COLLEGE DURING THE EARLY EVENING OF 4 JUNE 1968\ & THEY HAD DINNER TOGETHER WHILE RENEWING ACQUAINTANCES. THEN\ ACCORDING TO MISTRY\ THE SUBJ ACCOMPANIED HIM OVER TO THE CAMPUS AT WHICH TIME THEY MET THE OTHER FOUR INDIVIDUALS\ AGAIN APPARENTLY BY CHANCE. MISTRY DENIES THAT THIS MEETING WAS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SHOOTING OF SEN KENNEDY LATER THAT EVENING.

IN ORDER TO COMPLETELY EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE LEADS IN THEIR CASE\ LAPD IS REQUESTING OUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE FIVE LISTED INDIVIDUALS. CAPT. BROWN WAS INFORMED THAT OVERSEAS TRACES WILL BE RUN AND THAT A RESPONSE WILL TAKE AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS. HE DID NOT STRESS ANY URGENCY TO HIS REQUEST.

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REMARKS: ~~Cap~~

FYI per DDP note

C/105/NE

FROM: EA/DDP

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TO: ADDP DDP

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How about CI?

Tom -

I+NS and State have [redacted] overtly stated that the SS who travelled as another man with a different middle name than the man under arrest. The other SS name was in the press shortly after the Kinche allegation. NE fully aware of this.

Fyi

FROM: CMG

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SPEED LETTER	REPLY REQUESTED	DATE 26 July 1968
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TO : DCI/IAA

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FROM: C/NE

Sirhan Sirhan

LONDON 10192 contains detailed information of alleged SS travels to Arab world in 1965. Source is John Rinehe to Pol Counselor in Bob Bond. CIA is thus far on record that we have no record of any SS travel to Arab world since he immigrated. I believe that Rinehe is gradually getting explicit enough in his allegations that we cannot ignore them. Since the "conspiracy" theory will be pressed nationally and internationally to the limit, it seems to me that we must give rather high priority to using our own facilities to track down all possible leads. What ever happened to the lead we gave the FBI on SS's new friend in Michigan?

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See C/OP/NE memo to C/NE via DD/P/NE dtd 28 June 68

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1. ACCORDING BASE CARDS GHALEB MOHAMMAD F BADRAN HAS ZRTINDER FILE DATED 20 JULY 1965. ZRTINDER INTERVIEW CARD DATED FEB 62 CONTAINS FOLLOWING INFO: ADDRESS P.O. BOX 123 JERUSALEM. FAMILY ADDRESS RAL EL AMOUD, BETHANY, PALESTINE. DOB [redacted], JORDANIAN. SINGLE, MOSLEM. LEFT ON JAN 27, 1961 FOR LOS ANGELES PACIFIC COLLEGE TO STUDY CHEMISTRY. NO RECORD LNPURE. Summary of field traces. Sirhan investigation

DOB [redacted] Cit: Jordan

2. NO TRACES OTHER SUBJECTS REF INCLUDING LNPURE.

3. MARUGGIO CHECKING FURTHER. FYI IN EVENT LNPURE AMMAN NEGATIVE 1.C AND 1.D REF SUBJECTS VISA APPLICATIONS MAY BE TEL AVIV.

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ZRTINDER has record that Badran was recommended for a loan of 150 JD's on 30 Jan. 1961. They do not have a file record on him.

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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

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1. AT STATION REQUEST, PETROLEUM ATTACHE SUBMITTED SUBSTANCE REF QUERIES TO MR. JOHN ROOT, MANAGER ESSO (NEAR EAST), INC., BEIRUT. AFTER CHECKING, ROOT SAID HIS SECRETARY RECALLED AN ELIE OR ESIE SIRHAN WORKED FOR ESSO BEIRUT FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, FROM LATE 57 TO MID-59. IN 57 ESSO HAD OPENED OFFICE BEIRUT KNOW AS ESSO STANDARD NEAR EAST COORDINATING OFFICE. SIRHAN HIRED AS CLERK/SECRETARY IN EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICE. HE WAS NEVER ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR EMPLOYEE RELATIONS. THIS ESSO OFFICE CLOSED IN MID-59 AND ITS ACTIVITIES MOVED TO GENEVA ALONG WITH ALL EMPLOYEE RECORDS. AS FAR AS ROOT'S SECRETARY COULD RECALL, THIS SIRHAN LEFT ESSO WHEN OFFICE MOVED GENEVA AND OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT WITH UNRWA OR UNICIF IN BEIRUT. NO ONE IN ESSO'S OFFICE COULD SUPPLY ANY BACKGROUND INFO ON SIRHAN, DOB, POB, ETC. APPARENTLY HE DID HIS WORK WELL AND WAS LIKED.

2. ROOT SUGGESTED MATTER COULD BE FOLLOWED UP THRU ESSO OFFICE GENEVA.

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PETEAK KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. 22 JUNE SALIM LAWZI, PUBLISHER OF HAWADWADITH, TOLD ANWAR JAMAL, UAR INFORMATION OFFICER, HE WAS OBTAINING GOOD RESULTS IN RAISING FUNDS FOR SIRHAN DEFENSE, WITH MORE CHRISTIANS THAN MUSLIMS CONTRIBUTING. (ON 19 JUNE LAWZI TOLD ADLESICK SAME THING.)

2. LAWZI SAID HE HAD MET WITH SAHFIQ UMBARJI, YUSUF SAIGH AND WALID KHALIDI TO STUDY AND ORGANIZE SIRHAN DEFENSE. THEY HAD DECIDED MEET WITH SIRHAN'S FATHER AND SEND "SOME PEOPLE FROM OUR PLACE" TO SIRHAN'S BROTHER IN LOS ANGELES TO "SHAKE MATTER FROM NAME OF SIRHAN FAMILY AND GIVE IT ITS PROPER IMPORTANCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE." THEY HAD ALSO DECIDED TOUR ARAB COUNTRIES COLLECTING MONEY. LAWZI SAID HE HAD RECEIVED PROMISES OF 10,000 LEBANESE POUNDS FROM KAMIL ABD-AL-RAHMAN AND 5,000 LEBANESE POUNDS FROM HANI SALEM AND EXPECTED COLLECT BETWEEN 200,000 AND 300,000 LEBANESE POUNDS IN LEBANON ALONE. LAWZI INDICATED THESE ACTIVITIES NOT RELATED THOSE OF FEDERATION ARAB LAWYERS.

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3. LATEST STATION INFO UMBARJI DATED 1963, INDICATES HE CHIEF LOCAL EMPLOYEE ARAMCO OVERSEAS CORPORATION, BEIRUT; HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE EGYPTIANS AND PROMINENT PALESTINIAN RADICALS; IS HIMSELF PROMINENT PALESTINIAN ARAB POLITICIAN, CONTACT OF NELLORD. YUSIF SAIGH PROBABLY IDENTICAL INDIVIDUAL SAME NAME WHO PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT AMERICAN SYRICAN UNIVERSITY BEIRUT (AUB) AND WHO "CONFESSED" ARAB NATIONALIST MOVEMENT (ANM) CONNECTIONS TO NELLORD 1 FEB 68. MOST RECENT INFO WALID KHALIDI DATED 1966 INDICATES HE PROFESSOR AUB AND HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE, PARIS. OTHER INFO SHOWS HE VERY ACTIVE MEMBER ANM: SUSPECTED CONNECTIONS BRITISH INTEL; DESCRIBED AS VIOLENTLY ANTI-US (MAY 65); WAS LEADER GRANTEE TO US (1959) TAUGHT AT PRINCETON (1960). KAMIL ABD-AL-RAHMAN IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL OF SAME NAME WHO ACCORDING INFO FROM PEEPSHOW 8 24 JAN 68 BASED PEVERSE REPORT OF 16 JAN IS OWNER CCC ENGINEERING FIRM, BEIRUT AND AN ANM LEADER. HANI SALAM PROBABLY IDENTICAL SAIB SALAM'S NEPHEW OF SAME NAME WHO HEADED MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, KUWAIT IN 1959. NO CURRENT

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DIRECTOR INFO AMMAN, JERUSALEM

PESHOAL SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

REF DIRECTOR 10807

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1. AT TIME INFO BEIRUT 2949 OBTAINED, PESHOAL 1 ASKED ACQUIRE FURTHER DETAIL IF POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY RE GHURI ASSERTION SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN COMMUNIST. PESHOAL 1 DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FARIS SIRHAN AGAIN AND HAS REPORTED GHURI'S CLAIM ASSASSIN COMMUNIST BASED ON INFO DEVELOPED BY GHURI FROM SIRHAN FAMILY JERUSALEM AREA. IT IS ALLEGEDLY THEY WHO CLAIM HE IS COMMUNIST. WHETHER THIS TRUE AND HOW THEY KNOW IT REMAINS MOST UNCLEAR.

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2. OTHER REQUIREMENTS POSED REF ALREADY LEVIED ON PESHOAL 1, BUT HE HAS ASKED ABOUT AS MANY QUESTIONS THIS CASE AS HE CAN WITHOUT INCITING SUSPICION. HOWEVER WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE DO WHATEVER WE CAN AND WILL REPORT PROMPTLY ANY INFO OBTAINED.

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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

1. REQUEST PRIORITY LNPURE, STATION, AND BASE TRACES FOLLOWING, SPELLINGS AS RECEIVED:

A. MAROF MOHAMMAD BADRAN

RESIDENCE: 5733 BENNER STREET, HIGHLAND PARK, LOS ANGELES.

BORN: [redacted] IN SILWAN, NEAR JERUSALEM.

JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 355 444.

ENTERED U.S. 25 AUG 1965 ON NON-IMMIGRANT VISA.

B. GHALEB MOHAMMAD BADRAN

BROTHER OF MAROF BADRAN ABOVE, SAME RESIDENCE.

BORN ABOUT 1940.

JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 257 604.

ENTERED U.S. 31 JAN 1961.

C. ABDO JABRA MALKI

RESIDENCE: 356 SOUTH WALDO, PASADENA, CALIF.

JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 469 107.

APPARENTLY ALSO COMES FROM JERUSALEM AREA.

ENTERED U.S. 22 JULY 1967.

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TO D. ANOUR SAIGH

NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE BUT BELIEVED OF JORDANIAN ORIGIN. AGE AND DATE OF ENTRY U.S. POSSIBLY APPROXIMATE THOSE LISTED FOR ABOVE NAMED.

2. NO DESK OR RID TRACES. LNYUMA INFO NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT WILL ADVISE.

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MAHMUUD NAAFI', LIBYAN LAWYER WHO WITH GREAT FANFARE PUBLICLY OFFERED DEFEND SIRHAN, CALLED AT EMBASSY TO STATE HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO US (DEPARTING TRIPOLI JUNE 26) IS PRIVATE TOURIST VISIT WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SIRHAN CASE, AND THAT HE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE GOING TO CALIFORNIA. MINISTER STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO RELAY SAME MESSAGE. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NAAFI' CITED FAILURE SIRHAN TO RESPOND TO HIS OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AS EXPLANATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES LAWYER'S DECISION IS RESULT EMBASSY'S LOW-KEY APPROACH ON SUBJECT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY LAST WEEK.
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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

1. REQUEST PRIORITY LNPURE AND STATION OR BASE TRACES ON

GAYMOARD MISTRI

RESIDENCE: 825 E. DEL MAR, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

BORN: CIRCA 1946

ENTERED U.S. FROM INDIA ABOUT 1963.

2. NO DESK OR RID TRACES. LNYUMA INFO NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT WILL ADVISE.

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James P. Burke
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C/OPS MR DIBBLE (SUBSTANCE)

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TO BEIRUT INFO LAGOS

SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

REF: LAGOS -0036 (IN 20644)*

1. CAN BEIRUT CONFIRM THAT BROTHER OF ACCUSED KENNEDY ASSASSIN WORKED FOR ESSO STANDARD BEIRUT UNTIL 1960? NOTE THAT SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, OLDER BROTHER OF THE ACCUSED, WAS LAST OF THE FAMILY TO ARRIVE IN U.S., JUNE 1960. IF IDENTITY CONFIRMED, PLS REPORT AVAILABLE DETAILS INCLUDING HIS POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND ACTIVITY.

2. DEFER TO STATION AS TO USE OF STATION, LIAISON OR OTHER ASSETS.

END OF MESSAGE

Desk Comment: *KNOWLTON/1 states Sirhan's brother worked for ESSO Standard Beirut.

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TO HDQS ATTN: MR. WHITE OR MR. KLIPA

FROM SAC LAFO

SUBJ SIRHAN\ SIRHAN BISHARA 542 200 I SD/1

ON 24 JUNE 1968\ AT 3:00 P. M.\ CAPTAIN HUGH BROWN\ LAPD\ TELE ADVISED OF A MEETING ATTENDED BY THE SUBJ FIVE HRS BEFORE THE SHOOTING OF SEN KENNEDY. AT THE MEETING WERE FIVE OTHER INDIVIDUALS\ ALL OF FOREIGN BACKGROUNDS\ AND IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1½3¼ MISTRI\ GAYMOARD

RESIDENCE: 825 E. DEL MAR\ PASADENA\ CALIF

AGE: APPROX EARLY 20,S

ENTERED THE U. S. FROM INDIA ABOUT 1963

1½2¾ BADRAN\ MAROF MOHAMMAD

RESIDENCE: 5733 BENNER STREET\ HIGHLAND PARK\ LOS ANGELES\ CALIF

BORN: [redacted]\ SILWAN\ (SUBURB OF JERUSALEM)\ JORDAN

ENTERED U. S. 25 AUG 1965 ON NON-IMMIGRANT VISA

PASSPORT NO. 355 444

3 BADRAN\ GHALEB MOHAMMAD

AGE@ IN HIS LATE 20,S

ADDRESS@ 5733 BENNER STREET\ HIGHLAND PARK\ LOS ANGELES\ CALIF

ENTERED U. S. 31 JAN 1961½ JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 257 504

THIS INDIV IS A BROTHER OF MAROF BABRAN

1/2 4 3/4 MALKI\ ABDO JABRA

RESIDENCE@ 356 SOUTH WALDO\ PASADENA\ CALIF

ENTERED U. S. WWWXXX 22 JULY 67\ JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 46 469 107

APPARENTLY COMES FROM SAME GENERAL AREA OF JORDAN

1/2 5 3/4 SAIGH\ ANOUR

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE BUT BELIEVED TO COME FROM JORDAN.

LAPD REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE OR MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ON THESE FIVE INDIVIDUALS. LAPD WILL CHECK DIRECTLY WITH IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

CORR KRRECT XXX CORRECT PASSPORT NO ON SUBJ 4 IS 469 107

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PESHOAL/SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

REF: BEIRUT 2949

CAN PESHOAL/1, AMMAN OR JERUSALEM CLARIFY PARA 3 REF? WHICH MEMBERS OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN'S FAMILY ARE SUPPORTERS OF GHURI AND HAJJ AMIN HUSAYNI? WHAT IS NATURE AND EXTENT THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITY? WHEN, WHERE AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WAS ACCUSED KENNEDY ASSASSIN KNOWN TO GHURI, AND ON WHAT BASIS DOES HE CONCLUDE SIRHAN IS OR WAS COMMUNIST?

END OF MESSAGE

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: LONDON 10004 AND PREVIOUS.

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JON KIMCHE TELEPHONED POL COUNSELOR JUNE 21 OFFERING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLEGED TRAVELS SIRHAN. LATER LEFT LETTER AT EMBASSY PERTINENT PARAS OF WHICH QUOTED BELOW.

KIMCHE'S LETTER STATED THAT HE HAS NOT PUBLISHED THESE DETAILS OF TRAVELS BECAUSE HE FEARED PUBLICATION MIGHT JEOPARDIZE SOURCE. ALSO SAID THAT IF GOVTS CONCERNED DENY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE "FACTS", THEY ARE NOT TELLING TRUTH.

QTE: IN 1964, BEFORE GOING TO DAMASCUS IN JUNE, HE STAYED WITH A CHRISTIAN ARAB FAMILY IN AL HAMRA, IN BEIRUT. THE NAME GIVEN IS (TRANSCRIBED FROM THE ARABIC) ALQUAS AL MOUISHI. AFTER HE RETURNED FROM DAMASCUS IN SEPTEMBER HE SPENT TWO WEEKS IN BEIRUT WITH FAHIM EL AMUNI. IN DAMASCUS, BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1964, HE LIVED IN GHOURA WITH A FAMILY CALLED HALIM EL HALIBI, BEFORE HE WENT TO THE QATANEH CAMP OUTSIDE DAMASCUS. WITH HIM AT THE CAMP WERE TEN OTHER PALESTINIANS, FIVE IRAQIS, THREE LEBANESE AND TWO OTHERS. THE TWO OFFICERS IN CHARE OF THE CAMP WERE LR. COL AZIZ AL MAROUF (NATIONALITY NOT STATED) AND MAJOR AHMED BELKASSEM OR BELKACIM (AN ALGERIAN). IN CAIRO, IN APRIL 1966 HE STAYED FOR A WEEK AT A SEEDY HOTEL CALLED EL GEZIRA, THEN HE MOVED IN WITH A LEBANESE CHRISTIAN FAMILY KNOWN AS THE KARAM FAMILY. FROM THERE HE WENT TO MA'ADI CENTRE

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BEFORE GOING ON TO GAZA WHERE HE IS STATED TO HAVE SPENT TWO MONTHS. UNQTE. BRUCE

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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 5439

SUBJ: SIRHAN CASE

REF: STATE 187381, AMMAN 5400

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1. ASSUMPTION STATE REFTEL CORRECT THAT, AS INDICATED PARA 3 AMMAN 5400, EMBASSY HAS NOT APPROACHED GOJ ON SUBJECT SIRHAN DEFENSE.

2. AHMAD KHALIL, ONE OF FOUR LAWYERS, HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED TO AMBASSADOR THAT TALHOUNI PUT ANY PRESSURE ON LAWYERS OR THAT HE TOLD THEM USG HAD PUT ANY PRESSURE ON GOJ IN THIS MATTER.

3. IF ASKED, EMBASSY WILL DENY ANU USG APPROACH OR DISCUSSION WITH GOJ ON MATTER DEFENSE SIRHAN.

4. AMMAN DAILY, AD-DIFA' A, JUNE 20 CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH AHMAD KHALIL, IN WHICH KHALIL SAID, VGFWERNING THE MEETING WITH PRIMIN TALHOUNI QUOTE DELEGATION TOLD PRIMIN OF CONTACTS IS HAS MADE WITH LAWYERS IN NEIGHBORING ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING HENRI KATAN (AMMAN 5402), AND THAT IN THEIR OPINION IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR DELEGATION NOT TO GO TO U.S. BUT TO ENIRUST MR. KATAN WITH TASK DUE TO HIS EXPERIENCE IN AMERICAN LAWS AS RESULT HIS HAVING REPRESENTEDPALESTINE AT UN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. END QUOTE. ARTICLE ADDED THAT KATAN HAD CONSENTED TO MISSION AND WOULD TRAVEL TO U.S. AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, CALL ON SIRHAN, AND THEREAFTER MAKE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF PAN-ARAB

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LAWYERS FEDERATION AS
A QUAILIFED AMERICAN LAWYER SINCE
AMERICAN LAW DOES NOT PERMIT NON-AMERICAN LAWYERS TO
DEFEND A PERSON ON TRIAL IN AMERICA. DUE TO GREAT EXPENSE
INVOLVED, KHALIL REPORTEDLY SAID, MR. KATAN HAS ASKED
PAN-ARAB LAYWERS FEDERATION TO PAY FEE OF AMERICAN LAWYER
SELECTED. AD-DIFA' S SAID IT HAS LEARNED THAT FEDERATION HAD
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Remarks:

Attached is a copy of Security's message of 20 June to the LAPD, per our discussion last week. Also, an acknowledgement from our LA Field Office. Security has deleted their crypts.

Does the message look OK to you? Do you think we should pass any explicit caveats to the LAPD re their use of this and any future info we provide them, or was this done at the outset of [redacted] the arrangement between them and the Office of Security?

Peter

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Los Angeles Field Office
21 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters

SUBJECT : SIRHAN, Sirhan Bishara
#542 200 ISD/1

REFERENCE : Headquarters TWX (Msg 499) dated 20 June 1968

1. Upon receipt of the referenced teletype in this office at 2:00 PM on 20 June 1968, Captain Hugh BROWN was telephonically contacted and arrangements were made to meet with him at 3:00 PM at his office.

2. At the meeting Captain BROWN thoroughly reviewed the contents of the teletype message and then stated that this was the first solid information that they have received pertaining to the SUBJECT's foreign background and relatives. He was very appreciative for having received this information so quickly and he stated that it appeared to be so complete that at the moment he could not think of any further request to make of the Agency.

3. It was agreed that should any other names or situations come to his attention which might require investigation or clarification by this Agency, Captain BROWN will request such information from us.

William P. Curtin

William P. Curtin
Special Agent in Charge

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20 JUN 68

WS 499

TO SAC LAFO

FROM HDQS

SUBJ SIRHAN, SIRHAN BISHARA 542 200 I SD/1

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED TO THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

1. CIA [redacted] REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION ~~FOR~~ ON THE SIRHAN CASE TO DATE HAS BEEN LIMITED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS/

A. THE ACCUSED CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1957 AT THE AGE OF 13 AND AS FAR AS [redacted] HAS LEARNED HE HAS NOT TRAVELLED ABROAD SINCE THEN.

B. [redacted] HAS NOT TO DATE LEARNED OF ANY TIES BETWEEN THE ACCUSED AND ANY POLITICAL OR SUBVERSIVE GROUPS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

2. THE PRIMARY INVESTIGATION FO THE ASSASSINATION WAS INITIATED IN LOS ANGELES AND HAS PRESUMABLY BEEN DEVOTED TO DETERMINING SIRHAN'S ACTIVITIES IN THAT AREA OR ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. [redacted] REQUESTS ANY LEADS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR FURTHER OVERSEAS INVESTIGATION OR REQUIRE A CHECK OF OUR FILES. THE LEADS RECEIVED TO DATE BY [redacted] HAVE BEEN FAIRLY COMPLETELY INVESTIGATED.

3. [redacted] REPORTING ON THIS CASE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO THE COVERAGE OF FAMILY CONNECTIONS IN THE JERUSALEM AREA. THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN, OR IS BEING, PROVIDED WITH WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE, MUCH OF WHICH, OF COURSE, DUPLICATES NEWSPAPER REPORTING.

4. [redacted] HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES IN AMMAN, JORDAN/

A. THE FULL FAMILY NAME IS GHATTIS-SIRHAN. THE FAMILY IS ORIGINALLY FROM THE VILLAGE OF TAYBEH NEAR RAMALLAH, JERUSALEM DISTRICT. ALL THE FAMILY ARE GREEK ORTHODOX AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH SEVERAL SIRHAN FAMILIES IN JORDAN AND SYRIA WHO ARE MUSLIM. THE SIRHAN FAMILY WAS ALWAYS POOR, AND LONG DEPENDENT ON CHURCH CHARITY TO SURVIVE. NONE OF THE FAMILY HAS A KNOWN SUBVERSIVE OR CRIMINAL RECORD.

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B. THE FILES CONTAINING RECORDS CONCERNING MARY BISHARA SIRHAN, PASSPORT 1420026, WERE LEFT IN JERUSALEM DURING THE JUNE 1967 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR AND ARE PRESUMED INTACT AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF ISRAELI OFFICIALS IN JERUSALEM.

5. JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIVES OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN/

A. SIRHAN'S FATHER, BISHARA GHATTIS SIRHAN, WENT TO THE US SEVERAL TIMES AND EITHER HE OR FAMILY MEMBERS ACCUMULATED ENOUGH MONEY TO ENABLE BISHARA TO RETURN TO TAYBEH IN 1960 AND BUILD A HOME FOR 13,000 JORDAN DINARS /SIC./ THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO $36,400.00/. BISHARA THEN RETURNED TO THE US FOR A TIME, BUT CAME BACK TO TAYBEH IN 1962 AND HAS LIVED THERE SINCE AS A LANDLORD AND FARMER.

B. SIRHAN SIRHAN'S PATERNAL UNCLES ARE/ HABIB SIRHAN, A FARMER IN TAYBEH, HANNA GHATTIS SIRHAN, BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN THE US MANY YEARS AGO.

C. SIRHAN'S MATERNAL UNCLES ARE/ SHUKRI MUZHIR, AGE ABOUT 55, HAS LONG BEEN IN AN AMMAN HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM A CHEST AILMENT, AND THEODORE MUZHIR, AGE ABOUT 53, LIVES IN AMMAN AND WORKS FOR THE BRITISH EMBASSY AS A DRIVER.

D. SIRHAN'S MATERNAL AUNTS ARE/ VICTORIA /NEE MUZHIR/ WHO IS MARRIED TO AMMAN GROCER, SALIM NASIR, AND ELEN MUZHIR WHO IS MARRIED TO HANNA HADDAWAR, A CARPENTER. THEY LIVE IN THE CHRISTIAN QUARTERS, OLD CITY JERUSALEM. ALSO JULIA MUZHIR, A WIDOW LIVING IN BEIT JALA, WHO WAS MARRIED TO A /FNU/ DANDEL AND NAIFA MUZHIR, DIED TWO YEARS AGO, WHO WAS MARRIED TO IBRAHIM AWAD AND LIVED IN BEIT SAFAFA. IBRAHIM, WHO IS RETIRED, WAS A DRIVER.

E. A SON AND A NEPHEW OF VICTORIA MUZHIR VOLUNTEERED THE ABOVE INFO, WHICH WE RECEIVED FROM THE JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES, AND SAID THAT IN TALKING WITH FAMILY MEMBERS THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY CLUE AS TO WHY SIRHAN TURNED ASSASSIN. THEY NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SIRHAN LEFT JORDAN AS A YOUTH AND THE FAMILY REMAINING IN JORDAN HAS LARGELY LOST TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO EMIGRATED TO THE USA.

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6. OFFICIAL SOURCES IN AMMAN STATE THAT THERE ARE NO KNOWN CONNECTIONS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH POLITICAL GROUPS OR FEDAYYIN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. [redacted] HAS NO TRACES ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RELATIVES.

7. ON 17 JUNE 1968, WE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI ISSUED A VISA TO LIBYAN LAWYER ABDUSSALAM NAFA ON 15 JUNE 1968.

A. THE LIBYAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS REPORTED ON 16 JUNE THAT NAFA HAD OFFERED TO DEFEND SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. ACCORDING TO THESE ACCOUNTS NAFA CABLED SIRHAN OFFERING HIS SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE.

B. NAFA'S VISA APPLICATION INDICATES BIRTH IN TRIPOLI ON [redacted] HE CARRIES LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. 33309 ISSUED AT BAGHDAD WITH VALIDITY FROM 8 JUNE 1965 TO 1971. HIS OFFICE ADDRESS IS 56 SHARI 24 DECEMBER, TRIPOLI.

C. OUR TRIPOLI FILES REVEAL THAT NAFA DEFENDED ONE NASR-AL-DIN BAQQAR IN ARAB NATIONALIST MOVEMENT TRIALS IN TRIPOLI EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF NAFA IN OUR CENTRAL FILES.

8. WITH REGARD TO NEWS STORIES CONCERNING JORDANIAN ATTORNEYS COMING TO THE U.S./ THOSE CITED IN NEWS STORIES OF 17 AND 18 JUNE HAVE NOW INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO ATTEND THE TRIAL. THE LIBYAN ATTORNEY MENTIONED ABOVE WAS ALSO INDICATED HE WILL NOT ATTEND. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO AN ITEM IN TODAY'S PRESS /20 JUNE 1968/, THE NEWLY APPOINTED DEFENSE ATTORNEY HAS STATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME ANY ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD. WE WILL ADVISE THE LAPD PROMPTLY OF THE IDENTITIES AND BACKGROUND OF ANY LAWYERS FROM ABROAD WHO MAY AS A RESULT DECIDE TO ATTEND THE TRAIL. IN THE MEANTIME, [redacted] TRACES HAVE BEEN DEFERRED ON THOSE LAWYERS MENTIONED IN THE PRESS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE HAVE FIRM INDICATIONS OF WHO, IF ANYONE, WILL ACTUALLY BE COMING.

20 June 1968

1. Agency reporting and investigation of the SIRHAN case to date has been somewhat limited for the following reasons:

a. The accused came to the U. S. in 1957 at the age of 13 and so far as we have learned he has not travelled abroad since then.

b. We have not to date learned of any ties between the accused and any political or subversive groups outside the country.

2. The primary and initial investigation of the assassination was, of course initiated in Los Angeles and has presumably been devoted to checking out SIRHAN's activities in that area, or elsewhere within the U. S. The Agency would welcome any leads which would provide a basis for further overseas investigation, or require a check of our files. The leads received to date by this agency have been (fairly) completely investigated.

3. Agency reporting on the case has been confined to coverage of family connections in the Jerusalem area. The LAPD has been, or is being, provided with what we have received to date, much of which, of course, duplicates newspaper reporting.

OK'd for LAPD
20 June 68
R. Dibble

We have

~~On 6 June 1968, the Agency~~ received the following information concerning Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN from official sources in Amman, Jordan:

The full family name is GHATTIS-SIRHAN. The family ~~is originally~~ is originally from the ~~xxiiix~~ village of Taybeh near Ramallah, Jerusalem District. All the family are Greek Orthodox and should not be confused with several SIRHAN families in Jordan and Syria who are Muslim. The SIRHAN family was always poor, and long depended on church ~~xhxix~~ charity to survive. None of the family members has a known subversive or criminal record.

The files containing records concerning Mary Bishara SIRHAN, passport 142026, were left in Jerusalem during the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war and are presumed intact and under the control of Israeli officials in Jerusalem.

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~~On 1 June 1968~~, Jordanian authorities ~~passed~~ the following information ~~to our representative~~ concerning relatives of Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN:

Sirhan's father, Bishara Ghattis SIRHAN, went to the US several times and either he or family members accumulated enough money to enable Bishara to return to Taybeh in 1960 and build a home for 13,000 Jordan Dinars (sic.: this is equivalent to $36,400.00). Bishara then returned to the US for a time, but came back to Taybeh in 1962 and has lived there since as a landlord and farmer.

Sirhan SIRHAN's paternal uncles are: Habib SIRHAN, a farmer in Taybeh; Hanna Ghattis SIRHAN, believed to have died in the US many years ago.

Sirhan's maternal uncles are: Shukri MUZHIR, age about 55, has long been in an Amman hospital suffering from a chest ailment. Theodore MUZHIR, age about 53, lives in Amman and works for the British Embassy as a driver.

Sirhan's maternal aunts are: Victoria (nee MUZHIR) is married to Amman grocer Salim NASIR. Elen MUZHIR is married to Hanna HADDAWAR, a carpenter. They live in the Christian Quarters, Old City Jerusalem. Julia MUZHIR, a widow living in Beit Jala, was married to a (fnu) DAHDEL. Naifa MUZHIR, who died two years ago, was married to Ibrahim AWAD and lived in Beit SAFAFA. Ibrahim, who is retired, was a driver.

A son and a nephew of Victoria MUZHIR volunteered the above info, which we received from the Jordanian authorities, and said that in talking with family members they had been unable to find any clue as to why Sirhan turned assassin. They note, however, that Sirhan left Jordan as a youth and the family remaining in Jordan has largely lost touch with those who emigrated to the USA.

Official sources in Amman state that there are no known connections of immediate family members with political groups or fedayyin terrorist organizations.

OK. for pouch to LA/C/O.

We have no traces on the above-mentioned relatives.

We received a report that the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli issued a

On 17 June 1968, ~~our representative in Tripoli reported that a visa had been issued~~ to Libyan lawyer Abdussalam NAFA on 15 June 1968.

The Libyan English language ~~xxxx~~ press reported on 16 June that NAFA had offered to defend Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN. According to these accounts NAFA cabled Sirhan offering his services free of charge.

NAFA's visa application indicates birth in Tripoli on [redacted]. He carries Libyan passport No. 33309 issued at Baghdad with validity from 8 June 1965 to 1971. His office address is 56 Shari 24 December, Tripoli.

Our Tripoli files reveal that NAFA defended one NASR-AL-DIN BAQQAR in Arab Nationalist Movement trials in Tripoli earlier this year. We have no record of NAFA in our central files.

With regard to news stories concerning Jordanian attorneys coming to the U. S.: Those cited in news stories of 17 and 18 June have now indicated that they do not intend to attend the trial. The Libyan attorney mentioned above has also indicated he will not attend. However, according to today's press (20 June 1968) item, the newly appointed defense attorney has stated that he would welcome any assistance from abroad. We will advise the LAPD promptly of the identities and background of any lawyers from abroad who may as a result decide to attend the trial. In the meantime, Agency traces have been deferred on those lawyers mentioned in the press until such time as firm indications of who will actually be coming, ~~if any, are received.~~

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 187381

SUBJECT: SIRHAN CASE

REF: STATE 18591, AMMAN 5400Ø

DELIVER TO ACTION OFFICER OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 21.

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED LATE EDITION NEW YORK TIMES JUNE 20:

"JORDAN LAWYERS WON'T HELP - SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, AMMAN, JUNE 19. FOUR JORDANIAN LAWYERS DECIDED TO DAY UNDER GOVERNMENT PRESSURE TO CANCEL PLANS TO FLY TO LOS ANGELES TO HELP THE DEFENSE OF SIRHAN.

"THEIR DECISION CAME SHORTLY AFTER THEY MET PREMIER BAHJAT AL-TALHOUNI HER FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR. THE PREMIER IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD THEM THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD TOLD JORDAN THAT THEIR PRESENCE AT THE TRIAL WOULD HARM UNITED STATES-JORDANIAN RELATIONS."

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2. WE ASSUME FROM AMMAN 5400 THAT EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT APPROACHED GOJ ON SUBJECT. REQUEST YOUR FURTHER COMMENTS SOONEST.

3. DEPT HAS RECEIVED ONE INQUIRY ON NYT ARTICLE AND HAS DESCRIBED ITS SUBSTANCE AS ERRONEOUS. GP-3. RUSK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 5402

SUBJ: SIRHAN CASE

REF: AMMAN 5400 AND STATE 186741

CONFIRMING STATE 186741, PRESS AND LOCAL SOURCES REPORT JORDANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT SEND LAWYERS TO U.S. AND THAT DECISION TAKEN AT URGINGS OF PRIMIN TALHOUNI. HENRI KATAN, AN ABLE LAWYER AND STRONG NATIONALIST, NORMALLY RESIDING IN BEIRUT, MAY, HOWEVER, AT OWN EXPENSE ATTEND TRIAL AS SIMPLE OBSERVER, NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE BAR ASSOCIATION.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
June 20, 1968

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John M. Laurence
Also Known As
John M. Lawrence
Registration Act-Middle East

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On May 23, 1968, Geraldine McNamara, clerk, Danbury, Connecticut, Circuit Court, advised that the trial of John M. Laurence on local charges in Danbury is not scheduled to be held until the next session of the Circuit Court. She stated that his trial is not likely to be held prior to the Fall of 1968, and that no date has been set for his trial.

On June 18, 1968, Omar Z. Ghobashy, Attorney-at-Law, 15 Park Row, New York, New York, advised that the subject has been in contact with him and advised him that the subject is organizing the "Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan."

Sirhan
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Ghobashy stated that Sirhan is the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He further advised that the subject has been in touch with the Public Defender's Office of Los Angeles, California, and has written on several occasions to Sirhan. Ghobashy further stated that the subject advised him that the Committee is made up of people of Arabic origin now living in or citizens of the United States. He stated that he advised the subject that any use of his, Ghobashy's, name is completely unauthorized by him. He stated that it is the subject's plan to bring to the public a pro-Arab point of view concerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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John M. Laurence ~~SECRET~~ NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

On June 11, 1968, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject advised the Jordan Mission to the United Nations (UN), New York, New York, that a committee is being set up consisting of lawyers and psychiatrists to prevent a "smear-up" of Sirhan. He also advised that, in the light of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, he wants the Arab-American people to be as proud as ever of their origin.

On June 13, 1968, NY T-1 also advised that the subject advised the Jordan Mission to the UN that his Committee had seen to it that its letters and telegrams were received by Sirhan. The subject wanted the Jordanian Government to have a talk with Sirhan inasmuch as there may be attempts to use the assassination case against the interests of the Arab states.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 186741

SUBJECT: SIRHAN CASE

REFERENCE: STATE 185891 AND AMMAN 5400

1. DEPT HAS NOTED JUNE 19 FBIS REPORT ATTRIBUTED AMMAN RADIO THAT PRIME MINISTER TALHOUNI MET JUNE 19 WITH LAWYERS ATALLAH, KHALIL, BARADII AND HAWWA TO DISCUSS THEIR INTENTION TO COME TO U.S. TO ASSIST SIRHAN. ACCORDING TO FBIS REPORT, RESULT OF MEETING WAS CANCELLATION OF LAWYERS' PROPOSED TRIP AND ENTRUSTING OF POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION TO ARAB LAWYERS' FEDERATION WHOSE SECGEN MAY TRAVEL TO U.S. ON MATTER.

2. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR SHARAF CALLED ONDEPT OFFICER JUNE 19 TO REVIEW VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SIRHAN CASE INCLUDING PROPOSED TRAVEL OF JORDANIAN LAWYERS TO U.S. SHARAF (PROTECT SOURCE) CONFIDED THAT HE AHD STRONGLY ADVISED GOJ TO DISSUADE LAWYERS FROM COMING HERE. SHARAF SHARES OUR CONCERN THAT ARAB LAWYERS INITIATIVE ON BEHALF OF SIRHAN COULD INJECT

UNFAVORABLE POLITICAL ASPECT INTO CASE. TALHOUNI'S ACTION NOTED ABOVE MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY SHARAF'S RECOMMENDATION.

3. DEPT ALSO INFORMED THAT LEBANESE (BEIRUT'S 10225) AND LIBYAN LAWYERS HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN SIRHAN'S DEFENSE. WE VIEW THESE GESTURES AS MOST PROBABLY PUBLICITY STUNTS.

4. COMMENT: TALHOUNI'S APPARENT INTERVENTION IN MATTER APPEARS FOR THE TIME BEING TO HAVE PARTIALLY CIRCUMSCRIBED EFFORTS OF JORDANIAN LAWYERS TO INJECT THEMSELVES INTO SIRHAN CASE.

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TO AMMAN

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1. 18 JUNE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS UNDER AMMAN DATELINE JORDANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION PLAN TO SEND FOUR MAN TEAM TO U.S. "TO ASSIST" SIRHAN DEFENSE. LAWYERS NAMED ARE: FUAD ATALLAH, AHMAD AL KHALID, MUHAMMAD BARADAH, HASAN HAWWA.

2. REQUEST STATION COMMENT, APPROPRIATE TRACES.

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Los Angeles Field Office
18 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters

SUBJECT : Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to bring up to date our liaison with the Los Angeles Police Department in this case since the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

2. When the announcement of the Subject's identity and foreign background was made public on 5 June 1968, upon instructions from Headquarters, I contacted Inspector Harold YARNELL, in the absence of Chief Tom REDDIN. Inspector YARNELL was informed of our desire to aid the Los Angeles Police Department in any way that we could in the conduct of their investigation of the Subject. He expressed his appreciation and stated that they would gladly accept any information we wished to pass along to them. However he advised that their case against the Subject appeared to be air tight and that he did not at that time foresee that they would be calling upon us for any assistance.

3. On Thursday, 6 June 1968, the information from two teletypes concerning the Subject which had been received from Headquarters, was given to Inspector YARNELL. The first teletype (message 91) contained background information regarding the Subject and his family. The second teletype (message 113) pertained to a possible contact of the Subject's by the name of Walid Muhammed Ahmad SIRHAN.

4. On 7 or 8 June 1968, Judge Arthur ALARCON, Los Angeles Municipal Court, issued a restraining order directed to law enforcement officials and city officials, including Mayor YORTY. This order prohibited the public disclosure of any further information regarding the SIRHAN case.

Since that time, the Los Angeles Police Department officials have been able to proceed with their investigation without harassment from the news media.

5. On about 11 June 1968, a special squad was established by Police Chief REDDIN to investigate all facets of the SIRHAN case. This squad, which is composed entirely of LAPD officials, is comprised of experts in each field of law enforcement. The squad contains 23 men and they conduct their activities in an isolated area of the Police Department building under the supervision of Captain Hugh BROWN, Chief of Homicide, LAPD. The only "outsiders" who have been allowed access to this area are two individuals from the District Attorney's Office, and one FBI Agent, who is performing a liaison function.

6. As a result of a telephone call from Inspector YARNELL on 17 June to the writer requesting the Agency's assistance, a meeting was set up for the morning of 18 June. At that meeting were Inspector YARNELL, Captain BROWN and the writer. Inspector YARNELL advised that he wished to reiterate that they feel they have an air tight case against the Subject since they have several witnesses who saw the shooting. However they are conducting a complete investigation to uncover any information indicating a possible conspiracy. In this regard they are attempting to determine all available information regarding the Subject's background and his friends and associates. In this regard they have requested any information we may have or may be able to develop on the Subject, his family or his associates.

7. Inspector YARNELL was assured of the desire of this Agency to cooperate to the fullest extent and to provide them with any information available to us. However it was pointed out that the Agency's participation in this case must be kept strictly confidential and that no information provided by the Agency could be attributed as having come from the Agency.

8. Inspector YARNELL expressed his complete understanding of this requirement and stated that it would present no problems to the LAPD. If information supplied by us proved to be pertinent to their investigation to the point where it might become a matter of official record, they would then develop that information through other sources so that the Agency would not be involved in any way. It was agreed that liaison would be conducted directly between Captain BROWN and the writer and that the identity of the writer or of the source of the information would not go beyond that point.

9. After this meeting was concluded, the writer was introduced to Deputy Chief Robert HOUGHTON at Chief HOUGHTON's request. Our desire to cooperate was expressed to him as well as the necessity for our participation to be maintained on a sub-rosa basis. Chief HOUGHTON was in complete accord and expressed his appreciation to the Agency for our cooperation.

10. This memorandum will confirm the telephonic briefing of the results of today's meeting to Headquarters along with Captain BROWN's request for any and all background information we may have on the Subject. In order that a complete record may be maintained of our efforts in this case, a memorandum will be forwarded to Headquarters on each meeting and request made by the Los Angeles Police Department.

William P. Curtin
Special Agent in Charge

(1) MEMO (2 pages) 27 June 1968
Re info. for release to L.A.P.D.
re 5 individuals who met w/ Sirhan evening of 4 June 68

(2) MEMO (1 page) 28 June 68
release to LAPD

(3) (CSCI)
MEMO to Dir. FBI from DD/P
subj.: Sirhan Investigation
(16 July 68)

(4) (CSCI)
MEMO To Dir, FBI, from DD/P
subj: "Report on Rumor about RFK being shot" (7 Aug. 68)

(5) MEMO (4 Sept. 68) To LA FO subj: SIRHAN
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(6) MEMO (CSCI) to Dir. FBI from DD/P.
Subj: assassination of Sen. RFK

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18 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Los Angeles Police Department
(Assassination Inquiry)

1. At 1700 hours, on 17 June 1968, SAC Los Angeles Field Office advised telephonically that he had received the first overture from the Los Angeles Police Department for possible assistance in the thorough investigation of all possible leads in connection with the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Mr. Curtin said that Chief Redin had commissioned some twenty-three specialists in various fields of police work within his department to go over and evaluate every possible clue and bit of evidence pertaining to the assassination. Mr. Curtin was requested to meet with this group at 10:00 a.m. on 18 June 1968 so that he might be able to supply whatever information the Agency has already developed or could be relied upon to develop upon request of the LAPD special investigative group.

2. This matter was brought to the attention of the Director of Security at his staff conference on 18 June 1968. He was immediately apprehensive about any representative of the Agency being overtly associated with a public investigating group or team. He said that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Bannerman and recommend that it also be called to the attention of Mr. Helms.

3. After having consulted with Mr. Bannerman, Mr. Osborn called the undersigned and said that Mr. Curtin was to be advised not to attend any sort of a meeting where he would be overtly identified as an Agency representative. He said that Chief Redin was to be informed that we would continue to give whatever support and cooperation he might need, but that our help would be conditioned on the proposition that it be strictly held and controlled within the Police Department.

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4. Mr. Curtin was contacted telephonically at approximately 11:30 a.m. local or 8:30 a.m. Los Angeles time on 18 June 1968 and briefed as stated above. Mr. Curtin assured the writer that the select group is strictly an in-house LAPD activity responsible entirely to Chief Redin. This information was passed on to Mr. Osborn who said that if Chief Redin would guarantee to keep Mr. Curtin's association or contact with this investigating committee completely covert with absolutely no possibility of any future disclosures then it would be permissible for Mr. Curtin to cooperate with the group. This instruction was passed on to Mr. Curtin. He was further cautioned against any information, which may be supplied to the LAPD, ever being attributed to the Agency as the source.

Edmund X. Klipa

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Assistant Deputy Director of Security (IOS)

To Captain [illegible]
Mr. Curtin has since reported upon his meeting with the Task Force. He is submitting a detailed written report.

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FROM : Amconsul MONTREAL

DATE: June 18, 1968

SUBJECT : Sirhan Sirhan Linked To Montreal Visitor

REF : 7 FAM 490

An officer of the Consulate General received an anonymous telephone call from a French-Canadian sounding individual speaking English at 5:00 p.m. June 10. The caller said, in effect that:

> He had overheard his girlfriend (A) talking to her girlfriend (B) who had dated, during the summer of 1967, a man named ZINE ED-ABDINE MOHAMED. (B) claims, the caller said, that Zine Ed-Abdine Mohamed looked exactly like Sirhan B. Sirhan. (B) and Mohamed used to go dancing together. Mohamed frequented the district of Rachel in the city of Laval--a part of greater Montreal.

The caller gave no more information except to add that he would call back in two weeks.

The above has not been reported to local authorities.

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CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ,
Also Known As
Alejandro Zaldovosqui Zamora

On June 17, 1968, Jose Refugio Rubalcava, Assistant Commander, Chihuahua State Judicial Police, Juarez, Mexico, advised that Crispin Curiel Gonzalez had been taken into custody on receipt of information that Curiel had possibly participated in the plot to assassinate Robert F. Kennedy at Los Angeles, California.

Curiel had in his possession, a letter written in English, which alleged that he had planned the assassination of Kennedy while under the influence of a drug which would destroy his memory. Curiel indicated he was an American citizen.

Newspaper reporters at Juarez interviewed Curiel in detail, at which time he admitted having written the letter, but without giving his motive. He then indicated that he had always wanted to do something big, and he spoke out vigorously, denouncing the Kennedy family as trying to establish a dictatorship in the United States. At this time, he stated that he would murder Edward Kennedy at such time as Edward Kennedy became a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

Curiel admitted the use of marijuana and LSD and stated the had left a juvenile detention home in Los Angeles, California.

On June 17, 1968, Curiel was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI, at which time he stated that he

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considered the letter and his earlier interview with Juarez newspaper reporters as a big joke, explaining that newspaper reporters want news and this is what he gave them. He denied all specific knowledge of the Kennedy assassination, and stated that he had only seen Sirhan Sirhan on one occasion in the Main Public Library in Los Angeles, California. He described Sirhan as a "crazy Arab".

When questioned regarding his threat to kill Edward Kennedy, he emphatically denied this, and restated that he was only trying to be a "big shot with the press".

Of a background nature, Curiel stated he had been residing at the Manhattan Project, a juvenile home run by the Salvation Army, 602 South Van Ness, Los Angeles, and he identified his Probation Officer, specific nature of charges not determined, as Robert Wineandy, Vermont Avenue, Metropolitan Division, Los Angeles.

He stated that about three weeks ago he ran away from the detention home, and had been arrested by local police at Healdsburg, California while hitchhiking. He identified himself to the police as Alejandro Zaldovosqui Zamora, a Mexican citizen, born in Colima, Colima, Mexico. He was turned over to Border Patrol authorities and sent to Santa Rosa, California, and was subsequently flown to El Paso from where he was to be deported. At El Paso, he identified himself properly as an American citizen, and he was released from custody.

On June 18, 1968, Warren B. O'Neal, Chief, Investigations Division, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, El Paso, advised that Curiel, as Alejandro Zaldovosqui Zamora, had been arrested in Healdsburg, California by Sergeant Bartoli of the Healdsburg, California Police Department, on May 31, 1968, when he noticed subject was being held forcibly inside a telephone booth.

Healdsburg Police Department records indicate that Zaldovosqui was being detained by Mischa Hain Karloff, 141 Cardiff, Los Angeles, California, telephone 271-4803, date of birth [redacted], and by Byron

CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ

Samuel Gamberg, 3748 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone 836-5572, date of birth [redacted].

After subject made his claim to be of Mexican citizenship, he was turned over to Border Patrol officials and lodged in the Juvenile Detention Home, Santa Rosa, California, for one day, and was then transferred to Livermore, California, where he stayed three days prior to being airlifted to El Paso.

In El Paso, Zaldovosqui identified himself as Crispin Curiel Gonzalez, an American citizen, born [redacted], at Ephrata, Washington, of Crispin Curiel Zamora and Maria Cruz Gonzalez.

O'Neal caused a check of birth records at Olympia, Washington, and verified the information as furnished.

Based on this, Curiel was released from Immigration custody at El Paso on June 6, 1968.

On June 18, 1968, "El Fronterizo", a Spanish language daily published at Juarez, Mexico, carried an extensive front page article including a photograph of Curiel, and captioned "Dangerous Yankee who says he is a conspirator in the Robert F. Kennedy crime advises the next one will be Edward Kennedy." This article sets out in detail, the information furnished by Assistant Commander Rubalcava, and the results of interview with Crispin by newspaper reporters.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name		Crispin Curiel Gonzalez
Alias	AKA	Alejandro Zaldovosqui Zamora
Race		White
Sex		Male
Nationality		American

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CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ

DOB [redacted]
POB, USA, Washington, Ephrata

Birth data	[redacted] Ephrata, Washington
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Parents	Crispin Curiel Zamora and Maria Cruz Gonzalez
Address	Medellin 156 or General Nunez 353 Colima, Colima, Mexico

CRISPIN STATES THAT HE USES MARIJUANA AND LSD.

Had been residing at the Manhattan Project, 602 South VanNess, Los Angeles.

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FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY JON KIMCHE QUOTED IN TOTO FROM JUNE 17 EVENING STANDARD. ENTITLED FBI PROBE MIDDLE EAST TRAVELS.

QUOTE: THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AT HOME AND UNITED STATES OFFICIALS ABROAD HAVE BEEN ACTIVE OVER THE WEEKEND IN SEEKING TO PENETRATE THE SICKENING SMOKE SCREEN WHICH IS SETTLING ON THE ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION--ESPEICALLY OVER SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN' S IMMEDIATE PAST. THEY HAVE BEEN PROBING NEW INFORMATION COVERING AT LEAST FOUR FOREIGN COUNTRIES CONCERNING SIRHAN' S MOVEMENTS. IN DOING SO THEY ARE SATISFIED THAT SIRHAN' S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR A FAIR TRIAL WILL NOT BE JEOPARDISED. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS THOUGHT THAT TIMELY ACTION AND REVELATION MAY PROTECT HIS LIFE MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN FORMALISTIC SILENCE--ESPECIALLY IF SIRHAN SHOWS ANY INCLINATION TO TALK FREELY. NEW INFORMATION WHICH HAS REACHED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CLAIMS TO GIVE DETAILS OF SIRHAN' S JOURNEY TO SYRIA IN 1964, THE TIME HE WENT, WHERE HE WENT, HOW HE WENT, AND WHAT HE DID. UNQUOTE.

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17 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Slaying of Abder RAYYAN

1. Frank Tulley of State Security sent us a copy of a memo dated 10 June 1968 and a newspaper clipping from the Washington Post containing details on this incident.

2. I sent the material on to Mr. Dibble for his records.

James H. Ludlum
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TO : Acting Chief, Division of Protective Security DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : Chief, Protective Support Section JRD

SUBJECT: INCIDENT - Slaying of Abder Rayyan, Jordanian Immigrant at Chicago, June 8, 1968

Reference is made to the attached newspaper article captioned "Jordanian is Killed in Chicago", which appeared on page A9 of the June 10, 1968 edition of the Washington Post.

At the request of Mr. Donald Wehmeyer, L/NEA (ext. 5895), Special Agent in Charge Miles Briggs, Chicago Field Office, was telephonically contacted at 10:00 a.m., June 10, 1968 and asked to obtain the local police account relating to the slaying mentioned in referenced news article.

At 1:00 p.m., June 10, 1968 SAC Briggs advised that the victim of the shooting was standing in front of the entrance to his grocery store at 343 East 51st Street, South Chicago, when two (2) male negroes entered the store and one, while standing behind the victim, shot him in the back of the head with a .38 caliber weapon. It is further reported that two (2) male negroes departed the store immediately without attempting to rob the victim or the store; that they entered an automobile and immediately left the scene of the incident; witnesses were able to furnish local police authorities the license of the vehicle and as a result Mr. Arron Myers, male Negro DOB - [redacted], was arrested and admitted being the driver of the vehicle involved.

During questioning of Arron Myers, who has been charged with murder, he made a statement to the effect that while working at Neely Brothers Gas Station, 535 East 43rd Street, South Chicago, he was approached by two (2) friends, Mr. Robert Walton aka, and his twin brother Michael Walton who stated that they needed the use of an automobile for a short period of time and would pay Myers $10.00 for its use; that Myers contacted a friend identified as Clayton and obtained permission to use the latter's vehicle; that he drove Robert and Michael Walton to an address in Chicago where they were joined by a woman identified as Mrs. Walton; that he was then told to drive to a location in the vicinity of the victim's store; that while Mrs. Walton remained in the vehicle with Mr. Myers, Robert and Michael Walton left the vehicle and returned shortly; that they appeared to be excited and ordered the driver to leave the area; that shortly thereafter Mr. Myers observed Michael Walton hand his alleged wife an object rapped in a handkerchief which appeared to be a gun; that they drove to another location where the gun was thrown into a trash can following which they drove to a further location where Robert and Michael Walton and the latter's wife

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left the vehicle. Mr. Myers stated that he returned the car to Mr. Clayton and would pay him the money at a later date. Mr. Clayton as registered owner of the vehicle, was interviewed by local authorities and identified Myers as the person to whom he had loaned the car. Predicated on Mr. Clayton's statement, the police interviewed Mr. Myers and subsequently arrested him as mentioned above.

The following represents physical description of the suspects allegedly involved in the shooting of the victim:

Mr. Robert Walton aka: Robert Smith; YAR-EE AMIR; Vernon Randolph; Bobby V. Walton; James Williams.
DOB: [redacted] (or 46), Norfolk, Virginia. Male Negro; 5'10"; 130 lbs.; medium brown complexion. When last seen was wearing a blue gold fez bearing the inscription "Afro-American"; White T shirt and black sandals.

Mr. Michael Walton
Male Negro; DOB: [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia; 5'8"; 145 lbs.
It is reported that Robert and Michael Walton are either twin brothers or half brothers. No other identifying data was furnished.

With respect to a motive for the slaying of Mr. Rayyan, local authorities stated that a rumor is present indicating that the victim is alleged to have said in substance that "King and Kennedy should have been dead long ago". Because of the latter reported rumor, local authorities do not discount the possibility that the victim was assassinated in retaliation for the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in view of the fact that his alleged assassin was a Jordanian immigrant residing in the United States. However, this is inconsistent with the reference newspaper account which states that the victim was an admirer of the Kennedy family; on the wall of his store is a poster with pictures of Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., inscribed "They died to make men free".

For information purposes, the scene of the shooting mentioned in this writing is located approximately five (5) blocks from the University of Chicago where the Shah of Iran is scheduled to visit at 10:00 a.m., June 15, 1968.

The details of this memorandum, at the request of the Chicago Police Department, should not be released outside of official State Department channels without first obtaining permission from O/SY/PrS.

The names of principal persons mentioned in this report will be searched against the appropriate records of the Department of State. Mr. Donald Wehmeyer, L/NEA, Mr. Keith O. Lynch, SY, and Mr. Terence J. Shea, SY, were briefed relative to this report on the afternoon of June 10, 1968.

cc: Mr. Wehmeyer L/NEA
Mr. Wiley NEA/ARN
Mr. Hallman NEA/GTI/IRN
Mr. Pace S/CPR
Mr. Michel L/O
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Jordanian Is Killed In Chicago

Post

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CHICAGO, June 9 (UPI)—A Jordanian grocer was shot to death in his South Side store yesterday in a motiveless slaying that might have been retaliation for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, police said today.

The victim was Abder Rayyan, 55, who was slain before the eyes of his nephew and daughter and 11 customers. Police said they have been unable to determine any motive for the slaying but it might have been an abortive robbery or revenge for the killing of Kennedy.

Two Negro men walked into the store, which Rayyan had purchased only two months ago. Rayyan was at work at a rear counter, standing over a vegetable bin. One of the men walked up to him, drew a .38 caliber revolver and fired two shots. One of the bullets struck Rayyan behind the left ear.

Rayyan's daughter, Zuhdeia, 22, said the two men ran out of the store and down the street to a car parked about a block away. Waiting in the car were several other young men. The group drove away.

Rayyan was the father of nine children. He came to the United States five years ago from South America. Authorities said he left Jordan 16 years ago. His widow and other members of the family live in Quito, Ecuador.

A Jordanian immigrant has been charged at Los Angeles with killing Kennedy.

Police were checking out reports that after the Kennedy assassination a rumor spread through the neighborhood around the store at 343 E. 51st st. that Rayyan had said, "Kennedy should have been dead long ago."

However, Rayyan apparently was an admirer of the Kennedy family. On the wall of his store was a poster with pictures of President Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., inscribed, "They died to make men free."

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1. EMBASSY MAY HAVE NOTED PRESS REPORTS SHOOTING IN CHICAGO JUNE 8 ABDER RAYYAN GROCER OF JORDANIAN ORIGIN. NEWS MEDIA SPECULATING THAT KILLING WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND CONNECTED WITH KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

2. VICTIM WAS SHOT FROM REAR WHILE LOOKING OUT OF STORE ENTRANCE TOWARD STREET. TWO MEN SEEN RUNNING FROM STORE, ONE OF WHOM TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS PERSON HAVING PREVIOUS POLICE RECORD AND POSSIBLY CONNECTED BLACK POWER GROUP. NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT WHETHER VICTIM KNOWN TO KILLERS BUT APPARENTLY THERE WAS NOT ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

3. RUMOR REPORTEDLY EXISTED THAT GROCER HAD RECENTLY MADE DISPARAGING REMARK ABOUT THE LATE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ROBERT KENNEDY. ACCORDING NEWS MEDIA, HOWEVER, RAYYAN WAS KENNEDY ADMIRER WITH PICTURES OF KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON STORE WALL.

4. SUSPECTS IN SHOOTING STILL AT LARGE. ONE ACCOMPLICE BEING HELD AND CHARGE WITH MURDER.

5. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS TALKED WITH JORDANIAN HONORARY CONSUL IN CHICAGO WHO KNEW VICTIM PERSONALLY. ACCORDING TO HONORARY CONSUL CORRECT NAME OF VICTIM WAS ABID JUMAA RAYYAN. HE WAS CONSIDERED SOBER AND HARD-WORKING MEMBER OF COMMUNITY AND WAS

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6. YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION CONVEY ABOVE INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS. RUSK

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18 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NE

VIA: ADC/NEAA

SUBJECT: SIRHAN Investigation

1. This is in reference to your previously expressed interest in the results of the FBI's investigation of the Michigan lead based on AMMAN-6287 and passed to the Bureau in DIRECTOR-05851.

2. The Bureau advised orally on 17 June that their representatives had questioned Walid SIRHAN of Jackson, Michigan and had discovered no evidence of contact or association between him and the accused Kennedy assassin.

3. You may have noted in AMMAN-6338 of 17 June 1968 that the recent Jon Kimche article in the London Evening Standard apparently refers to one Sirhan Salim SIRHAN Abu Khadir in Detroit, on the basis of findings by NOHEART/2 and ROLLENHAGEN. We have to date received no further details concerning this individual but AMMAN Station regards it more likely that Walid's "brotherly relationship" is with Sirhan Salim in Detroit than with Sirhan Bishara in California.

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INTELLIGENCE & RESEARCH

1. OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN TRIPOLI REPORTS THAT THE US EMBASSY THERE ISSUED A THREE MONTH B-2 VISITOR'S VISA TO LIBYAN LAWYER ABDUSSALAM NAFA ON 15 JUNE 1968.

2. THE LIBYAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS REPORTED ON 16 JUNE THAT NAFA HAD OFFERED TO DEFEND SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, THE ACCUSED KENNEDY ASSASSIN. ACCORDING TO THESE ACCOUNTS NAFA CABLED SIRHAN OFFERING HIS SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REPRESENT SIRHAN IN COURT, NAFA SUGGESTED THAT THE DEFENDENT AUTHORIZE HIM TO SELECT A LAWYER WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA BAR. THE NEWS ARTICLES MENTIONED THAT NAFA HAD SENT THREE COPIES OF HIS CABLE: ONE TO SIRHAN IN THE LOS ANGELES JAIL, ONE TO THE QUOTE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES UNQUOTE AND ONE TO THE CALIFORNIA BAR ASSOCIATION.

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3. NAFA'S VISA APPLICATION INDICATES BIRTH IN TRIPOLI ON [redacted] HE CARRIES LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. 33309 ISSUED AT BAGHDAD WITH VALIDITY FROM 8 JUNE 1965 TO 1971. HIS OFFICE ADDRESS IS 56 SHARI 24 DECEMBER, TRIPOLI.

4. OUR TRIPOLI FILES REVEAL THAT MR NAFA DEFENDED ONE NASR-AL-DIN BAQQAR IN ARAB NATIONALIST MOVEMENT TRIALS IN TRIPOLI EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF NAFA IN OUR CENTRAL FILES.

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1. EMBASSY ISSUED B-2 VISITOR'S VISA (THREE MONTHS VALIDITY) TO LIBYAN LAWYER ABDUSSALAM NAFA ON 15 JUNE 1968. LIBYAN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS, LIBYAN MAIL AND DAILY NEWS REPORTED 16 JUNE THAT NAFA HAD OFFERED DEFEND SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. NAFA REPORTEDLY CABLED SIRHAN OFFERING HIS SERVICES AS COUNSEL FREE OF CHARGE. IF NOT POSSIBLE DEFEND IN COURT, NAFA SUGGESTED THAT DEFENDANT AUTHORIZE HIM TO SELECT LAWYER WHO IS MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA BAR. ARTICLE REFERS TO NAFA'S HAVING SENT THREE COPIES OF HIS TELEGRAM TO SIRHAN IN LOS ANGLES JAIL, ATTORNEY GENERAL AT LOS ANGELES, AND CALI- FORNIA BAR ASSICIATION.

2. NAFA'S VISA APPLICATION INDICATES BORN IN TRIPOLI ON [redacted] SINGLE STATUS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES AND 170 CM TALL. NAFA IS BEARER OF LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. 33309 ISSUED AT BAGHDAD WITH VALIDITY 8 JUNE 1965 TO 1971. HIS OFFICE ADDRESS IS 56 SHARI 24 DECEMBER, TRIPOLI.

3. STATION FILES REVEAL NAFA DEFENDED NASR-AL-DIN BAQQAR IN ARAB NATIONALIST MOVEMENT TRIALS IN TRIPOLI 1962. PAGE 2 TRIPOLI 1038 S E C R E T

4. PLS BRING FOREGOING TO ATTENTION OF LNGOLD. ALSO SUGGEST LNERGO BE ADVISED.

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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

1. NOHEART/2 INTERVIEWED BISHARA SIRHAN MORNING 17 JUNE, UNFORTUNATELY AFTER BISHARA HAD GIVEN INTERVIEWS TO BOTH AMMAN NEWSPAPERS. NOHEART/2 ADVISED BISHARA, "AS FELLOW JORDANIAN AND LAWYER", NOT TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS, AT LEAST UNTIL HE CONSULTED SON'S LAWYER. AFTER RECEIVING NOHEART/2 PRECIS OF POSSIBLY PREJUDICIAL EFFECTS OF STATEMENTS ON SON'S TRIAL, BISHARA AGREED HE SHOULD BE MORE DISCREET.

2. BISHARA STATED HE NEVER MEMBER JEHOVA'S WITNESSES. CURIOSITY LED HIM ATTEND FIVE OR SIX MEETINGS IN 1950-52 PERIOD, BUT HE HAD DROPPED WITNESSES BECAUSE THEIR BELIEFS INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS GREEK ORTHODOX BELIEFS.

3. BISHARA SAID THAT WHILE SONS HAD ATTENDED LUTHERAN SCHOOLS IN JERUSALEM, IT WAS UNRWA WHICH HAD SPONSORED EMIGRATION TO U.S.A. UNRWA GOT FAMILY TICKETS AND TOOK AWAY UNRWA RATION CARD.

4. NOHEART/2 ASSESSED BISHARA AS CONFUSED AND SOMEWHAT DAZZLED BY HIS SUDDEN EMERGENCE INTO LIMELIGHT, MAKING HIM

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EASILY INFLUENCED BY NEWSMEN, ETC, WHO PLAY ON HIS VANITY. AT PRESENT BISHARA UNDECIDED IF HE SHOULD GO TO U.S.A. HE RECOGNIZES HE MIGHT BE IN SOME DANGER HIMSELF IF HE WENT, AND HE LACKS MONEY, BUT NOHEART/2 ESTIMATED BISHARA MIGHT GO ANYWAY IF SOMEONE PAID FOR TRIP.

5. NOBASE HAD HAD MAIL INTERCEPT IN OPERATION SINCE ASSASSINATION. ONLY PERTINENT LETTER WAS FROM NANCY L. MERCER, 2211 FIRST AVENUE, NORTH, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, TO BISHARA SIRHAN, TEIBEH, JORDAN. LETTER MAILED 9 JUNE FROM SEATTLE. TEXT SEEMS SHOW MISS MERCER AS RELIGIOUS FANATIC WHO QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM SCRIPTURES TO CONVINCE BISHARA HE MUST REJOIN FAMILY AND HELP SON, PERSUADE SON TO "CONFESS WITH HIS MOUTH JESUS AS LORD" BEFORE SON EXECUTED, "WHICH IS INEVITABLE UNLESS GOD INTERVENES." LETTER ENDS BY STATING "WE WILL HELP YOU TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY, IF YOU WISH, TO STAND BY YOUR FAMILY AND SON."

6. NOHEART/2 AND ROLLENHAGEN REVIEWED FINDINGS TO DATE AND AGREED JOHN KIMCHE ARTICLE AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION LEADING TO SIRHAN, SALIM SIRHAN ABU KHADIR AS APPARENT SUBJECT OF KIMCHE ARTICLE MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH "SIRHAN SIRHAN"

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REFERRED TO IN AMMAN 6287 AS CLOSE CONTACT WALID MUHAMMAD AHMAD SIRHAN. SINCE WALID IN JACKSON MICHIGAN, AND SIRHAN SALIM APPARENTLY IN DETROIT, IT MORE LIKELY WALID WROTE ABOUT SIRHAN SALIM THAN SIRHAN BISHARA IN CALIFORNIA.

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DIRECTOR INFO LONDON JERUSALEM BEIRUT

1. NOHEART/2 DETERMINED 15-16 JUNE THAT KENNEDY ASSASSIN AND SIRHAN ABU KHADIR OF JON KIMCHE ARTICLE ARE TWO DIFFERENT PERSONS. DETAILS PASSED TO EMBASSY AND WILL BE SENT ALL CONCERNED POSTS.

2. NOHEART/2 INTERVIEWING BISHARA SIRHAN AND WILL MAKE PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION THAT BISHARA SIRHAN REFRAIN FROM MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE SON TRIAL.

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DIRECTOR INFO AMMAN, JERUSALEM

PESHOAL/KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. PESHOAL/1 HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING DEVELOP INFO ON KENNEDY ASSASSIN THRU FARIS SIRHAN, OCCASIONAL SOURCE OF PESHOAL/1 201-321241, WHO IS AID FORMER GRAND MUFTI JERUSALEM HAJJ AMIN HUSAYNI. SIRHAN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH HIS FAMILY JERUSALEM AREA AND WITH EMIL GHURI 201-195635, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT HAJJ AMIN. GHURI ALSO IN TOUCH HIS RELATIVES JERUSALEM. PESHOAL/1 REPORTED FOLLOWING FROM THESE SOURCES 14 JUNE.

2. ACCORDING FARIS SIRHAN, ASSASSIN'S FAMILY NOT RELATED HIS FAMILY, ALTHOUGH THEY SHARE SAME NAME. FARIS SIRHAN FAMILY IS MUSLIM WHILE ASSASSIN'S FAMILY CHRISTIAN.

3. GHURI TOLD SIRHAN ASSASSIN'S FAMILY VERY WELL KNOWN TO HIM AND THEY AMONG HIS SUPPORTERS IN JERUSALEM AREA. GHURI STATED CATAGORICALLY ASSASSIN KNOWN TO HIM AS COMMUNIST. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW HE KNEW THIS TO BE CASE. GHURI ALSO COMMENTED FAMILY HAS HEARD LITTLE FROM OR ABOUT ASSASSIN FOR SOME YEARS.

4. GHURI FLATLY DENIED TO SIRHAN ASSASSIN IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH HAJJ AMIN'S ORGANIZATION (WHICH SUPPORTS FATAH) OR WITH FATAH, PLO, OR ANM. SIRHAN COMMENTED FROM HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE AND SOUNDINGS

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TAKEN HE KNEW OF NO INFORMATION WHICH INDICATED ASSASSIN CONNECIED WITH HAJJ AMIN'S ORGANIZATION OR ANY OF THE OTHER PALESTINIAN POLITICAL OR PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

5. PESHOAL/1 OBTAINED FOLLOWING REACTION FROM UAR IS DURING MEET WITH SICLASS/1 13 JUNE. SICLASS/1 WAS PUSHING LINE ASSASSINATION ZIONIST PLOT AS EVIDENCED BY FACT (SINCE DENIED) IRAQIS ANNOUNCED ASSASSIN'S BROTHER ZIONIST SPY CAUGHT BAGHDAD. SAID UAR EMBASSY REACTION (AND THAT OF GI) WAS ASSASSINATION HAD GOOD AND BAD ASPECTS. IT GOOD PALESTINIAN CAUSE DRAMATIZED BUT FACT ASSASSIN WAS ARAB WAS BAD BECAUSE ISRAELIS WOULD MAKE MUCH POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CAPITAL OUT OF IT.

6. PESHOAL/1 NOTED MOST MUSLIM BEIRUT GENUINELY DEPLORED SHOOTING AND REGRETTED ASSASSIN ARAB.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 10225

SUBJECT: SIRHAN TRIAL

1. JUNE 13 LEBANESE ATTORNEYS MOUSSA PRINCE AND ABDUL HAMID EL-AHDAB CALLED AT EMBASSY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN FULL DETAILS RE BACKGROUND OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. THEY BELIEVE MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL SITUATION MAY WELL HAVE BEEN A FACTOR MOTIVATING SIRHAN AND THEY BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE SIRHAN HAVE BENEFIT ARAB ATTORNEYS TO INSURE PROPOER DEFENSE. THEY WISH AUTHORITY TALK TO SIRHAN IN ORDER DETERMINEWHETHER THEY COULD PARTICIPATE HIS DEFENSE. THEY LEFT AT EMBASSY WRITTEN MEMO TO AMBASSADOR REQUESTING EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN FOREGOING.

2. EMBOFF TOLD PRINCE EMBASSY COULD NOT BE OF ASSISTANCE THIS MATTER AND SUGGESTED HE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH WILBUR LITTLEFIELD, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HE SUBSEQUENTLY DID.

3. JUNE 17 EMBASSY LEARNED THAT PRINCE AND EL-AHDAB GAVE COPIES THEIR MEMO TO REPS MAJOR WIMQ SEGMLCES. FURTHERMORE THEY INTERVIEWED BY LA TIMES ANDCHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR REPS AND TAPED SHORT INTERVIEW FOR ABC.

4. PRINCE REGARDED LOCALLY AS ONE OF BETTER LEBANESE CRIMINAL LAWYERS. BOTH HE AND EL-AHDAD ALSO ACTIVE IN LEBANESE YOUNG LAWYERS LEAGUE. EMBASSY ASSUMES THEIR MOVE ESSENTIALLY STUNT TO SEEK PUBLICITY.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 9945

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 183194; LONDON 9887, 9924

1. SUMMARY: JON KIMCHE CLAIMS BELIEVE HIS SOURCE (WHOM HE DECLINES TO NAME) OF INFO FOR SIRHAN STORY REPORTED LONDON 9869 IS RELIABLE. HE SUGGESTS TWO ASPECTS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE OF CHECKING. BRITISH AUTHORITIES SHARE OUR DOUBTS ABOUT KIMCHE'S GENERAL RELIABILITY.

2. IN HOUR-LONG EXCHANGE SAT AFT. AT EMBOFFS QUARTERS, IMCHE STUCK TO MAIN OUTLINE OF HIS ALLEGATIONS RE SIRHANS TRIPS FROM US TO NEAR EAST. AFFORDING KIMCHE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BACK AWAY FROM HIS EVENING STANDARD STORY, EMBOFF APPEALED TO HIS SENSE OF PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY, PROMISED USG WOULD PROTECT INFO, AND EVINCED SYMPATHETIC INTEREST IN KIMCHE'S NEW PUBLISHING VENTURE (LONDON A-3472, MAY 7). KINCHE KEPT REITERATING HE COULD NOT PROVE HIS INFO CORRECT BUT HIS SOURCE USUALLY RELIABLE. HE SEEMED UNIMPRESSED BY POSSIBILITY THIS MIGHT BE SIMPLE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

3. EARLY IN EXCHANGE, KIMCHE:

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APPOINTMENT WITH EMBOFF IN ORDER SEE A CAIRO SOURCE WHO STOPPED AT LONDON AIRPORT TWO HOURS. THEIR MEETING UNRELATED TO SIRHAN CASE.

B. VOLUNTEERED THAT HIS STORYS REFERENCES TO "AN ARAB GOVERNMENT" AS SOURCE OF HIS INFO ON SIRHAN WERE UNTRUE. HE CITED "AN ARAB GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY SOURCE."

C. SAID HE REFLECTED HARD AND RE-CHECKED WITH HIS SOURCE BEFORE PUBLISHING JUNE 13 ARTICLE. CHECKED WITH SOURCE AGAIN AFTER EMBOFF PHONED FOR APPOINTMENT. (EMBOFF DID NOT SPECIFY SUBJECT, BUT KIMCHE KNEW.)

4. KIMCHE MADE FOL POINTS IN RESPONSE EMBOFFS PROBES:

A. HIS CONTACTS WITH SOURCE ARE DIRECT. LAST NIGHT THEY CONVERSED BY PHONE.

B. OVER TWO YEARS SOURCE HAS BEEN "ALMOST ALWAYS RIGHT." HE PROVIDED INFO FOR KINCHES MAY 7 EVENING STANDARD PIECE RE "SURPRISE AIDE-MEMOIRE" SENT BY SOVIETS TO ARAB GOVTS INCLUDING JORDANS. (ARTICLE POUCHED MAY 8 TO NEA/ARN, NEA,IAI, IO,UNP, AMMAN, BEIRUT, JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, ETC.). THOUGH THIS STORY DENIED BY JORDANIAN EMB LONDON AND OTHER AUTHORITIES, LATER "SIR HAROLD MCGUIRE" COMPLIMENTED KINCHE ON ACCURACY HIS INFO. SAME SOURCE ALSO GAVE KINCHE INFO FOR JUNE 6 ARTICLE (LONDON 9621) RE FATAH STUDENT ACTIVITIES IN PARIS "AND PHILADELPHIA," WHICH OTHER SOURCES LATER CONFIRMED TO KINCHE.

COMMENT: PHILADELPHIA NOT MENTIONED IN JUNE 6 ARTICLE.

C. KIMCHE WILLING COOPERATE WITH US "100 PERCENT" BUT CAN'T NAME SOURCE. YEARS AGO HE WAS BADLY BURNED BY IDENTIFYING A SOURCE, AND HAS NEVER DONE SO SINCE DESPITE MANY ENTREATIES BY ISRAELI AND BRITISH OFFICIALS. LATER KIMCHE SAID HE COULD TELL US SOURCE IF LATTER APPROVED, BUT KIMCHE DOUBTED SOURCE WOULD.

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D. INFO RE SIRHANS TRIPS "WAS FLOATING AROUND IN FATAH CIRCLES" TO WHICH SOURCE HAS ACCESS. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT KIMCHE SAID SOME ARAB DIPLOMATS BEING DRAWN INTO FATAH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, SOME OF THEM UNWILLINGLY.

E. SOURCE CERTAIN SIRHAN VISITED NE INCLUDING DAMASCUS IN 1964 AND CAIRO IN 1966. SOURCE LESS SURE ABOUT EARLIER TRIP. PRESUMABLY FBI COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER SIRHAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN U.S. THROUGHOUT 1964 AND 1966.

F. KIMCHE WAS DOUBTFUL ABOUT SOURCE'S INFO RE SIRHAN'S MARRIAGE AT 13, BUT SOURCE INSISTED MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE 1957 AT SALT. PRESUMABLY LOCAL RECORDS BEING CHECKED.

G. RE UPI STORIES (TEL AVIV 4128) INCLUDING THEORY OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY INVOLVING SIHRAN SALIM EM ABER KHABIR SIRHAN OF DETROIT. KIMCHE COMMENTED ONLY THAT THE ASSASSIN'S FATHER HAS MADE CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS.

H. LAST NIGHT SOURCE TOLD KIMCHE FATAH QUITE CONFIDENT SIRHAN WOULD NOT TALK, BUT ARE SENDING SPECIAL TEAM TO LOS ANGELES TO KILL HIM IF HE DOES.

5. WHILE DISCUSSING MUTUAL ISRAELI ACQUAINTANCES, KIMCHE SAID HIS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH IDF AND AMB TO U.K. REMEZ WERE UNIMPAIRED BY LAST YEAR'S FLAP OVER JEWISH OBSERVER.

6. KIMCHE OFFERED SHARE ANY FUTHER PERTINENT INFO WITH REPORTING EMBOFF PRIOR LATTER'S JUNE 18 TRANSFER AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH OTHER EMBOFF.

7. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS EMBASSY JUNE 14 CHECKED VIA APPROPRIATE CHANNELS POSSIBILITY THAT HMG MIGHT HAVE SOMEONE WITH WHOM KIMCHE LIKELY BE FORTHCOMING. U.K. AUTHORITIES RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT PLACE CREDENCE IN KIMCHE'S RELIABILITY AND DOUBTED THEY COULD GET THE TRUTH FROM HIM.

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PENEURAL KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REFERENCE: BEIRUT-2849 (IN 27540)

1. ON 13 JUNE, PENEURAL/1 REPORTED ABDAL QADIR DAHIR CONVINCED SHAFIQ AL HUT THAT PLO SHOULD HIRE LAWYER FOR SIRHAN SIRHAN. ON AL HUT'S INSTRUCTIONS, DAHIR CALLED PLO CHIEF YAHYA HUMUDIYAH IN AMMAN AND REPEATED PROPOSAL. ACCORDING PENEURAL/1 HAMUDIYAH INFURIATED AT IDEA AND MADE VIEWS PLAIN TO DAHIR.

2. PENEURAL/1 SAID MATTER NOW CLOSED. ALSO SAID PLO HAS DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER SIRHAN HAD ANY CONNECTION OTHER PALESTINE ORGANIZATIONS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/NE

SUBJECT: 1. Non-Egyptian Arabs fear that the United States will again appease NASSER

2. Assassination of Senator Robert KENNEDY

A reliable American source with long experience in international affairs reported the following on 12 June 1968:

a. Source recently conversed with a group of non-Egyptian Arab delegates to the United Nations. The Arabs said they are worried that the United States will once again try to appease NASSER and bail him out of his troubles. As evidence, they cited the scheduled trip to Cairo of Robert McNAMARA, president of the World Bank, and McGeorge BUNDY's upcoming visit to the UAR for the FORD FOUNDATION.

b. Source said a report is circulating in Iraq that one of the defendents on trial for espionage on behalf of the West is the brother of Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, assassin of Senator KENNEDY. Source said if this rumor is true, we can expect the Arabs to say that SIRHAN's brother is a CIA agent; ergo CIA was behind the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

Harold G. Williams
CI Staff

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Remarks: Attached is a copy of an S/S cable from Cairo which was given to me by the Egyptian Desk, who received it from OCI. Our copies may not have arrived yet. The Egyptian Desk has checked RI and all available reference works at the Desk and reports negative traces.

I checked all the Los Angeles telephone directories negative. The Los Angeles Street Directory does not list a Barrington Street or Avenue; but the Zip Code 90064 belongs to a section of LA called Rancho Park.

Shall I ask Mrs. Roman to inform State and FBI orally that we have no traces? Yes.

Mrs. Roman will do. 14/6 —

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FOLLOWING ANONYMOUS LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO US BY SPANISH CONSUL GENERAL ALEXANDRIA:

QUOTE

ALEXANDRIA THE 11 JUNE 1968

DEAR SIR GENERAL CONSUL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE SPANICH GENERAL CONSULATE TO INFORM THE AMERIKAN GOVERNMENT GUIKLY THE FOLLOWING.

THE EGYPTIAN NATIONALITQ NAMED AZIZ TAOUFIK AZIZ MIKHAIL AGE 25' WAS WORKING IN THE EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE POLICE TILL 31/11/1967 SO AFTER THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HE SENT HIM FOR BUSINESS TO LIBANON IN ORDER TO GO FROM THERE TO AMERIKA BECAUSE EGYPTIAN CANNOT BE GO TO AMERIKA FROM EGYPT, AND SO HE WENT TO LIBANON AND FROM LIBANON HE ARRIVED TO AMERIKA ON THE 1/1/1968 BY AIR MAIL AND KNOW DOING THAT IS WORKING THERE BUT IS A SPY OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT AND DANGEROUS IS THAT THDW PERSON WAS A FRIEND OF SARHAN BUSHARA SARHAN WHICH HAS KILLED MR. ROBERT KENNEDY SO I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE SPANICH GENERAL CONSULATE TO SENT DETAILS TO AMERIKAN GOVERNMENT AS QUIKLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THE AMERIKAN GOVERNMENT BE CARE FROM THIS DANGEROUS PERSON AND FROM ANY THING CAN BE HAPPEN AFTER AND THE ADRESS WHICH IS KNOW SITTING IN AMERIKA IS EXACTLY AS FOLLOWS:

NOT TRUE

THE ADRESS OF AMERIKA

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NAME: AZIZ TAOUFIK AZIZ MIKHAIL
2425, BARRINGTON.
L.A. CALIFORNIA 90064
AMERIKA

NOTICE: THE OUTSIDE MY ADRESS IT IS WRONG IN ORDER NOT TO BE KNOWN BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT MAY BE.

YOURS TRULY.

UNQUOTE

AIRPOUCHING ORIGINAL TO NEA/UAR.

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MIKHAIL, [redacted] Egypt

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Muhammad SAID to Cairo Police. Ahmad Sadiq AZZ
Hamid Abd-al-AL
Tawfiq MIKHAIL
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Kamal al-SHUKAR

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AZIZ, M.

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AZIZ, M.

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IS MARRIED TO A RUSSIAN, IS PROBABLY A. M. ABDUL AZIZ.
< USSR, MOSCOW STUDENT AT PATRICE LUMUMBA UNIV

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SUBJECT: SIRHAN

REF: STATE 182633

1. JERUSALEM POST REPORTS JUNE 14 BISHARA SIRHAN "IS THINKING OF GOING TO U.S." FOR SON'S TRIAL. STORY SAYS SIRHAN YESTERDAY APPLIED TO RAMALLAH MILGOV FOR PERMIT TO VISIT AMMAN (AND HAS SINCE, WE UNDERSTAND, RECEIVED ID. IT ADDS HE WANTED TO MAKE VISIT "TO DRAW SOME MONEY FROM PRIVATE BANK ACCOUNT" WHICH HE WOULD NEED IF HE DECIDED TO GO TO U.S. RELIABLE AMERICAN NEWSMAN TELLS ME HE HAS "CLEAR IMPRESSION" SIRHAN THINKING ABOUT U.S. TRIP AND UNDERSTANDS HE HAS MADE SOME INQUIRIES IN RAMALLAH TRAVEL AGENCIES.

2. EXCEPT FOR BRIEF VISIT TO SIRHAN TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 178228 CONGEN HAS STAYED STRICTLY AWAY FROM SIRHAN TO AVOID STIMULATING SPECULATION AND HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED IN STATE 182633. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT THE DEPT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DECIDE IN FAVOR OF ISSUING A VISITOR'S VISA IF SIRHAN APPLIES. ANY REFUSAL TO DO SO WOULD CREATE IRRESPONSIBLE SPECULATION IN THIS AREA AND PROBABLY ALL OVER THE WORLD. IF OUR ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT IT WOULD SEEM SENSIBLE FOR THE DEPT TO AUTHORIZE US IN ADVANCE TO ISSUE A VISA IN THE USUAL WAY AND IN THE NORMAL TIME. ANY EXTENDED DELAY IN ISSUING

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A VISA WOULD CAUSE SPECULATION SINCE U.S., HEBREW AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS IS CLOSELY WATCHING SIRHAN S MOVEMENTS. ACCORDINGLY I SUGGEST DEPT AUTHORIZE IN ADVANCE ISSUANCE OF VISA IF AND WHEN SIRHAN APPROACHES CONGEN OR EMBASSY AMMAN.

3. WE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER THAT SIRHAN INDEED INTENDS U.S. VISIT. HE HAD NO VALID VISA IN JORDANIAN PASSPORT WHICH HE SHOWED CONGENOFF. HE COULD NOT ENTER ON HIS ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD SINCE HE HAS BEEN OUT OF U.S. MORE THAN ONE YEAR. BOTH HE AND ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO PRESS, HAVE DENIED HE HAS APPROACHED GOI FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

4. WE WILL FOLLOW SITUATION CLOSELY AND REPORT HARD INFORMATION BUT BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE MORE THAN USUALLY WARY OF PRESS STORIES WHICH TEND TO KEEP ALIVE THE LOCAL ANGLE TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

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FYI LNERGO REPORTS THAT INDIVIDUAL WITH NAME APPROXIMATING THAT CITED IN KIMCHE ARTICLE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND HAS SIMILAR PATTERN OF TRAVEL. HE IS NOT, HOWEVER, IDENTICAL WITH KENNEDY ASSASSIN. WE TRACING FURTHER AND WILL PROVIDE DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE.

CI/OPS/NE P. Dibble in draft

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 10148

REF: STATE 182627; LONDON 9869

1. BEIRUT PRESS JUNE 14 CARRIED WIRESERVICE REPORT MCCLOSKEY STATEMENT THAT DEPT HAS NOT RPT NOT INFORMATION THAT SIRHAM HAD LEFT US SUBSEQUENT 1957 AND RETURNED. PRESS CITES EXCERPTS JON KIMCHE ARTICLE FROM LONDON EVENING STANDARD STATING REAL NAME ASSASSIN ABU KHATER, THAT HE MARRIED LEILA MIKHAEL IN SALT 1957 AND THAT HE MADE TWO TRIPS TO MIDDLE EAST SPENDING FOUR MONTHS IN DAMASCUS 1964 AND FIVE MONTHS IN CAIRO LATE 1966 EARLY 1967. STORY CLEARLY BASED TEXT CONTAINED LONDON'S 9869.

2. KIMCHE ARTICLE APPARENTLY CARRIED ALL MAJOR WIRE SERVICES.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHERE KIMCHE OBTAINED MATERIAL UPON WHICH HE BASED HIS ARTICLE AND IS UNABLE COMMENT VERACITY ON STORY. WE HAVE NO REASON BELIEVE KIMCHE IS REFERRING TO LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AS ONE WHICH "DEVELOPED STARTLING INFO." PORTER

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JOINT STATE/USIS MESSAGE

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UPI'S TEL AVIV CORRESPONDENT SIMON TELLS US HE HAS JUST FILED STORY ON TALK WITH SIRHAN'S FATHER WHICH EFFECTIVELY SHOOTS DOWN KIMCHE STORY (LONDON REFTEL). BOTH SIRHAN'S FATHER AND A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER OF HIS DENY SIRHAN EVER MARRIED AND STATE OTHER DETAILS VERY IMPROBABLE. SIMON SPECULATES KIMCHE MAY HAVE GOTTEN HIS STORY FROM BEIRUT SOURCES AND POINTS OUT THERE VERY WELL MAY BE ANOTHER SIRHAN WHO HAS PERSONAL HISTORY ALONG LINES REPORTED BY KIMCHE.

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REUTERS ITEM DATELINED LONDON JUNE 13 REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED ARAB GOVERNMENT DEVELOPED STARTLING INFORMATION ON SENATOR KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND GIVING DETAILS TO FBI. REPORT ASAP ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ORIGIN AND VERACITY THIS STORY.
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1. GSTELECAST/1 REPORTED 11 JUNE FOLLOWING RESULTS HIS PROBING OF REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND ARAB ORIGIN OF SUSPECT ASSASSIN:

A. FROM MAHMUD GHUWAYDIR, FATAH MEMBER: SIRHAN HAD NO CONNECTION WITH FATAH. ASSASSINATION HARMFUL TO ARAB CAUSE. LOCAL FATAH THEORY IS THAT SENATOR KENNEDY ASSASSINATED AT INSTIGATION OF PRESENT LNHARP LEADERSHIP (WITH ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT WOFIRM) TO PREVENT HIS BECOMING PRESIDENT WHERE HE COULD HAVE ACCESS TO ALL FACTS SURROUNDING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH. (GSHOUR/1 REPORTED 12 JUNE THAT SAME LINE RECEIVING WIDE CIRCULATION TRIPOLI.)

B. VARIED LIBYAN CONTACTS REVEAL STRONG WORD-OF-MOUTH CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. TRIGGERED BY ASSASSINATION. ZIONISTS ALLEGEDLY INSTIGATED ASSASSINATION AND PRO-ZIONIST ELEMENTS IN LNHARP SUBTLY USING INCIDENT TO WORSEN RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES. (GSTELECAST/1 MAINTAINED LINE HAS EARMARKS OF WELL-ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN WHICH MAY HAVE SOVIET OR UAR SPONSORSHIP. HE WAS ASKED TO ATTEMPT ELICIT POSSIBLE CORROBORATION

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THESE SUSPICIONS FROM AEURANIUM/1. GSTELECAST/1 URGED ADDITIONAL LNHARP PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT NO ARAB GOVT BELIEVED INVOLVED. STATED HE FOUND EARLIER STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT FROM LNGOLD VERY HELPFUL IN COUNTERING ABOVE LINE.

2. GSHOUR/1 REPORTED 12 JUNE HIS FILES CONTAINED NO RECORD OF SIRHAN.

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1. WITH CAPTION "'WRESTLED' SIRHAN, MIAMI EXILE SAYS", MIAMI HERALD OF 13 JUNE CARRIES FOLLOWING STORY ON PAGE 16-A BY STAFF WRITER BRUCE GILES:

2. "SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, THE ACCUSED KILLER OF SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY, MAY HAVE, OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN, THE MAN WHO EXCHANGED WORDS WITH A GROUP OF CUBAN EXILES ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE PEACE AND FREEDOM CLUB IN LOS ANGELES MAY 21.

"JOSE DUARTE, ONCE A MAJOR WITH FIDEL CASTRO'S GUERRILLAS, SAID IN MIAMI WEDNESDAY THAT THE MAN HE SCUFFLED WITH AT THE MEETING WAS SIRHAN.

"BUT OTHERS AT THE MEETING COULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THAT ONE OF THE THREE PERSONS PRESENT WHO APPEARED TO BE ARAB WAS SIRHAN.

"THE MEETING, HELD IN THE HOLLYWOOD MANSION OF MR. AND MRS. ROBER LAEMMLE, FEATURED PAUL SHINOFF, A

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MEMBER OF THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY WHO HAD RECENTLY VISITED CUBA"

"ABOUT 50 OR 60 PERSONS ATTENDED THE MEETING IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE HOME, DECORATED WITH A POSTER OF CHE GUEVARA AND 'PEACE' SIGNS.

"DUARTE SAID HE AND ABOUT 15 OTHER MEMBERS OF A MILITANT EXILE GROUP, THE YOUNG CUBANS, HAD LEARNED OF THE MEETING THROUGH FLYERS AND DECIDED TO ATTEND BECAUSE SHINOFF HAD BEEN 'SPEAKING DEROGATORILY ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AND PRAISING CASTRO.'

"ACCORDING TO DUARTE, THE MAN WHO HE DESCRIBED AS 'SMALL, SWARTHY, VERY STRONG AND VERY PASSIONATE,' ASKED DUARTE 'HOW MUCH IS THE CIA PAYING YOU FOR SAYING THIS?' AND 'WHY DID YOU BETRAY THE REVOLUTION?' A BRIEF SCUFFLE FOLLOWED, HE SAID.

"BOTH MR. AND MRS. LAEMMLE REMEMBER DUARTE, BUT DO NO RECALL A SCUFFLE.

"SHE SAID THERE WERE THREE PERSONS AT THE MEETING WHO APPEARED TO BE ARABS. SHE SAID THEY LOOKED LIKE LATIN

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AMERICANS BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH.

"WHEN THE THREE WERE LEAVING, ONE OF THEM LOOKED VERY STRANGELY AT THE STAR OF DAVID SHE WAS WEARING AND ASKED: 'YOU'RE NOT JEWISH, ARE YOU?'

"MRS. LAEMMLE SAID ONE OF THE MEN 'COULD POSSIBLY BE' SIRHAN, BUT SHE ADDED: 'I'M NOT GOING TO CONFIRM IT OR DENY IT.'

"ALBERTO BARCO, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE YOUNG CUBANS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, ALSO IDENTIFIED THE MAN AS SIRHAN."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Cornelius RYAN - 11 June 68

1. Cornelius RYAN called me prior to my return from leave. I returned his call on 11 June. He said he had several things he wanted to discuss with me and hoped that I would be able to stop by and see him sometime soon in Connecticut. I told him I did expect to be in the New York area within the next two weeks and would try to get out. He is currently involved in finishing his book on the German attack on Holland, the movie scenario of The Last Battle which will be filmed in Yugoslavia, and a major TV program. He implied that he had some information concerning Soviet attempts to publish books on the West and other matters.

2. With some apologies for the improbable suppositions connected with it, he then told me the following story. In the summer of 1965 his two children flew to the Middle West to visit their grandparents. In the course of changing planes they called home from Chicago and introduced over the phone a man they had met on the airplane and with whom they had become good friends. This man was a propagandist for Arab causes attached to the Jordan or Lebanon UN delegation in New York. His name is Sami HADAWI. In view of HADAWI's assiduous cultivation of the children, the RYANs asked HADAWI out to dinner approximatelyaa year ago (the date is not certain but I can check it with RYAN). Present at the dinner among others was John PHILLIPS, the editor of Life. In the course of the evening HADAWI revealed himself as a violent Arab propagandist and as a man very preoccupied with the assassination of President Kennedy. He stated flatly that "the Jews killed Kennedy" and went into some detail of his reasons for thinking so. He impressed RYAN at the time as being obsessed with assassination in general as well. The day on which SIRHAN was revealed as the probable assassin of Robert Kennedy, RYAN immediately thought about HADAWI and also received a call from PHILLIPS who called to check his own impressions with RYAN and join in speculation as to whether HADAWI could

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have been involved. RYAN then remembered letters that HADAWI had written his children this past spring and in viewing them discovered that HADAWI had outlined an itinerary for a speaking tour that took him to Dallas and then to Los Angeles sometime this spring. (I presume I could get the exact date from RYAN.) The purpose of the speaking tour was to address Arab youth in these areas and strengthen their enthusiasm for the Arab cause. RYAN made it clear that he had no other information and he did not believe that there was a high possibility of a connection between HADAWI and SIRHAN, but thought he would pass the information on anyway. He said he felt the FBI would laugh him out of the office if he took the story to them, but he thought I might find it interesting. I called Alan WOLFE in NE Division to relay the above. WOLFE is doing a name check on HADAWI.

Donald Jameson
DC/SB/SOV

cc: DCNE/AA Mr. Alan Wolfe

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BI interview, EGJackson, 2 January 1952

HADAWI, Sami

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COMMENT: It would appear that the latest Arab counter to a PCC initiative leaves little scope for any future PCC efforts along the lines of the Jarvis report, at least for the foreseeable future. We interpret the most recent Arab effort not as indicating any willingness on the part of the Arabs to establish accurate values for Arab immoveable properties in Israel which might serve as a bargaining point at some future date, but rather simply as a desire on the part of the Arabs not to let the Jarvis report pass into history as an accepted version of means of evaluating properties and of the property values themselves. This judgment is partially based on information passed to Beirut Embassy Officer Wahl in March, 1966, by (Sami HADAWI, Director of the Institute for Palestine Studies. Mr. Hadawi told Wahl that he had warned the Arab Governments repeatedly that they would only have themselves to blame if inaccurate data on refugee property were left unchallenged in the UN records. Presumably the latest Arab effort derives at least in part from Hadawi's warning. ✓

Furthermore, Nofal's statement that no solution to the Palestine problem can be found except by repatriation reinforces our conclusion that the Arab purpose in establishing values for refugee properties was not with an eye to eventual bargaining with the Israelis. Whether the Arab report can conceivably in time serve such a function, only the future can tell.

9 - Al Jihad publishes a talk by Sami Hadawi, Director-General of the Institute for Palestinian Studies. The Institute collects information and documents about Palestine, the Mandate, Zionism and offers proposals to benefit the Palestine Problem; its center is in Beirut.

HADAWI, Sami

A term which will cost less than $5. The number of sessions, their frequency and other information will be available [illegible]

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Re: ARABIAN STUDENTS
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following information has been received from another Governmental agency which conducts security investigations. This agency advised that they have received information from a confidential source who is in a position to be in close contact with responsible persons at Purdue University and who has furnished reliable information in the past.

In September, 1955, and since the opening of the current academic year, there have been definite signs of increasing tension and friction between Arab and Jewish factions on the Purdue University campus.

The principal overt acts occurred in December, 1955, in connection with the Annual Christmas program of the student body.

The Pan-Arab Club took advantage of their exhibit space in the Memorial Union Building to quietly distribute pamphlets in support of the Arab arguments. This literature bore no signature nor was any source or editor named. Also on display was a single poster allegedly showing Jewish atrocities in Jordan.

As a part of the annual Christmas convocation (musical program) an Arab student, Isaa E. Bandek of Bethlehem, read a letter from his father carrying greetings to the United States people. A reference was made in the letter to "oppressed peoples."

Immediately following the above incident, the Dean of Men, (Dr.) Donald R. Mallett, was approached by (Rabbi) Gerald Engel and (Professor) I. Waldersbein. The former has responsibility for B'nnai B'rith Hillel Foundation. The latter is a staff member of the Department of Physics. The complaint was made to the Dean of Men that the above acts were unjustified and completely out of harmony with the Christmas spirit. In response to the complaint, the Director of Purdue Musical Organizations, Mr. Albert P. Stewart, had the Arab student, Bandek, omit the

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objectional remarks from his letter for the final performance.

Concurrently, Mr. Zelman Kanion of Israel, a student, and his wife Ethel, of New York City, came to the Dean of Men's office to make the same complaint. They had gone so far as to photograph the poster at the Arab exhibit. The photograph, however, was not shown.

In addition to making the above complaint, Zelman Kanion also declared that one of the Arab students, Yusuf or Joseph Tamini, is not only a student, but also an agent of the Arab League for the Arab Information Office in New York City. He had no proof for his statement but indicated that his belief was based on the fact that Tamini was now to [illegible] 1955, that he had been elected President of the [illegible] almost immediately instead of any of the [illegible] students, and that he passed pamphlets [illegible] Israel-Arab problem.

[illegible] the year there has been a regular Sunday evening meeting of Jewish faculty and graduate students at the Purdue Hillel Foundation. This group has been meeting under the chairmanship of Professor Wallerstein. In early February 1956, this group extended an invitation to the Arabs to present a panel discussion on Sunday evening on the general topic of what kind of solution might be achieved. Most of the Arabs were hesitant to accept the invitation, but finally two did agree to appear.

The meeting was attended by approximately 70 people--fairly well divided between Jew, Arab and United States with a few faculty (Jewish) sprinkled in. Chairman of the panel was Professor Culver of the Department of Sociology. The panel chairman was advised in advance to maintain strict control of the group.

Panel participants were Avinoam Libai and Ramroch Uri of Israel and Ahmed Hamady El-Abied, Egypt and Farouk Chemdour of Lebanon.

The discussion had been well prepared in advance and there was little or no heat in the arguments. Most interesting was contempt on the question of Israel's being just another Arab country or a Zionist state in which only the Jew would be at home.

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On March 19, 1956, a special meeting was called for all students from Greece, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Israel and Egypt. Purpose of the meeting was to alert them to the personal problems inherent in the current Near East unrest. In a private conversation with Yusuf Tamini prior to the opening of the meeting, it was learned that he had just received forty dollars for the support of the Pan-Arab Club. This was supposedly in connection with their participation in International Week (March 17 to 25, 1956). He did state, however, that the money might be used for a gift from the Arab group to the University at some future date.

It is supposed that the forty dollars came by check from Dr. Isaac Tannous, Palestine Arab Refugee Office in New York City.

Dr. Tannous is in charge of this office in New York. In a letter he stated that he did not have money for students, inasmuch as his office was a political one. He had been asked earlier by Arab students for scholarships and had denied them with such answer.

It is interesting to note, however, that Mr. Emil Hadawi, father of Purdue student Habil Hadawi, is an employee of Dr. Tannous. In late February Mr. Hadawi sent a check in the amount of $235 (equal to tuition and fees) payable to Purdue University for his son's tuition. The check was marked Palestine-Arab Refugee Account and was signed by Dr. Tannous. Furthermore, there was a notation in the corner of the check indicating that the money was for student fees. As soon as Mr. Hadawi learned that other Arab students had knowledge of this payment he wrote to the University to explain that the $235 was an advance of personal salary. This does not fully explain why the check was marked "student fees."

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SOURCE US citizen, professor at a large US university.

Source is a professor of foreign languages at a leading US university. He acts in an advisory capacity to foreign students at the university. Source maintains close contact with the Dean of Students and has access to university records.

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1. Following is biographic data on Nabil Sami Hadawi, Jordan student who enrolled at the University in 1953 as an Agricultural Engineer. He has since changed to Civil Engineering.

Name: (Nabil Sami Hadawi) ✓ 44,444,010

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth: Jerusalem, Palestine

Citizenship: Jordan

Present Home Address: Unknown

(OVR)

Father: Saad Hadawi, former employee of the United Nations in New York City. Since October 1955 he has been in the Palestine Arab Refugee Office, New York City. He returned to Jordan in November 1956 and was supposedly in the Gaza strip at the time the Israeli forces cut it off from Egypt. He had gone there to assist his own mother in leaving for safer area.

Mother: Nora Hadawi. As of November 1956, she was living in Beirut, Lebanon.

(Both parents list themselves as citizens of the UK, but both are Arabs. Father was born in Jerusalem and his mother in Haifa. His father carries both UK and Jordanian passports)

Education: Preparatory School, Beirut, Lebanon 1948-50
American University of Beirut 1950-53- No degree
Entered Purdue University in 1953. As of November 1956 he had earned no degree. He is a very poor and irregular student. He may not graduate in June 1957.

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PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

2. Hadawi is not very aggressive; however, he does have leadership qualities and wants to be a leader. He is generally conscientious, cooperative and dependable but needs close supervision. He appears to be average in initiative and generally makes sound decisions but is easily upset. He has a winning, open manner and appears to be well dressed. Hadawi is broad-minded and unprejudiced except in his attitude toward the Jews.

TECHNICAL ABILITY

3. Hadawi's education has been primarily technical. He shows deficiencies in specific training. He speaks fluent English. Compared to other foreign students in his class he is below average. He has a keen interest in world events and politics and is actively interested in problems facing lower level socio-economic classes. Scholastically he is a very poor student. His father seems to be the greatest source of his motivation.

ESTIMATE OF POTENTIAL

4. Based on my knowledge and understanding of his nation's technological level, I estimate that this student will play a very minor role in its scientific community. However, I believe he will perform significant work within the next 10 years in political events. His talents best fit him for a role in politics or perhaps engineering but he does show a tendency to desire political work.

5. Hadawi can be bullheaded and stubborn to the point of losing his own cause. He served as President of the International Association for one semester and secured valuable experience as an organizer. He will develop in this direction. He could be a very strong political opponent if he becomes "anti-western". This may happen unless he succeeds in college. Failure here could turn him against the west very rapidly and permanently.

/On file in CIA Graphic Register is a bust photo of Nabil Sami Hadawi, Jordan, as he appeared in 1953 when he enrolled at the University l...

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DATE: February 27, 1967

SUBJECT: Arab "Land Experts" Meeting in Beirut

REF:

A meeting of Arab "land experts" began in Beirut on February 20 under the chairmanship of the Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League, Dr. Sayed Nowfal. Representatives of all Arab League members except Tunisia and Morocco were reported to be attending the meeting, which was expected to last three or four days. Lebanon's delegate was Dr. Rafiq Dhahir, Director General of Palestine Refugee Affairs.

The press has been vague on the precise purpose of the meeting, but the Embassy understands it is to prepare a reply to comments made by Palestine Conciliation Commission Technical Representative Frank Jarvis on a report submitted by the Arab committee of experts last fall. This report, submitted to the PCC presumably after Jarvis's official termination on September 30, contained comments on the "working paper" and other aspects of the PCC technical program regarding Arab property in Israel. It is believed that neither the Arab report nor Jarvis's comments were circulated as UN documents.

According to Mr. Sami Hadawi, Director of the Institute for Palestine Studies in Beirut who was not invited to participate in the current meeting, none of the present committee of "experts" is qualified to comment on the subject. He considers himself the only real expert on the property problem. He recalled that he had participated actively in the meeting held in Jerusalem July 25 to August 13, 1966, and at that time had clashed with Nowfal and the other representatives when he insisted that a detailed, carefully documented study was required to support any comments on the PCC study. Hadawi expects no significant results to come from the present meeting.

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Hadawi noted that the Palestine Liberation Organization has consistently boycotted all of the Arab League-sponsored meetings on the property question. According to a report appearing in Cairo's al-Ahram in July 1966 (see Cairo's 188, July 12, 1966), the Arab League Council originally stipulated that the committee of Arab land experts should have direct contact with the PLO. Al-Ahram said the PLO subsequently notified the Arab League Secretariat that it would not participate in the committee on the grounds that Arab property in Palestine "is an indivisible part of Palestine" which the PLO Charter says must be restored to the Palestinian people. The PLO memorandum also reportedly pointed out that the Organization "does not believe in an evaluation of property nor does it recognize anything called Israel." It stated finally that the PLO does not consider itself committed to any procedures or conditions related to the Palestine Conciliation Commission or to other UN activity subsequent to the Palestine conflict.

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USUN'S 4221, AMMAN'S 585 TO DEPT.

1. SAMI HADAWI, DIRECTOR OF PRIVATE INSTITUTE FOR PALESTINE STUDIES BEIRUT, SAID MARCH 29 IT STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL GO NEW YORK AS ARAB REP FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PCC (SEE USUN'S 4143 PARA 2). HE PARTICIPATED IN ARAB LEAGUE-HOST COUNTRY MEETING ON PROPERTY QUESTION HELD AMMAN MARCH 23-27 (AMMAN'S 585) AND OUTLINED TO NOFAL TERMS UNDER WHICH HE WOULD ACCEPT JOB. SUGGESTED EMBASSY CONTACT HIM NEXT WEEK AND APPOINTMENT MADE APR. 5.

2. TENOR OF HADAWI'S REMARKS AND REPORTS OF AMMAN MEETING INDICATE THAT ARAB INITIATIVE RE PCC PROPERTY PROGRAM IS ENTIRELY NEGATIVE, SEEKING UNDO WORK THUS FAR ACHIEVED. HADAWI'S THESIS, WHICH APPARENTLY ENDORSED OFFICIALLY AT AMMAN MEETING, REJECTS JARVIS WORK BECAUSE IT BASED ON PALESTINE MANDATE RECORD WHICH HADAWI MAINTAINS WERE INCOMPLETE AND INACCURATE. (HADAWI WAS IN MANDATE CADASTRAL OFFICE AND SAYS HE WAS LABORING MAKE BEGINNING TOWARD CORRECTING AND COMPLETING RECORDS WHEN HE HAD TO FLEE. HE HAS BEEN TRYING FOR YEARS GET ARAB GOVTS TO REGISTER PROTEST AGAINST JARVIS PROGRAM BUT GOVTS HAVE RESPONDED ONLY AT LAST MOMENT.) EMBASSY BELIEVES POLITICAL ARGUMENT CITED PENULTIMAT PARA AMMAN'S 585 ADDITIONAL STRONG NEGATIVE FACTOR IN ARAB ATTITUDE.

3. ALTHOUGH HADAWI HAD LEFT PCC EMPLOY BEFORE JARVIS ARRIVAL, BELIEVE JARVIS WELL AWARE HADAWI POSITION. HE MAY FEEL ABLE COUNTER ARAB ARGUMENTS AND THUS PRESERVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TECHNICAL PROGRAM. EVIDENCE HERE SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, PCC UNLIKELY MAKE "PROGRESS" BY EXTENDING JARVIS' TERM MERELY TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL PROGRAM WITH HADAWI OR OTHER ARAB REPS, AND WE SHOULD PERHAPS NOT TRY TOO HARD RETAIN HIM, IF THIS ONLY PURPOSE WE HAVE IN MIND.

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Case 40215 - Samuel E. Salem

Reference: Yourmemo, same subject, dated 1 & 3 April 1963

1. Mr. Samuel E. Salem was interviewed on 15 April 1963 relative to the subject case. He appeared to be willingly cooperative and mentioned that he is familiar with classified work, having done some on a continuing basis while still lecturing at Case Institute of Technology. He presently is devoting most of his time to his work as Executive Director of "PACE", a recently organized citizen's group in Cleveland active in the study of elementary and secondary education in this community. His office is at Room 314, CAS Building, 1148 Euclid Avenue. He stated that he continues to maintain office space and files of correspondence with Arabs and others on the campus at Case Institute of Technology. He also continues to write articles for publication on subjects pertaining to the Arab world and to give lectures as previously. He offered to open his files to us at any time we might wish.

2. Mr. Salem, who is of Syrian extraction but who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he is fluent in Arabic. He also stated that he has turned down a number of offers to become a "propagandist", wishing to remain free to express himself "objectively". He may travel to the Middle East this summer (1963), but is not certain due to funding problems. However, he said he would keep the Cleveland Office advised. The inference was there that he would be willing to do something for us, if we so desire.

3. The following is a list and a short summarization of what Mr. Salem said he knows of each of his Arab contacts:

a. Fayez Sayegh, Past Deputy Director of the Arab States Delegation to the United Nations. Also affiliated in the past with the Arab Information Service. Presently with Macalester University in St. Paul, Minn. Married to a US national. Considered a Nasir, Arab nationalist. A standing authority on the Arab world. Born in Palestine, reared in Syria and educated in Lebanon and the US. He is about 40 years of age. Received his PhD from Georgetown University and his BA in Lebanon. He fought against the French forces in North Africa in the post-World War II period. As an outstanding authority on Arab nationalism, he is their most articulate spokesman. His father was

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a Presbyterian minister and he is a practicing Presbyterian. He is anti-Communist. He has five or six brothers with professional education living in the Middle East, as well as a sister with the American University in Beirut. He is critical of the US policy with regard to Israel and previously was critical of the US regarding Algeria.

b. Saadat Hassan. An extreme Baath nationalist and member of the Ba'th Party. Liaison director of the Arab Information Center in New York City. The difference in extremity of nationalism is that he considers Arab nationalism more a religion than a political matter. A relatively shallow person likely to go with whatever political tide is moving. Doesn't get along with Qayegh. Educated in Lebanon with an advanced degree received in the US. Of Syrian extraction originally. Hassan is about 30 years of age and believed to be single.

c. Mohamed Mehdi, employee at Arab Information Center, San Francisco, California. A Nasir nationalist. Known to Mr. Salem through correspondence and telephone conversations only. Has written a new book entitled "Nation of Lions Chained", which is critical of US policies regarding Palestine. Mehdi is articulate, gregarious and apparently makes a good impression. He has a PhD in political science from a US university. He is a younger man.

d. Ziad Ghusami, employee of Newsletter Committee of the Organization of Arab Students in New York City. Known only to Mr. Salem through correspondence.

e. Sami Hadawi. Director of the Arab Information Center in Dallas, Texas. He is a Nasir nationalist (most Arabs in these information centers are Nasir nationalists, according to Mr. Salem). He is a Christian and an embittered Palestinian, having lost his home there. He has a limited formal education but is well self-educated. His sole political interest is Palestine. He probably would go along with anyone except the Communists who would solve this problem to his satisfaction. He is an Episcopalian and deeply religious. He is married, a recent widower and has a lovely daughter about 24 years of age.

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COMMENT: It would appear that the latest Arab counter to a PCC initiative leaves little scope for any future PCC efforts along the lines of the Jarvis report, at least for the foreseeable future. We interpret the most recent Arab effort not as indicating any willingness on the part of the Arabs to establish accurate values for Arab immoveable properties in Israel which might serve as a bargaining point at some future date, but rather simply as a desire on the part of the Arabs not to let the Jarvis report pass into history as an accepted version of means of evaluating properties and of the property values themselves. This judgment is partially based on information passed to Beirut Embassy Officer Wahl in March, 1966, by (Sami HADAWI, Director ✓ of the Institute for Palestine Studies. Mr. Hadawi told Wahl that he had warned the Arab Governments repeatedly that they would only have themselves to blame if inaccurate data on refugee property were left unchallenged in the UN records. Presumably the latest Arab effort derives at least in part from Hadawi's warning.

Furthermore, Nofal's statement that no solution to the Palestine problem can be found except by repatriation reinforces our conclusion that the Arab purpose in establishing values for refugee properties was not with an eye to eventual bargaining with the Israelis. Whether the Arab report can conceivably in time serve such a function, only the future can tell.

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT AS BEING CONCEIVABLY OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION. ON JUNE 8 US CITIZEN JOHN A. SWEDE (PASSPORT F 248994) CALLED ON EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER TO REPORT CONVERSATION MAY 17, 1968 WITH WAITER AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL BAGDAD. DURING DINNER HOTEL WAITER APPROACHED SWEDE AND WIFE TO ASK IF THEY HAD HEARD SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WAITER ASSERTED HE HAD POSITIVELY HEARD KENNEDY SHOT IN HEAD BUT NOT YET DEAD. SAID HE HAD HEARD REPORT ON SPECIAL GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST THAT DAY.

2. SWEDE INDICATED HE HAD NO REASON BELIEVE THIS PREMEATURE REPORT HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAGEDY BUT WORTH MENTIONING TO US AUTHORITIES. IF REPORT OF ANY INTEREST HE CAN BE CONTACTED IN LOS ANGELES AFTER HIS RETURN ABOUT JUNE 20. ADDRESS GIVEN AT 1631 CAMDEN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES 90025, TELEPHONE 4771989. ALTERNATIVELY MAY BE REACHED AT PARENTS' HOME 12751 MARLBORO STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90049, TELEPHONE 4720972.

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1. REF PARALLELS REPORTING FROM UNION WHICH WAS DISSEMINATED WITH FULL CONTROLS AS USIB EXCLUSIVE/7 JUNE. SUBSTANCE WAS THAT FATAH HAD ORGANIZED GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION "CERTAIN" PRO-ISRAELI PERSONS IN US AND EUROPE. AS OF 29 APRIL GROUP WAS PREPARED ACT "IN NEAR FUTURE". UNION REPORT ALSO LACKED DETAILS, PROBABLY WAS BASIS FOR INFO WHICH REACHED SMINSOIL.

2. APPRECIATE REF AND HOPE YOU CAN GET MORE DETAILS.

This was relayed to Beirut and 12 June to Rome.

NE/INT Sandra Banks
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C/I/2 Ruth Joyner (by phone)

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1. SIMINSOLE TOLD GODNICK 7 JUNE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT A FEW DAYS BEFORE FROM A "CASUAL" FRENCH SOURCE IN BEIRUT, BASED ON OFFICIAL FRENCH INFORMATION, THAT A SECRET ARAB SOCIETY HAD BEEN FORMED SOME TIME AGO FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ASSASSINATING WESTERN LEADERS. THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY IS TO BRING THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE BEFORE THE WORLD IN DRAMATIC FASHION. SIMINSOLE SAID THE INFORMATION WAS TWO MONTHS OLD WHEN HE RECEIVED IT AND THE SOURCE (WHO HE IMPLIED WAS A FRENCH OFFICIAL) WAS CLEARLY NOT TELLING ALL HE KNEW. SIMISOLE SPECULATED THAT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION MAY HAVE PROMPTED SOURCE TO REVEAL INFO WHICH HE MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE CONSIDERED ALARMEIST. ALTHOUGH INFO OBTAINED IN BEIRUT, SOURCE DID NOT REVEAL LOCATION.

2. SIZE OR COMPOSITION OF SOCIETY. SMINSOLE ASSUMES KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WILL PROMPT SOURCE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING TO INSURE AGAINST REPETITIONS IF "SOCIETY" IN ANY WAY INVOLVED.

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2. SMINSOLE ASKED GODNICK NOT TO REPORT ABOVE YET, SINCE SMINSOLE HAD NOT DONE SO HIMSELF BECAUSE INFO SEEMED TOO VAGUE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW KENNEDY DEATH HE NOW INTENDS TO. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK HIS HQS FOR AUTHORITY PASS WOFIRM AND ADVISE OF REPLY. HAVE NOT HEARD FROM SMINSOLE SINCE BUT THOUGHT ABOVE SHOULD BE FORWARDED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. WILL REPORT ANY FOLLOW UP.

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2. AL AHRAM 11 JUNE RAN FRONT PAGE UPI AND AP STORY AMMAN DATELINE 10 JUNE QUOTING JORDANIAN GOVT SPOKESMAN DENIAL OF SUBJECT'S ESPIONAGE ROLE AND RELATION TO KENNEDY ALLEGED ASSASSIN.

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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

REF: CAIRO 0769 (NOT SENT JERUSALEM JIDDA) (, IN 28339)

STORY OUTLINED REF BROKE IN JORDAN 9 JUNE, ATTRIBUTED TO IRAQI NEWS SERVICES. JORDAN GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE INVESTIGATED 10 JUNE AND DETERMINED STORY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN HAS NO BROTHER NAMES SULAYMAN, AND NO ALLEGED ISRAELI AGENT NAMED SULAYMAN SIRHAN WAS EVER TURNED OVER TO JORDANIANS BY IRAQIS. JORDANIANS RECEIVED PRIVATE OFFICIAL APOLOGY FROM IRAQIS 11 JUNE, ALONG WITH PROMISE OF PUBLIC RETRACTION BY IRAQI NEWS MEDIA.

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DIRECTOR INFO AMMAN, BEIRUT

1. 10 JUNE CAIRO PRESS REVIEW CARRIED BRIEF STORY ATTRIBUTED "ALL PAPERS" CLAIMING THAT IRAQI SECURITY AUTHORITIES SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ARRESTED BROTHER OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN WHO IS CALLED SOLIMAN BISHARA SIRHAN ON CHARGES SPYING FOR ISRAEL AND HAVE HANDED HIM OVER TO JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF CONNECTION WITH ESPIONAGE NETWORK UNCOVERED IN JORDAN.

2. CHECKING ACTUAL ATTRIBUTION AND DETAILS.

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DIRECTOR INFO ANKARA, BEIRUT, JIDDA, AMMAN, ADEN, KUWAIT, CAIRO

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EXSEAL REPORTS THAT ADNAN AL-UBAYDI, IRAQI VICE CONSUL, IDENTIFIED KENNEDY ASSASSIN SIRHAN AS FATAH MEMBER. WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS FROM EXFORCE AND FROM UNILATERAL ASSETS.

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1. KROILY/1 ON 10 JUNE 1968 INFORMED US THAT BROTHER OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ALLEGED KILLER MAY BE FORMER EMPLOYEE OF ESSO STANDARD NEAR EAST (ESNE) BEIRUT UNTIL OFFICE HQS WAS MOVED TO GENEVA IN 1960. HE QUIT ABOUT THEN. WAS ASSISTANT EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER.

2. KROILY/1 SOURCE IS SELIM AZZAM, DISTRICT MANAGER OF WESTERN AND NORTHERN NIGERIA FOR ESSO. A PALESTINIAN ARAB, AZZAM CLAIMED TO KNOW KILLER'S BROTHER. KROILY/1 CONSIDERS AZZAM TO BE RELIABLE AND ABLE PERSON. HAVE ASKED KROILY/1 TO TRY OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS INCLUDING PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF BROTHER IF POSSIBLE.

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DIRECTOR INFO AMMAN, JERUSALEM

10 JUN 68 IN 27540

PENEURAL

REF: DIRECTOR 05864*

* Hqs requested that liaison be contacted regarding the possibility that Sirhan was connected with a Arab terrorist organization.

1. ON 9 JUNE PENEURAL/1 REPORTED THAT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN NOT CONNECTED WITH PLO. PLO ATTEMPTING ASCERTAIN IF HE CONNECTED WITH ANY OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION.

2. AB DAL QADIR DAHIR RETURNED FROM AMMAN ON 7 JUNE. HAD BEEN AMMAN IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING 21-MEMBER PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. DAHIR PROPOSED THAT PLO HIRE LAWYER DEFEND SIRHAN. SHAFIQ AL HUT, CHIEF BEIRUT OFFICE PLO, UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER THIS GOOD IDEA. PENEURAL/1 ARGUED AGAINST IDEA POINTING OUT ARAB CAUSE HAD BEEN HURT ENOUGH BY ASSASSINATION, AND FOR PLO OBTRUDE SELF ON TRIAL WOULD AT BEST BE NO BENEFIT PALESTINE CAUSE. PENEURAL/1 POINTED OUT THAT SIRHAN'S COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER WILL PROBABLY BE BETTER LAWYER THAN PLO WOULD BE ABLE RETAIN.

3. PENEURAL/1 SAID FAR AS HE KNOWN PARA TWO INFO CLOSELY HELD. HE HAS DISCUSSED WITH NO ONE.

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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

1. NOHEART/2 DETERMINED THAT BISHARA SIRHAN VISIT TO EAST BANK IN LATE MAY WAS FOR PURPOSE WITHDRAWING SAVINGS FROM AMMAN BANK. BISHARA ELIGIBLE, LIKE ALL OTHER WEST BANKERS, WITHDRAW ABOUT 200 JORDAN DINARS PER MONTH FROM PERSONAL ACCOUNTS. ACCORDING TO NOHEART/2, THIS IS REGARDED BY BOTH JORDANIANS AND ISRAELIS AS VALID REASON FOR TRAVEL.

2. BISHARA ALSO APPARENTLY TRIED GET MONEY FROM RELATIVES ON EAST BANK, WITHOUT SUCCESS.

3. NOHEART/2 INVESTIGAING PRESS REPORTS THAT BISHARA INVOLVED SOMEHOW WITH JEHOVA'S WITNESSES. ADOMITUS RECEIVED REPORT FROM JORDANIAN CONTACT CONFIRMING PRESS STORY AND

ADDING THAT BISHARA WAS LEADER OF JEHOVA'S WITNESSES IN RAMALLAH IN 1957 WHEN SECT WAS INVESTIGATED BY GOJ AND THEN BANNED. ADOMITUS' SOURCE ADDED THAT JEHOVA'S WITNESSES AGAIN ALLOWED OPERATED IN JORDAN IN 1960 BECAUSE OF LNHARP PRESSURE, ~~275-8,~~ BUT IN 1963 THEY BANNED AGAIN APPARENTLY AS RESULT ARAB LEAGUE ALLEGATION OF SECRET TIES

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4. NOHEART/2 ALSO INVESTIGATING RADIO REPORTS THAT ABOUT ONE YEAR GO IRAQIS ARRESTED "SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN'S BROTHER SULAYMAN" AS ISRAELI SPY WHEN HE CAUGHT AT H-3 WITH IRAQI MILITARY MAPS ETC. IRAQIS ALLEGE THEY TURNED SULAYMAN OVER TO JORDAN. NOHEART/2 DOES NOT ~~EMBER~~ REMEMBER ANY SUCH CASE AND NOTES THAT SIRHAN HAS NO BROTHER NAMED SULAYMAN, BUT WILL INVESTIGATE.

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CHECK WITH FBIS REVEALS NO RECORD OF REF B PARA 1B BROADCAST.

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* Checking FBIS and will advise.

** Waiter claimed have heard report on special government radio broadcast.

CO/MO Kent Long (Released)

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A CHECK WITH FBIS REVEALS NO RPT NO RECORD OF AN IRAQI GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST AS CITED IN OUR MESSAGE NO. 06680 DATED 8 JUNE 1968.

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9 JUN 68 IN 27413

1. WE HAVE REACHED ANNIVERSARY OF CEASE FIRE AND AMERICAN EVACUATION IN ATMOSPHERE OF COMPLETE CALM. AT NOON TODAY THERE NO INDICATIONS OF CHANGE.

2. JUNE 8 REQUIEM MASS FOR LATE SENATOR KENNEDY ATTENDED BY SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND NON OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN CAIRO. NO OFFICIAL UAR REPRESENTATION.

3. AL AKBAR EDITORIAL OF 7 JUNE (AHMAD ZAIN) DESCRIBED ASSASSINATION AS PLOT HATCHED BY WAR MONGERS, CIA AND WORLD ZIONISM. CIA MOTIVE (APPARENTLY) FEAR LOSS OF INFLUENCE EVENT KENNEDY ELECTED, AS WAS CASE, SAYS WRITER, DURING JOHN KENNEDY'S PRESIDENCY. AKBAR OF 8 JUNE CARRIES STORY ATTRIBUTED TO UNITED PRESS THAT SIRHAN AND FAMILY ARE MEMBERS JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - A ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WHICH CLAIMS TO ADVOCATE CHRISTIANITY AND WHICH HAS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH THE CIA.

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8 JUN 68 IN 27215

S E C R E T 080932Z JUN 68 CITE AMMAN 6296

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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

1. GODNICK MET LOCAL SMOTH CHIEF 7 JUNE AT LATTERS INITIATIVE, TO DISCUSS SIRHAN UNCLE THEODORE MUZHIR, LISTED BY NOHEART/1 AS SMOOTHER DRIVER. SMOTH CHIEF STATED THEODORE ACTUALLY HIS PERSONAL DRIVER. DEBRIEFING OF THEODORE BY SMOTH CHIEF HAD CONFIRMED MUCH OF FAMILY INFO REPORTED AMMAN 6294 (IN 26570), PLUS FOLLOWING:

A. HOUSE AND PROPERTY IN TAYBEH INHERITED BY BISHARA SIRHAN FROM HIS MOTHER, NOT ACQUIRED OR BUILT AS RESULT ANY FINANCIAL AFFLUENCE ON BISHARA'S PART.

B. BISHARA HAS HISTORY OF BAD TEMPER AND OCCASIONAL VIOLENCE TOWARD HIS FAMILY, AS INDICATED IN CONGEN JERUSALEM TELEGRAM 1374. THEODORE STATED BISHARA OCCASIONALLY HIT HIS WIFE MARY. 15-20 YEARS AGO BISHARA BEAT MARY SO BADLY SHE HOSPITALIZED. THEODORE WENT TO SEE HER, MET BISHARA, AND THEY FOUGHT. THEODORE ADVISED MARY HAVE NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH BISHARA, AND SINCE THEN RELATIONS BETWEEN MATERNAL SIDE OF FAMILY AND PATERNAL SIDE, ESPECIALLY BISHARA, HAVE BEEN VERY

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STRAINED.

C. EMIGRATION OF MARY AND CHILDREN TO U.S.A. AND FACT BISHARA NEVER SETTLED IN U.S.A. WITH THEM, DIRECTLY RELATED TO BISHARA BAD TEMPER.

D. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN HAD FIFTH BROTHER WHO DIED AT UNSPECIFIED AGE AND TIME.

2. SMOTH CHIEF MOST ANXIOUS AVOID ANY PUBLICITY ON FACT THEODORE IS SMOOTHER, ESPECIALLY SMOTH, DRIVER. HE OFFERED LET GODNICK DEBRIEF THEODORE (WHICH GODNICK DELINED) OR SERVICE ANY REQUIREMENTS LNHARP MIGHT HAVE.

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CITE DIRECTOR 06695

TO PRIORITY (NO NIGHT ACTION) HONG KONG INFO PRIORITY (NO NIGHT ACTION) SINGAPORE

RYBAT

REFERENCE: SINGAPORE 3359 (IN 27158)*

1. HAVE ADVISED LNERGO OF CONTENTS OF REF AND THAT WE REQUESTING HONG KONG STATION TO ADVISE LEGAL ATTACHE OF REF INFO IN ORDER THAT HE MAY TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AT LNERGO DIRECTION,

2. NO HQS TRACES SWEDE OR WIFE. CHECKING FBIS AND WILL ADVISE

END OF MESSAGE

JOSEPH W SMITH
ACFE
RELEASING OFFICER

C/O John Regan
C/CIOP/NE
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CFE/PMI
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CITE DIRECTOR 06680

TO PRIORITY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE:
OFFICE OF SECURITY
INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
~~IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE~~

08 17 002 JUN 68

1. FOLLOWING INFO FORWARDED BY OUR SINGAPORE REP OBTAINED BY SINGAPORE EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER MORNING 8 JUNE FROM APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE YOUNG AMERICAN WHO CALLED AT EMBASSY TO VOLUNTEER WRITTEN STATEMENT:

a. ON 17 MAY 1968, WHILE ENROUTE TO TEHERAN, IRAQI AIRWAYS BOOKED MY WIFE AND I AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN BAGHDAD. WE SPENT MOST OF EVENING IN HOTEL WHERE WE HAD DINNER.

B. IN DINNING ROOM WE WERE ALONE EXCEPT FOR OUR WAITER. DURING MEAL WAITER ASKED US IF WE HAD HEARD SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE HEAD. THAT SAME DAY (17 MAY). WAITER CLAIMED IN BROKEN ENGLISH TO HAVE HEARD THE REPORT ON A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST.

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RELEASING OFFICER

Based on Singapore 3239, 8 June 1968

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CITE DIRECTOR C6680

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C WE PRESSED WAITER FOR DETAILS, BUT HE CLAIMED TO KNOW NOTHING MORE THAN THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WAS NOT YET DEAD. WAITE THEN OBVIOUSLY WANTED TO BREAK OFF DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT.

D. BEFORE LEAVING DINNER ROOM, WAITER SAID PROBLEM IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD IS "THE JEW". WAITER IMPLIED AMERICAN POLICIES GUIDED AND SUPPORTED BY JUDAISM.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO FBI TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT LOCAT IN ORDER THAT FOLLOWUP ON THIS INFORMATION MAY BE TAKEN.

END OF MESSAGE.

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Birch D. O'Neal
for DC/CI

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CITE DIRECTOR 06681

TO

9 17 00Z JUN 68

PRIORITY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR - 06680

1. SOURCE OF REFERENCE INFORMATION IS JOHN A. SWEDE US PASSPORT NO. F-248994, 1631 CAMDEN AVE. LOS ANGELES, CALIF. HIS WIFE IS ELISABETH C M SWEDE NEE ELISABETH CONRADINE M. FABERY DEJONE, WHO IS TRAVELLING WITH DUTCH PASSPORT K-888793.

2. THE SWEDES ARE HONEYMOONING, WILL REMAIN SINGAPORE UNTIL 9 OR 10 JUNE WHEN THEY LEAVING FOR HONG KONG. PLAN TO BE BACK IN LOS ANGELES BY 20 JUNE.

3. UNFORTUNATELY EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER FAILED TO GET LOCAL HO ADDRESS BUT ~~THEY ATTEMPTING~~ EFF RT. AND MAIL TO TRACK DOWN

4. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN HONG KONG TO INFOR THE LEGAL ATTACHE THERE OF THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT HE MAY TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS AT YOUR DIRECTION

5. WE HAVE NO IDENTIFIABLE TRACES ON SWEDE OR HIS WIFE.

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Bill D. O'Neil
for DCI

RELEASING OFFICER

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IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO PRIORITY HONG KONG

8 JUN 68 IN 27158

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Mr. Bubble C/OPS

Pass to DIS re record of this broadcast

This copy from FE/PMI/Finn 8.6. as discussed O'neal prior to his follow-up action 8.6.

Pat Finn x1133

Disseminated to community by DIR 06807 06681, 8 June 68

DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT.

D. BEFORE LEAVING DINNER ROOM, WAITER SAID PROBLEM IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD IS "THE JEW." WAITER IMPLIED AMERICAN POLICIES GUIDED AND SUPPORTED BY JUDAISM.

2. JOHN A ~~Ø 2353,~~ SWEDE, PASSPORT NO. F-248994, 1631 CAMDEN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

3. HIS WIFE IS ELISABETH C.M. SWEDE, NEE ELISABETH CONRADINE M. FABERY DEJONE, WHO IS TRAVELING WITH DUTCH PASSPORT K-888793.

4. THE SWEDES ARE HONEYMOONING, WILL REMAIN SINGAPORE UNTIL 9 OR 10 JUNE WHEN THEY LEAVING FOR HONG KONG. PLAN TO BE BACK IN LOS ANGELES BY 20 JUNE.

5. UNFORTUNATELY, DUTY OFFICER FAILED TO GET LOCAL HOTEL ADDRESS. WE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN. IN MEANTIME, REQUEST FILE TRACES BOTH SWEDE AND WIFE, CHECK OF FBIS FOR ALLEGED SPEICIAL GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST BAGHDAD APPROX 17 MAY, AND ANY GUIDANCE HQS WISHES RECOMMEND.

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Habih SIRHAN

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

SHIRHAN, SARHAN, SHARHAN, Family name-GHATTIS-SIRHAN or GHATTAS-SIRHAN

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Farmer in Taiyiba, Jordan

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST
NAME CHECK № 169330

DATE 7 June 1968

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME Bruce Jackman
OFFICE DESIGNATOR NE/AA/Jordan
ROOM, BUILDING 6 D 38
EXTENSION 7821

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14. INTEREST IN SUBJECT (CHECK ONE)

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☐ OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

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8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

Greek Orthodox

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES

See Attached list

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TO: Bruce Jackman

10 June 1968
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TO: FI/D

DATE

FROM:

NAME
OFFICE DESIGNATOR
ROOM, BUILDING
EXTENSION

CANCEL THE STOP CARD FOR THIS REQUEST

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ATTACHMENT TO GREEN LIST #169990

Section 11.

Brothers -	Bishara Salama SIRHAN
	Hanna SHATTIS-SIRHAN (deceased)
Sister-in-law -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
Nephews -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN
	Adil SIRHAN
	Munir SIRHAN
	Sadallah SIRHAN
	Sharif SIRHAN
Neice -	Ayda (deceased)

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LE[illegible]S - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Ibrahim AWAD

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Retired Driver, now lives at Beit Safafa, Jordan

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 169335

DATE ~~7 June 1968~~

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME Bruce Jackman
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ROOM, BUILDING 6 D 38
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TO: FI/D

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OFFICE DESIGNATOR
ROOM, BUILDING
EXTENSION

CANCEL THE STOP CARD FOR THIS REQUEST

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ATTACHMENT TO GREEN LIST #169335

Section 11.

Sisters-in-law -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
	Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR
	Victoria (MUZHIR) NASIR
	Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL
	Naifa (MUZHIR) AWAD (deceased)
Brothers-in-law -	Bishara Salama SIRHAN
	Salim NASIR
	Hanna HADDAWAR
	(fnu) DAHDEL (deceased)
Nephews -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN
	Adil SIRHAN
	Munir SIRHAN
	Sharif (SIRHAN
	Sadallah SIRHAN
Niece -	Ayda (deceased)

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN L ERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Lives Beit Jala, Jordan.

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST
NAME CHECK № 169334

DATE ~~7 June 1968~~

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME Bruce Jackman
OFFICE DESIGNATOR NE/AA/Jordan
ROOM, BUILDING 6 D 38
EXTENSION 7821

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7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES

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Greek Orthodox

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

(fnu) DAHDEL (deceased)

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES

See Attached list.

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Sisters -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
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	Munir SIRHAN
	Sharif SIRHAN
	Sadallah SIRHAN
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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN I ERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Theodore MUZHIR

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

1915, Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Lives Amman, works as Driver at the British Embassy

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

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TO CHIEF, FI/D

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7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

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Greek Orthodox

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN ERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Shukri MUZHIR

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

1913 Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Has long been in Amman Hospital for chest ailments.

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LE :S - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Hanna HADDAWAR

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Living Christian Quarters of Old City, Jerusalem

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST
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TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

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Greek Orthodox

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Elen HADAWWAR

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

aka HADANA, HADDAWAR

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Probably born Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Probably Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Residing "House of Shaykh YASIN , Jerusalem"

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 169327

DATE 6 June 1968

TO CHIEF, FI/D

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10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

Hanna HADDAWAR

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AN[redacted] Victoria NASAR,
Brothers-in-law-Bishara Salama [redacted] a SIRHAN, Adil (Adel,
Odel)SIRHAN, Munir(aka Joe)SI[redacted] SEE ATTACHED LIST [redacted], Sharies (Sharif)
SIRHAN.

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Niece -	Ayda SIRHAN (deceased)

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN ERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Salim NASAR

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

NASSAR, NASER, NASSER, NASIR

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Grocery store owner, Amman, Jordan

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 169329

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10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

Victoria(MUZHIR) NASAR

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMED

Brother-in-law-Bishara SIRHAN, Elen HADAWWAR;
Munir (aka Joe)SIRHAN SEE ATTACHED LIST IRHAN, Adil (Adel,Odel) SIRHAN,
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Victoria NASAR (nee MUZHIR)

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

NASSAR, NASIR, NASER, NASSER

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Probably Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Probably Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Amman, Jordan

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

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Salim NASAR

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAM

in-law-Bishara Salama SIR Munir(aka Joe)SIRHAN, Sha— SEE ATTACHED LIST —Elen HADA/WAR; Brother-Adel, Odel) SIRHAN, —(Sharif)SIRHAN.

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Section 11.

Sisters -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
	Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR
	Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL
	Naifa (MUZHIR) AWAD (deceased)
Brothers -	Shukri MUZHIR
	Theodore MUZHIR
Brothers-in-law -	Bishara Salam SIRHAN
	Ibrahim AWAD
	Hanna HADDAWAR
Nephews -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN
	Adil SIRHAN
	Munir SIRHAN
	Sharif (SIRHAN
	Sadallah SIRHAN
Niece -	Ayda SIRHAN (deceased)

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Bishara Salama SIRHAN

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 169321

DATE ~~6 June 1968~~

TO CHIEF, FI/D

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

Family name: GHATTIS-SIRHAN
SHIRHAN, SARHAN,

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

1913, Taiyiba, near Ramallah

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Senior Arab officer in charge of city water supply in Jerusalem for 22 years under British Mandate rule. (NY Times-68); plumber for Jordanian authorities until 1957; entered U.S. New York 1957; returned Jordan

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

2½ years ago; presently living Taiyiba, Post Office address is P.O. Box 4079, Jerusalem.

Presently farmer and landowner

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME Bruce Jackman
OFFICE DESIGNATOR NE/AA/Jordan
ROOM, BUILDING 6 D 38
EXTENSION 7821

13. TYPE OF REQUEST (CHECK ONE)

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14. INTEREST IN SUBJECT (CHECK ONE)

- [x] ESPIONAGE OR CE ACTIVITY
- [ ] OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE
- [ ] OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

Greek Orthodox

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

Mary Bishara SIRHAN or Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES

Sharif Bishara SIRH
Sharies (Sharif) SI— SEE ATTACHED LIST —ullah, Sadallah) SIRHAN, —~~ate urknown); sisters-in-law~~ -

12. INFORMATION REQUIRED ([redacted] MAY RESULT IN A SEARCH THAT DOES

Elen HADAWWAR & Victoria NASAR; brother-in law - Salim NASAR.

INSTRUCTIONS: INSERT CARBON; FILL OUT FORMS COMPLETELY.
SEND BOTH SHEETS TO FI/D. SEE CSI 10-7

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10 June 1968
DATE

TO: Bruce Jackman

FROM: FI/D

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Section 11.

Sons -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN
	Munir SIRHAN
	Adil SIRHAN
	Sharif SIRHAN
	Sadallah SIRHAN
Daughter -	Ayda SIRHAN (deceased)
Brothers -	Habih SIRHAN
	Hanna GHATTIS-SIRHAN
Brothers-in-law -	Salim NASIR
	Ibrahim AWAD
	Shukri MUZHIR
	Theodore MUZHIR
	Hanna HADDAWAR
Sisters-in-law -	Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR
	Victoria (MUZHIR) NASIR
	Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL
	Naifa (MUZHIR) AWAD (deaceased)

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)
Shaidolah SIRHAN

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.
Saidullah, Sadallah SHIRHAN, SARHAN; Family name - GHATTIS-SIRHAN or GHATTAS-SIRHAN

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
Probably 1934, Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP
Jordanian? American?

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION
969 East Howard St., Pasadena, Calif.

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST
NAME CHECK № 169325

DATE 6 June 1968

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME	Bruce Jackman
OFFICE DESIGNATOR	NE/AA/Jordan
ROOM, BUILDING	6 D 38
EXTENSION	7821

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14. INTEREST IN SUBJECT (CHECK ONE)
- [X] ESPIONAGE OR CE ACTIVITY
- [ ] OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE
- [ ] OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Resident?	Taiyiba?	1934-35
"	Jerusalem?	1935- ?
"	Ramallah	?
Entered U.S.	New York	June 1960
Resident	Pasadena	1960-Present
When living in Jordan was a house painter.		

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED
Greek Orthodox - Reportedly used drugs in Jerusalem and continued to drink excessively after in came to the U.S.

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)
Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES Father-Bishara Salama SIRHAN; Mother-Mary Bishara SIRHAN; Brothers-Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN; Adil (Adel,Odel) SIRHAN; Munir (aka Joe) SIRHAN; Sharies (Sharif) SIRHAN; Sister-Ayda (died U.S. date unknow); Aunts-Elen HADAWWAR &

12. INFORMATION REQUIRED (DEFINE SPECIFICALLY. GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS "DEROGATORY" MAY RESULT IN A SEARCH THAT DOES NOT FULLY MEET REQUIREMENTS.)
Victoria NASAR; Uncle-Salim NASAR.

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Section 11.

Father -	Bishara Salama SIRHAN
Mother -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
Brothers -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN Adil SIRHAN Munir SIRHAN Sharif SIRHAN"
Sister -	Ayda SIRHAN (deceased)
Aunts -	Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR Victoria (MUZHIR) NASIR Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL Naifa (MUZHIR) AWAD
Uncles -	Salim NASIR Habih SIRHAN Hanna GHATTIS-SIRHAN Shukri MUZHIR Theodore MUZHIR Ibrahim AWAD Hanna HADDAWAR

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Munir SIRHAN

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

aka "Joe" SIRHAN; SHIRHAN, SARHAN, SHARHAN
Family name GHATTIS-SIRHAN

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

1948, Jerusalem?

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian? American?

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

969 East Howard St., Pasadena, California

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 169324

DATE 6 June 1968

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME	Bruce Jackman
OFFICE DESIGNATOR	NE/AA/Jordan
ROOM, BUILDING	6 D 38
EXTENSION	7821

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- [X] ESPIONAGE OR CE ACTIVITY
- [ ] OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE
- [ ] OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Resident	Jerusalem	48 - 57
Entered U.S.	New York	12 Jan 1957
Resident	Pasadena	1957? - present

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

Greek Orthodox

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

Single

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOC

SIRHAN; Brothers-Sirhan Bishara SIR___ SEE ATTACHED LIST ry Bishara Sadallah) SIRHAN, Sharies (Sharif) Saidullah, ; Aunts -

12. INFORMATION REQUIRED (DEFINE SPECIFICALLY. GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS [redacted] RCH THAT DOES NOT FULLY MEET REQUIREMENTS.)

Elen HADAWWAR & Victoria NASAR; Uncle-Salim NASAR.

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ATTACHMENT TO GREEN LIST #169324

Section 11.

Father -	Bishara Salama SIRHAN
Mother -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
Brothers -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN Adil SIRHAN Sadallah SIRHAN Sharif SIRHAN
Sister -	Ayda SIRHAN (deceased)
Aunts -	Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR Victoria (MUZHIR) NASIR Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL Naifa (MUZHIR) AWAD (deceased)
Uncles -	Salim NASIR Habih SIRHAN Hanna GHATTIS-SIRHAN Shukri MUZHIR Theodore MUZHIR Ibrahim AWAD Hanna HADDAWAR

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Adil SIRHAN

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

Adel, Odel; SHIRHAN, SARHAN, SHARHAN

Family name: GHATTIS-SIRHAN

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

1940½, Jerusalem?

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian? American?

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

969 East Howard St., Pasadena, California

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

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DATE ~~6 June 1968~~

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME Bruce Jackman
OFFICE DESIGNATOR NE/AA/JORDAN
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- [ ] OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE
- [ ] OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Resident	Jerusalem	1940-1957
Entered U.S.	New York	12 Jan 1957
Resident	Pasadena	1957?- present

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

Greek Orthodox

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

Single

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES

SIRHAN; brothers-Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN SEE ATTACHED LIST y Bishara
SIRHAN, Sharies (Sharif) SIRHAN; siste ah, Sadallah
len

12. INFORMATION REQUIRED (DEFINE SPECIFICALLY. GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS "DEROGATORY" MAY RESULT IN A SEARCH THAT DOES NOT FULLY MEET REQUIREMENTS.)

HADAWWAR & Victoria NASAR; Uncle-Salim NASAR.

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TO: Bruce Jackman

12 June 1968
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ATTACHMENT TO GREEN LIST #169323

Section 11.

Father -	Bishara Salama SIRHAN
Mother -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
Brothers -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN Munir SIRHAN Sharif SIRHAN Sadallah SIRHAN
Sister -	Ayda SIRHAN (deceased)
Aunts -	Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR Victoria (MUZHIR) NASIR Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL Naifa (MUZHIR) AWAD (Deceased)
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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN ERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Sharif Bishara SHIRHAN

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

Sharif Bishary SIRHAN or SHIRHAN or SARHAN;
Sirhan Bachira SIRHAN or SHIRHAN or SARHAN;
Sirhan SIRHAN or SHIRHAN or SARHAN; familyname - GHATTIS-SIRHAN

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

19 March 1944,

4. CITIZENSHIP

Naturalized American - 65

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

Employed "Organic Pasadena", 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California.

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

California High School ?
Exercise jockey at Calif. race track.

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 169320

DATE 6 June 1968

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME **Bruce Jackman**
OFFICE DESIGNATOR **NE/AA/Jordan**
ROOM, BUILDING **6 D 38**
EXTENSION **7821**

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14. INTEREST IN SUBJECT (CHECK ONE)

- [x] ESPIONAGE OR CE ACTIVITY
- [ ] OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE
- [ ] OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Entered U.S.	**New York**	**2 Jan 57**
Naturalized	**California**	**1965**

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

Christian

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES

Mother - Mary Bishara SARHAN; Father - Sirhan SIRHAN; Brothers - Adil, Munir, Shaidolah (Saidullah), & Sharies; Aunt - Elen HADAWWAR.

12. INFORMATION REQUIRED (DEFINE SPECIFICALLY. GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS "DEROGATORY" MAY RESULT IN A SEARCH THAT DOES NOT FULLY MEET REQUIREMENTS.)

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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN ...ERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Sharies SIRHAN

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

Sharif SIRHAN, SHIRHAN, SARHAN. Family name - GHATTIS-SIRHAN or GHATTAS-SIRHAN

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

1932, Jordan

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian? American?

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

969 East Howard St., Pasadena, California

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

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- [ ] OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Resident?	Taiyiba	1932 - 35
Resident	Jerusalem	1935 - 1957
Entered U. S.	New York	12 Jan 1957
Resident	Pasadena	57?- Present
While in Jordan worked at Wafa Dajani Co. as accountant.		

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

Greek Orthodox

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES Father-Bishara Salama SIRHAN; Mother-Mary Bishara SIRHAN; Brothers-Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, Adil (Odel, Adel) SIRHAN, Munir (aka Joe) SIRHAN, Shaidolah (Saidullah, Sadallah) SIRHAN; Sister-Ayda (died US date unknown); Aunts -

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Elen HADAWWAR & Victoria NASAR; Uncle-Salim NASAR.

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CANCEL THE STOP CARD FOR THIS REQUEST

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ATTACHMENT TO GREEN LIST #169326

Section 11.

Father -	Bishara Salama SIRHAN
Mother -	Mary Yaqub (MUZHIR) SIRHAN
Brothers -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN Adil SIRHAN Munir SIRHAN Sadallah SIRHAN
Sister -	Ayda SIRHAN (deaceased)
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1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE)

Mary Bishara SIRHAN or Mayy Yaqub (MUSHIR) SIRHAN

2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC.

SHIRHAN, SARHAN, SHARHAN
Family name: GHATTIS-SIRHAN

3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Jerusalem

4. CITIZENSHIP

Jordanian ? American?

5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION

presently residing 969 East Howard Street, Pasadena, Calif.

6. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 169322

DATE 6 ~~June~~ 1968

TO CHIEF, FI/D

ORIGINATING OFFICER

NAME Bruce Jackman
OFFICE DESIGNATOR NE/AA/Jordan
ROOM, BUILDING 6 D 38
EXTENSION 7821

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- [ ] OTHER

7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DATES
Resident	Taiyiba	until 1935
"	Jerusalem	1935 - Jan 57
Entered U.S.	New York	12 January 1957
Resident	California	1957? - 1968

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

Greek Orthodox; Holds Jordanian Passport #142026, issued 2 Jul 56 Jerusalem.

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

Caucasian

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

Bishara Salama SIRHAN

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND A

Shaidolah (Saidullah, Sadallah) — SEE ATTACHED LIST — (aka Joe) SIRHAN, U.S. date unknown); sisters - El[redacted] - Ayda (died in [redacted]aw - Salim NASAR.

12. INFORMATION REQUIRED (DEFINE SPECIFICALLY. GENERAL TERMS SUCH AS [redacted] SEARCH THAT DOES NOT FULLY MEET REQUIREMENTS.)

& Adil (Adel, Odel) SIRHAN;

INSTRUCTIONS: INSERT CARBON; FILL OUT FORMS COMPLETELY. SEND BOTH SHEETS TO FI/D. SEE CSI 10-7

FORM 6-61 501 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS.

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10 June 1968
DATE

TO: Bruce Jackman

FROM: FI/D

A. ☐ SEE DOSSIER ON SUBJECT IN FI/D BIOGRAPHIC FILES.

B. ☐ A MEMORANDUM IS ATTACHED HERETO.

C. ☐ WITH THE LIMITED IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED IN THE REQUEST, FI/D IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT OR NOT.

D. ☒ XXXX FI/D HAS NO ~~PERTINENT~~ XXXXXXX INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. IF INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT APPEARS AT A LATER DATE, IT WILL BE REPORTED TO YOU AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

E. ☐ THE SUBJECT OF THIS REQUEST IS APPARENTLY THE SUBJECT OF THE FOLLOWING:

NOTE TO THE ORIGINATING OFFICE

WHEN THE SUBJECT IS NO LONGER IMPORTANT TO YOUR OFFICE, THIS SHEET, WITH THE FOLLOWING CANCELLATION NOTICE COMPLETED, SHOULD BE SENT TO FI/D.

REVIEW YOUR FILE OF THESE SHEETS FREQUENTLY, AND SEND TO FI/D THE SHEETS FOR PERSONS THAT ARE NO LONGER OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO DEMAND A CONTINUING NAME CHECK. PLEASE DO NOT TIE UP FI/D's FACILITIES WITH CONTINUING SEARCHES FOR INFORMATION THAT IS NOT REQUIRED.

TO: FI/D

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FROM:

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Section 11.

Sons -	Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN
	Adil SIRHAN
	Munir SIRHAN
	Sharif SIRHAN
	Sadallah SIRHAN
Daughter -	Ayda SIRHAN (deaceased)
Sisters -	Elen (MUZHIR) HADDAWAR
	Victoria (MUZHIR) NASIR
	Julia (MUZHIR) DAHDEL
	Naifa (MUZHIR) AWAD
Brothers -	Shukri MUZHIR
	Theodore MUZHIR
Brothers-in-law -	Salim NASIR
	Ibrahim AWAD
	Hanna HADDAWAR
	Habih SIRHAN
	Hanna GHATTIS-SIRHAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5526

1. GOLDBERG, AT OWN INITIATIVE, MET WITH ENTIRE ARAB GROUP LATE JUNE 6. DRAWING ON DEPT'S JUNE 5 STATEMENT GOLDBERG REITERATED ON OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL BASIS THAT THERE ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

2. IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED MEETING SHOULD NOT BE PUBLICIZED NOR DISCUSSED WITH OTHER DELS.

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GOLDBERG

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SUBJECT: BLOND IN KENNEDY CASE

CONGEN NICE (ESSENTIAL PROTECT) REPORTS FOLLOWING INFO POSSIBLY PERTINENT TO SEARCH FOR BLOND MENTIONED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION:

A) LINA EL MIKTADI, LEBANESE UN GUIDE, ADDRESS 265 EAST 63RD ST NEW YORK, FIVE FEET FIVE, 120 POUNDS, VERY BLOND, BORN BAGDAD, 25YRS OLD, ALLEGEDLY VIOLENTLY ANTI-JEWISH, SPAT ON ISRAELI AMBASSADOR

UN AFTER JUNE 67 WAR, VISITED BEIRUT LAST FALL, CONTRACT ENDED WITH UN MAY 28.

B) HER FATHER WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED BY ISRAELIS ONE YEAR AGO AND IS IN TEL AVIV PRISON, MEMBER OF AL FATAH

C) BROTHER REPORTEDLY CRIPPLED BY JEWISH UNDERGROUND

D) COUSIN ALSO UN GUIDE

E) BOSS IN UN WAS MAURICE LIU, CHIEF PUBLIC INFO SECTION UN.

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SUBJECT: BISHARA SIRHAN

REF: STATE 178228

1. VICE CONSUL INTERVIEWED BISHARA SIRHAN BRIEFLY AT HIS TAYBEH HOME AFTERNOON JUNE 7. SIRHAN SAID HE LAST DEPARTED US BY AIR FROM NEW YORK MARCH 11, 1966. LEBANESE ENTRY STAMP IN HIS JORDANIAN PASSPORT DATED MARCH 12, 1966 TENDS CONFIRM STATEMENT. ON PRIOR TRIP HE DEPARTED US ABOUT MAY 27, 1963 RETURNING THERE FROM JORDAN VIA NYC MAY 5, 1964, ENTERING ON ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD RATHER THAN VISA.

2. SIRHAN MADE ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO HIS FAMILY SAYING ALL MEMBERS INCLUDING WIFE WERE NOW IN US.

3. ISRAELI SECURITY PERSONNEL ARE STATIONED AT SIRHAN HOME.

4. FYI--JERUSALEM POST JUNE 7 CARRIED EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW BY MEMBERS THEIR STAFF (AND OTHER REPORTERS) WITH SENIOR SIRHAN
EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 6. FATHER, LPE VILLAGE MUKHTAR AND A

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FORMER SCHOOLMASTER SAID YOUNG SIRHAN "GENTLE, POLITE, QUIET AND HUMBLE BOY INTERESTED MAINLY IN BOOKS. IT'S BEYOND COMPREHENSION HOW HE COULD HAVE COMITTED SUCH TERRIBLE ACT AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE WITHOUT HAVING BEEN PUT UP TO THIS BY SOME OTHER PEOPLE." ZDSHARA SIRHAN QUOTED AS SAYING SON WAS "A GOOD CHRISTIAN. HE COULD NOT HAVE DONE SUCH A THING ON HIS OWN. SOMEONE MUST HAVE PUSHED HIM TO IT."

5. FYI--ABOUT HOUR AFTER INTERVIEW MUKHTAR PHONED NYTIMES CORRESPONDENT AND SAID ELDER SIRHAN WAS "PROBLEM." BASED ON STORIES FROM MUKHTAR AND FORMER NEIGHBORS, NYTIMES MAN TOLD US HE FORMS PICTURE OF FATHER WHO WAS OFTEN JOBLESS, GENERALLY SHIFTLESS, BRUTAL TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND IN TURN DISLIKED AND EVENTUALLY REJECTED BY THEM. ACCORDING NEWSMAN'S SOURCES, FLIGHT OF MOTHER AND CHILDREN TO US AS REFUGEES WAS ARRANGED BY LOCAL CHURCH FRIENDS TO ESCAPE FATHER. ALTHOUGH HE EVENTUALLY REJOINED THEM IN US, FAMILY STRIFE CONTINUED RESULTING IN HIS RETURN TO PALESTINE AND LIVING ALONE IN TAYBEH NOW. END FYI.

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIVES OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN IS FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES IN AMMAN, JORDAN:

2. SIRHAN'S FATHER, BISHARA GHATTIS SIRHAN, WENT TO THE US SEVERAL TIMES AND EITHER HE OR FAMILY MEMBERS ACCUMULATED ENOUGH MONEY TO ENABLE BISHARA TO RETURN TO TAYBEH IN 1960 AND BUILD A HOME FOR 13,000 JORDAN ~~XXXXXX~~ DINARS (SIG. EQUIVALENT ~~X~~ OF $36,400.00). BISHARA THEN RETURNED TO THE US FOR A TIME, BUT CAME BACK TO TAYBEH IN 1962 AND HAS LIVED THERE SINCE AS A LANDLORD AND FARMER.

3. PATERNAL UNCLES: HABIH SIRHAN, A FARMER IN TAYBEH; HANNA GHATTIS SIRHAN, BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN THE US MANY YEARS AGO.

4. MATERNAL UNCLES: SHUKRI MUZHIR, AGE ABOUT 55, HAS LONG BEEN IN AN AMMAN HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM A CHEST AILMENT. THEODORE MUZHIR, AGE ABOUT 53, LIVES IN AMMAN AND WORKS FOR THE BRITISH EMBASSY AS A DRIVER.

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5. MATERNAL AUNTS: VICTORIA NEE MUZHIR IS MARRIED TO AMMAN GROCER SALIM NASIR. SIRHAN'S FATHER VISITED VICTORIA IN AMMAN ABOUT FIFTEEN DAYS AGO. ELEN MUZHIR IS MARRIED TO HANNA HADDAWAR, A CARPENTER; THEY LIVE IN THE CHRISTIAN QUARTER, OLD CITY JERUSALEM. JULIA MUZHIR, A WIDOW LIVING IN BEIT JALA, WAS MARRIED TO A FNU DAHDEL. NAIFA MUZHIR, WHO DIED TWO YEARS AGO, WAS MARRIED TO IBRAHIM AWAD AND LIVED IN BEIT SAFAFA. IBRAHIM, WHO IS RETIRED, WAS A DRIVER.

6. A SON AND A NEPHEW OF VICTORIA NEE MUZHIR VOLUNTEERED THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND SAID THAT IN TALKING WITH FAMILY MEMBERS THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY CLUE AS TO WHY SIRHAN TURNED ASSASSIN. THEY NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SIRHAN LEFT JORDAN AS A YOUTH AND THE FAMILY REMAINING IN JORDAN HAS LARGELY LOST TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO EMIGRATED TO THE USA.

7. OFFICIAL SOURCES IN AMMAN STATE THAT THERE ARE NO KNOWN CONNECTIONS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH POLITICAL GROUPS OR FEDAYYIN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

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1. NOHEART/1 AND NOHEART/2 INTERVIEWED SON AND NEPHEW OF SIRHAN'S ANUNT VICTORIA MOST OF DAY 6 JUNE. SOURCES AGREE ON BIO DATA AS FOLLOWS:

A. SIRHAN MOTHER NAMED MARY YAQUB MUZHIR, BORN JERUSALEM. WENT TO U.S. WITH CHILDREN IN 1957 WITH HELP LUTHERAN CHURCH JERUSALEM ALTHOUGH FAMILY GREEK ORTHODOX.

B. FATHER BISHARA GHATTIS SIRHAN BORN TAYBEH. FARMER, AGED ABOUT 55. WENT SEVERAL TIMES TO U.S. AND EITHER HE OR FAMILY MEMBERS ACCUMULATED ENOUGH MONEY IN U.S. TO ENABLE BISHARA RETURN TAYBEH 1960 AND BUILD HOME FOR 13,000 JORDAN DINARS. BISHARA RETURNED TO U.S. FOR WHILE, BUT CAME BACK TO TAYBEH 1962 AND HAS LIVED THERE SINCE AS LANDLORD AND FARMER. BISHARA MOTHER, NAME UNKNOWN, LIVES TAYBEH WITH HIM.

C. SIRHAN FOUR BROTHERS ALL IN U.S. SOURCES BELIEVED SHARIF AND SA'DALLAH WENT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS

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AGO; ADIL AND MUNIR WENT EARLIER. IN JORDAN SHARIF WORKED FOR WAFA DAJANI COMPANY AS ACCOUNTANT. IN JORDAN SA'DALLAH WAS HOUSE PAINTER.

D. SIRHAN SISTER AYDA DIED IN U.S. ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO. WAS SINGLE, AGED ABOUT 30.

E. PATERNAL UNCLES TO SIRHAN: HABIH SIRHAN IS FARMER IN TAYBEH. HANNA GHATTIS SIRHAN BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN U.S. MANY YEARS AGO. PATERNAL AUNT, NAME UNKNOWN, DIED DURING MANDATE DAYS.

F. MATERNAL UNCLES TO SIRHAN: SHUKRI MUZHIR, ABOUT 55, HAS LONG BEEN IN AMMAN HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM CHEST AILMENT. THEODORE MUZHIR, ABOUT 53, LIVES AMMAN AND WORKS FOR BRITISH EMBASSY AS DIRIVER. THIRD UNCLE, NAME UNKNOWN, DIED TEN YEARS AGO.

G. MATERNAL AUNTS: VICTORIA MUZHIR MARRIED TO AMMAN GROCER SALIM NASIR. RE DIRECTOR 05821, FATHER BISHARA GHATTIS SIRHAN VISITED AUNT VICTORIA IN AMMAN ABOUT FITEEN DAYS AGO. AUNT ELEN MUZHIR MARRIED TO HANNA HADDAWAR, A CARPENTER. THEY LIVE IN CHRISTIAN QUARTER OLD CITY JERUSALEM. AUNT JULIA MUZHIR IS

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H. NO RELATIVES KNOWN TO BE LIVING IN ISRAEL. NO KNOWN CONNECTIONS IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH POLITICAL GROUPS OR FEDAYYIN ORGANIZATIONS. SONS AND NEPHEW OF AUNT VICTORIA VOLUNTEERED ALL ABOVE INFO AND SAID IN TALKING WITH FAMILY MEMBERS THEY UNABLE FIND ANY CLUE ABOUT WHY SIRHAN TURNED ASSASSIN. THEY NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SIRHAN LEFT JORDAN AS YOUNG BOY AND FAMILY REMAINING HERE LARGELY LOST TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO EMIGRATED TO U.S.A.

2. RE AMMAN-6287, MUHAMMAD ITSAQ SIRHAN RETURNED NOBASE HEADQUARTERS MORNING 6 JUNE AND ASKED SEE NOHEART/2. TOLD HE WAS OUT AND WOULD BE BACK ABOUT NOON. MUHAMMAD LEFT SAYING WOULD SEE NO ONE ELSE. NOHEART/2 WILL RECONTACT MUHAMMAD, BUT DOUBTS HE WILL SHED MUCH LIGHT ON INVESTIGATION SINCE IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT MUSLIM SIRHAN AND CHRISTIAN SIRHAN FAMILITES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED

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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. BECAUSE OF KENNEDY DEATH, LABOR MP MCKAY ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION JUNE 9 TRAFALGAR SQUARE RALLY ON BEHALF JORDAN REFUGEES. "MAYOR OF JERUSALEM" RAUHI KHATIB WAS TO HAVE BEEN AMONG SPEAKERS.

2. OTHER JORDAN REFUGEE WEEK ACTIVITIES HERE, "LIVING EXHIBITION" AND CHURCH SERVICE, UNAFFECTED. BRUCE

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COUNTRY ARAB STATES/ISRAEL/EUROPE

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SUBJECT 1. ARAB TERRORIST PLANS TO ATTEMPT ASSASSINATIONS OF PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE WHOM TERRORISTS BELIEVE TO BE AIDING ISRAEL

2. AL-FATAH FEAR THAT ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THAT ORGANIZATION

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1. THE ARAB COMMANDO ORGANIZATION AL-FATAH ORGANIZED A GROUP OF TERRORISTS WHO, WITH THE HELP OF ANTI-ZIONIST, FOREIGN MERCENARIES,

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WERE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTEMPTING THE ASSASSINATION OF "CERTAIN" PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE WHO ARE MORALLY AND MATERIALLY HELPING ISRAEL. THE ACTION PLAN OF THIS GROUP WAS READY AS OF 29 APRIL 1968 AND WAS TO BE IMPLEMENTED "IN THE NEAR FUTURE".

2. LEADERS OF VARIOUS PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS MET IN LATE MAY AND DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD AGAINST JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH PERSONS COLLABORATING WITH ISRAEL.

3. FOLLOWING THE NEWS CONCERNING THE PALESTINIAN BACKGROUND OF THE ASSAILANT OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF AL-FATAH HELD AN URGENT MEETING IN AMMAN, JORDAN. A FEELING OF PANIC WAS MANIFESTED WITHIN THE COUNCIL WHICH, FEARING THAT AMERICAN ZIONISTS WOULD ESTABLISH BEFORE WORLD OPINION THAT THE ASSASSIN ACTED ON THE ORDER OF AL-FATAH, ENVISIONED THE POLITICAL BENEFITS WHICH, CONSEQUENTLY, MIGHT ACCRUE TO ISRAEL.

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1. HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM MARUGGIO FROM TAIYIBA RESIDENT THAT FATHER SIRHAN SIRHAN LIVING TAIYIBA WHICH IS FAMILY VILLAGE NOT SULWAN. ACCORDING TO MARUGGIO SOURCE TV AND PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ALONG WITH RAMALLAH MILITARY GOVERNOR INTERVIEWED BISHARY SICAN AT HIS TAIYIBA HOME MORNING 6 JUNE.

2. HAVE PASSED ABOVE TO LNPURE WHO ALSO REPORTING. ATTEMPTING CONFIRM ABOVE REPORT.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/OPS/NE

SUBJECT: Sharif Bishara SIRHAN

1. A usually reliable source has provided the following information on ~~Subject:~~ SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN:

a. Subject's father, Bishara Salama SIRHAN, was born in 1913 in Taybeh, a village near Ramallah. He and the family lived in the Christian quarter of East Jerusalem. Subject's father was shocked at Subject's act.

b. Subject has four brothers: Sharif, age 36; Sadallah, age 34; Adel, age 28; and Munir, age 20. Subject is 22 years of age. In 1957 Subject, together with his parents and brothers Sharif and Munir and his sister went to the United States. Sadallah and Adel joined the family later. Subject's sister died in the United States at an unknown date.

c. Subject's father quarreled with his wife and family about two and one-half years ago over the kind of education the children should have. Subject's father wanted them to have a traditional education, but he was unsuccessful in achieving this and left the family and returned to Taybeh.

d. According to Subject's father, Subject studied at the Christian School in Jerusalem and was caught stealing at the school. Subject and his brother Sadallah began to use hashish in Jerusalem. They left their father's house and went to Ramallah. Subject's father said that Subject and Sadallah continued to use drugs

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after their arrival in the United States and that they began to drink excessively.

e. Subject's father knows nothing now about the occupations of any of his sons, except that Sadallah is an electronics technician or engineer.

2. Sources report that Subject's brother Adel sent $200.00 to his father on 23 February 1968. The instrument was drawn on the United California Bank and was cashed at or payable to the Discount Bank in Ramallah. The voucher number was 9,088,908.

3. Source also reports that Subject's mother has a sister named Victoria who lives in Amman, Jordan. Victoria is married to Salim NASAR, who owns a grocery store in Amman. Subject's father visited his sister-in-law in Amman ten days ago.

Robert L. Pendley

JOHN L. HADDEN
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TRANSMITTAL SLIP | DATE 6 June 68

TO: CI Staff Atn Philo Dibble

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REMARKS:

I realize that you have had the relevant cables and have probably already sent out material to the interested agencies.

I am simply sending the following reactions along for whatever value they may servce. We are most interested in getting further leads and material from the LA Police Dept. and the FBI.

Mr. Hunt has been passed to Cathy Roche Hunt, JHE

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TO : Chief, CI Staff	FROM:
ATTN: INFO: Director of Security	C/NE

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A recent Jerusalem refugee now living near Amman, Jordan has reported that one WALID MUHAMMED AHMAD ~~XIKA~~ SIRHAN from the village of SULWAN near Jerusalem went to USA in early 1968, possibly in March, and is now studying mechanics. Present residence 508 West Franklin, Jackson, Michigan 49201. Since arrival in Jackson, Michigan has been writing his sister regularly. Has met one SIRHAN SIRHAN with whom he has developed a "close brotherly relationship".

CNE Comment: This seems to me to be an important lead. That SIRHAN SIRHAN in Pasadena could in three months develop a close relationship with Walid Sirhan in Jackson, Michigan is an unusual element of this report. I would urge that the FBI be given this and given our rationale as to why it should be pursued. We would, of course, like to have any material they turn up.

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TO : Chief, CI Staff

ATTN: INFO: Director of Security

FROM: CNE

The following material may be of use to LA Police in questioning of Sirhan and to FBI in continuing investigation:

Sirhan is from a family which Jordanian security officials say was originally GHATTIS-SIRHAN from village of Taybeh near Jerusalem. Early in British mandate period in Palestine, the family was destitute and moved into NASARA Quarter (Christian) of Old Jerusalem.'

The mother of Sirhan Sirhan was MARY BISHARA SIRHAN; Jordan files indicate she was issued passport 142026 in Jerusalem. Passport and other data were left in Jerusalem and presumably fell into hands of Israel authorities. The father of Sirhan Sirhan is reportedly still in occupied West Bank area of Jordan. Name: BISHARA SIRHAN. Several sources describe both village of SULWAN near Jerusalem and TAIYIBA as current residence of SIRHAN family and presumably last residence of SIRHAN SIRHAN, the accused assassin, in Jordan.

Jordan authorities state family is Christian, not Muslim and with no record of ties with Palestinian terrorists. There is no record

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that SIRHAN SIRHAN has been back in the Middle East since departing as a child of 11 years of age.

(CIA COMMENT: As a rule, Christian Arabs have not been active in Arab terrorist organizations such as those of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Thus, there is a point to clarifying this with whatever investigation is being carried out by the FBI and the LA Police.)

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1. REFERENCE REPORT RECEIVED OUR OFFICE TUESDAY, 28 MAY NUMBERED IN BORDEREAU D'ENVOI (TRANSMITTAL MANIFEST) AS ITEM NO. 417. IT WAS IN A ROUTINE PACKAGE (NO. A/130) OF INFORMATION COPIES FOR THE STATION OF ITEMS PASSED THROUGH UNION/161. THESE ARE NORMALLY PROVIDED TO STATION IN THE NATURE OF A BOOKEEPING CHECK ON THE EXCHANGE FLOW BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ACTION IS IN WASHINGTON AND THAT THESE ARE DROP COPIES. WE HAVE NOTED THAT UNION/119 OFFICE USUALLY HOLDS UP STATION COPIES TO ENSURE THAT DELIVERY HAS BEEN MADE WASHINGTON BEFORE WE GET THEM. NORMAL STATION ACTION IS TO ROUTE TO STATION OFFICER CONCERNED WITH AREA BUT NOT TO SIGNAL HQS (PER OUR UNDERSTANDING OF UNION 2 STIPULATION AND HQS AGREEMENT IN ORDER AVOID DUPLICATION AND CONFUSION OF CHANNELS.

2. PARA TWO REF A IS STATION TRANSLATION. UNDER THE HEADING OF EUROPE-ETATS UNIS-ISRAEL-PALESTINE TITLE OF ORIGINAL REPORT IS QUOTE ATTENTATS CRIMINELS PROJETES PAR LE FATAH UNQUOTE. WE NOTE

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3. FULL TEXT IN FRENCH FOLLOWS:

"LE FATAH A CONSTITUE UN GROUPE DE FEDAYINES CHARGES, AVEC L'AIDE DE MERCENAIRES ETRANGERS HOSTILES AU SIONISME, DE PERPETRER DES ATTENTATS CONTRE CERTAINES PERSONNALITIES D'EUROPE ET D'AMERIQUE, QUI SOUTIENNENT MORALEMENT ET MATERIELLEMENT ISRAEL,

"LE PLAN D'ACTION DE CE GROUPE A ETE MIS AU POINT ET DOIT PROCHAINEMENT PASSER A EXECUTION."

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C/S Comment: * Reported a Fatah organized a terrorists group to carry out assassination attempts against certain personalities in Europe and in the U.S. who are morally and materially helping Israel.

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1. UNION/119 HAS CALLED OUR ATTENTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY TO THE NOTE PASSED TO OUR SERVICE IN WASHINGTON AND INFORMATION COPY CONVEYED TO US HERE UNDER BORDEREAU D'ENVOI No. 4117* D'ENVOCANO.GROU OF 28 MAY 1968. CONTENT OF THIS SHORT NOTE IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

2. PLANNED CRIMINAL ATTACKS BY FATAH: FATAH HAS ORGANIZED A GROUP OF TERRORISTS WHO, WITH THE HELP OF ANTI-ZIONIST FOREIGN MERCENARIES, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS (ATTENTATS) AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONALITIES IN EUROPE AND IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE MORALLY AND MATERIALLY HELPING ISRAEL. THE ACTION PLAN OF THIS GROUP IS READY AND SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. UNION/119 STATED THAT THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE AND THAT HIS SERVICE WOULD SEEK TO DEVELOP SOME SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. COINCIDENTALLY, UNION/91 MADE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT OUR OFFICE ON BEHALF OF UNION/189 TO CONVEY CONDOLENCES AND IT WAS STRESSED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH THE REQUEST THAT FOR THE SAKE OF SPEED ANY SUCH INFORMATION BE PASSED TO OUR HQS THROUGH UNION/161.

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TO PRIORITY LONDON

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1. REQUEST SMOTH AND JAGUAR TRACES ON KENNEDY ASSAILANT AND RELATIVES AS FOLLOWS:

A. SUBJECT IS SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, VARIANTS SHIRHAN, SARHAN, DPOB 19 MARCH 1944, JERUSALEM. FULL FAMILY NAME HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED AS GHATTIS-SIRHAN VARIANT GHATTAS-SIRHAN. SUBJ'S [redacted] ONLY KNOWN TRAVEL WAS TO UNITED STATES WITH FATHER, MOTHER, THREE BROTHERS, AND ONE SISTER, AYDA, NOW DECEASED. THEY ARRIVED AT NEW YORK ON 12 JAN 1957. A FOURTH BROTHER, SADULLAH, ARRIVED 10 JUNE 1960. FAMILY IS OF GREEK ORTHODOX FAITH.

B. FATHER IS BISHARA SALAMA SIRHAN, BORN [redacted] 1913 IN TAYBEH, A VILLAGE NEAR RAMALLAH, JORDAN. FATHER RETURNED TO TAYBEH ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO.

C. BROTHER SHARIF, BORN 1932, PROBABLY JORDAN.

D. BROTHER SADALLAH, VARIANT SAIDALLAH, BORN 1934, PROBABLY JORDAN.

E. BROTHER ADEL, VARIANTS ADIL, ODEL, BORN 1940, PROBABLY JORDAN.

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F. BROTHER MUNIR, AKA QUOTE JOE UNQUOTE, BORN 1948, PROBABLY JORDAN.

G. MOTHER MARY BISHARA SIRHAN, PROBABLY BORN JORDAN, DATE UNKNOWN.

H. AUNT VICTORIA NASAR, RESIDING AMMAN, JORDAN. AUNT IS MARRIED TO SALIM NASAR, WHO OWNS GROCERY STORE IN AMMAN.

I. AUNT ELEN HADAWWAR AKA HADANAH, RESIDENCE QUOTE HOUSE OF SHAYKH YASIN, JERUSALEM UNQUOTE.

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1. WHILE NO INDICATION KENNEDY ASSASSIN SIRHAN CONNECTED ~~ARE VERY~~ WITH ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, ~~IT INCUMBENT WE EXPLORE~~ IT IS A POSSIBILITY WE CANNOT DISCOUNT ~~THOROUGHLY WITHIN LIMITS OUR CAPABILITIES~~.

2. BESIDE LIAISON EFFORTS, ASSUME YOU QUERYING/~~BOW KEY THOSE~~ APPROPRIATE ESTABLISHED UNILATERAL ASSETS WILL BE ~~KEEP ACCESS~~.

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APPRECIATE SUGGESTED FOLLOWUP REF A, BUT VIEW GENERAL PRESS INTEREST AND FACT ISRAELIS INVESTIGATING ~~(AT OUR REQUEST)~~, WISH YOU TAKE NO DIRECT ACTION. ALSO SUGGEST FUTURE EFFORTS BE LIMITED TO ESTABLISHED SOURCES SUCH AS MARRUGGIO, PER REF B, AND PERHAPS NOBERRY, IF SECURE CONTACT WITH HIM REESTABLISHED.

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TO IMMEDIATE AMMAN

SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

TEL AVIV REPORTS SIRHANS MATERNAL AUNT VICTORIA MARRIED TO AMMAN GROCERY STORE OPERATOR SALIM NASIR. FATHER REPORTEDLY VISITED VICTORIA IN AMMAN ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO.

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ATTN MR. RUSK
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ATTN ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ALSO KNOWN AS SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN, IS FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES IN AMMAN.

2. THE FULL FAMILY NAME IS GHAITIS-SIRHAN. THE FAMILY IS ORIGINALLY FROM THE VILLAGE OF TAYBEH NEAR RAMALLAH, JERUSALEM DISTRICT. ALL THE FAMILY ARE GREEK ORTHODOX AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH SEVERAL SIRHAN FAMILIES IN JORDAN AND SYRIA WHO ARE MUSLIM. THE FAMILY WAS ALWAYS ~~RR~~ POOR, AND AT SOME TIME DURING THE MANDATE MOST OF THE MEMBERS MOVED INTO THE NASARA ~~Ø~~ (CHRISTIAN) QUARTER OF THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM. THE FAMILY LONG DEPENDED ON CHURCH CHARITY TO SURVIVE. NONE OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS HAS A KNOWN SUBVERSIVE OR CRIMINAL RECORD.

3. THE FILES CONTAINING RECORDS CONCERNING MARY BISHARA SIRHAN, PASSPORT 142026, WERE LEFT IN JERUSALEM DURING THE JUNE WAR AND ARE PRESUMED INTACT AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF ISRAELI OFFICIALS IN JERUSALEM.

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4. SOME MEMBERS OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY, NAMES UNKNOWN, ARE BELIEVED STILL LIVING IN THE NASARA SECTION, OLD CITY.

5. THERE IS NO RECORD CONCERNING SUBJECT'S AUNT, ELEN HADAWWAR OR HADANAH. THERE IS A PALESTINIAN HAWADAH FAMILY WHICH IS OF JEWISH ORIGIN, BUT IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED NOW WHETHER ELEN AND MARY SIRHAN, SUBJECT'S MOTHER, BELONG TO THAT FAMILY.

6. THE ZAHARAN FAMILY IN JORDAN IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE GHATTIS-SIRHAN FAMILY AND ELDER ZAHARAN MALES ARE BEING QUERIED RE ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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ATTN: MR. RUSK
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ATTN: ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK

1. FROM AN OFFICIAL SOURCE IN AMMAN WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ONE WALID MUHAMMAD AHMAD SIRHAN, AGE 23, FROM SULWAN, JORDAN, ARRIVED IN THE US ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO AND IS STUDYING AUTO MECHANICS AT A E SCHOOL IN JACKSON, MICHIGAN. HE LIVES AT 508 WEST JACKSON STREET IN JACKSON, MICHIGAN, 49201. IN LETTERS TO HIS SISTER IN AMMAN WALID HAS REPORTED THAT HE HAS MADE FRIENDS WITH AND DEVELOPED A CLOSE QUOTE BROTHERLY UNQUOTE RELATIONSHIP WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN.

2. THE ABOVE INFORMATION COMES FROM WALID'S UNCLE, ITSAQ SIRHAN WHO LIVES IN AMMAN, JORDAN, AND WHO CLAIMS THAT THERE IS NO QUOTE DIRECT UNQUOTE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS FAMILY AND THAT OF SIRHAN SIRHAN.

5 4 3 2 1 3. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE NAMED SIRHAN SIRHAN, NOR OF HIS POSSIBLE IDENTITY WITH SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ALSO KNOWN AS SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN.

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1. A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN:

A. SUBJECT'S FATHER, BISHARA SALAMA SIRHAN, WAS BORN IN 1913 IN TAYBEH, A VILLAGE NEAR RAMALLAH. HE AND THE FAMILY LIVED IN THE CHRISTIAN QUARTER OF EAST JERUSALEM. SUBJECT'S FATHER WAS SHOCKED AT SUBJECT'S ACT.

B. SUBJECT HAS FOUR BROTHERS: SHARIF, AGE 36; SADALLAH, AGE 34; ADEL, AGE 28; AND MUNIR, AGE 20. SUBJECT IS 22 YEARS OF AGE. IN 1957 SUBJECT, TOGETHER WITH HIS PARENTS AND BROTHERS SHARIF AND MUNIR AND HIS SISTER WENT TO THE UNITED STATES. SADALLAH AND ADEL JOINED THE FAMILY LATER. SUBJECT'S SISTER DIED IN THE UNITED STATES AT AN UNKNOWN DATE.

C. SUBJECT'S FATHER QUARRELED WITH HIS WIFE AND FAMILY ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO OVER THE KIND OF EDUCATION THE CHILDREN

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SHOULD HAVE. SUBJECT'S FATHER WANTED THEM TO HAVE A TRADITIONAL EDUCATION, BUT HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THIS AND LEFT THE FAMILY AND RETURNED TO TAYBEH.

D. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT'S FATHER, SUBJECT STUDIED AT THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM AND WAS CAUGHT STEALING AT THE SCHOOL. SUBJECT AND HIS BROTHER SADALLAH BEGAN TO USE HASHISH IN JERUSALEM.. THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE AND WENT TO RAMALLAH. SUBJECT'S FATHER SAID THAT SUBJECT AND SADALLAH ~~XXX~~ CONTINUED TO USE DRUGS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THEY BEGAN TO DRINK EXCESSIVELY.

E. SUBJECT'S FATHER ~~KNOWS~~ NOTHING NOW ABOUT THE OCCUPATIONS OF ANY OF HIS SONS, EXCEPT THAT SADALLAH IS AN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN OR ENGINEER.

2. SOURCES REPORT THAT SUBJECT'S BROTHER ADEL SENT $200.00 TO HIS FATHER ON 23 FEBRUARY 1968. THE INSTRUMENT WAS DRAWN ON THE UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK AND WAS ~~XXXXX~~ CASHED AT OR PAYABLE TO THE DISCOUNT BANK IN RAMALLAH. THE VOUCHER NUMBER WAS 9,088,908.

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3. SOURCE ALSO REPORTS THAT SUBJECT'S MOTHER HAS A SISTER NAMED VICTORIA WHO LIVES IN AMMAN, JORDAN. VICTORIA IS MARRIED TO SALIM NASAR, WHO OWNS A GROCERY STORE IN AMMAN. SUBJECT'S FATHER VISITED HIS SISTER-IN-LAW IN AMMAN TEN DAYS AGO.

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SUBJ KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOL. IS TEXT JUNE 6 EVENING STANDARD ARTICLE BY OFTEN-SENSATIONALISTIC JON KIMCHE, FORMER EDITOR JEWISH OBSERVER.

2. QTE RESPONSIBLE ARAB LEADERS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN GRAVELY CONCERNED IN RECENT WEEKS OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL EMISSARIES OF THE PALESTINIAN FATAH TERRORIST MOVEMENT HERE AND IN THE U. S. A. THESE HAVE BEEN PARTICUALARLY EFFECTIVE AMONG THE MANY THOUSANDS OF ARAB STUDENTS IN LONDON, OXFORD, MANCHESTER AND OTHER CENTRES. THE HEAD OF THE FATAH MOVEMENT, YASIR ARAFAT, WAS IN LONDON TWO WEEKS AGO TRAVELLING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND WITH A JORDANIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. HIS FRIENDS EXPECT HIM TO BE HERE AGAIN THIS WEEKEND IN PREPARATION FOR A JORDAN REFUGEE WEEK WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY A GROUP OF MPS AND SYMPATHISERS. BUT THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THE CONCERN OF THE RESPONSIBLE ARAB LEADERS IN THIS COUNTRY IS THE OUTCOME OF A CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ARAB STUDENT MOVEMENT WHICH TOOK

PLACE IN MUNICH BETWEEN MAY 21-26. THE CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY 32 DELEGATES REPRESENTING ARAB STUDENT ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE AND THOSE IN THE U.S., EGYPT, THE LEBANON AND IRAQ. IT WAS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MOST OF THE LEADERS AT THE CONFERENCE BELONG TO A DISTINCTLY POST-GRADUATE AGE GROUP. THE CONFERENCE PASSED TWO MANDATORY RESOLUTIONS AFTER ADDRESSES FROM LEADING ARAB NATIONALISTS FROM LIBYA, KUWAIT, JORDON AND SYRIA. THE MAIN RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED BY DR. HASHEM BAGHI, WHO CAME FROM PARIS. THIS URGED ALL STUDENT ORGANISATIONS TO REJECT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION AND TO REJECT ALSO ALL LEADERS WHO URGE SUCH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IT TOLD STUDENT ORGANISATIONS "TO OUST ALL SELFISH LEADERS" WHO STAND IN THEIR WAY. EVEN MORE POINTED WAS THE SECOND RESOLUTION WHICH THE CONFERENCE PASSED AFTER MUCH HEART-SEARCHING. IT INSTRUCTED ALL ARAB STUDENT ORGANISATIONS TO ESTABLISH DIRECT LIAISON WITH THE PALESTINE RESISTANCE ORGANISATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE TERRORIST FATAH. THIS WAS PROPOSED BY THE SYRIAN, DR. DAQAQ. THE CONFERENCE ELECTED A THREE-MAN DIRECTORATE CONSISTING OF DR. BAGHI, DR. DAQAQ AND ABDUL RAZZAQ AL BESHIR TO COORDINATE OPERATIONS WITH THE FATAH LEADERS. THE CONFERENCE ENDED ON MAY 26 FIVE DAYS LATER CAMILIE CHAMOUN, A FORMER LEBANESE PRESIDENT AND FOREMOST OPPONENT OF PRESEDENT NASSER WHO HAD JUST WON AN ELECTORIAL VICTORY WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED. DURING THESE LAST 10 DAYS A NEW RADIO STATION BROADCASTING ON AN EGYPTIAN WAVELENGTH CALLED THE VOICE OF FATAH HAS BEEN CALLING DAILY FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ATTACK ON ISRAEL AND HER FRIENDS. DAILY BULLETINS GIVE LISTS OF ATTACKS CARRIED OUT AND CASUALTIES INFLICTED. IN 10 DAYS THESE ALMOST WHOLLY FICTITIOUS COMMUNIQUES HAVE CLAIMED MORE ISRAELI CASUALTIES THAN THE ISRAELIS SUFFERED DURING THE SIX - DAY WAR LAST YEAR. THE FACTS MAY BE FALSE BUT THERE IS NO MISTAKING THE TONE OF MOUNTING HYSTERIA AND EXCITEMENT OF THESE VERY EFFECTIVE BROADCASTS FROM CAIRO. LAST FRIDAY PRESIDENT NASSER'S LEADING SPOKESMAN MR. HEIKAL DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE WEEKLY ARTICLE WHICH IS BROADCAST TO THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD TO AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND AMERICAN POLICY. A FINGER ON THE TRIGGER WAS IN BEVERLY HILLS, BUT THE INSPIRATION UNDOUBTEDLY CAME FROM OUTSIDE THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. UNQTE. BRUCE

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ISRAELI AFTERNOON MAARIV PUBLISHES INTERVIEW WITH ALLEGED FATHER OF KENNEDY SHOOTING SUSPECT LOCATED IN VILLAGE NEAR ISRAELI OCCUPIED RAMALLAH. ALLEGED FATHER SAYS PERSONALLY ADMIRER OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND SHOCKED AT SON'S ACTION. CALLS SON QUOTE BRILLIANT SCHOLAR UNQUOTE. MAARIV EDITOR INFORMED BY USIS OF FATHER'S NAME REPORTED IN USIA 12177 CIRCULAR JUNE 6. REPORTS ALLEGED FATHER RETURNED FROM UNITED STATES 1960 BECAUSE UNABLE ADJUST. MAARIV NOT YET ON STREETS. WILL SEND FULL REPORT LATER.
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1. GSHOUR/1 CHECKING FILES AND WILL ADVISE RESULTS ASAP.

2. AT EMERGENCY CONTACT WITH GSTELECAST/1, COPLEWOOD REQUESTED HE DISCREETLY SEEK INFO FROM FATAH CONTACTS ON ASSAILANT'S BACKGROUND, ANY INDICATION ATTACK WAS PART OF LARGER CONSPIRACY, AND LOCAL LIBYAN AND PALESTINIAN REACTION.

3. COPLEWOOD INTENDS PROCEED WITH BENGHAZI VISIT 7 JUNE UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY HEADQUARTERS.

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1. JIDDA HAS NO TRACES ON SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN OR LIKELY VARIANTS, OR ON ANY MEMBERS HIS FAMILY AS LISTED IN USIA 12177.

2. TWO CARD TRACES ON OTHER INDIVIDUALS NAMED SIRHAN OR SHIRHAN, WHO DO NOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO BE RELATED TO SUBJECT, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MAHMUD SIRHAN RPT SIRHAN LISTED IN NWD 1126 OF 6 MAY 68 AS PALESTINIAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN QATAR, MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD MEMBER AND A LEADER OF PALESTINIAN COMMANDO ORGANIZATION "AL FATAH" IN QATAR. (SEEMS UNLIKELY HE RELATED BECAUSE ASSAILANT REPORTEDLY IS A CHRISTIAN.)

B. ABDALLAH IBRAHIM SHIRHAN RPT SHIRHAN LISTED IN OEL 44854 OF 22 JUNE 66 AS MEMBER OF "NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION OF THE TRUCIAL STATES - NOTS". NO OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

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1. BASE CONTACT MICHEL NAZHA (SEE NJJA 987) CLAIMS TO KNOW A BISHARY SIRHAN FAMILY IN JERUSALEM OLD CITY. BASE OFFICER CAN ATTEMPT CONTACT 0800 SIX JUNE BUT IN VIEW PARA 2 LNPURE 176785 CONCERNING MAXIMUM SECURITY PRECAUTIONS PLS ADVISE IF YOU DESIRE BASE TO ATTEMPT CONTACT FAMILY. UNDERSTAND JERUSALEM POST REPORTER ALSO ATTEMPTING TO REACH FAMILY.

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2. NO BASE TRACES REF FIRST NAMES BUT FOLLOWING SIRHANS COULD BE RELATED:

A. ABDALLAH SIRHAN: DPOB UNKNOWN NJA 06049 SEVEN JULY 65: SOURCE THIS REPORT STATES ABD AL FATTAH BAHRI MEMBER CPJ REPORTS DAILY TO SUBJECT. SUBJECT DIRECTOR UNRWA CLUBS JERUSALEM DISTRICT SOURCE SUSPECTED SUBJ INVOLVED IN BAHRI COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. STATION CARD STATES SUBJECT COMMIE EARLY 50'S.

B. SALIH YUSUF SIRHAN. DPOB 1930 RAMLA NJAA 04338 ONE NOVEMBER 62 CLERK MINISTRY OF HEALTH GOJ BETHLEHEM. NOBEHEST

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INFORMANT ON COMMUNISTS MALARIA SECTION MINISTRY OF HEALTH ACCORDING NOTEBOOK-1 SUBJECT INSTRUCTED ONE UMAR DWAIQ TO CONTACT CPJ MEMBERS BEIT JALA BETHLEHEM AND BEIT ZAHUR.

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1. FURTHER REF:

SUBJECT STUDIED IN SCHOOL RUN BY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAVIOR, JERUSALEM, CAUGHT STEALING AT SCHOOL. SUBJECT AND BROTHER, SADALLAH (WHO ENTERED U.S. JUNE 1960 AND FATHER BELIEVES IS ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN OR ENGINEER), BEGAN USING HASHISH IN JERUSALEM. LEFT FATHERS HOUSE AND WENT RAMALLAH.

(REPORTED) CONTINUED USE DRUGS AND DRANK EXCESSIVELY AFTER ARRIVAL U.S. ~~[redacted]~~

~~MOTHER'S SISTER, VICTORIA, LIVES AMMAN, IS MARRIED TO SALIM NASAR, WHO OWNS GROCERY STORE. FATHER VISITED HER IN AMMAN ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO.~~

2. LNYUMA NOW CORRECTS ASSAILANTS NAME AS SIRHAN BISHARA SHIRHAN VICE SHARIF BISHARA SHIRHAN, AS REPORTED PARA ONE REF.

3. SUBJECT ASSIGNED 201-835028.

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John H. Lawrence, also known as
John H. Lawrence
Registration Act - Middle East

The June 6, 1967 issue of "The New York Times" reflects the following:

"John H. Lawrence, chairman of what he called 'a pro-Arab radical left action group,' Federated Americans against Israeli Nazism, 57 West 10th Street, said his organization would offer financial support to Sirhan Sirhan.

"'We're for him, although we wish he hadn't used the assassination technique,' Mr. Lawrence, a law researcher, said.

"He declared that 'there are no tears in us for Robert Kennedy,' whom he called 'the advocate of sending American jet bombers to Israel so Jews may kill more Arabs.'

On June 6, 1967, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that John Lawrence who was associated with the Federated Americans Against Israeli Nazism, 57 West 10th Street, New York, New York, furnished to the Tass News Agency, the official organ of the Soviet Government, the following statement:

"Robert Kennedy, the advocate of sending American jet bombers to Israel, so Jews may kill more Arabs, is now the victim of American bullets, purged into him by a Palestinian Arab exile. His evildeeds have come home to roost. History always has a logic of revenge. The Jewish war on Palestinian Arabs more and more will necessarily be brought to the streets of America, to torture those who, in cynical politics, support it. We in FAIN reprove Mr. Sirhan for using assassination methods, but we do not turn our backs on him."

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B. BEIRUT 2799 (NOT SENT TEHRAN ANKARA ISTANBUL ATHENS)

1. RECHECK BEIRUT/DAMASCUS CARDS BASED NAMES GIVEN REFERENCE A NEGATIVE. CHECKING LIAISON.

2. NO TRACES MARY OR BISHARA SHIRHAN (SIRHAN) WHO ACCORDING LNGOLD TRAFFIC ARE PARENTS SHARIF BISHARA SHIRHAN (SIRHAN).

3. REF B REPORTED NO TRACES SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5708

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 5221

REF STATE 176785

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. RE SECOND SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTEL EMBASSY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY JORDANIANS PRESENTLY IN US FOR WHOM IT RECOMMENDS SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. HOWEVER, FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION FOLLOWING PROMINENT JORDANIANS ARE IN US ON USAID PROGRAMS. THEIR PRECISE LOCATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AID/W. DR. MUHAMMAD NURI SHAFIQ -- ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER, DR. TAWFIK JERIES KARADSHEH --ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LT. COL. DIAB YOUSEF OTHMAN, ASSISTANT CHIEFOF POLICE, AMMAN.

2. IN ADDITION THERE ARE IN THE US ON MAP TRAINING PROGRAMS THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ALL BELOW THE RANK OF LT. COLONEL. THEIR LOCATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DOD. ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE: 16 CADETS AND ONE (1) OFFICER; JORDAN ARAB ARMY: 23 OFFICERS AND 1 (ONE) ENLISTED MAN.
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INFORM CONSULS

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT APPROXIMATELY 5:40 P.M., EDT, JUNE 5 ON QUESTION OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY:

QUOTE I WANT TO SAY SINCE I HAD A QUESTION FROM THE A.P. THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT. END QUOTE.
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General

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 9616

SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 176785

1. JUNE 6 FINANCIAL TIMES REFERS BRIEFLY TO STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO DR. MOHAMED MEDHI, SECRETARY OF "EXTREMIST ACTION COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS." (MEHDI REPORTEDLY SAID HIS ORGANIZATION APPALLED BY SIRHAN'S ACT, BUT IT REFLECTED "FRUSTRATION OF MANY ARABS WITH AMERICAN POLITICIANS WHO HAVE SOLD THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE TO THE ZIONIST JEWISH VOTERS.")

2. FONOFF (COLLINGS, NEWS DEPT) CALLED TO ASK IF MEDHI'S VIEWS SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN TERMS BBC COVERAGE. AFTER EMBOFF DESCRIBED MEDHI'S OPERATION, COLLINGS SAID SHE WOULD ADVISE BBC AGAINST GIVING PLAY TO THIS ITEM. GP-3.
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REF: AMMAN'S 5202

EMB MAY RESPOND IF QUERIED THAT VISA WAS ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1956 IN AMMAN TO SIRHAN, TOGETHER WITH HIS PARENTS AND THREE OTHER CHILDREN.

FOR JERUSALEM: INS REQUESTS YOU ASCERTAIN FROM BISHARA SIRHAN DATE HE LEFT US. RUSK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1363

SUBJECT: KENNEDY SHOOTING SUSPECT

REF: JERUSALEM 1362

1. CONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE WAS INFORMED JUNE 6 BY FELLOW MEMBER HIS CHRISTIAN SECT THAT HE KNOWS FAMILY OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (REFTEL). SAID THEY ARE CHRISTIANS FROM TAYBEH AND FATHER AND MOTHER BOTH IN US.

2. CALL FROM SWISS NEWSMAN SUGGESTED PRESS BELIEVES CONGEN TRYING CONTACT SIRHAN RELATIVES HERE. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT SOUGHT CONTACT TAYBEH AMCIT REGISTRANTS (NOR DO WE KNOW IF THEY STILL RESIDENT THERE) SO AS TO AVOID BRINGING ATTENTION TO THEM. IF THEY CONTACT CONGEN FOR PROTECTION OR ASSISTANCE, WE PLAN DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN LIGHT OF THEN EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCE.

3. FYI--CAS SOURCE HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT RAMALLAH MILGOV AND PRESS HAVE DISCOVERED TAYBEH CONNECTION AND INTERVIEWED "SIRHAN'S FATHER." WE SEEKING CONFIRM.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1154

SUBJECT: KENNEDY SHOOTING

REF: STATE 176785

1. NO KUWAITI NATIONALS CURRENTLY IN U.S. WHO WOULD NEED SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

2. CHECK EMBASSY (INCLUDING CAS) FILES REVEALS NO TRACE SUSPECT OR ANYONE OF THAT FAMILY NAME.

3. EMBASSY ISSUED B-2 VISA APRIL 22, 1968 TO GOK MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER EMPLOYEE FAYES KAMEL ABDUL HAMID, HOLDER OF JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 562341. ABDUL HAMID LISTS PLACE OF BIRTH AS SILWAN, WHICH AP REPORTS TO BE BIRTHPLACE SUSPECT. ABDUL HAMID INDICATED IN VISA APPLICATION HE VISITING U.S. AS TOURIST FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS. HE GAVE AS U.S. REFERENCE SHAMLAN AL-ESSA, KUWAIT EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.

4. EMBASSY HAS YET NOTED NO STRONG LOCAL REACTION TO FACT SUSPECT OF ARABIC ORIGIN, ALTHOUGH UNDERSECRETARY TELEPHONED ONLY HALF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO EXPRESS HIS REGRET NOT ONLY AT SHOOTING, BUT ALSO AT ARAB CONNECTION. SECURITY SITUATION CALM.

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1. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY NOHEART/1 AND NOHEART/2, WHO DEVOTING ALL ENERGIES THIS CASE ON ORDERS NOCACTUS, REVEALED FOLLOWING.

2. FULL FAMILY NAME IS GHATTIS-SIRHAN. ORIGINALLY FROM VILLAGE OF TAYBEH NEAR RAMALLAH, JERUSALEM DISTRICT. ALL FAMILY GREEK ORTHODOX AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH SEVERAL SIRHAN FAMILIES IN JORDAN AND SYRIA WHO ARE MUSLIM. FAMILY ALWAYS POOR, AND AT SOME TIME DURING MANDATE MOST MEMBERS MOVED INTO NASARA (CHRISTIAN) QUARTER OF OLD CITY JERUSALEM. FAMILY LONG DEPENDED ON CHURCH CHARITY TO KEEP GOING. NONE OF FAMILY MEMBERS HAS KNOWN SUBVERSIVE OR CRIMINAL RECORD.

3. PASSPORT DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT FILES CONTAINING RECORDS MARY BISHARA SIRHAN, PASSPORT 142026, WERE LEFT IN JERUSALEM DURING JUNE WAR AND ARE PRESUMED INTACT AND UNDER CONTROL ISRAELI OFFICIALS IN JERUSALEM.

4. SOME MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY BELIEVED STILL

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LIVING IN NASARA SECTION OLD CITY. NAMES UNKNOWN.

5. NO RECORD ELEN (SIC) ~~S-28-4-94~~ HADAWAR OR HADAWAH. ~~S-2~~. THERE IS PALESTINIAN HAWADAH FAMILY WHICH IS OF JEWISH ORIGIN, BUT CANNOT DETERMINE NOW WHETHER ELEN AND MARY BELONG TO THAT FAMILY.

6. ZAHARAN FAMILY IN JORDAN CLOSELY RELATED TO GHATTIS-SIRHAN FAMILY AND ELDER ZAHARAN MALES BEING QUERIED RE ANY KNOWLEDGE SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

7. ALL NOBASE OFFICERS WHOM ROLLENHAGEN HAS SEEN IN PAST 24 HOURS HAVE EXPRESSED GENUINE SHOCK AND HORROR AT ASSASSINATION AND DEEP CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS.

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1. DURING NIGHT 5-6 MAY NODICE1 AND NOHEART/2 BEGAN INTERVIEWS ALL PALESTINIANS LIVING AMMAN NAMES SIRHAN IN EFFORT DEVELOP INFO ON SUBJECT REF. ONE LEAD WAS ITSAQ SIRHAN AND SON MUHAMMAD WHO FROM SULWAN VILLAGE NEAR JERUSALEM AND PRESENTLY LIVING JEBEL ASHRAFIYA IN AMMAN. ITSAQ FIRST STATED HIS FAMILY AND THAT OF SUBJECT REF NOT DIRECTLY RELATED, BUT HE KNOW OF SUBJECT IN FOLLOWING MANNER: ITSAQ' S NEPHEW WALID MUHAMMAD AHMAD SIRHAN, FROM SULWAN, AGE 23, WENT U.S. ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO AND PRESENTLY STUDYING AUTO MECHANICS AT SCHOOL IN JACKSON, MICHIGAN. WALID ADDDRESS 508 WEST FRANKLIN, JACKSON, MICHIGAN 49201. WALID WRITES HIS SISTER IN AMMAN OFTEN, AND SINCE ARRIVAL IN U.S. WROTE THAT HE HAD MADE FRIENDS WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN. FRIENDSHIP HAD RIPENED INTO CLOSE AND BROTHERLY RELATIONSHIP.

2. HAVING HEARD NEWS BULLETINS RE SUBJECT, ITSAQ OFFERED SUGGESTION LNHARP MIGHT FIND INTERVIEW WITH WALID

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HELPFUL. LATER IN NIGHT, WHEN NODICE/1 RETURNED TO ITSAQ TO FIND WALID'S SISTER AND GET LETTERS, ITSAQ AND SON OBVIOUSLY HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ON GETTING INVOLVED THIS MATTER AND BEGAN CHANGE STORY BY SAYING ACTUALLY THEY KNEW OF NO CONTACT BETWEEN WALID AND SUBJECT. FINALLY, IN WHISPERED ASIDE TO NOHEART/2, MUHAMMAD ITSAQ SIRHAN SAID HE WOULD CANVASS ALL RELATIVES, TRY FIND LETTERS, AND REPORT BACK TO NOHEART/2 AT NOON 6 JUNE.

3. OTHER LEADS BEING PURSUED INCLUDE AHMAD SIRHAN, AGE ABOUT 60, ORIGINALLY FROM ALGERIA BUT LONG-TIME RESIDENT JERUSALEM WHO PRESENTLY AMMAN. AHMAD HAD RECORD AS GUERRILLA FIGHTER AGAINST ISRAELIS 1948 AND HAD HOME IN SECTION NEAR WAILING WALL WHICH ISRAELIS LEVELLED AFTER JUNE 1967 TO MAKE ASSEMBLY SQUARE. AHMAD IN BRIEF INTERVIEW TOLD NODICE/1 HE HAD NO RELATIVES IN U.S. AND DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT FAMILY.

4. INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUING ON ALL POSSIBLE LEADS. SECURITY OFFICERS ALL VERY CONCERNED AND FULLY COOPERATIVE.

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1. CURTIS ORALLY ASKED CHIEF LNERGO MEXICO IMMEDIATE HELP IN GETTING PHOTOGRAPH AND (IF POSSIBLE) NAME OF PERSON WHO ATTACKED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

2. CHIEF LNERGO MEXICO TELEPHONED IDENTITY WHO HAVING PHOTOGRAPH FLOWN TO MEXICO ON 5 JUNE FROM LOS ANGELES.

3. RADIO BROADCAST MENTIONED LA POLICE CHIEF STATEMENT THAT ATTACKER HAD CUBAN OR JAMAICAN TYPE ACCENT.

4. WILL CAREFULLY SEARCH PHOTOS OF PERSONS ENTERING AND/OR LEAVING CUBAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES AND AIRPORT COVERAGE DATA.

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NO STATION TRACES SUBJECTS OF REFS AND VARIANTS. LOCAL POLICE AND SECURITY TRACES WILL FOLLOW ASAP.

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1. NO STATION TRACES SIRHAN SIRHAN (AKA SHARIF BISHARY SIRHAN). NO CONSULATE RCORDS SUBJECT ISSUED VISA AMMAN.

2. LIAISON ALERTED AND INVESTIGATING. INITIAL LIAISON RECORDS CHECK NEGATIVE, BUT ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE IN LOCAL SERVICE RECALLS MEMBERS FAMILY WITH SAME NAME, FROM SULWAN, JERUSALEM DISTRICT, EMIGRATED TO UNITED STATES 8 TO 10 YEARS AGO.

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S E C R E T 052227Z JUNE 68 CITE MOGADISCIO 4656

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STATION TRACES NEGATIVE ALL NAMES REF. LIAISON TRACES WITHIN 24 HOURS.

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NO STATION TRACES SIRHAN BACHIRA SIRHAN OR MUNIR SIRHAN. FOLLOWUP CHECK WITH WHPATH 6 JUNE.

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IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO TUNIS, TRIPOLI, ALGIERS, ADDIS ABABA, BENGHAZI MOGADISCIO, CASABLANCA

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1. NO STATION TRACES. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ANY POSSIBILITY SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN IN MOROCCO OR WHETHER ANY CONNECTION WITH ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL IN MOROCCO.

2. FOLLOWING UP WITH BOTH SCTICKEY/2 AND SCIMITAR/20.

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5 JUN 68 IN 25374

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TO IMMEDIATE RABAT TUNIS ALGIERS TRIPOLI BENGHAZI KHARTOUM MOGADISCIO ADDIS ABABA

1. THE SUSPECT ASSASSIN OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SIRHAN SIRHAN 05609 BACHIRA SIRHAN (FN AND LN THE SAME) OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. AGE 23. HE HAS A BROTHER NAMED MUNIR SIRHAN (AKA JOE SIRHAN) WHO RESIDES 696 E HOWARD ST IN PASADENA. 2PM WASH TIME NEWS SAID HE HAD ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIF AND FINGERPRINTS ON WHICH FIRM IDENTIFICATION MADE WERE FILED AS JUVENILE AND MADE AT TIME SIRHAN BACHIRA SIRHAN APPLIED FOR POSITION AS EXERCISE JOCKEY AT CALIF RACE TRACK. THIS SUGGESTS SIRHAN ESTABLISHED RESIDENT. SIRHANS REPORTEDLY HAVE MIDDLE EAST BACKGROUND; AND SIRHAN SIRHAN HAS REPORTEDLY VISITED JERUSALEM IN PAST.

2. REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRACES FROM STATION WITH FOLLOW UP CHECK WITH LIAISON BY RABAT TUNIS AND TRIPOLI, (ADDISABABA AND MOGADISCIO, BENGHAZI AJAJA STATIONS QUERIED SEPARATELY.) END OF MESSAGE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1360

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1. SEARCH OF PERTINENT CONGEN RECORDS (UNDER VARIOUS COMBINATIONS THREE NAMES KENNEDY SHOOTING SUSPECT REFTEL) SHOWS ONLY FOLLOWING MEMBERS SIRHAN FAMILY. ALL WERE AMCITS WHEN REGISTERED AT CONGEN.
A. SALIM SIRHAN, DOB [redacted] AT TAYBEH, NEAR RAMALLAH. NATURALIZED PITTSBURG 1926. US PASSPORT 220079 1 ISSUED WASHINGTON MAY 26, 1960. REGISTERED HERE AUG 15, 1960. SALESMAN. EMERGENCY ADDRESS MRS. MIRIAM S. SIRHAN (WIFE), 1211 HUBBARD ST., DETROIT, MICHIGAN.
B. NIMEH SALEM SIRHAN, BORN AMCIT [redacted], TAHBEH NEAR RAMALLAH. REGISTERED AT CONGEN JUNE 11, 1962. STUDENT. FATHER IS AYED SALEM SARHAN OF TAYBEH.
C. AID SALIM SIRHAN, BORN TAYBEH, DOB UNKNOWN TO CONGEN. APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION DEC 8, 1964. COMMENT: AID SALIM MAY BE VARIANT SPELLING OF AYED SALEM, FATHER OF (B) ABOVE.

2. CONGEN ISSUED NO RPT NO VISAS PRIOR SEPT. 1917.

3. CONGEN HAD HAD PRESS INQUIRIES FROM MICHAEL ELKINS (BBC AND CBS) AND TERENCE SMITH (NYTIMES), PLUS LOCAL JOURNALIST RAJA AL ISSA (FORMER EDITOR JORDANIAN AL FALASTIN). ALL WERE INFORMED CONGEN HAS NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE SIRHAN SIRHAN. AL ISSA WAS ASKED IF HE KNEW MAN OR FAMILY AND HE REPLIED NEGATIVE.

4. LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF CONGEN IS RESIDENT OF SILWAN VILLAGE, WHICH RADIO REPORTS INDICATE WAS ORIGINAL HOME OF SUSPECT IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. WE HAVE QUERRIED HIM, SINCE HE CONSIDERED VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LOCAL RESIDENTS. FAMILY NAME FAMILIAR BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT KNOW ANY FIRST NAMES GIVEN REFTEL FOR SUSPECT OR BROTHERS.

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A PRELIMINARY SEARCH OF AGENCY RECORDS HAS YIELDED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH SHARIF BIHARA SHIRHAN, ALSO KNOWN AS SHARIF BISHARY SIRHAN, BORN 19 JAN 1944 IN JORDAN. THE NAMES SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN AND OTHER VARIATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED, ALSO WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WE ARE CHECKING OUR RECORDS FURTHER AND HAVE QUERIED OUR FIELD STATIONS. WE WILL ADVISE AS TO RESULTS.

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TO

IMMEDIATE AMMAN JERUSALEM

1. FURTHER TO SIRHAN INVESTIGATION, FROM LOS ANGELES INS RECORDS: SUBJECT IMMIGRATION VISA ISSUED 24 SEPT 1956 IN AMMAN; APPLICATION NO. 1-113-0888. VISA NO 1669 UNDER QUOTA PL 203-4(A)(14). MOTHER MARY BISHARA SARHAN, JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO 142-026 ISSUED 2 JULY 1956. FATHERS ADDRESS POBOX 4079, JERUSALEM. AUNT NAMED AS ELEN HADAWWAR, HOUSE OF SHAYKH YASIN, JERUSALEM.

2. NO RECORD ISSUANCE U.S. PASSPORT TO SUBJ OR ANY OF FAMILY IN U.S., IMPLYING HE HAS NOT LEFT US SINCE ORIGINAL ENTRY 1957. THIS RECORD SEARCH NOT YET CONCLUSIVE.

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TO IMMEDIATE AMMAN JERUSALEM BEIRUT 05 21 23Z JUN 68 TEHRAN ANKARA ISTANBUL ATHENS KUWAIT 05677

REF: DIRECTOR 05543

1. FURTHER TO REF: ASSAILANTS FULL NAME NOW REPORTED BY LNYUMA AS SHARIF BISHARA SHIRHAN (LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT REPORTS NAME SHARIF BISHARY SIRHAN), DPOB 19 MARCH 1944, ENTERED U.S. AT NEW YORK 12 JANUARY 1957. NATURALIZED 1965. EMPLOYED BY "ORGANIC PASADENA" 1380 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. RESIDENCE 969 EAST HOWARD STREET, PASADENA.

2. SUBJ REPORTEDLY HAS FOUR BROTHERS: ADIL (VARIANTS ADEL, ODEL); MUNIR; SHAIDOLAH (~~PROBABLY~~ Possibly SAIDULLAH); AND SHARIES (SIC). ALL FOUR BROTHERS AND MOTHER SAME PASADENA ADDRESS.

3. NOTE USUAL VARIANTS BISHARA ARE WITH FINAL "H", VARIOUS USES "A", "I", "U" VOWELS THROUGHOUT.

4. MUNIR SIRHAN REPORTEDLY USES NICKNAME "JOE", SUGGESTING POSSIBLE FULL NAME MUNIR YUSIF. NOTE: ONE CARD TRACE ON A JOSEPH BISHARAH REPORTED JUNE 50 AS ACTIVE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER SYRIA.

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2. REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRACES FROM STATION WITH FOLLOW UP CHECK WITH LOCAL POLICE AND SECURITY WHERE POSSIBLE.

END OF MESSAGE

This was relayed on 5 June to Amman, Istanbul, Athens and Kuwait.

James H. Critchfield
JAMES H. CRITCHFIELD
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TO BE DELIVERED TO THE ACTION OFFICER OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 6

1. JORDAN AMBASSADOR ABDUL HAMID SHARAF CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY BATTLE THIS AFTERNOON TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS AND INFORM THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY KING HUSSEIN TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO CALIFORNIA TO EXPRESS HUSSEIN'S REGRETS TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY OVER THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. BATTLE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S SENTIMENTS BUT SUGGESTED THAT NOW WAS PERHAPS NOT THE TIME FOR SUCH A MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED ORALLY TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. HE INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY WOULD BE PLEASED TO PASS THE MESSAGE ON PERSONALLY TO THE FAMILY AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE KING WOULD WISH TO SEND A WRITTEN MESSAGE TO THE FAMILY ALSO.

2. BATTLE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS ADVISING HIM AS FRIEND BUT IF THE AMBASSADOR INSISTED ON GOING TO CALIFORNIA HE OF COURSE WAS FREE TO DO SO. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT HIS REASONS FOR GIVING THIS ADVICE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SECURITY. BATTLE ADDED THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AT A LATER TIME FOR HIM TO PERSONALLY EXPRESS REGRET ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT. HE INDICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT WE WOULD BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM ON DEVELOPMENTS.

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3. BATTLE ALSO GAVE THE AMBASSADOR WHAT INFORMATION HE HAD CONCERNING THE ALLEGED ASSAILANT AS GIVEN IN STATE 176785.

4. SHARAF THANKED BATTLE AND SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT OF OUR ADVICE AND IN THE MEANTIME WOULD NOT GO TO CALIFORNIA.

5. FYI. THE AMBASSADOR WAS CONCERNED THAT THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING IN AMMAN OVER THE REASONS FOR HIS FAILURE TO CARRY OUT THE KING'S INSTRUCTIONS. END FYI.

GP-3. RUSK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 176785

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2. ALL POSTS SHOULD INSTITUTE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, REFRAIN FROM ANY COMMENT TO PRESS OR ANYONE ELSE WITH RESPECT LIKELY GUILT OR POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS INCIDENT. IF EMBASSIES AWARE NATIONALS COUNTRY TO WHICH ACCREDITED WHO MAY BE VISITING U.S. TO WHOM SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WOULD BE ADVISABLE, PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.

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201 PERSONALITY FILE ACTION REQUEST

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DATE 6 June 1968

FROM: *Name* Charlotte A. Tempf | OFFICE DDP/FE | ROOM 2511 | PHONE 6918 | TUBE ADDRESS CT-5

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5. 201 NO. 852252 E2

6. NAME VARIANTS AND TELECODES (*see Instructions, item 6*)

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11. CITIZENSHIP H1	12. OCCUPATION (*clear text*) J1	OCC. CODE J2	13. SWL K1	14. OI CODE M1
Jordanian/Palestine Arab	Unemployed			QD

15. DOCUMENT SYMBOL & NUMBER K1	DATE K1	16 RESIDENCE
		696 East Howard St., Pasadena, California

17. COMMENTS (*text for Index cards*)

Subj is former Palestinian who emigrated with his family to the U. S. in 1957. On 5 June 1968 he shot Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles, California.

18. COUNTRY OF LOCATION B1	CODE	19. ACTION DESK B1	CODE	20. SECONDARY DESK B1	CODE
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5. 201 NO. 835028 E2

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9. COUNTRY OF BIRTH: Jordan G1

10. CITY/TOWN OF BIRTH: Jerusalem G1

11. CITIZENSHIP: JORDAN ~~Jordanian/possibly U. S. nat.~~ H1

12. OCCUPATION (clear text): ~~unemployed.~~ ? OCC. CODE J1 J2

13. SWL: K1

14. OI CODE: M1

15. DOCUMENT SYMBOL & NUMBER: K1 DATE: K1

16. RESIDENCE: ~~formerly~~ 696 E. Howard St., Pasadena, ~~California~~

17. COMMENTS (text for Index cards)

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20. SECONDARY DESK: Jordan CODE 080 B1

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WASH. POST, 24 June 1968

Neighbors Recall Sirhan as Shy, Polite

By George Lardner, Jr.
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — To his neighbors in Pasadena, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was simply the shy but bright boy next door who lived with his mother and two of his brothers.

He has been indicted for first-degree murder in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. What stands out in Miss Ann Sylvan's mind are Sirhan's "wonderful manners."

On East Howard street, a polyglot stretch of low-income homes, Sirhan was always like that, impeccably polite, speaking when spoken to, smiling when smiled at.

The most daring thing he seems to have done was to toss sticks and stones at Bert, the household collie next door.

"I think it was Bert's barking," a neighbor said, sympathetically.

Other than that, Sirhan outwardly contented himself with frequent visits to the library and, occasionally a game of Chinese checkers with the elderly women a house away. Within a fortnight of the assassination, he asked Mrs. Martin Pulite across the street how to plant a garden for his mother.

Yet jotted down in a loose-leaf notebook in his house —apparently around the same time, or perhaps several days earlier—was the injunction: "Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5"—the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war.

Mrs. Pulito summed up one view of the dichotomy, this way:

The Monday evening before the assassination, she had been on her way to give a plant from her well-manicured garden to another neighbor. Mrs. Pulite decided to visit Sirhan's mother, Mary, first.

Sirhan, she said, was home. He asked her all about the flower.

Mrs. Pulite put her hands to her head. One night, a flower, she sighed. The next night, "pazzo" (crazy).

The contradictions show up, too, at the health food store a few blocks away where Sirhan worked diligently last fall and winter before quitting March 7 in an argument over delivery schedules that ended when owner John H. Weidner called police.

As a $2 an hour stock clerk and delivery boy, Sirhan chatted often with customers and fellow workers. Generous with the hard-earned pay, he secretly used to pay the bills of one elderly customer who couldn't afford all the health food he liked to buy.

But the young Jordanian immigrant, says Weidner, also resented authority, a tendency that perhaps had its roots in the strict disci-

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SIRHAN, From A1

pline of his father who once reportedly held a hot iron to the boy's feet.

At the health food store, says customer Art Bean, "when the boss came around, he'd drop the conversation just like he'd been whipped."

"He had this attitude of rebellion against society," says Weidner. "Most of all, he was anti-Israel."

Weidner's wife, Naomi, recalls one conversation earlier this year vividly. Sirhan was bitter about last year's June war. Mrs. Weidner recalled the Nazi atrocities against the Jews in World War II.

Suddenly, she says, Sirhan blurted out: "Don't you think the Jews can be cruel? I'm going to tell you something I've never told anyone else, not even my parents."

Sirhan claimed, as a little boy, to have seen an Israeli soldier mutilate an Arab woman.

But in Taibeh, in occupied Jordan, his father, Bishara (the name means "good news"), has said his son had never even seen any Israeli soldiers in the long-ago fighting when Sirhan was just about four.

Real or imagined, the repressions seem to have had no outlet.

Sirhan kept to himself. He neither smoked nor drank, according to neighbors and acquaintances. If he had any close friends, boy or girl, they have yet to be found. He used to go to the racetracks, but usually with his brothers. Occasionally, he



United Press International
BISHARA SIRHAN
. . . harsh father

dropped in at the Fez nightclub, but its owners say, "with his mother or brothers."

Classmates at Pasadena's John Muir High School recall Sirhan as generally quiet and introspective, but relatively outspoken on ethnic issues and individual rights.

A member of the junior and senior student class councils, Sirhan helped draft a proposed constitution for the junior class that school officials thought went too far.

Authority won out. The constitution was voted down, quite possibly by the upper middle-class whites youngsters from La Canada who looked down on the growing numbers of Negroes, Orientals and Mexican-Americans at the school.

To John McGrain, a 22-year-old social worker who was president of the junior class council that included Sirhan, he was "definitely the kind of guy who would make a model citizen. This is the puzzle. What happened?"

Sirhan's mother, Mary, a $195-a-month housekeeper at a nearby church nursery school, has been asking herself the same question.

Those who have seen her since the initial shock of the assassination say that she has been grasping at Sirhan's fall from a horse 20 months ago as the explanation.

Sirhan, who wanted to be a jockey, took the spill Sept. 25, 1965, while he was "breezing a filly" at a race horse ranch near Corona where he was working. His mother has been reported as saying he was never quite the same after that.

Sirhan claimed an injury that affected his eyesight. A neurosurgeon who examined him a year later, Dr. Forrest L. Johnson, found "no evidence of a neurological problem at this time."

But less than two months before the assassination, Sirhan collected $1705 of a $2000 compromise settlement (the rest went for costs such as doctor's bills and attorney's fees).

The same reported pattern—accident, personality change, then attempted violence—curiously seems to have afflicted his brother, Sharif, 34.

Until an auto accident in May of 1963, Sharif was a gregarious, hard-working bookkeeper in Los Angeles with the Southern California State Baptist Convention.

After the accident, where he sustained whiplash injuries to his back, neck and head, Sharif seemed to "withdraw from the group and from society," says his former supervisor, George Matas. "He complained of headaches, said his eyes hurt. His work deteriorated. We finally had to let him go."

For Sharif, the climax came when he was arrested in December 1963—the same month he was dismissed—after breaking up with his girl friend. It was said he cut the brake lines of her car and put gunpower in the manifold. Convicted of tampering with an auto, Sharif drew a year's probation.

That Sirhan's accident may have affected his behavior can be counted at this point only as maternal conjecture. It may even be questioned whether Mary Sirhan really knew her children. She was apparently unaware her only daughter was married until the girl's funeral several years ago.

But it seems apparent that resentment of Israel and Robert F. Kennedy's support of military aid for the country is hardly enough to explain the assassination of which he stands indicted. Virtually every Arab and Arab-American waxes bitter about Israel. There is only one Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

WASH. POST
24 June 1968

RFK Plots Crumble, But Rumors Persist

Washington Post 23 June 1968

By George Lardner Jr.
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 22—Hemmed in by the mountains, the smog hovers over Los Angeles like a giant poison bubble. The rumors hinting of a conspiracy in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy are even thicker.

One by one, they are proving to be false.

But those who orginate and spread the stories remain apparently unaware of the real facts that show them to be spurious.

Investigators are squelching the rumors largely under the enforced silence of a court order, designed to insure Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the 24-year-old accused assassin a fair trial.

At the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, where Sirhan was seen practicing with a .22-caliber revolver less than 12 hours before the assassination, Cashier David Buckner has told investigators, and presumably others, that he saw "a woman and another guy" with Sirhan at the gun range that day.

In suburban Alhambra not far away, at a neighborhood bar decorated with prints of rear-view nudes, the two brothers who own the place have talked to FBI agents and Los Angeles detectives at length.

They have been told to keep quiet, but the customers at the Golden Garter have not. Sirhan, it is said, was at the watering spot several times with a friend named "Jim" and perhaps Jim's girl friend, "Karen."

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SIRHAN, From A1

Jim, it is added darkly, has dropped out of sight.

The whispered talk is honest believed. But The Washington Post has learned that at the gun club, a woman who turned up at the practice range did talk with Sirhan. The man she came with her husband, was farther away, practicing by himself. She was left a couple of spaces away from Sirhan with a pistol she didn't know how to shoot.

So she asked him.

Always polite, Sirhan obliged. He even let her fire a couple of rounds on his Iver-Johnson .22. But neither the woman nor her husband would have known him if he were King Hussein.

Cashier Buckner, however, remains apparently unenlightened. The rumor spreads.

Fanning out from the Golden Garter, investigators have also found "Jim" and his swarthy friends. It is not Sirhan.

But no one has told the bar's proprietors, Carl and J. Andy Martigani, much less the customers. The talk goes on. Some embellish it. By now, in some minds, the phantom Sirhan associated with "Jim" has acquired a phantom girl friend, "with the sexiest figure you ever saw."

Visions of "polka dot girls" spring up in response.

Police still believe there is a "polka dot girl" to be found—though not the one initially reported to them.

Miss Sandy Serrano, a 20-year-old Youth for Kennedy volunteer from Altadena, had told newsmen that she had seen a dark-haired girl "in a white dress with polka dots run from the Ambassador Hotel shortly after the shooting and shout shot him."

With her, Miss Serrano had said, was a man who appeared to be of Latin extraction.

Police Friday canceled the all-points bulletin for Miss Serrano's "polka dot" girl, concluding that she had been "overwrought." It was learned that Miss Serrano had been invited to take a lie detector test, but a least initially, she declined.

Not all reports of "polka dot" girls have been discarded, however. Vincent DiPierre, who testified before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, told of seeing Sirhan exchanging smiles with such a girl moments before the shooting.

Detectives and presumably FBI agents believe him. Asked how this could be squared with the cancellation of the all-points bulletin based on Miss Serrano's initial report, one source replied simply that "it isn't the same girl."

Investigators have also yet to confirm or discount reports that two men were with Sirhan when he bought ammunition at a San Gabriel gun shop the Friday before the June 5 shooting.

Even so, they point out that it takes more than a smile to make a conspiracy. Other sources add that the proprietors of the gun shop were somewhat "less positive" in talking to the police than they were with the press about seeing Sirhan with two men.

Other allegations have been squelched, but again in a secrecy that fails to counter their circulation and the currency that rumors gain with widespread repetition. Los Angeles has enough to feed every sort of preconceived notion.

Mayor Sam Yorty, never known for his reticence in public speaking, has loudly charged that communism was behind the assassination.

Across town, near Hollywood and Vine, one Arab-American businessman whispers to another that he has "the real story." Sirhan, he confides darkly was a secret agent, "paid by the Zionists" to blacken the name of the Arab world.

The "Zionist plot," story appears to have its origins in the self-defense mechanisms in the Middle East where it first surfaced.

Yorty's charge apears to have been simply a wild swing from right field.

Alleging that "evil Communist organizations" inflamed Sirhan, Yorty declared that the suspected assassin's car had been spotted near a building where the radical left-wing W. E. B. DuBois Club was holding a meeting.

What Yorty did not disclose was that the meeting had been held more than two years ago—March 4, 1966. Sirhan was never seen inside the DuBois Club. The car was his brother Adel's.

Beyond that, probably most Arabs and Arab-Americans in Los Angeles have parked near the building at one time or another. The Fez—a Middle Eastern belly-dance palace (for the whole family)—is right down the street. Sirhan's brother Adel used to play a guitar-like instrument called the oud there every night.

Yorty's charge, however, was made before Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon handed down the court order aimed at banning most out-of-court statements to the media about the case. By then, many of the rumors were already afloat. The facts have been harder to come by.

Beneath the surface, however, investigaters—while still not ruling out the possibility of a conspiracy—have yet to find any genuine evidence of one. Sirhan himself, and what drove him to the Ambassador Hotel, still pose the biggest enigma.

Arab Agency Orders Aid Offer to Sirhan

BEIRUT, Lebanon, June 22 (AP)—The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine reported today it has instructed its New York office to offer "all possible assistance" to the alleged assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

The Committee's representthe former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haji Amin el Husseini, said it has instructed its U.S. representative to legally defend Sirhan as far as American law permits.

The Committee in New York goes by the name of Palestine Arab Delegation.

The Committee's representatives in New York are Issa Nakhleh and Omar Azzouni, both attorneys.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

COAST POLICE HALT 'POLKA-DOT' HUNT

Cancel Bulletin on Woman Sought in Kennedy Case

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 21—The Los Angeles Police Department canceled Friday a nationwide wanted-for-questioning bulletin for an unidentified "woman in a polka-dot dress" reported at the scene of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's fatal shooting June 5.

A key witness before the grand jury testified that this woman was talking to the alleged assassin, Sirhan B. Sirhan, in the Ambassador Hotel pantry moments before the shooting. Another bystander said a woman of the same description had rushed triumphantly out of the hotel exclaiming: "We shot him!"

The bulletin went out to law-enforcement agencies throughout the country a few hours after the shooting.

Capt. Hugh Brown, chief of the police homicide division, declined to comment on the cancellation of the bulletin. But circumstances suggested that the mysterious woman might have been eliminated as a significant factor in the event.

More than an hour after the cancellation order of 10:45 A.M., Police Chief Thomas Reddin, at an impromptu news conference, indicating that he was unaware of the move, remarked: "We still have not established her connection with the case."

The office of Sirhan's newly engaged lawyer, Russell H. Parsons, reported today that he had already received mail and telephone threats against his life.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1968

Chief Reddin said his department had not been notified of the threats, but would take "whatever precautions are necessary."

He said, however, that he thought protection would be needed more in later stages of the prosecution, and that he himself had received threats. He said he was not unduly concerned because the importance of the threats depended somewhat on "the personal evaluation that the receiver puts on them."

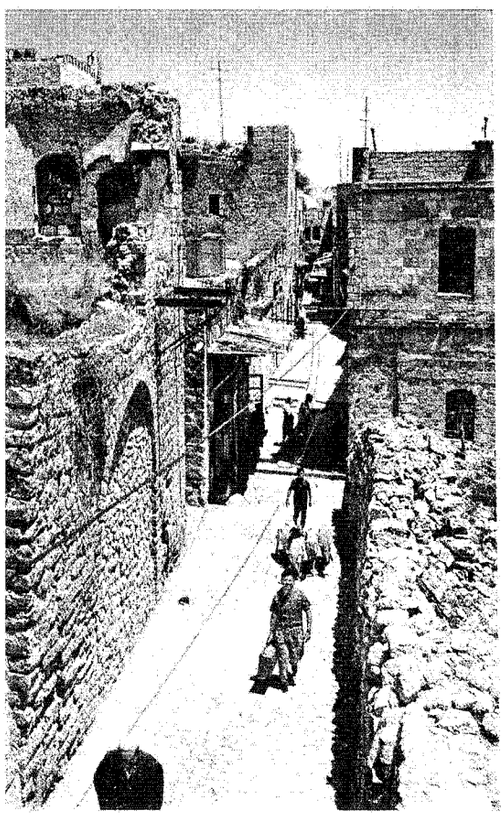
Asked if he had expected questions of infringement of constitutional rights to be raised at the trial of Sirhan, who is charged with first-degree murder, Chief Reddin commented:

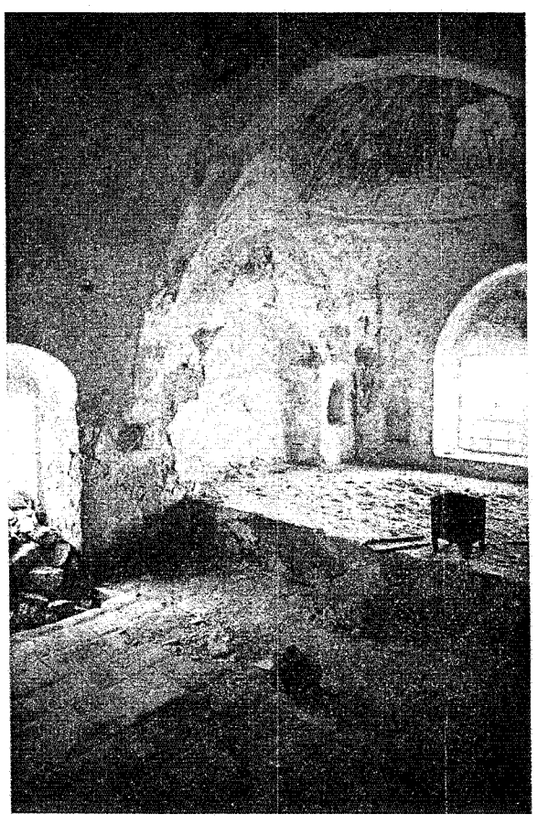
"Undoubtedly there will be some testing of every area of search and seizure."

23 June 1968



In 1947, one year before the Palestine war began, the Sirhans appeared to be a happy united family (above). The father worked for the Jerusalem city water department. Sirhan, seated next to his father, was three. He had four brothers, one sister. Top row, left to right: Saad Allah, Ida, Sharif. Next to Sirhan is Adel, and Mrs. Sirhan holds the baby, Munir. The war changed their lives. Broke and unemployed, the father moved from Jerusalem to Amman to find work, leaving his family behind. Finally, in January 1957, the Sirhans emigrated to the U.S. Applying for passports, Sirhan, then 12, and his mother were given a joint security clearance by Jordan (right).







The war-damaged street (far left) where the Sirhans lived after the 1948 fighting until they left for California exists, largely unchanged, in the Jewish quarter of the old

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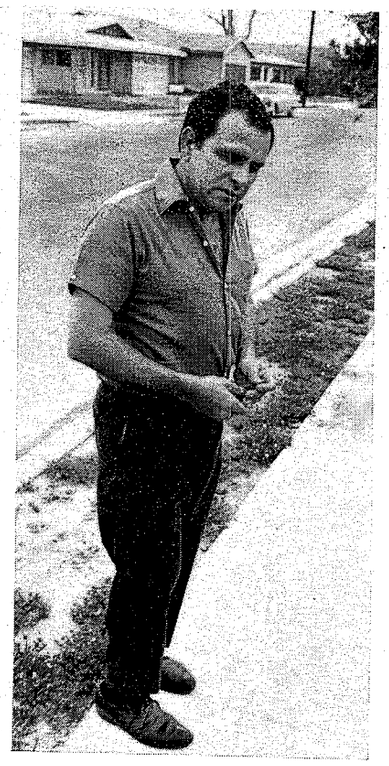
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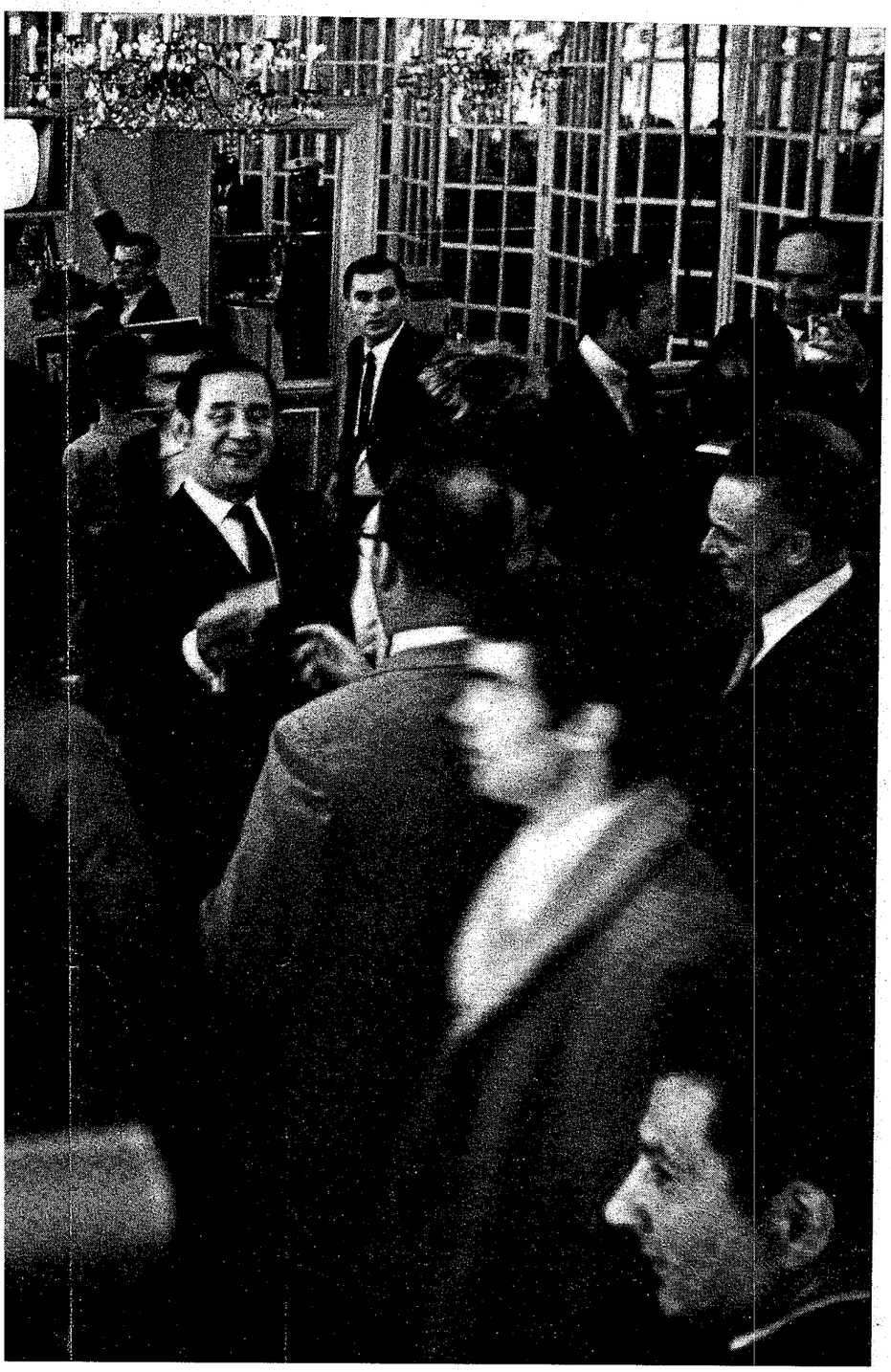
"Kennedy! Kennedy!" shouted Sirhan. "He should never be President. You think he really wants to help the poor?" His voice quavered. At the time, Rabago recalls, he thought Sirhan might have had too much to drink. Now he thinks it may have been pure rage. "Kennedy helps himself. He's just using the poor. Can't you see that?"

Rabago and his friend say they shook their heads and tried—without luck—to reason with Sirhan. Then they watched him wander off, slightly dazed, toward the Embassy Room and the Kennedy party.



Enrique Rabago, an unemployed mechanic, met Sirhan just before the Kennedy assassination.

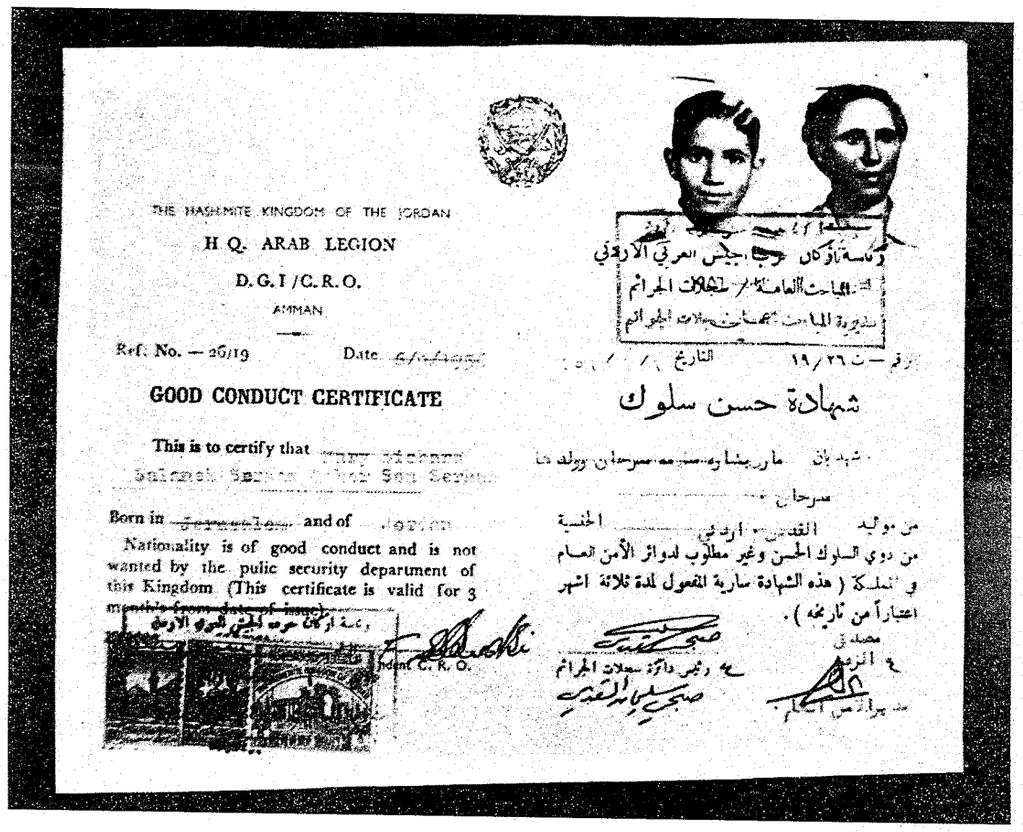
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At Los Angeles police headquarters immediately after his arrest, a disheveled Sirhan posed for the mug shot above. The photograph at left, taken as 300 Rafferty backers partied at the Ambassador expecting victory, may include the accused killer—but he cannot be identified with any certainty.

Fourth son in a family beaten with sticks



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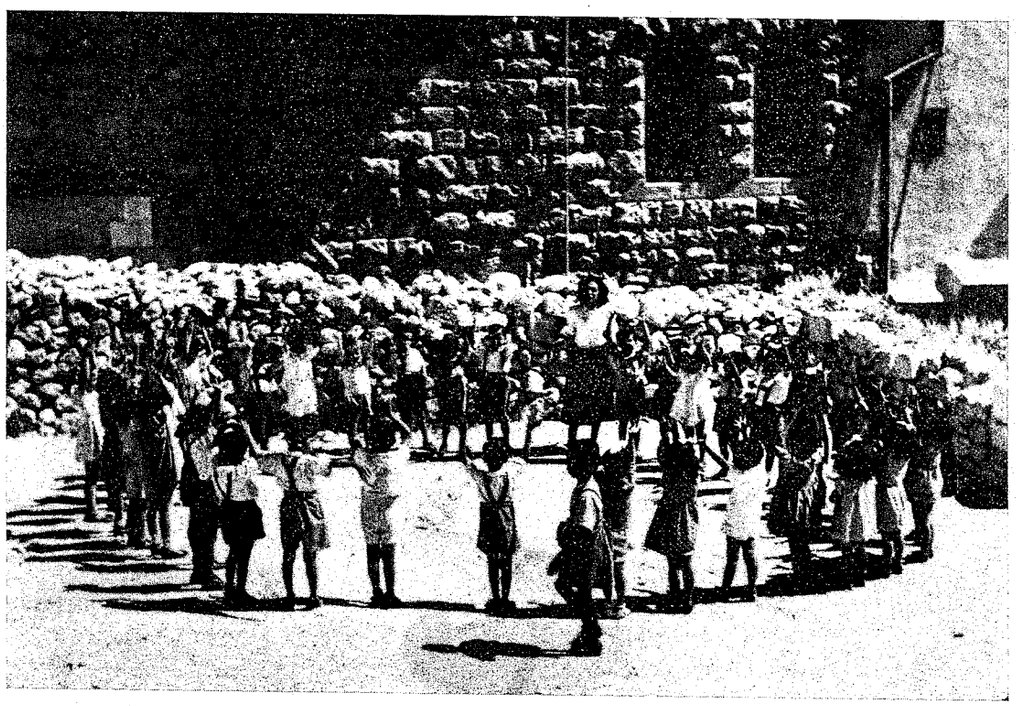
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part of Jerusalem. The Sirhans occupied one room plus a small kitchen (center left). Sirhan went to classes at the Martin Luther School and attended Sunday school at the Lutheran Church. One of his classmates, Lili Ramien (left, standing in front of the school and church), remembers he "had no really close friends" and "was very happy about going to America." Above, Sirhan's class plays in the schoolyard in an old picture. He is third from left of the boy walking in foreground.

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twisting of one human being and the awful death of another. One cannot really understand it but only look into it as into a distorted mirror. Sirhan Sirhan did not drink. He did not smoke. His brothers, Saad Allah and Sharif, had "trouble"—and brushes with the law. Not Sirhan. He was polite. He was quiet. He concentrated hard on his studies as a schoolboy and on obscure religious philosophy as an adult. He shunned girls throughout—and remonstrated with married men who did not. He kept a notebook, and on one page—part of which was made public after he was jailed—he had written: "Robert Kennedy must die by June 5. . . ."

Sirhan Sirhan grew into boyhood as a Christian Arab in Jordan's Old City of Jerusalem. He was the fourth of five Sirhan sons —there was also one daughter— and was apparently the most diligent, attentive and polite. He was also unstable and unhappy; neighbors remember that Sirhan's father, Bishara, beat his children with sticks and fists when they disobeyed him and once held a hot iron to one of Sirhan's heels. The boy was subject to other horror—he was only four when the 1948-49 Israeli-Arab war swept over Jerusalem, but his impressions of fear and sound lingered in his mind. It was his mother who dominated the family in times of trouble, who led them to the U.S. when Sirhan was 13 and kept them together in California when father Bishara abandoned them and went back to Palestine. It was the mother to whom Sirhan clung. "She loved her children," says an old acquaintance in the Middle East, "but she was a terribly harsh, narrow-minded and rigid woman."

Sirhan, for all this, overcame enormous handicaps—an awareness of his own strangeness in the eyes of his schoolmates, shyness, a mingled envy and repudiation of the people and the attitudes of garish Southern California. He kept out of trouble, blended, almost as if he were transparent, into the student body of Pasadena's John Muir High School. He was graduated and went on to two years at Pasadena City College. But his ambition of ambitions seemed odd, indeed, in one of his intelligence and education: he burned to be a jockey. He failed.

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A 'hot-walker' obsessed by his homeland's fate

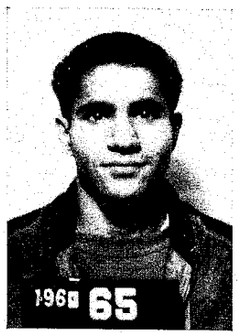
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When he first approached the stewards at Santa Anita, they soon demonstrated that he lacked the experience or the reflexes to be part and parcel of a flying Thoroughbred. He persisted at the track, as a lowly "hot-walker" and exercise boy, though he was often, in the racing jargon for falls, "buying real estate."

He spent the summer of 1966 exercising mounts at Granja Vista Del Rio Horse Ranch in Corona, Calif. He was quiet, as always. He worked hard. He saved his money. But in the end he abandoned his curious dream for good. He was thrown, badly, from a galloping filly early one morning in September and taken to the hospital with cuts and bruises. Perhaps from injured pride, perhaps from disillusionment, he grew disenchanted with horses and, after a few more scattered days of work on the track, gave them up for good. He also came to believe that his injuries were far worse than they were judged to be by the physicians who attended him, and applied for damages under California's workmen's compensation law.

"He was suspicious of everything I was doing," recalls Dr. Richard Nelson, who was on emergency duty when Sirhan was brought to the hospital. "He didn't want any shots. He said that in the old country people told him not to have shots. We finally gave him one for tetanus. But he was in the hospital mostly for observation of possible internal injuries. There were none." A month later Sirhan complained of pain, blurring and "extreme motion" in his eyes. An eye specialist failed to find evidence of such a condition and told him he "seemed to be exaggerating." He demanded a letter verifying his injuries as a basis for a disability claim. The eye man, Dr. Milton Miller, refused. "He told me he was going to 'get me' and that I'd be sorry." Last summer Sirhan filed a disability claim for workmen's compensation and began a series of arguments with new doctors. He also found employment as a driver and stock boy for a health food store entitled Organic-Pasadena. He refused to demean himself by wearing an apron, worked hard—and quit after six months when the Holland-born owner, John Henry Weidner, questioned the order in which he was doing a series of chores. "So I'm a liar," he yelled. "I never lie."

He enjoyed one triumph: he won a $2,000 settlement for his spill on the track. But he writhed, inwardly, at the awful setbacks Arabs endured at the hands of the Jewish blitzkrieg in the six-day desert war last summer, and gradually envisioned Robert Kennedy as the archenemy of Arabic hopes and dreams. "We argued a lot about the Jews," says Market Owner Weidner. "He hates them. He claims they are responsible for the fact that his people do not have jobs and money. I told him that I had many bad experiences with the Gestapo but that I do not hate Germans. I tried to tell him that hate eats you up. He wouldn't listen. He would just say, 'I'm a Jordanian Arab.' He was consumed with himself. If he should die for what he has done, he will go to his death believing that he, Sirhan Sirhan, was the one in the right."





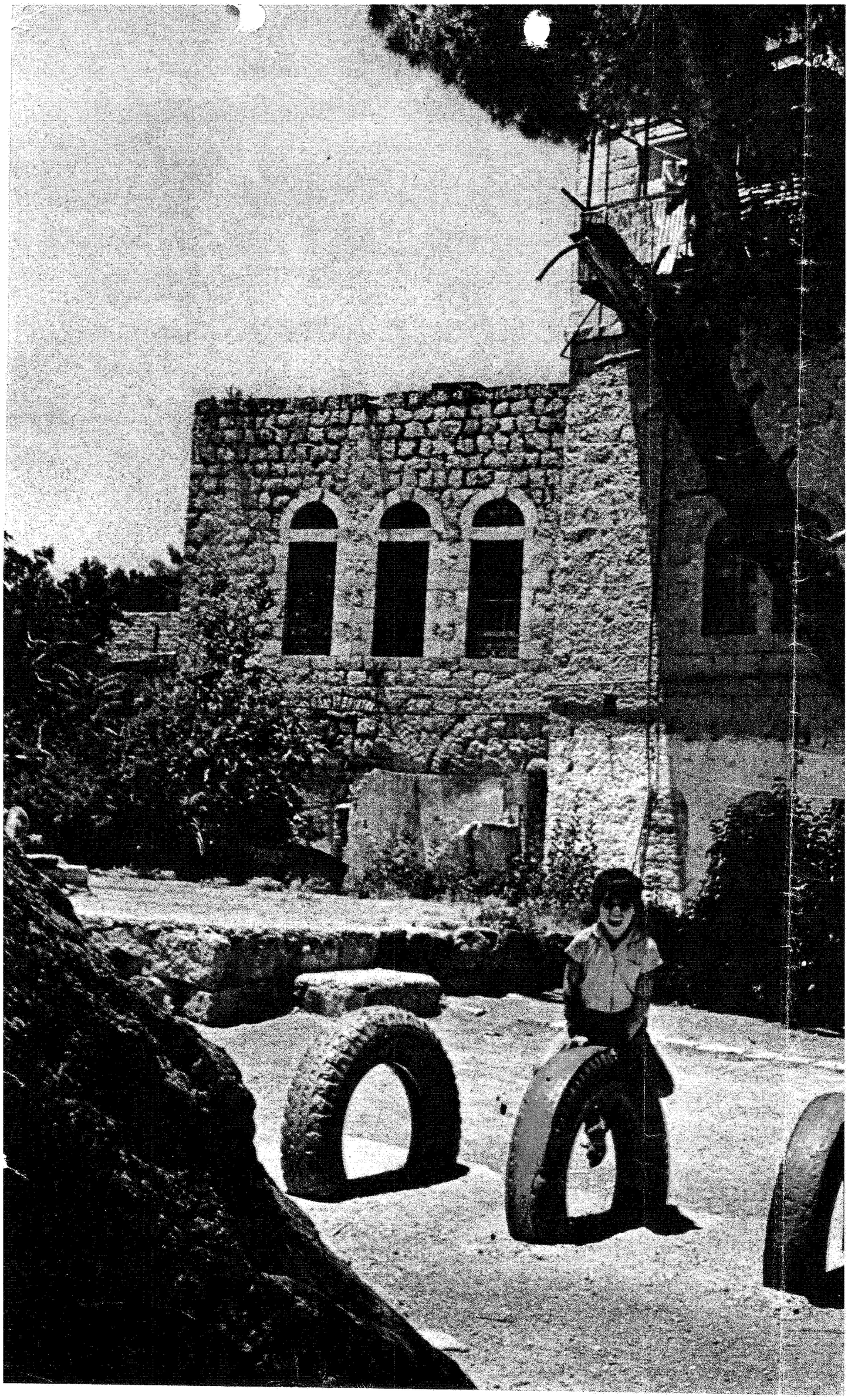


Sirhan wanted to be a jockey. In 1966 he was licensed by California (top left) to be a "hot-walker"—one who walks horses after workouts. Later, as an exercise boy at a ranch in Corona, Calif. owned by Bert Altfillisch (top right), Sirhan earned the reputation of a "real-estate buyer": he fell off horses. Further, Trainer Larry Heinemann (above) says, "He never should have been a jockey. He was too smart."



The Sirhan bungalow (above) in Pasadena is guarded by police while —half a world away—in Jerusalem the building (right) where Sirhan Sirhan was born in 1944 is now occupied by Israeli families. The family had fled it three days after the 1948 war began. "It was a terrible thing," Sirhan's father recalls. "Sirhan used to ask me, 'Father, why did they do this? I had to leave my toys because of the Jew. The Jew took everything. Why?' " Today an Israeli boy plays in the yard near the bricked-up windows of the basement-level apartment where the Sirhans once lived. A blind Israeli veteran now lives there.

Page 67: an article on the psychobiology of violence



The questioner for two Presidents

When the hurt of Robert Kennedy's death begins to subside, the void it leaves in our national life will become visible. For almost eight years he was something like the conscience of the Presidency.

For three of those years he shared in the power from within at John Kennedy's side. Historians will have a hard time delineating his exact contributions, because the relationship of these brothers had a certain mystical quality. "We're cryptic," said John Kennedy one day in the Oval Office after he had just finished a conversation with his brother which consisted of grunts and uh-huhs and monosyllabic words and yet conveyed total understanding.

Once with certain mischief and that subdued delight which was his specialty, Jack Kennedy cradled his phone on his shoulder and told a visitor sitting across the desk, "This is Bobby . . . the second most powerful man in the country." Bob later crinkled up and countered, "Who's first, Joseph P. Kennedy?" The President's remark was a joke and also a truth. Back when he was shaping the New Frontier, John Kennedy seemed intrigued with the idea of making Arkansas Senator William Fulbright his Secretary of State. Bob had his say on that one. "This Administration is not going to have what amounts to a Southern segregationist as its Secretary of State."

Just after sunrise one morning in the early days, he walked across the dewy lawn of Hickory Hill listening to the grim report on Vietnam just brought back by Walt Rostow, who had been sent with General Maxwell Taylor to survey the trouble. Rostow had come out to brief Bobby after reporting to the President. Bob Kennedy's own voice could be heard later in the President's worried comment: "That's the worst one we've got."

The full dimensions of Bob's contributions in the Cuban missile crisis have never been described because he carried so much within him. Some who watched that drama closely believe that he, more than anyone, hammered out the final solution. He worked in the boiler room of government, which was his familiar place, forcing his colleagues to go back into more meetings and think and rethink those first easy solutions of using great force or of doing nothing. He was horrified at the thought of a bombing strike on Cuba. Wasn't there some other weapon in the vast U.S. arsenal? he asked. Bob was the one who asked the crucial question that opened the way to negotiation: Why couldn't they ignore Khrushchev's belligerent messages and respond only to his more conciliatory tone?

Bob was the supervisor of drudgery, the man who rooted out the facts and stared them down. He never denied them, and that way he infused a rare candor into the heart of government. "It's simple," said the President. "Bobby works harder, knows more and has the best judgment of anyone I know."

In the final days of the New Frontier, when John Kennedy was immersed in foreign matters, Bob was almost Assistant President for domestic affairs. He was in charge during the racially tense days at the University of Mississippi and Tuscaloosa. He began then to sense the dimensions of related problems of the Negro and poverty—and his concern became part of the national concern. Just before John Kennedy died, there were discussions between the brothers about launching a war on poverty in the second Kennedy term.

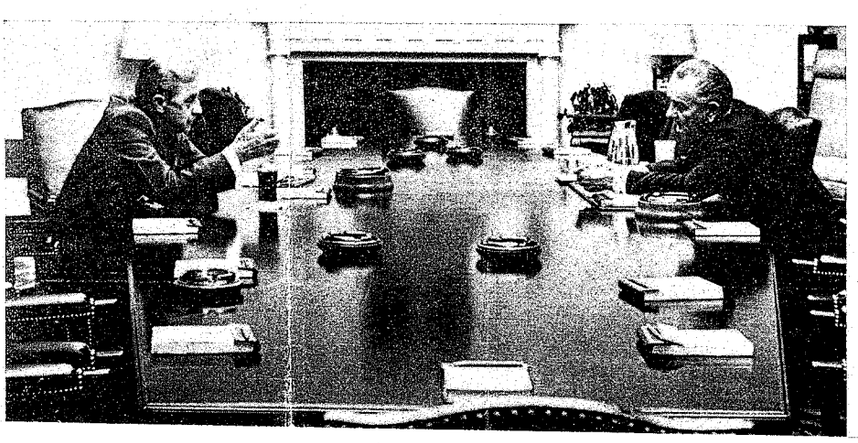
The death of his brother changed Bob Kennedy's approach. But, in many ways, it did not alter his role. One did still not have to like him or agree with him or even credit him with being right. But, even now, one could not overlook his presence. He remained a questioner of presidential policy. He still looked for facts and raised doubts. His real power was far greater than his Senate office brought. Sometimes it did not fall far short of the influence of President Johnson himself.

Lyndon Johnson, on one of his melancholy nights in the midst of trouble, paced the White House backyard drive and grumbled that "the Kennedy family really runs this country." During the bitter Vietnam debate, Larry O'Brien, who had served as the chief political strategist for both John Kennedy and Johnson, sat in his immense Postmaster's office and said that the only effective voice raised against the Administration was that of Robert Kennedy. The Fulbrights and the McGoverns and the Churches could make speeches in the Senate, but beyond the Potomac there was hardly a ripple. When Bob Kennedy spoke up, however, there was an immediate effect, which O'Brien could detect in the precincts all across the country.

On many nights there were more of the key people of Johnson's government dining at Hickory Hill than there were in the White House. And from this grew resentments and antagonisms, both personal and political, between the forces of Johnson and Kennedy. Bob Kennedy's court became almost a quasi-public institution. Some called it a government in exile. But it was far from being in exile.

Bob Kennedy often sat in his shirt sleeves behind his Senate office desk and talked about the military and diplomatic plans of Johnson in Vietnam with such thoroughness of detail and concept that it seemed he had never been isolated from the Oval Office. His continuing connections with the government gave him instant and total information. More than anyone in the city beyond Johnson's own team, he knew the workings of the Presidency. He, more than anyone outside the Administration, cared.

From the stirrings at Hickory Hill, which became a watering place for the disenchanted and the disenfranchised, came the doubts about the war, about the direction of the massive federal housing programs, about the handout concept of welfare, about expanding further the immense, clumsy federal machine which was proving more inept every year at solving the myriad local concerns. These were doubts that many in the country had begun to feel. But when they were articulated by Robert Kennedy, they began directly to influence and change the national course.



As the business of the Presidency and the campaign resumed, President Johnson talked with Senator McCarthy in the White House, briefing him on Vietnam and the Paris negotiations.

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Coast Lawyer, 73, to Defend Sirhan Without Fee

By ROBERT WINDELER
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 19—Russell E. Parsons, a 73-year-old Los Angeles attorney, will serve as defense counsel for Sirhan B. Sirhan, the 24-year-old Jordanian accused of murdering Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

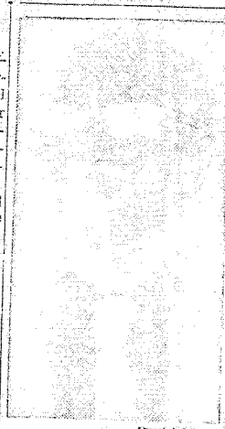
Mr. Parsons will be joined by another lawyer, whom he described as "a very able man, a good lawyer who is involved in something right now in which it would be detrimental if his name were announced in connection with the Sirhan case."

Sirhan picked both names from a list given him by A. L. Wirin, chief local counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mr. Wirin said today that he had witnessed Sirhan's signing a retainer for the two lawyers in his windowless 12-by-12-foot cell in the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail sometime between Sirhan's arrest June 5 and June 10.

Neither Mr. Parsons nor Mr. Wirin would say why the news had been delayed, but June 10 was the last day Mr. Wirin visited the suspect and today was Mr. Parsons' first visit.

"I talked with my client this morning on his bed in his cell for about two hours," Mr. Parsons said. He would not elaborate.



Associated Press
Russell E. Parsons

"Since Sirhan has now secured the counsel of his choice guaranteed by the Constitution the A.C.L.U.'s interest in the case is ended," Mr. Wirin said.

Sirhan was reported to have asked Mr. Wirin to take the case, but Mr. Wirin declined on the ground that no constitutional or civil liberties issue was involved. He said that the A.C.L.U.'s only interest was in seeing that Sirhan got the lawyer of his choice.

Mr. Wirin saw the defendant almost daily between June 5 and June 10 but said today he did not know whether he would see him again.

A third lawyer may join Mr. Parsons and his associate, Mr. Parsons said, but he has not yet been selected.

Mr. Parsons said he would serve "without fee and as a public service." He replaces Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield as Sirhan's chief counsel.

Sirhan had not expressed any particular displeasure with the Public Defender's office, generally regarded as one of the best in the United States, but had said repeatedly that he would like his own lawyer.

His ability to pay a private lawyer was questionable, but his father, Bishara Sirhan, had said in Jordan that he would pay the cost of lawyers from Arab countries.

Several such lawyers have indicated their willingness to come to Los Angeles in Sirhan's defense. Neither Mr. Wirin nor Mr. Parsons had been reached directly by them and said they could not comment on the admissibility of foreign lawyers.

A public defender is a counsel appointed by the court to represent indigent defendants. There are 200 full-time defense attorneys in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office, and they may not, by law, simultaneously engage in private practice.

California state law provides that counties may set up a public defender's office, and most of the state's 58 counties have done so.

In a case such as Sirhan's, if money is found or a lawyer is willing to work for nothing, a public defender is "substituted out." That is what happened to Mr. Littlefield.

The names of Melvin Belli and F. Lee Bailey were on the original A.C.L.U. list of volunteers. Mr. Wirin said that Sirhan wanted neither.

Mr. Parsons, a native of Los Angeles, said he had tried more than 5,000 cases, "many, many of them murder cases."

He is best known, however, for his defense of Charles Cahan, convicted of conspiring to engage in bookmaking on the basis of evidence secured by placing hidden microphones in private homes without a search warrant.

In 1955 the California Supreme Court reversed the conviction, contending that such evidence was illegally seized and should be excluded from the trial. The decision in Mapp vs. Ohio United States in the Supreme Court six years later made this search and seizure doctrine applicable in all the states.

Sirhan Signs a Criminal Lawyer

LOS ANGELES, June 19 (UPI)—Sirhan B. Sirhan today acquired a prominent criminal attorney to defend him against a charge of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Russell Parsons, an attorney who won a landmark California Supreme Court ruling against use of illegally seized evidence, has agreed to represent Sirhan without fee.

The Jordanian Lawyers' Association has selected four of its members to help defend Sirhan and two Lebanese attorneys also have volunteered their services. Similar plans were reported under way in Iraq and Cairo.

Asked whether he would accept help from Arab attorneys, Parsons replied, "I welcome help from anybody." He added that defending Sirhan is "a tremendous responsibility, like any criminal case."

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LOS ANGELES AP - A request by the Jordanian government for an interview in Arabic with the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, has been rejected by Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess.
Pitchess said Thursday any interview with the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant must be in English "for security reasons."
The interview was sought after Jordan officials had expressed dissatisfaction with an earlier talk in English between Sirhan and George Zraikat, a local representative of Jordan.
Zraikat and Deputy Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield visited Sirhan in his cell last Tuesday, the sheriff said. At that time, Pitchess said, Zraikat said he was satisfied with the physical arrangements of Sirhan's imprisonment.
Pitchess said Sirhan has made no complaints about his treatment at the Central County Jail. He said Sirhan's appetite was good and that he is permitted exercise in a 50-foot corridor.
Pitchess said finger, ankle and knee injuries Sirhan suffered when he was subdued and arrested June 5 are healing satisfactorily.
Meanwhile, Los Angeles attorney Russell E. Parsons officially relieved the Public Defender's office of the job of defending Sirhan. He signed the legal document assuming Sirhan's defense before Superior Judge Richard Schauer.
Sirhan is charged with one count of murder and five counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. He is scheduled to go to court June 24, although court observers believe his case will be continued to give Parsons more time to study the case.
Parsons said he had accepted the case without fee.
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1802: LEAD YOUTH:
CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO, JUNE 19 (REUTERS)--POLICE IN THIE BORDER TOWN HAVE PICKED UP A 17-YEAR-OLD MEXICAN-AMERICAN WHO CLAIMED HE KNEW IN ADVANCE OF A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.
A LOCAL POLICE PSYCHIATRIST SAID IN A PRELIMINARY REPORT HE BELIEVED CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ, WAS "MENTALLY UNSTABLE," THE POLICE SPOKESMAN ADDED.
F.B.I. AGENTS AS WELL AS MEXICAN POLICE QUESTIONED CURIEL GONZALEZ, WHO WAS SEIZED TWO DAYS AGO AS HE HITCH-HIKED FROM THE U.S. BORDER TOWARD MEDICO CITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.
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THE POLICE SPOKESMAN QUOTED THE DIARY AS SAYING, "I AM GOING TO LEAVE THIS WORLD BEFORE I LOSE MY MEMORY COMPLETELY. I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO SOMETHING BIG. IF THE WORLD ONLY KNEW OF THE PLOT TO KILL SEN. KENNEDY, THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW BUT I DON'S CARE."
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CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO, JUNE 19 (REUTERS)--POLICE HERE TODAY QUESTIONED A 17-YEAR-OLD MEXICAN-AMERICAN WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID CURIEL GONZALEZ TOL POLICE HE DISCUSSED THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY IN ADVANCE WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN, WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LOS ANGELES JUNE 5.
A LOCAL POLICE PSYCHIATRIST QUESTIONED CURIEL GONZALEZ AND SAID IN A PRELIMINARY REPORT HE BELIEVED THE YOUTH WAS "MENTALLY UNSTABLE" THE POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.
CURIEL GONZALEZ ALLEGEDLY TOLD POLICE HE WAS BORN SOMEWHERE IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON OF MEXICAN PARENTS AND HAD LIVED AMONG THE HIPPIES IN LOS ANGELES. HE REPORTEDLY SAID HE MET SIRHAN IN A LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION.
THEY DISCUSSED THE MURDER OF KENNEDY, THE POLICE SPOKESMAN QUOTED CURIEL GONZALEZ AS TELLING INTERROGATORS FROM THE MEXICAN JUDICIAL POLICE AND AGENTS OF THE U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI). THE FBI AGENTS HAD RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES TO EVALUATE THE STATEMENTS, MADE IN THE CIUDAD JUAREZ STATE PRISON, HE SAID.
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AN OFFICIAL AT THE PRISON SAID CURIEL GONZALEZ HAD MARKS ON HIS WRISTS WHICH APPEARED TO INDICATE THAT THE YOUTH HAD TRIED TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE.
CURIEL GONZALEZ WAS WEARING TROUSERS AND A CHECKED SPORTS SHIRT WHEN SEIZED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AT AN IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CIUDAD JUAREZ.
THE YOUTH ENTERED MEXIIO ACROSS THE TEXAS BORDER AS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, POLICE SAID.
HIS PARENTS WERE BELIEVED TO BE LIVING IN MEXICO.
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1922: YOUTH:
CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO, JUNE 20 (REUTERS)--POLICE AND PSYCHIATRISTS TODA QUESTIONED A 17-YEAR-OLD MEXICAN-AMERICAN AS F.B.I. AGENTS CHECKED INTO HIS CLAIM TO HAVE KNOWN OF A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LOCAL JUDICIAL POLICE SAID THE YOUTH, CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ, WOULD APPEAR BEFORE A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TOMORROW.

THE JUDGE WOULD HEAR THE POLICE REPORTS AND DECIDE WHETHER ANY CHARGES SHOULD BE PREFERRED AGAINST THE YOUTH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ARRAIGNMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM LIMIT OF 72 HOURS AFTER CURIEL GONZALEZ WAS JAILED BY THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE YOUTH PREVIOUSLY SPENT SEVERAL HOURS IN THE LOCAL POLICE CELLS.

HE WAS DETAINED MONDAY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CIUDAD JUAREZ WHILE HITCHHIKING FROM TEXAS TO MEXICO CITY. HIS DIARY CONTAINED A JUNE 4 ENTRY SAYING HE HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF "A PLOT TO KILL SENATOR KENNEDY."

F.B.I. AGENTS ACROSS THE BORDER IN EL PASO, TEX., MEANWHILE, EVALUATED CURIEL GONZALEZ' CONTENTION THAT HE HAD MET WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN, ACCUSED KILLER OF KENNEDY, IN A LOS ANGELES LIBRARY BEFORE KENNEDY WAS SHOT JUNE 5.
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ACCORDING TO LOCAL POLICE SOURCES, THE F.B.I. AGENTS HAD SO FAR FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A LINK BETWEEN CURIEL GONZALEZ AND SIRHAN.

POLICE PSYCHIATRISTS WERE TRYING TO ESTABLISH THE YOUTH'S MENTAL CONDITION. IF THEY FOUND HIM MENTALLY UNSTABLE, THE CIRCUIT JUDGE TOMORROW MIGHT CALL ON POLICE TO CHARGE HIM WITH PROFERRING FALSE INFORMATION, THE JUDICIAL POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE YOUTH COULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY FOR INVESTIGATION INTO HIS CLAIM TO BE A CITIZEN OF BOTH MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES. CURIEL GONZALEZ TOLD POLICE HE WAS BORN IN WASHINGTON STATE OF MEXICAN PARENTS.

IF IT WERE FOUND HE IS NOT A MEXICAN CITIZEN HE COULD BE DEPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES.
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F.B.I. AGENTS AS WELL AS MEXICAN POLICE QUESTIONED CURIEL GONZALEZ, WHO WAS SEIZED TWO DAYS AGO AS HE HITCH-HIKED FROM THE U.S. BORDER TOWARD MEDICO CITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.
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A LOCAL POLICE PSYCHIATRIST QUESTIONED CURIEL GONZALEZ AND SAID IN A PRELIMINARY REPORT HE BELIEVED THE YOUTH WAS "MENTALLY UNSTABLE" THE POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.
CURIEL GONZALEZ ALLEGEDLY TOLD POLICE HE WAS BORN SOMEWHERE IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON OF MEXICAN PARENTS AND HAD LIVED AMONG THE HIPPIES IN LOS ANGELES. HE REPORTEDLY SAID HE MET SIRHAN IN A LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION.
THEY DISCUSSED THE MURDER OF KENNEDY, THE POLICE SPOKESMAN QUOTED CURIEL GONZALEZ AS TELLING INTERROGATORS FROM THE MEXICAN JUDICIAL POLICE AND AGENTS OF THE U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI). THE FBI AGENTS HAD RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES TO EVALUATE THE STATEMENTS, MADE IN THE CIUDAD JUAREZ STATE PRISON, HE SAID.
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AN OFFICIAL AT THE PRISON SAID CURIEL GONZALEZ HAD MARKS ON HIS WRISTS WHICH APPEARED TO INDICATE THAT THE YOUTH HAD TRIED TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE.
CURIEL GONZALEZ WAS WEARING TROUSERS AND A CHECKED SPORTS SHIRT WHEN SEIZED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AT AN IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CIUDAD JUAREZ.
THE YOUTH ENTERED MEXIIO ACROSS THE TEXAS BORDER AS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, POLICE SAID.
HIS PARENTS WERE BELIEVED TO BE LIVING IN MEXICO.
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1922: YOUTH:
CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO, JUNE 20 (REUTERS)--POLICE AND PSYCHIATRISTS TODA QUESTIONED A 17-YEAR-OLD MEXICAN-AMERICAN AS F.B.I. AGENTS CHECKED INTO HIS CLAIM TO HAVE KNOWN OF A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LOCAL JUDICIAL POLICE SAID THE YOUTH, CRISPIN CURIEL GONZALEZ, WOULD APPEAR BEFORE A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TOMORROW.

THE JUDGE WOULD HEAR THE POLICE REPORTS AND DECIDE WHETHER ANY CHARGES SHOULD BE PREFERRED AGAINST THE YOUTH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ARRAIGNMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM LIMIT OF 72 HOURS AFTER CURIEL GONZALEZ WAS JAILED BY THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE YOUTH PREVIOUSLY SPENT SEVERAL HOURS IN THE LOCAL POLICE CELLS.

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F.B.I. AGENTS ACROSS THE BORDER IN EL PASO, TEX., MEANWHILE, EVALUATED CURIEL GONZALEZ' CONTENTION THAT HE HAD MET WITH SIRHAN SIRHAN, ACCUSED KILLER OF KENNEDY, IN A LOS ANGELES LIBRARY BEFORE KENNEDY WAS SHOT JUNE 5.
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ACCORDING TO LOCAL POLICE SOURCES, THE F.B.I. AGENTS HAD SO FAR FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A LINK BETWEEN CURIEL GONZALEZ AND SIRHAN.

POLICE PSYCHIATRISTS WERE TRYING TO ESTABLISH THE YOUTH'S MENTAL CONDITION. IF THEY FOUND HIM MENTALLY UNSTABLE, THE CIRCUIT JUDGE TOMORROW MIGHT CALL ON POLICE TO CHARGE HIM WITH PROFERRING FALSE INFORMATION, THE JUDICIAL POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE YOUTH COULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY FOR INVESTIGATION INTO HIS CLAIM TO BE A CITIZEN OF BOTH MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES. CURIEL GONZALEZ TOLD POLICE HE WAS BORN IN WASHINGTON STATE OF MEXICAN PARENTS.

IF IT WERE FOUND HE IS NOT A MEXICAN CITIZEN HE COULD BE DEPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES.
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Accused Assassin Reported at Meeting

WASH DAILY NEWS, JUNE 19, 1968

Did Fidel Play a Role in Killing?



By Virginia Prewett

RECE, a Miami-based Cuban exile organization with a chapter in Los Angeles, has come forward to reveal a significant incident involving the alleged assassin of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy. If these revelations are not taken into the trial record, a question will always hang over the exact and specific background of the crime.

Juan Duarte, a former major in Castro's Rebel Army, who came to the U.S. in 1966 after more than a year in a Cuban prison, has revealed in Miami that on May 21 he went to a meeting sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee of the Students for a Democratic Society. It was held at 3800 Amespury, Hollywood, said to be the home of Colombians named Robert and Raquel Leanle.

Leaflets distributed in Los Angeles had announced a speech by Paul Shinoss, identified as a San Fransico State College student recently returned from Havana. All interested persons were invited to attend.

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Maj. Duarte said he went with RECE official Tony Fernandez and other Cubans. They disputed Shinoss' pro-Castroism and were in turn attacked as CIA agents" by a young man whom they later identified as Sirhan Sirhan. The argument ended in the street after the meeting broke up.

Maj. Durate also said that a few ays before the assassination of Sen. Kennedy, an underground" paper called The Los Angeles Times Express — similar to hundreds read by young Americans — published a picture of a coffin along with one of RFK, with the question: "'Why waste your vote?" Maj. Duarte called this an "anticipation" of the Senator's murder.

RECE is now calling for investigation of a report in Los Angeles that Sirhan Sirhan himself attended one of the meetings in Havana of the Afro-Asian and Latin American Solidarity Organization, called ALAPSO. A key fact here is that Castro has taken over this shadow organization from all control by Cairo.

FIRED UP?

If ALAPSO helped rouse Sirhan Sirhan, then Castro must be held responsible for pouring gas on the nationalistic fires of the young Arab immigrant.

In deciding ultimate responsibility for the crime, the U.S. faces a stern dilemma. Our leadership in the main wants to ease tensions with Russia. Moscow an Castro are squabbling, but around 15,000 Soviet troops still guarantee Castro's sway. And Cuba, whether we like it or not, is very much the immediate dynamo of the destructive and anti-democratic incitements being pumped heavily into U.S. leftist and student groups.

Castro's aim, of course, is to divide, disorient, dismay and if possible to destroy the American free system, not just Latin American stability. If Castro incitements can help spur assassinations, this gives him a new dimension that we should take seriously.

19 June 1968

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(TEXT) PREMIER BAHJAT AL-TALHUNI RECEIVED LAWYERS MUHAMMAD AL-BARADII, FUAD ATALLAH, AHMAD AL-KHALIL, AND HASAN HABIB HAWWA IN HIS OFFICE THIS MORNING. AFTER THE ONE-HOUR MEETING, LAWYER MUHAMMAD AL-BARADII SAID THAT THEY HAD REVIEWED THE QUESTION OF CHARGING THE ARAB LAWYERS' FEDERATION SECRETARY GENERAL TO LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF SIRHAN SIRHAN'S DEFENSE.

AL-BARADII ADDED: AS A RESULT OF OUR CONTACTS WITH OUR ARAB BROTHERS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WILL NOT MAKE THE TRIP. OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES WILL CARRY OUT THIS TASK ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB LAWYERS' FEDERATION.

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Washington Post, 19 June 1968

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Elder Sirhan Appeals to World For a 'Fair Trial' for His Son

From News Dispatches

AMMAN, Jordan, June 18—Bishara Sirhan, father of the alleged assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, appealed to Pope Paul VI and the conscience of the world today to secure a fair trial for his son, Sirhan Sirhan.

At a press conference here, Bishara Sirhan said he is convinced that his son had not been told by any group to kill Kennedy, but had been provoked by the Senator's "anti-Arab" speeches.

Sirhan, 55, came here from his home in Israeli-occupied territory north of Jerusalem to draw money from his Jordanian bank account. He may go to the United States for his son's trial.

Sirhan said he regrets the death of "Kennedy the human being," but added that "Bob Kennedy had a double personality . . ."

"I can say that I do not regret his death as Kennedy the American politician," the father said. He charged that the Senator's "unbalanced" support of Israel in his presidential campaign statements "provoked the sensitive feelings of Sirhan, who had suffered much from the Jews."

He said his son had been born in Jerusalem and had painful memories of the 1948 Palestine war. As a child, he said, his son had seen Arabs killed by Israeli terrorists and had seen a woman neighbor stabbed by an Israeli.

From Jerusalem, Yuval Elizur gave this report on the Sirhan family in a spe. dispatch to The Washington Post:

Sirhan used to discipline his sons with punishment bordering on torture, according to Mrs. Laila Said, who remembers the Sirhans as an unhappy family. Other former neighbors corroborated her account.

Mrs. Said said the father once beat one of his sons until the boy was unconscious, and chased away neighbors who sought to intervene.

She said the Sirhan daughter, who has since died in the United States, was often locked in her room, and friends would bring food to her. At one time, the elder Sirhan chained his daughter to the window bars.

The Sirhans received rations from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency as refugees from the time they left their home during the war in 1948 until the family emigrated to America in 1957. Although they owned property and olive groves in their village of Tiabeh, the Sirhans lived during this time in a small apartment in the Jewish quarter of the Old City.

Arab Lawyers Rush To Counsel Sirhan

Los Angeles Times

BEIRUT, June 18—A ground swell appears to be developing in Arab legal circles over the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

After almost two weeks in which the lawyers were silent, the Palestinian-born Sirhan is now threatened with inundation by legal advice from his Middle Eastern compatriots. Lawyers from Jordan, Iraq and the Arab Federation of Lawyers today were reported planning to go to his defense.

Sirhan has not indicated he wants Arab or any other outside legal help, so far as can be determined here. The first offers to take up his case have not yet elicited response.

This has not prevented others from volunteering. Among the latest was Shafik Ershedat, secretary general of the Cairo-based Arab Federation of Lawyers and himself a Palestinian.

So far, there have been no suggestions that Sirhan will be deprived of a fair trial.

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Cattan said, however, he had not been notified of the federation's statement. He said that the most any Arab lawyers could do would be to assist American attorneys out of court.

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JERUSALEM AP — Sirhan Sirhan, father of the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, returned to Jerusalem Tuesday after making some provisional arrangements in Amman for his son's legal defense.

A spokesman for the Israeli military governor's office confirmed meanwhile that Sirhans had officially applied for permission to go to the United States to see his son, 24-year-old Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, awaiting trial in Los Angeles.

In Amman, the Arab Lawyers Federation announced that a team of five Arab lawyers, headed by Henry Cattan, a well known Beirut attorney and consultant to a number of American firms, would go to the United States shortly to prepare for the trial.

Cattan said, however, he had not been notified of the federation's statement that the most any Arab lawyers could do would be to assist American attorneys out of court.

"We can not appear before an American court," Cattan said in Beirut. Cattan, 56, is a graduate of London University and the Sorbonne in Paris. He was born in Jerusalem and is currently living in Beirut, capital of Lebanon.

The other lawyers named by the lawyer's federation were Fouad Atallah, 50, who served as a judge in the Jordanian Court of Appeals; Ahmed el Khalil, 50, a Cambridge University graduate who has practiced law in Jordan for many years; Mohammed Mardel, 67, a graduate of the Jerusalem School of Law, and Hassan Hawwa, 50, about whom little was known here. All five are Palestinian natives.

A spokesman said no official applications had been made yet for the lawyers to travel to the United States and the U.S. State Department said it had no such information.

In Los Angeles, Sirhan's court-appointed public defender, Richard G. Buckley, turned down an offer of assistance from two Lebanese lawyers, saying that under California law he could not share responsibility in the case.

"This offer was to assist us and that we cannot accept," he said. "It would seem to me that these attorneys would not qualify to try the cases, but if they do we'd be happy to get out. It's all up to Sirhan. If the defendant wants them and they qualify, then we get out."

In New York, Dr. M. T. Mehdi, secretary-general of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations, said "it might be possible that one good American lawyer might be better than 10 foreign lawyers" because of the complexities of California law.

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SUBJ: SIRHAN TRIAL

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1. BEIRUT PRESS JUNE18 FEATURED BISHARA SIRHAN PRESS INTERVIEW AMMAN PRINTING LENGTHY QUOTES FROM HIS STATEMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPH. AMONG POINTS MENTIONED WAS SIRHAN' S STATEMENT HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO SEND ARAB LAWYERS TO THE US TO HELP HIS SON.

2. A NUMBER OF ARABIC LANGUAGE PAPERS HAVE NOW CARRIED REPORTS OF PRINCE' S AND AL-AHDAB' S DEMARCHE RE SIRHAN DEFENSE TO US EMBASSY. REPORTS FROM AMMAN APPEARING SOME BEIRUT PAPERS JUNE 18 ALSO STATE JORDANIAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION HAS APPOINTED FOUR ARAB LAWYERS TO DEFEND SIRHAN.

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AMMAN, Jordan AP - Four Jordanian lawyers have been chosen to take part in the defense of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and will be joined by lawyers from other Arab countries, a Jordanian Bar Association source said Monday.

The source said the four--Fouad Atallah, Ahmad Bel Khalil, Mohamed Bgrade'h and Hassan Hawwa--were chosen at a bar association meeting attended by Sirhan, father of the defendant.

The Jordanians "will leave very shortly" for the United States, the source said, and will be joined later by a number of other Arab lawyers.

The younger Sirhan, 24, has been in custody in Los Angeles, Calif., since the fatal shooting there of Kennedy June 5.

At young Sirhan's request, A. L. Wirin, Southern California counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, has kept watch on the case since the Jordanian immigrant's arrest. Wirin's function has been to insure Sirhan's rights to a fair trial and to help with arrangements for a defense attorney.

The elder Sirhan told a news conference that he believes the prime cause of the assassination was what he called Kennedy's "anti-Arab" speeches.

"I was angry and sorry for my son's behavior in killing Kennedy, as we have no enmity toward Kennedy's family," Sirhan said. "We regret now his death as Kennedy, the human being, but Bob Kennedy had a double personality.

"I can say that I do not regret his death as Kennedy, the American politician who attempted to gain the presidential election by his aggressive propaganda.

"Kennedy was promising certain sides to supply them with arms and aircraft . . . and thus provoked the sensitive feelings of Sirhan, who had suffered much from the Jews."

The father said he had come to Amman from Israeli-occupied territory north of Jerusalem to get money from his bank account. He said he did not know whether he would go to the United States "because the situation there is very critical."

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WASH POST, 18 JUNE 68

Jordan Bar Picks 4 to Aid Sirhan Case

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[Meanwhile, Sirhan's mother into their Pasadena home today under police protection but refused to talk about the case. The family had been under guard in a nearby apartment since Kennedy was fatally wounded.]

WASHINGTON POST, 18 JUNE 1968

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JERUSALEM, JUNE 14 (REUTERS)--BISHARA SIRHAN, FATHER OF THE 24-YEAR OLD JORDANIAN CHARGED WITH MURDERING SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY, TODAY RECEIVED PERMISSION TO LEAVE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY FOR JORDAN WHERE ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS LIKELY HE WOULD LEAVE FOR A VISIT TO THE U.S.

WHEN BISHARA SIRHAN, 52, APPLIED YESTERDAY FOR PERMISSION TO CROSS THE RIVER JORDAN HE SAID HE WANTED TO ATTEND TO HIS BANK ACCOUNT IN AMMAN. HE MADE NO MENTION IN THE APPLICATION OF A POSSIBLE VISIT TO AMERICA, WHERE HIS SON, SIRHAN, IS BEING HELD FOR KENNEDY'S KILLING.

ON MONDAY, THE ELDER SIRHAN SAID HE PLANNED TO GO TO THE U.S. BEFORE THE END OF JUNE TO AID IN HIS SON'S DEFENSE.

AN AMERICAN COUNCIL OFFICIAL IN JERUSALEM SAID THE FATHER HAD NOT YET ASKED FOR A U.S. VISA. THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY FOR SIRHAN TO RECEIVE SUCH A VISA IN AMMAN BECAUSE HE WAS UNDER THE CONSULATE JURISDICTION OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN JERUSALEM.

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REPORTER JON KINCHE WROTE IN THE EVENING STANDARD THE ARAB GOVERNMENT, WHICH HE DID NOT NAME, MADE AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THE BACKGROUND OF ALLEGED ASSASSIN SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.
"THE NEW INFORMATION, WHICH IS BEING COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, MAY OPEN UP AN ENTIRELY NEW LINE OF INQUIRY INTO THE MOTIVATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ATTACK ON KENNEDY", KINCHE WROTE.
HE SAID THE NEW INFORMATION INDICATED CONSIDERABLE VARIATION FROM ACCOUNTS SO FAR GIVEN OF SIRHAN'S PAST.
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" THE ARAB GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT ITS RECORDS ARE ACCURATE BUT THEY ARE BEING SENT TO THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THEY CAN BE CHECKED WITH THE INFORMATION ASSEMBLED BY THE F.B.I.," KINCHE REPORTED.
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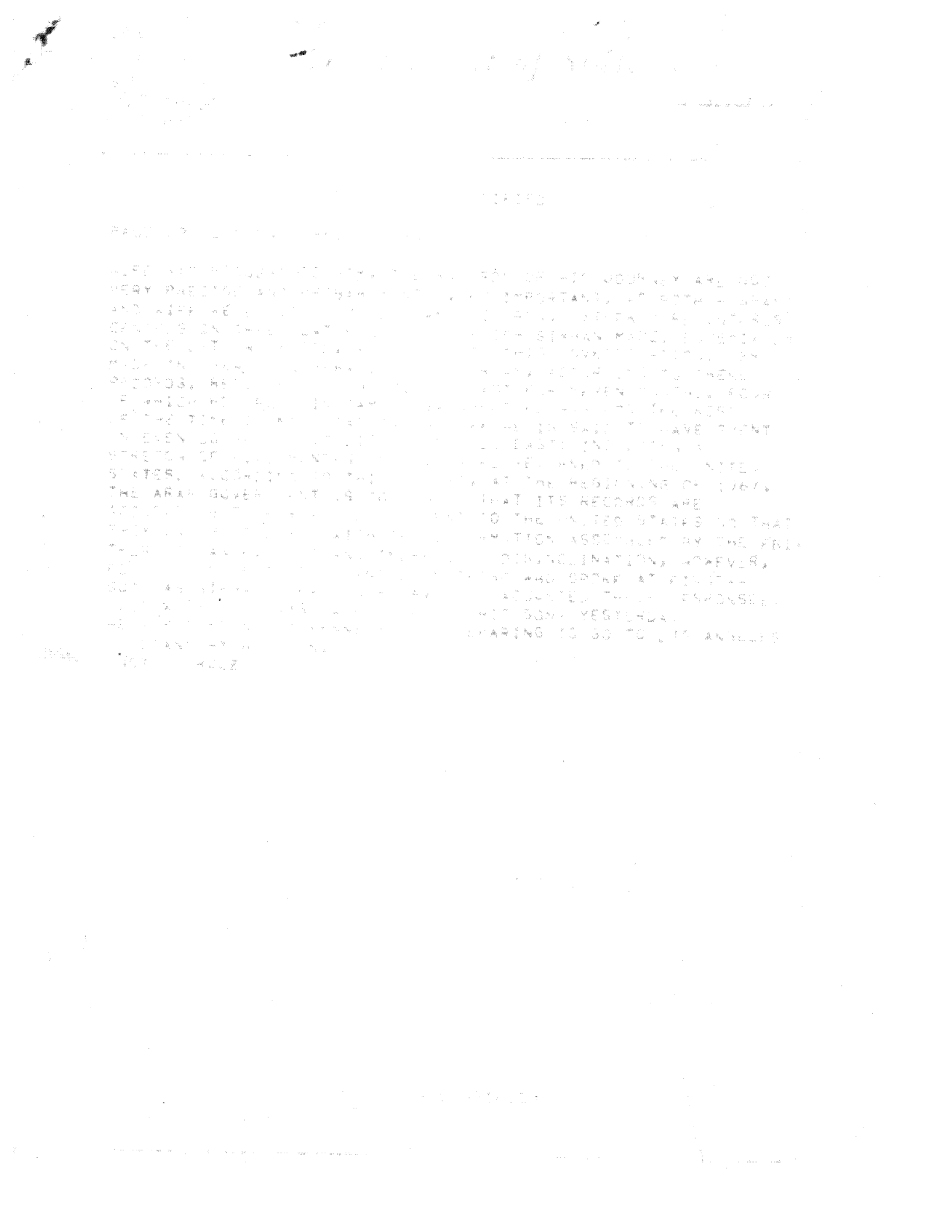
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Israeli-occupied Jordan AP - Bishara Sirhan, father of the youth accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is considering flying to the United States for the trial.

Sirhan, 60, said today he has applied for and received permission to go to Amman, Jordan's capital, where he planned to draw funds from a private account in an Amman bank. He told newsmen he has not finally decided to go to the United States, but will make the decision after he speaks with his family about the case of his son, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24. His wife Mary and five sons, including Sirhan, have been in the United States since 1957. They stayed on after he quarreled with his wife and returned to Jordan in 1961. The owner of a two-story home here, he is jobless at present.

The father expressed satisfaction at the appointment of Wilbur Littlefield, Los Angeles deputy chief public defender, as counsel for his son, commenting: "I have already learned he is one of the best jurists there."

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Other Sirhan Trips Reported

Reuters

...he State Department said ...terday it had no informa... that Sirhan Bishara Sir..., the accused killer of Sen. ...ert F. Kennedy, made ... trips to the Middle East ...er he emigrated to the ... in 1957.

...A story in the London ...ening Standard yesterday ...d Sirhan had traveled to ... Middle East in 1964 and ...6. This information varies ...m that obtained during the ...estigation into Sirhan's past ...er the Kennedy assassina...n.

"The information we pres...tly have is that he came to ... United States in 1957 with ... family. So far as we have ...en able to check, there is ... information he left or re...rned," a Department spokes...an said.

[A spokesman for the U.S. ...migration and Naturalization Service seconded this by declaring: "Our records show Sirhan came here in 1957 and has been here ever since."

[However, resident aliens, such as Sirhan, are given the form 151 "green card" for identification and can use it to leave the United States for periods up to a year without need of a re-entry permit.

[The Immigration Service says returning resident aliens are listed on ship and plane passenger manifests and they are asked to fill out re-entry slips on returning. Those familiar with the Immigration Service's paper work say the files often leave something to be desired.]

The Standard's story said an Arab government, which it did not name, had uncovered "startling new evidence" on the background of Sirhan.

The story said the Arab government records showed that Sirhan came to the U.S. in 1948 when he was four and returned to Jordan in 1957 where he was married at the age of 13.

He returned to the U.S. in 1957 and his wife followed him three months later, the story said.

In 1964 he spent seven months in the Middle East, four of them in Damascus, Syria. The records do not show where eh was for the remainwhere he was for the remaining time, it was said.

He was reported to have spent even longer in the Middle East in 1966, including five months in Cairo, according to the story.

The story said the Arab government is convinced of the accuracy of its records and is sending its information to the FBI.

[The Los Angeles Times said the London paper story is refuted by personnel files at Granja Vista del Rio Ranch in Corona, Calif., where Sirhan was employed from June 2, 1966 to the week ending Dec. 10, 1966.

[On Sept. 25, 1966, the Times reported, he fell from a horse he was exercising and sustained a head injury which later was the subject of court litigation in which he was awarded $2000. Sirhan first sought medical treatment for the injury in early February, 1967.

[All these developments occurred during the time when the London report places Sirhan in the Middle East, the Times said.

[The Associated Press reported Mrs. John H. Weidner, wife of the owner of a health food store where Sirhan worked from September, 1967 to March, 1968, as saying Sirhan had told her he came to the United States as a baby.]



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(WASHINGTON POST 14 JUNE 1968)

Special Task Force Set for RFK Trial

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES, June 13—Formation of a special task force of investigators and prosecutors to handle the Robert F. Kennedy assassination trial was joinly announced today by the police, district attorney and U.S. Justice Department.

Deputy Chief Robert Houghton, commander of the detective bureau, said "23 handpicked" detectives have been assigned to the case.

At a news conference, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger said, "We have formed a special legal team which will act as advisers to the officers during the investigation and will handle the prosecution during the trial."

U.S. Atty. Matt Byrne, only said the Justice Department and the FBI is "cooperating fully" with the police and the district attorney and that the Justice Department "is 100 per cent satisfied with the way the Los Angeles Police Department has handled the case."

Younger indicated there will not be a change of venue, that the accused slayer, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, will plead not guilty and that the trial will begin within three months.

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...in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee which has the compacts under consideration.

The compacts involved Indiana-Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, and New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania-Connecticut.

Woman Was With Sirhan Before Killing, Jury Told

She Wore a Polka-Dot Dress and Was Smiling With Suspect in Hotel Where Kennedy Was Slain, Waiter Asserts

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 13—A woman in a polka-dot dress was huddled with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan in the Ambassador Hotel pantry just before he allegedly shot Senator Robert F. Kennedy, a principal witness has testified.

This was divulged today with the official release of the transcript of testimony given last

Excerpts from the testimony before grand jury, Page 28.

Friday to the county grand jury that indicted the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant on a first degree murder charge.

The testimony dovetailed with the report of another bystander, Miss Sandra Serrano, a local Democratic leader. She told the police last week that she had seen a woman in a polka-dot dress run out of the hotel just after the shooting June 5, exclaiming triumphantly "We shot him! We shot him!"

The police last week issued a nationwide bulletin saying that they wanted for questioning "a woman observed with the suspect" wearing a polka-dot dress. She was described as being between 24 and 27 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, with a bouffant coiffure.

Police Chief Robert Houghton confirmed today that the woman was still being sought.

As to the possibility of a conspiracy in the murder, he said, "We are keeping an open mind on that and all aspects of the investigation include that possibility."

He also announced at a news

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conference that the police department had organized a special 22-man force to pursue leads in the case, in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the District Attorney's office.

The grand jury transcript also contained testimony that made the following points:

¶Sirhan, at a suburban rifle range only 12 hours before the attack on Senator Kennedy, shot upwards of 300 "mini-magnum" disintegrating bullets of special destructive power in a session of rapid-firing practice.

¶Senator Kennedy was hit by three bullets rather than two, as previously reported—the fatal one fired perhaps only inches from his head.

¶Mrs. Kennedy was shielded, as eight shots came from Sirhan's .22-caliber revolver "like firecrackers," by Roosevelt Grier, star of the Los Angeles Rams football team.

¶Mrs. Kennedy became momentarily confused after the shooting and slapped another victim, Ira Goldstein, a newsman, who had asked about her husband — then quickly apologized and kissed Mr. Goldstein.

¶Arthur Placencia and Travis White, the two police officers who rushed the defendant out of the hotel, felt they had narrowly averted lethal attacks on him by groups of outraged bystanders both in the pantry and at the hotel entrance.

¶Neither of the arresting officers knew that Senator Kennedy had been the target of the attack until informed by the State Assembly Speaker, Jesse M. Unruh, Mr. Kennedy's California campaign chairman, as they were driving the prisoner to a police station.

¶On the way, one of the officers pulled out his Field Manual and twice read to the prisoner his constitutional rights.

The 23-member grand jury heard testimony from 23 witnesses in the all-day session before voting the murder indictment, which carries a possible death penalty. The jury also voted indictments on five counts of assault with intent to murder, relating to five incidental victims of the Kennedy attack.

The testimony about "the girl in the ploka-dot dress" came from Vincent T. Di Pierro a 19-year-old Santa Monica city college freshman, son of Angelo Di Pierro, the Ambassador banquuet manager. The youth working as a waiter that night.

As Senator Kennedy strode into the pantry, after his claiming victory in California's Presidential primary, "I walked with him uup to the ice machine," Mr. Di Pierro testified. "And it was there that I noticed ther was a girl and the accused person standing on what we call a tray stacker. . . a very good-looking girl next to him.

'Very Good-Looking Figure'

"I would never forget what she looked like because she had a very good-looking figure —and the dress was kind of lousy. It looked as though it was a white dress and it had either black or dark purple polka-dots on it. It kind of had . . . like a bib in the front. She had dark hair that was cut, I would say just above the shoulders. She had what looked like a short nose. She wasn't too prettay. She had a very good figure."

"They were both standing together," he said. "He looked as though he either talked to her or flirted with her, ebcause she smiled... Together, they were both smiling, as he got down, he was smiling.

"In fact, the minute the first two shots were fired, he still had a very sick-looking smile on his face. That's one thing— I can never forget that."

Mr. DiPierro said he had not seen the woman after the shooting.

Another hotel employe, Jesus Perez, a kitchen helper, identified photographs of the defendant and told the grand jury that "he was talking to me about half an hour before the shooting" in the pantry.

"He asked me about three or four times if Mr. Kennedy coming that way, coming through that way. And I answer I don't know."

The testimony of several hotel employes indicated that Senator Kennedy's entry into the pantry-corridor after his speech had been, as far as they knew, a last-minute move.

The gist of the testimony was that it was the merest fluke that had taken the Senator into a confrontation with his assassin.

The 273-page grand jury transcript was released by the Superior Court as soon as a copy had been made available to Sirhan's counsel, Deputy Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield. Sirhan, confined under heavy guard in the county jail, has indicated he would like private counsel, but no arrangements have yet been completed.

Police chief Houghton said that the special unit handling the investigation would be headed by Capt. Hugh Brown, head of the homicide division.

District Attorney Evelle Younger announced that the prosecuting staff on the case would consist of Lynn D. Compton, his chief deputy; John E. Howard, chief of his special investigations divisions, who presented the case to the grand jury, and Deputy District Attorney David N. Fitts.

New York Times 14 June 1968

Excerpts From Testimony Before Jury

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 13—*Following are excerpts from testimony of some of the 23 witnesses who testified last Friday before the grand jury that indicted Sirhan Bishara Sirhan for the first degree murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The transcript of the grand jury proceedings was made public today. Questions were put to the witnesses by various members of the District Attorney's staff.*

VINCENT T. Di PIERRO, college student and Ambassador Hotel part-time waiter, son of the hotel's banquet manager, Angelo Di Pierro:

I got separated from Senator Kennedy by about five feet [as the Senator entered the Ambassador Hotel pantry, where he was shot], and I walked with him up to the ice machines. And it was there that I noticed there was a girl, and the accused person standing on what we call a tray stacker.

Whether or not the second person was involved, I don't know. . . . The only reason I noticed him—there was a very good-looking girl next to him. . . . He was grabbing on with his left hand [to a pipe on the tray stacker]. I could not see his right hand. He looked as though he were clutching his stomach, as though somebody had elbowed him.

Q. Was he in a straight up position or was he crouched or semi-crouched? A. Semi-crouched. . . . From that moment on, I just looked at the girl, and I saw him get down off the tray stand. And when I went to turn, the next thing I saw was him holding the gun.

Q. How close did—we will call him the suspect—get to the Senator? A. It couldn't have been more than six feet.

Q. How close to the Senator was the suspect when this gun started firing?

A. Four feet—four to six feet. . . . He kind of went around Mr. Uecker, and he from here—he looked like though he pulled his hand out from here and came around. . . . And then the other boy that got shot in the thigh, he fell on top of me, and they pushed me down, they fell on top of me.

Senator's Hands Went Up

Q. Did you see what happened to the Senator before you went down? A. He was on his way, falling—he was falling down. The first shot, he kind of reared back very, very sharply.

Q. Did you see any movement of the Senator's arms after the first shot? A. Both hands went up like that [indicating].

Q. As near as you can, will you recall for the jury the events immediately after the shooting? What happened?

A. Well, the suspect turned almost immediately; and after all the shots were fired, he was trying to escape. He tried very, very hard to get away. But Mr. Rafer Johnson [the athlete, a member of the Kennedy party]—and by this time Mr. [Roosevelt] Grier [the athlete, also in the Kennedy party] and Mr. Uecker were all holding him against the heater. It's the stainless steel table. And people were trying—were hitting him and cursing at him, and it was utter confusion. I mean, everyone was trying to kill him. . . . I tried to help keep the suspect subdued, but it was, you know—wasn't really worth it because everyone else grabbed him already and were beating up on him.

Q. But he was apprehended this time? A. Yes, almost instantly.

Q. Did some police officers arrive? A. Yes, they did, but at the time involved, I have no idea.

Q. Now going back to just before this shooting, you observed a nice looking girl [in the hotel pantry where Senator Kennedy was shot]? A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. Could you identify her again if you saw her? A. To some degree, yes, sir, I could. I would never forget what she looked like because she had a very good looking figure—and the dress was kind of lousy.

Q. Flousy? A. Lousy.

Missing After Shooting

Q. Now, after the shooting, you remainned at the scene; did you happen to see this girl again? A. No, aafter the shooting I did not see her. I only saw her before.

Q. You didn't ask her name or anything? A. No, sir, I didn't.

Q. Did any of the fellows or guys you work with by chance—? A. No, no one had, other than myself, had seen her, I don't believe.

Q. You have inquired around, I take it, since? A. I have only talked to one fellow that was across from me, that had seen me, that was with me the whole time. I asked him, and he said that he had seen her but that he didn't know where she went or what her name was.

Q. Could you describe what she was wearing? A. Yes. It looked as though it was a white dress and it had either black or dark purple polka-dots on it. It kind of had — I don't know what they call it, but it's like—looked like a bib in the front that kind of went around. It's just like that [indicating].

Q. A lace dickey, probably?

A. It was like over the material itself; it was the same as the clothing. And she was—she—the person who is accused of shooting him was—like I say, they were both on the—standing standing together.

Q. Back of the tray stand? A. Yes. And what happened, he looked as though he either talked to her or flirted with her, because she smiled. This is just before he got down.

So at least, their association, in proximity of the tray stand, they are smiling, perhaps—? A. Together, they were both smiling. As he got down, he was smiling. In fact, the minute the first two shots were fired, he still had a very sick-looking smile on his face. That's one thing—I can never forget that.

Q. Could you describe the facial characteristics first of all of this girl? A. Yes. She had dark hair that was cut, I would say, just above the shoulders, just around in here [indicating]. And it just kind of looked like it was messed up, at the time, I mean. She coulud have mean. She could have come up with curls. I don't know, it was just messed up at the time. Her face—facial expression, she had what looked like a short nose. She wasn't too pretty. And like I say, figure—she had a very good figure.

JESUS PEREZ, a kitchen helper at the Ambassador Hotel:

Q. Now, you see the two photographs which are in front of you [pictures of the defendant]. Did you see the person that's in those photographs around the hotel that night? A. Yes. He was talking to me about half an hour before the shooting.

Q. And where were you at that time that he was talking to you? A. In the steam table in the front—in the steam table—I was there, and he was close to me here. And he asked me about three or four times if Mr. Kennedy coming that way, coming through that way. And I answer I don't know because—really, I don't know what way he comes.

Q. But he asked you about three or four times? A. Yes, he asked me about three or four times if Mr. Kennedy come through from there, coming out from there. . . . He was there talking with me and other boys. And some Mexican boy, he said something, and the man was—he—he told me, "What he said?" And I tell him, "He is talking about the beautiful girl. He no talking about you." He said, "Oh."

Q. This was about half an hour before the Senator got shot that night or before the shooting got started? A. Yes. We was about half an hour standing there.

Q. Do you remember when you first saw this person? A. Yeah, I remember him. He was there in the steam table, getting some picture, doing something, you—he was standing there.

Q. How early in the night did you see him there? A. I say 15 minutes before 12.

Mrs. Kennedy Protected

IRWIN STROLL, 19, Kennedy campaign volunteer worker:

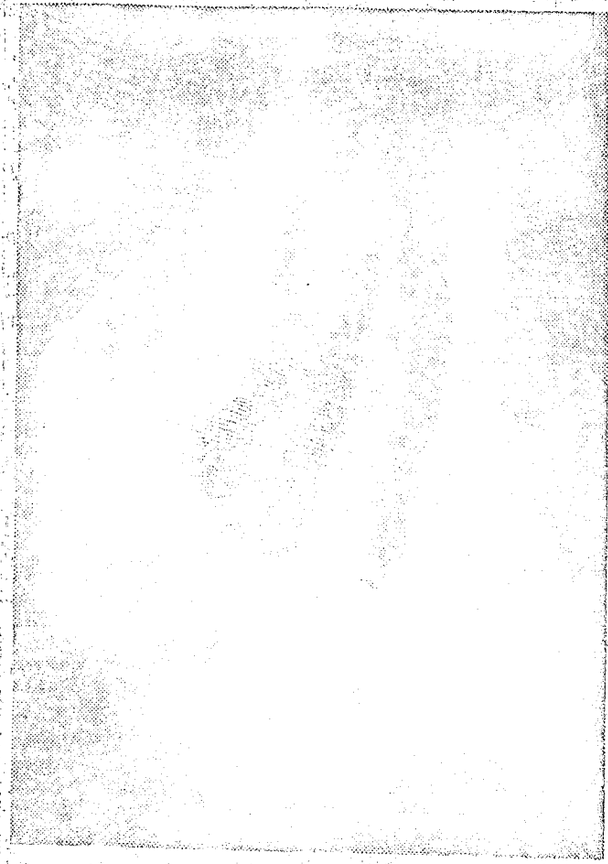
I started going through the kitchen door [as the Kennedy party left the ballroom]. . . . I got in front of Mrs. Kennedy by accident. Then we went through the door and all of a sudden the procession stopped and it was like firecrackers, just pop, pop, pop all over the place, and smoke, and, well, I did this, I pushed Mrs. Kennedy—just a reaction, and everyone in front turned around.

I turned around and saw Mrs. Kennedy on the floor with Roosevelt Grier covering her. . . . I saw her on the floor with Roosevelt Grier hovering over her, protecting her.

IRA GOLDSTEIN, 19, radio newsman:

I was just barely skimmed by a bullet . . . in the left thigh. . . . I staggered to a chair . . . and the first thing I said was, "How is Senator Kennedy? What happened to him?"

And this woman walked by, and she said to me, "How dare you talk about my husband that way," and she slapped me across the face. And I said, "I am sorry.



Associated Press

TESTIFIES ON ASSASSINATION: Vincent T. Di Pierro, part-time waiter at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, stands at spot where Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot. He appeared before grand jury dealing with the murder.

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lady, but I was shot, too. I'd like to know how the Senator was . . ." or ". . .is."

And she said, "Oh, I am sorry, honey," and kissed me. This was Mrs. Ethel Kennedy.

At that time she was not in tears. She was a little hysterical, though, but she wasn't crying.

Arthur Placencia, policeman who, responding to a radio call arrived in the Ambassador pantry a few minutes after the shooting:

Q. Were you in police uniform? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Telling everyone you weer taking him [Sirhan] into custody? A. We had to keep telling them, "We are police, step aside."

And after a while we got tired of telling them. We just started pushing. . . . My partner had him from the right, from my partner's right, and the suspect's left, and [Jesse M.] Unruh [Speaker of the California Assembly] was on the other side—kept hollering, "We don't want another Oswald, we don't want another Oswald."

Because I know I was going to have to make a report on him, I asked him, just like any other suspect, I asked him, "What is your name?" He didn't say anything.

Q. Would he communicate at all with you on the ride to the station? A. Well, when I was giving him—Travis turned around, my partner, White, and told me, "You better give him his rights, partner."

Tells Sirhan of Rights

Q. For the subject—or the suspect, of his constitutional rights? A. Yes. So I took out my officer's Field Notebook, and I started reading off the rights. And after I read them off, I asked him, "Do you understand your rights?" And he looked at me, and I asked him again; and then he mumbled something.

So I told him, "Look, I will give them to you again." So I read them off again. Then I asked him again, "Do you understand your rights?" Then he looked at me and said, "Yes."

And then I said, "Do you wish to remain silent?" And he just didn't say anything. Then he looked at me again and he said, "Yes."

Then I said, "Do you wish an attorney present?" Then at that time he just said, "Yes." So after that I didn't ask him anymore.

And then, after that, I asked Jesse Unruh, I said, "By the way, who did he shoot?"

And he goes, "Bobby Kennedy."

And I said, "Oh."

DR. THOMAS T. NOGUCHI, coroner of Los Angeles County:

Q. And would you tell us how many wounds there were?

A. A total of three gunshot wounds sir. . . . A gunshot wound in the right mastoid; gunshot wound two was found in the back of the right armpit, bottom of the right axilla; and the gunshot wound 3 was also found [illegible] approximately—the about half inch below the gunshot wound No. 2.

Q. Doctor, you would regard wound No. 1 [illegible] being the wound that did cause death, is that right?

A. That's correct sir. . . . There was an extensive brain damage on the right side of the brain, mainly the brain called cerebellum. . . . There also was marked swelling of the brain as well as flattening by the pressures inside of the brain and causing a flattening of the brain stem.

Q. Do you have any opinion as to what might have been the distance from which that bullet was fired?

A. Allowing variation, I don't think it will be more than two or three inches from the edge of the right ear.

Los Angeles Co Edition of The Times

The Los Angeles Arab community "has gone into hiding" since it was learned that the suspected slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was a Jordanian immigrant. Sirhan B. Sirhan's own family is being kept under heavy police guard and one of his brothers—about to be sworn in as a U.S. citizen—had his appointment canceled by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Story on A4.

Washington Post 17 June 1968

By George Lardner
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 16—Adnan Deen is keeping his gun loaded.

Manager of an Export-Import store on Hollywood Boulevard, he doesn't want to follow the Jordanian merchant shot in Chicago last week in apparent reprisal for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The Arabic community here has been unnerved from the moment it was disclosed that the slight, swarthy suspect arrested for the killing was Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant.

There have been only a few minor incidents. At Deen's shop, one crank started a fire in the awning and another set a lizard loose in the store.

But the apprehension remains.

Anonymity is being sought by Los Angeles area's 25,000 Arab-Americans these days. "The community's gone into hiding," says Henry Awad, president of the Lebanese-Syrian-American Society and editor of a monthly English-language newspaper here for Arab-Americans.

Sirhan's family—his mother and four brothers—have been taken into hiding, under police protection. Moved from their small frame house shortly after the shooting, they are living in a tightly guarded private home.

The family has also felt the sting of Sirhan's arrest in other ways.

Sirhan's 29-year-old brother, Adel, had been playing an Arab musical instrument on weekends at a belly dance club, Shaker's Oasis, before the shooting. The management doesn't want to see him again. "He might get shot," reasons Club Manager Harry Shaker.

Another brother, Saidallah, 36, was to have been sworn in as a U. S. citizen the day after Kennedy's death. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service canceled the appointment. District Director George Rosenberg claimed that reports of "motor vehicle violations" conflicted with the requirement of "good moral character" for naturalized citizens.

The Arab-American community here is closely knit. Yet few will admit to knowing Sirhan. Those who do usually claim to have met him only once or twice, just in passing.

Yet at the same time there is widespread rationalization, even sympathy, for the murder for which Sirhan stands indicted. His "anti-Zionism" is widely shared. Time and again, it is argued that the real villain is "international Zionism" and, secondarily Kennedy's support of jet fighters for Israel.

Sirhan does not appear to have been a member of any of the Arabic organizations in the city. In any event, not a few of the Arab-American organizations show the same sort of persecution complex so widely attributed to Sirhan. It also makes them candidates for the overtures of the far American right and white racists.

The groups include the United American Arab Congress, the American-Arab Citizens Council, the Americans (of Lebanses Syrian Ancestry) for American, and the Arabic Society of Americanists.

Formed after the lightning Israeli victory last year in the June war, the United American Arab Congress has its $50-a-month headquarters in what the community calls "the White House" on Hollywood Boulevard.

Its general counsel, George E. Shibley, said it was formed to help raise funds for Arab refugees and to combat "support of Zionism by the American press."

Israel, in turn, is likened by the UAAC to "Nazi Germany and "Fascist Japan." "All three claimed to be superman or God's chosen people," one UAAC broadside has proclaimed. "All three terrorized civilian populations and claimed the lands they overran 'by right of conquest.'"

According to one report, Sirhan and several of his brothers attended meetings of the so-called "American Arabs" which was alledgedly a youth auxiliary of the UAAC.

Officials of the Congress, however, say they had no youth organization and never heard of any group called the "American Arabs." Neither have other community leaders.

UAAC headquarters, in any event, are deserted these days. An official of the Lebanses-Syrian-American Society, which manages the building, said it was six months behind in its rent.

The American Arab Citizens Council was also apparently formed last year to promote "better understanding of Middle Eastern problems." It had a newsletter called "The Prophet" that devoted one issue to pictures of burned Arab children over a caption, "Auschwitz—1967 style." Council Chairman Phil Zogaib, however, says the organization is now defunct.

Zogaib has also served as chairman of the Americans (of Lebanese-Syrian Ancestry) for America, an organization headed by Dr. T. J. Toma, dentist who is also president of the Arabic Society of Americanists.

How successful the various groups have been in resisting racist and right-wing overtures is open to question. One UAAC newsletter last summer warned against "white racist groups . . . coming out in support of the Arabs" and cautioned its members against aligning themselves with "hate mongers."

Dr. Toma, has also been a prominent spokesman for John Birch Society causes. He once got into a hassle with postal officials over stamping his mail with the slogan "Save America—impeach J.F.K.—General Walker, truth and freedom, yes—one world, God-less UN Govt. & Tyranny No."

How much, if any, of this climate filtered down to Sirhan is unknown. According to some reports, he may have been active in the organization of Arab students while attending Pasadena City College, but college officials maintain there is no OAS chapter there.

Officials of the other organizations say they never noticed Sirhan at any of their meetings. He was not, it seems, a joiner. "I never heard of him until this incident," said Dr. Toma. "I guess he's a loner, really."



Associated Press

Lloyd Hager, manager, shows targets at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, where suspect Sirhan is said in sworn testimony to have been seen practicing with gun hours before the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan Rage Over RFK Is Reported

NEW YORK, June 16 (UPI)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, flew into a rage and shouted that Kennedy "should never be President" only hours before the assassination, it was reported today.

The report, published in Life magazine, came from a Mexican and a Puerto Rican who said they had encountered Sirhan on the night of June 4 in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

The magazine said the two, Enrique Rabago, 35, an unemployed mechanic, and a second unidentified witness, came forward voluntarily to tell about the encounter at 9:15 p.m. PDT, four and a half hours before Kennedy was shot.

Sirhan, wearing white pants and a white shirt without a tie, had just been thrown out of a victory party for Republican senatorial candidate Max Rafferty because, refused a drink by a waitress, he had made a fuss and contemptuously tipped her $20 "for nothing," the magazine report said.

Describing the incident to Rabago and his compainion, Sirhan went into a tirade against "the rich Rafferty people who step all over the poor," the magazine said.

But when Rabago nodded toward the embassy room on the other side of the lobby where Kennedy's victory celebration was beginning and said, "Robert Kennedy might help the poor." Sirhan flew into a rage, the article said.

"Kennedy, Kennedy, he should never be President. You think he really wants to help the poor?" Sirhan reportedly shouted, his voice quavering. "Kennedy helps himself, he's just using the poor. Can't you see that?"

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2 SIRHAN FRIENDS DESCRIBE MEETING

Tell Life Magazine He Was Distraught Before Shooting

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, indicted as the killer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was distraught and shouted "Kennedy should not be President" a few hours before the assassination, according to an article in Life magazine.

In its issue that comes out today, the magazine reports that two of Sirhan's friends, who saw him at the Ambassador Hotel on the night the Senator was shot there, have told agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the suspect flew into a rage at the mention of Mr. Kennedy's name.

One of the men is identified in the magazine as Enrique Rabago, a 35-year-old unemployed mechanic; the other, Life says, has not been named.

The article asserts that two men met Sirhan in the lobby of the hotel at about 9:15 on the night of June 4, just after Sirhan had been thrown out of a victory party held by supporters of Dr. Max Rafferty, California state Superintendent of Education, who won the Republican senatorial nomination.

Mr. Rabago and his friend reportedly asked Sirhan what had happened and he told them, Life says, that a waitress, thinking he looked out of place in his white pants and tieless shirt refused to serve him a drink. Life reports he argued with and contemptuously tipped the girl $20 before a security guard evicted him.

Ended With Tirade

In telling his friends what happened, the magazine reports, Sirhan ended with a tirade against "the rich Rafferty people who step all over the poor."

According to the article, Mr. Rabago nodded in the direction of the Embassy Room, where Senator Kennedy was due to make his victory speech, and said, "Robert Kennedy might help the poor."

"Kennedy, Kennedy — he should never be President!" the magazine quotes Sirhan as having shouted. "You think he really wants to help the poor?"

Mr. Rabago, who told his story to law enforcement authorities on June 7, recalled that Sirhan's voice quavered and that he thought at the time Sirhan might have had too much to drink. Now, the magazine says, he thinks it might have been rage.

"Kennedy helps himself, he's just using the poor," Sirhan is said to have protested. "Can't you see that?"

Mr. Rabago and the unnamed friend say they shook their heads and tried to reason with Sirhan. Then they watched him wander off toward the Embassy Room and the Kennedy party.

New York Times,
17 June 1968

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2 Reported With Sirhan When He Bought Bullets

By George Lardner Jr.
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 15—The Saturday before the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, his alleged killer, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, walked into The Look, Stock 'N Barrel Shop in suburban San Gabriel.

The proprietors of the gun shop, Ben and Dona Herrick, say there were two men with him.

"There were three guys, all dark and small," Herrick, 42, declared yesterday.

Clerk Larry Arnot said he waited on them.

The receipt from the sale that afternoon—$3.98 including tax, for four boxes of .22 caliber bullets—was found in Sirhan's car near the Ambassador Hotel after the shooting.

The recollections at the gun shop built up after that.

"When I saw the Sirhan picture in the paper, I had the feeling that I had seen him somewhere, but it didn't dawn on me at the time that he was the one I had sold the bullets to," Arnot said.

"A day later—or maybe it was a couple of days later, I can't remember—the owners got the information that we had sold the ammunition.

"I said then, to my employer's wife, Dona, and Ben, 'By

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golly, I waited on that guy.' The bell rang just like that. Before that, I had halfway discarded it from my mind that I had seen this guy somewhere before."

What police make of all this is not clear. They have, inevitably, received hundreds of tips, rumors and reports that a conspiracy may have been involved. Yet days have passed and no one appears to have identified any close friends or associates of the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant indicted for the slaying.

If any are found, it remains to be seen what, if anything, Sirhan told them of his interest in guns or Sen. Kennedy.

It may take months, perhaps years to sort out the facts.

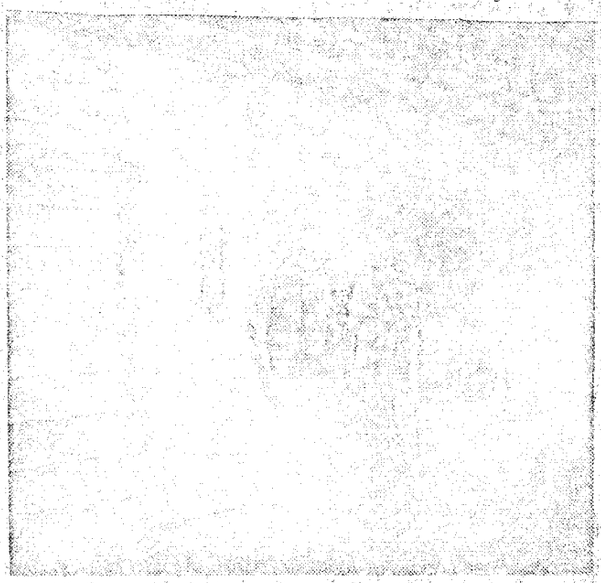
At the gun shop, nestled in a shopping center with a Wild West motif, the Herricks, who said they have talked to police twice, and Arnot, who said he has not been questioned at all, were quite firm about Sirhan being accompanied by two other men.

Mrs. Herrick declared that she also remembered an earlier visit to the store, about a month and a half ago, by Sirhan—again, she said, with the same two men.

There was no sale on the first trip, she said. Mrs. Herrick said the men asked whether the shop carried armor-piercing .357 magnum ammunition such as California Highway patrolemen use for their .38-caliber revolvers.

Her husband said they asked the same question that Saturday, June 1, before buying the .22s.

"We carry it," Herrick said, "but I told them we didn't have it because I don't want to sell that kind of stuff to guys like that." Herrick said he



Ben Herrick, 42, and wife, Dona, in front of San Gabriel gunshop which sold ammunition to man they have identified as Kennedy assassination suspect Sirhan. They recall two men accompanied Sirhan to the shop.

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if he remembered seeing Sirhan at the practice range, he loudly professed a determination to keep his mouth shut.

But as customers and spectators moved away, he said: "If you ask me who was here talking to me, the police or the FBI, I guess I'd have to tell you: Both of them."

He said he'd been warned that if he said anything about the case, he could get six months in jail (presumably for violating a court order restricting comment). But then he turned more loquacious.

"I know a lot more than I'm telling you—a dozen times more than you think I do," he said, adding softly:

"I saw them all together."

"You mean Sirhan?"

"Yes, him, a woman and another guy. Remember, I said th-e-m."

He refused to elaborate. A customer drew near and the gun club member said noisily, "I told you I can't say anything."

Lloyd Hager, manager of the National Rifle Association-sponsored gun club, said he knew of no girl or any other companions with Sirhan. As far as he could tell, he said Sirhan had been at the range only once, alone, in the early afternoon before the assassination.

"I can't even recall him being here that day," Hager said. "But he must have been because his name is on the log." Generally those who use the practice range are supposed to sign in.

Asked if there were any indications Sirhan had been at the gun club before his appearance on the eve of the assassination Hager replied: "None whatsoever."

Los Angeles police and FBI agents, however, are said to be checking out every lead they get.

"You can imagine how may irrelevant contacts will be made," said District Attorney Evelle J. Younger, "but we're not going to ignore any of them. We know there will be people in the next 50 years who'll be saying: 'Why didn't the police do this? Why didn't the police do that?' "

Among these other reports, investigators have reportedly been told that Sirhan and several male companions were seen, within a few days before the assassination, at some of the topless nightclubs with which Los Angeles is well endowed.

At a press conference June 6 after the autopsy, Los Angeles County Coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi was widely understood as saying only two bullets had struck Sen. Kennedy. The next day, he told the Los Angeles County Grand Jury that the Senator had been struck three times, once behind the right ear and twice in the right armpit.

Asked about the discrepancy, Dr. Noguchi said he never actually said only "two" bullets hit Kennedy. But added that the information supplied him "by the hospital" apparently failed to take account of a final armpit wound where the bullet passed through the body completely.

Dr. Noguchi said the autopsy turned up the three wounds. But when someone at the press conference asked him about "a back wound," he said, he replied in the singular.

"At the time of the press conference," the doctor explained. "I definitely knew there were three bullets. But I did not refer to three because I was not asked that question."

Sirhan Offered Aid By Arab Lawyers

Los Angeles Times

BEIRUT, Lebanon, June 15—Two Lebanese attorneys have cabled Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's alleged assassin, offering to help in his defense after receiving a noncommittal response from the U.S. Embassy here.

The lawyers, Moussa Prince and Abdel Hamid Andaa, sent a telegram Friday to Sirhan's appointed legal counsel, Wilbur Littlefield. They took this course on the advice of the American Embassy here after failing in what appeared to be an attempt to use Embassy channels.

Stocks the ammunition for police officers and refines its practice not to sell it to anyone else. "I figure they had no business having that stuff," he said.

According to the receipt that was found in Sirhan's car, two of the boxes of .22s were "mini-mags." Some gun buffs call them hollow points." They usually split off on impact.

Three days later, Sirhan was seen practicing rapid-fire shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club in Fish Canyon about 10 miles from the gun shop.

One witness, Henry A. Carreon, told the Los Angeles County Grand Jury that he and a companion, David Montellano, both noticed Sirhan "shooting very rapidly on the range with a revolver"—a .22-caliber Iver Johnson.

Sirhan, the grand jury was told, also had with him a box of "mini-mag" bullets set aside from the rest of his ammunition. A similar box was found in his car after the assassination.

In still other testimony, the Grand Jury heard Vincent Dipierro, a 19-year-old college freshman, tell of seeing a shapely girl in a polka-dot dress standing next to Sirhan and apparently chatting, and smiling at each other, just before Kennedy was gunned down.

And at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club yesterday, one of the habitues insisted that he, too, had seen Sirhan there—with a girl, and "another guy." He did not say when.

[A national police bulletin is still out for "the girl in the polka dot dress" in the assassination, Los Angeles authorities asserted today, according to United Press International.] try for a dd one

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L.A. Grand Jury Releases Details Of Assassination

Gun Practice, Movements of Sirhan Cited

By George Lardner Jr.
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 13 — While California voters were casting their ballots for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, his accused assassin was practicing for his murder on a gun range, a grand jury learned in secret testimony disclosed today.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the 24-year-old Palestine Arab indicted for the killing, later lay in wait at the Ambassador Hotel, fidgeting anxiously in a backstage pantry while the Senator gave his victory speech, witnesses said.

The Senator was gunned down with deadly precision. Kennedy was hit three times when Sirhan finally pulled the trigger with "a very sick-looking smile on his face," as one witness described it.

3 Bullets Hit Senator

The coroner said he doubted the muzzle of the gun was "more than two or three inches" from Kennedy's ear when the fatal bullet struck.

Two other bullets hit the Presidential candidate in his right arm pit — only a half-inch apart—apparently when Kennedy raised his arms in reaction to the first shot that penetrated his brain.

An autopsy report issued last Thursday said doctors had found only two bullets—the one in the brain and one that entered in the armpit and lodged in the neck.

Only moments before the shooting, the grand jury testimony showed today, Sirhan had been chatting at the scene with a girl in a polka dot dress.

"He looked as though he talked to her or flirted with her because she smiled," said Vincent Di Pierro, a young part-time waiter at the Ambassador.

'Sick-Looking Smile'

"In fact, the minute the first two shots were fired he still had a very sick-looking smile on his face. That's one thing — I can never forget that."

Less than 26 hours later, the Senator was dead.

"The cause of death," said Los Angeles County Coroner Thomas Noguchi, "was a gunshot wound of the right mastoid, penetrating the brain."

The grim chronicle was laid out in stark, compelling testimony before the grand jury here last Friday. District Attorney Evelle Younger said its disclosure is routine in California.

The narrative that unfolds begins around noon on June 4 at the San Gabriel Gun Club, east of Arcadia.

Henry A. Carreon, a playground director and student in police science at a Los Angeles college, said he went out there for target practice that day with a friend, David Montellano.

They noticed Sirhan around five feet away, shooting very rapidly on the range with a revolver, Carreon said.

"I asked him what type re-

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volver it was," Carreon testified. "And at first he paused. He didn't say nothing, like as if I wasn't—didn't exist.

"And then I asked him again. I said, 'Well, what kind of revolver is it?'

"And he said, 'an Iver Johnson.'"

From the empty shell casings lying around Sirhan, Carreon estimated that Sirhan had already fired the gun 300 to 400 times.

Precisely when Sirhan showed up at the Ambassador Hotel that evening was unclear. But Harold L. Burba, a photographer for the Los Angeles Fire Department, who happened to be in the hotel, indicated "at least a half-hour before the shooting."

"At the best of my knowledge, this person followed the Senator in when he arrived," he said. I couldn't say how far back. But he was in the group that walked in with the Senator.

Burba apparently remembered the incident because he had his official uniform on and Sirhan, he said, stared at him.

Porter's Testimony

Jesus Perez, a kitchen porter, recalled Sirhan, too. It was about a half-hour before the assassination, he agreed.

". . . He (Sirhan) asked me about three or four times if Mr. Kennedy was coming that way, coming through that way," Perez told the jurors. ". . . He was there talking with me and other boys . . . We were about a half an hour standing there."

Finally, his victory speech over, Kennedy moved from the hotel's Embassy Room podium through a doorway to the pantry, headed for a news conference in the temporary press room beyond.

Seventeen-year-old Irwin Stroll, in charge of guarding one of the doors by the pantry, shook the Senator's hand as he passed by.

'Like Firecrackers'

"And then I saw the signal from Stephen Smith, his brother-in-law; it was a nod of the head," Stroll recalled. "He said, 'Come on, Irwin' . . . Two press people beat me to the door and I went in right in front of Mrs. Kennedy," he said.

"Then we went through the

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Practiced With Pistol, Witness



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JESUS PEREZ
. . . answered Sirhan



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VINCENT THOMAS DI PIERRO
. . . tells of shooting

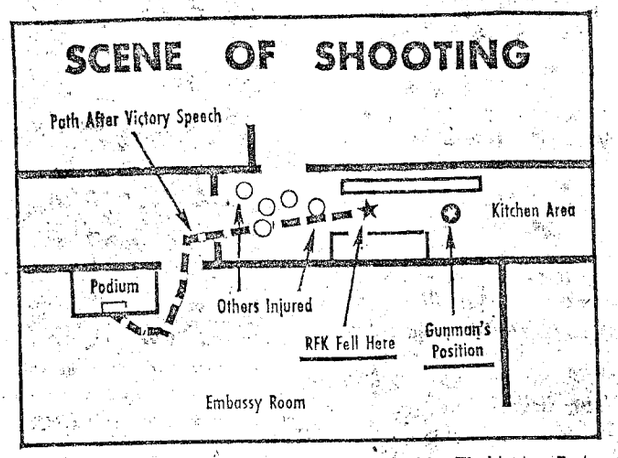


Diagram of the Ambassador Hotel assassination scene.

door, and all of a sudden the procession stopped and it was like firecrackers, just pop, pop, pop, all over the place—and, well I did this, and I did this, I pushed Mrs. Kennedy—just a reaction—and everyone in front turned around."

Stroll was shot in the knee. So was Ira Gladstein, 19, a reporter for Continental News, who had been in the kitchen looking for some sandwiches. He stepped over Stroll, who had just been hit, and was wounded in the left thigh himself. Gladstein staggered over to a chair.

"And the first thing I said was, 'How is Sen. Kennedy? What happened to him?'"

Ethel Kennedy heard and misunderstood.

". . . She said to me, 'How dare you talk about my husband that way,' and she slapped me across the face," Gladstein testified.

"And I said, 'I am sorry, lady, but I was shot too. I'd like to know how the Senator was—or is.'

"And she said, 'Oh, I am sorry, Honey,' and kissed me. This was Mrs. Ethel Kennedy."

Watching Sirhan

The young part-time waiter, Vincent Di Pierro, meanwhile had had his eyes on Sirhan. Di Pierro wasn't working that night but he had come over to the hotel to get a glance at the senator.

"I went through the backways to avoid the security people as well as, you know, the crowd, because nobody could get through there (the backways) unless they were an employe," he said. Di Pierro got to the pantry shortly after 11:35 p.m.

"The only reason I noticed him (Sirhan)," he said, "was there was a very good looking girl next to him." Sirhan, he said, was standing on a tray stand that would have boosted his height by about six inches.

"From that moment on, I just looked at the girl and I saw him get down off the tray stand. And when I went to turn the next thing I saw was him holding the gun . . . When he pulled the trigger, the first shot, Mr. Kennedy fell down . . . he (Sirhan) looked like he was on his tiptoes because he wasn't that tall."

Carl Uecker, an assistant maitre d at the Ambassador, found himself standing next to Sirhan when the shooting began.

Grabs Assailant

He grabbed the assailant but Sirhan, his hand apparently frozen on the gun, kept shooting.

"I was standing there," Uecker said, "and he was shooting, and I could feel when he was turning his hand toward the crowd, that's why I pushed him over the steam table as far as I could, to almost to the end of the steam table."

An ambulance was called at 12:17 a.m. The police arrived minutes later, taking Sirhan off in a patrol car from a screaming, angry crowd that kept shouting "kill him, kill him."

The girl in the polka dot dress has yet to be found.

Sirhan May Get Bulletproof Cage

LOS ANGELES, June 13—A bulletproof partition or cubicle may be built in a courtroom to protect Sirhan Bishara Sirhan if he stands trial here for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the Los Angeles Times learned today.

The plans involve the additional possibility of constructing a bulletproof corridor from the cell to the courtroom.

Bulletproof docks for defendants have been used before. Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann, during his 1961 trial in Jerusalem, was enclosed by a box in the courtroom.

Sandy Serrano, a young Kennedy campaign worker, has said that she heard the girl run off shouting—triumphantly, by some reports, "We shot him, we shot him."

Miss Serrano did not testify before the grand jury.

Three girls including a belly dancer in a bouffant blonde wig have come forward to tell authorities that they were the one in the polka dot dress, but police have discounted the suggestions. District Attorney Younger has said he suspects "a lot more polka dot girls" before the investigation is over.

Remembers Girl

"Whether or not (the girl) was involved, I don't know," DiPierro told the jurors. In any event his memory of her was clear.

"I would never forget what she looked like because she had a very good looking figure—and the dress was kind of lousy," he said. "It looked as though it was a white dress and it had either black or dark purple polka dots on it." He said he thought it had a kind of bib in front.

The girl, he added, had dark hair cut just above the shoulders and "what looked like a short nose.

"She wasn't too—facially, she wasn't too pretty; she was not that pretty," DePierro said. But, he added, "like I say, figure—she had a very good figure."

In Sirhan's pockets, after his arrest, police said they found four $100 bills, one $5 bill, four $1 bills, some change, two newspaper clippings, a car key, two unused .22-caliber bullets and a white sheet with a Kennedy campaign cheer printed on it.

Car Parked Near Hotel

The key, police testified, was found to fit a 1956 DeSoto parked near the hotel and registered to Sirhan.

In the car they found a wallet containing a Canadian $1 bill, a library card and a driver's license belonging to Sirhan, six keys on a wire key ring, and on the front seat under some newspapers, two more expended .22-caliber cartridges.

They also found a box for .22-caliber "mini-mag" bullets that usually tear and split out in different directions on penetrating an object.

Sirhan had reportedly told those who met him on the pistol range that they made for better accuracy and long distances.

Finally police said they also found a receipt from the Lock Stock and Barrel Store in San Gabriel for four boxes of .22-caliber bullets bought June 1 and costing $3.99.

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The Sirhans: A Lonely Family

By Yuval Elizur
Special to The Washington Post

JERUSALEM—The family of Sirhan Sirhan, the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was a lonely one with few intimate friends, according to Anton Jasir, a family friend.

In an interview, Jasir, a prominent East Jerusalem attorney, said he had handled several legal actions that the father, Beshara Salameh Sirhan, brought against his neighbors. These mainly concerned property in the village of Taibeh, where the elder Sirhan lives.

Beshara Sirhan is a man always ready to fight for his rights, the lawyer said. He was the sole heir of his father and now owns two houses in the village and some large olive groves. The house he lives in now was built only recently, when Sirhan came back from America the second time. The rest of the family has lived in the United States since 1957.

Jasir recalled that the Sirhan family was secretive, and that visitors to their home were not welcome unless invited.

Sirhan Sirhan, the suspect in the Kennedy slaying, was a quiet boy, according to Jasir. The elder Sirhan also is gentle and courteous, the lawyer said, but he can fly into a rage when he feels his rights are being violated.

Meanwhile, the elder Sirhan has asked Israeli authorities to help him prepare for his forthcoming trip to the United States. No difficulties are expected.

However, some Israeli officials have expressed apprehension lest Sirhan's trip be exploited by Arab groups for propaganda purposes.

Cuban Exile Reports Scuffling With Sirhan

MIAMI, Fla., June 12 (AP)—An exiled former Fidel Castro army officer said today that Sirhan Sirhan, accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, told him before Kennedy's death, "What we need in the United States is another Fidel Castro."

The exile, Jose Duarte, said he had argued with Sirhan and scuffled with him.

Duarte told a news conference the incident occurred about three weeks ago in a house in Hollywood, Calif. He said he recognized Sirhan as the man he scuffled with when Sirhan's picture appeared in newspapers after Sen. Kennedy's death.

He said he reported the incident to Hollywood authorities and identified a police photo of Sirhan.

Duarte said the man he fought with told him he was an Arab.

"He said what we (Cuban exiles) are doing is just what the Israelites are doing and that we are getting the same help from the CIA that Israel is getting," Duarte said.

The scuffling began, Duarte said, "When he accused me of being an agent of the CIA."

Duarte said: "He made some derogatory remarks about Cuba and about me, and we came to grips. Somebody separated us. He left."

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Sirhan's Home Was Tens

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The indictment against him is the more shattering for its formality: that he did murder "Robert Francis Kennedy, a human being," and attempt to murder the five other victims in that hotel kitchen.

Case No A233421, the people of the State of California vs. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, "is a very special case," said the district attorney.

But is Sirhan a very special person? Was it private anguish that moved him; and, if so, what fed his hatred? Or is he linked with the numberless groups of extremists and fanatics in America or the Middle East?

Since the news reached Israel at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday that the man accused of the assassination was Jerusalem-born, the Israeli Secret Service has been trying to discover if any fanatical Arab underground movement was behind the killing. So far, agents have drawn a complete blank.

Their main lead was Sirhan's father, Bishara Salameh Sirhan, who lives in a modest home at the village of Taibeh, near Jerusalem. When the father opened up, he was asked first to identify himself and then to answer questions on his family and particularly his son Sirhan.

"Why are you asking me about my son?" he asked.

"You've heard the news about Senator Kennedy?"

"Yes."

"Well, the man who is accused of shooting him is your son Sirhan."



United Press International

Bishara Salameh Sirhan, father of Kennedy suspect.

Mr. Sirhan collapsed. "He is such a good boy; he was always a good boy, all his teachers praised him," he kept on repeating when he recovered.

It is true. The family has an unblemished record. The father was, he proudly tells everyone, a "chief inspector" in the old British Public Works Department in Jerusalem. He was, in fact, a senior mechanic. Under both the Jordan administration and for the past year under Israeli rule, the family has had "no trouble, no blacklisting for anything, no political or extreme views, completely harmless," according to a security source.

The security checkup then turned to possible associates in Israeli-controlled territories. Here again a blank was drawn. The name Sirhan simply does not appear on any blacklist.

There have been reports of the existence of an ultra-secret and fanatical Arab murder gang—modelled on the old Jewish "Stern Gang"—with cells abroad, particularly among extremist Arab students. This hypothetical organization apparently aims to exterminate foreign politicians friendly with Israel.

But there is no evidence for this, and a high-ranking Israeli security source responsible for uncovering Arab underground activities anywhere in the world said simply. "We would have known of it, but we don't."

Straightforward political conspiracy organized from the Middle East seems unlikely then. So authorities have delved back into the family's past, seeking some sort of clue to the inner turmoil of Sirhan. What emerges is a portrait that in many respects fits the historical image of the lone, unbalanced assassin.

Sirhan's parents married about 1945, while the father was working for the British in the old mandate of Palestine. Sirhan is the fourth of five brothers and there is a sister. After the Arab-Israeli war of 1948 the family found a cheap flat in a Jewish quarter in the walled Old City of Jerusalem, part of which had become the Jordanian sector. One of Sirhan's teachers once visited the flat and found it "very poor indeed."

Both parents were very religious; the mother more intense. The father—a small, round-shouldered man with a high-pitched, slightly whining voice — is said to have been strict with his children. Friends say he gave them very little pocket money. He had very little to give: He was out of work for long periods.

The parents were Christians — Greek Orthodox — but they sent Sirhan to the Lutheran school in the Old City. It was near their flat. A teacher who remembers Sirhan, Salim Awad, now the headmaster, produced records showing that at least until he left for America at the age of 12 the boy was of above-average ability.

His report for 1955-56, his last year at the school, reads: "Religion very good; Arabic very good; English, good; arithmetic, very satisfactory; geometry (a new subject), good; history, satisfactory; geography, satisfactory; science, good; natural history (a new subject), satisfactory; drawing, satisfactory; singing, good; conduct, good; diligence, good; cleanliness, good; general comment, satisfactory."

Sirhan never succeeded in getting to the top of his class: When he left he was seventh out of 16. Yet he was convinced of his own brilliance.

His father recalls the boy coming home, puffed with pride, after his teachers had praised him. "Papa, my teachers say I'm going to be a great man," the father quotes him as saying. Or

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Inquiry by Hussein Sees No Conspiracy Involving Suspect

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By ERIC PACE

Special to The New York Times

AMMAN, JORDAN, June 9 —King Hussein said today that intentions investigations involving "all our security organizations" had uncovered no evidence that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the man accused of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, had been involved in a conspiracy or had had any recent connections with Jordan.

"To the best of our knowledge, his contact with this part of the world ended when he left here as a child", the monarch said during an interview at the royal palace here.

His deep voice shaking, the King said the assassination had left him "most deeply shocked and nauseated" and that his investigators had "done their utmost to provide what information they could to our American friends."

Dressed in a gray business suit, King Hussein appeared more relaxed and serene than he has at other interviews in the last year. But he sighed and inhaled deeply on his filtered cigarette as he described Senator Kennedy as "a friend, a person I admire."

For the assassination "somehow to be connected with an individual connected with this part of the world has caused me great distress and sadness," he continued, starting downu at the velvety carpet.

Sirhan, the 24-year-old resident of California, is a Christian Arab of Palestinian origin. He emigrated from Jordanian Jerusalem as a boy in 1957, along with the rest of his immediate family.

"There is nothing to suggest" that the assassination was anything more than individual act, the King said.

"Beyond that, we have not been able to arrive at anything further," he continued, emphasizing that there was no indication that Sirhan had any ties with Jordan since he emigrated.

The King has escaped several plots against his life, although palace officials assert that there have been none in recent years.

The monarch has sent a message of sympathy to members of the Kennedy family and to President Johnson, but the interview, which lasted a half hour, was the first time that he had spoken publicly about the assassination.

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NOTE: Nothing in NY Times or Wash. Post of 11 + 12 June noted of pertinence to Sirhan —

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"Tell me, Papa, am I cleverer than my brothers?"

His father would reply that if all went well the boy would go to a university in England. "You should have seen him walking around the house after I said that—so happy, so big."

A psychologist might find in these early intimations of greatness, followed by the crushing life of a delivery boy for a Los Angeles food dealer, some hint of what drove him.

Admirer of Hitler

There was always a streak of latent fanaticism in Sirhan—specifically, a certain single-mindedness unusual in a child, a willingness to consider extension. He often said he admired Hitler. His father quotes him as saying more than once: "Hitler was a big man, a great man, and he had good ideas. In the end he was wrong only because his policies failed."

This does not make Sirhan a fascist, or even right-wing. Indeed, even at the age of 11 or 12 he was 'investigated' by the Jordanian Security Services on suspicion of left-wing leanings. Later, just before emigrating to America, he was "warned." And of course Sirhan was, naturally and vehemently, anti-Zionist, though—so far as they can be separated—not anti-Jewish. A 12-year-old's politics are hardly immutable, but Sirhan's do point to a combination of precocity and determination.

Religion provided another, and perhaps more potent, strain of fanaticism. Sirhan was fonder of his mother than of his father and unfailingly obedient to her. From her he learned his religion. It became steadily more obsessive, seemingly one of the props of his belief in his future greatness.

Read Bible Nightly

Sirhan always went straight home after school. Every evening he would read the Bible—his favorite reading—then kneel by his bed for long prayers. Then he would kiss the hands of his father and mother before going to bed. On Sundays, going to church, he would stand in front of mirror, carefully smoothing his cheap clothes.

He made friends easily. Yet sometimes Sirhan would take a strong dislike to another child—and usually it was for using foul language.

It was religion that finally split the family. And here the mystery about one possibly vital aspect of Sirhan's life begins.

Around 1956, Sirhan's parents started to break up. The Mukhtar (head man) of Taibeh says the split began

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when the mother became strongly drawn to the Jehovah's Witnesses. A version of events, given by people who know the family, is that after the breakup, the sect helped the mother to go to America in 1957 with Sirhan, two of his brothers and his sister.

The father apparently started divorce proceedings through a Greek Orthodox court, but stopped them some months later and decided to join his family in America. Other friends claim that the passage, also, was assisted by the Jehovah's Witnesses.

The father's present relationship with the sect is unclear. The Jehovah's Witnesses have been banned in Jordan for nine years, but they still proselytise fiercely. According to the Mukhtar of Taibeh, the father is supported by the sect—though why, is unknown.

According to Mukhtar Mu'addi, it was money from the sect that helped the father build his new ten-room stone villa in Taibeh overlooking groves of almond and olive trees—a house that must have cost around $12,000.

All this, the father denies. But on the table in his sitting room, he has a religious tract in Arabic, "Solving the International Crisis," and this is believed locally to be published by the Jehovah's Witnesses. And in his Bible he has marked in blue pencil a passage in Exodus, Chapter 3, which the Jehovah's Witnesses consider crucial. He says he did this so that, when talking to other villagers, he can quickly find the passage giving "God's real name, the name he wants to be called by."

Background of Tension

So Sirhan comes from a background of tension, a home broken largely by disagreements over the doctrine of a somewhat fanatical sect. The Jehovah's Witnesses may not themselves be relevant; but the air of adamant and even intolerant righteousness inseparable from the sect probably is significant to understanding of Sirhan.

But America took the young Sirhan. From the backstreets of Jerusalem, he was hurled into the maelstrom of Los Angeles. What happened to him? What might have warped the bright, introspective, mother-dominated boy of 12?

Menninger's classic description of paranoia says: "A feeling of being slighted . . . favors the secret nurturing of ideas of great power . . . Such an individual may come into conflict with the law, either as a direct actionist (e.g. murder) or a petitioner (law suits), a development which he regards as the natural outcome of his great but unrecognized importance, and of the envy and malice of an indifferent world . . . An impressive facade of reasonableness, earnestness and 'normality' may cloak this psychopathology to a disarming degree . . ."

The Pasadena police kept a "red flag file" on Sirhan. All it meant was that if he ever got into trouble, they had a file they could pull out which listed every contact he had with the law. We have seen the file, and all it proves is that Sirhan was a boy who was quarrelsome and had been on the edge of trouble a few times without really getting into hot water.

There are no criminal charges, only a dreary catalogue of trivial entries. Twice he reported a bicycle stolen: once when he was 14 and once when he was 18. Twice there were complaints that he was causing a disturbance—the last time on March 7 this year, the day he was sacked from his last job. Once he lodged a complaint himself.

Pulled out at random, it could be the file of a million young men—or the dossier of a case of incipient paranoia.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan landed in New York on Jan. 12, 1957, with his mother, his sister Aida—who died of cancer last year—and three brothers: Sharif, Adel and Munier (the fourth, Said Allah, arrived in 1960).

The father, who joined them a few months later, stayed in New York, where he found work as a plumber, and the mother took the children to California, where she got a job as a children's nurse.

But the father stayed in America for only three years, and lived with his family in Los Angeles for only a short part of that time. He says he came back to Jordan to look after his mother, aged as far as anyone can tell about 90, who had fallen ill but refused to go to America.

According to the Mukhtar, the parents' plans for a divorce were abandoned under the children's influence and they decided on separation. That was when the father returned, first to Jerusalem and later to Taibeh. Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Mary Sirhan, the mother, settled her family. She rented a white wooden bungalow in the only mixed neighborhood in Pasadena, an aging suburb of Los Angeles.

A-Grades in High School

Sirhan went to the John Muir High School, an excellent school, and did well. He had A grades, he was on the student council for his last two years—he even joined the Officer Cadet Corps. Then he went on to Pasadena City College, a distinctly second-rate institution. By all accounts he was a serious student. Here is what his contemporaries say about him:

"A taciturn individual who did not [illegible] very much . . . Friendly [illegible] hard to get to know? . . . He was so weak and scrawny, but always so neat. The other kids came to school in sweat shirts and jeans, but Sirhan always had a clean shirt . . . He was brilliant. He was studying Russian when everyone else was studying English and Spanish . . . He was calm and well-mannered, nothing evil about him . . . Hhe dreamed of being something big in Jordan after his studies in the university . . ."

Somehow, something went wrong with the neat dark boy with his white shirts and his big dreams.

The details are missing, but one senses a situation where the boy who wants to make good is dragged back by bad company. For Sirhan, the bad company seems to have included at least two of his brothers — the brothers the 7-year-old Sirhan had so desperately wanted to beat.

The brother with whom Sirhan bought the gun, Munir, was well-known as "Joe" in half-a-dozen seedy Hollywood night clubs frequented by Arabs and other immigrants from the Eastern Mediterranean.

This world of the Hollywood night spots exercised its pull on Joe early: several times he ran away from school. Police thought he had been "shacking up with older chicks" and he has subsequently been up on a narcotics charge involving marijuana.

Another brother, Sharif, got into more serious trouble, according to Pasadena police. He got a year on probation for attempted murder: a lenient sentence, considering he is said to have sawed through the brakes of his girl friend's car.

Even before he left the City College, Sirhan was earning a few dollars as a groom and exercise boy at the race track at Hollywood Park. After he left, he went to work there as an exercise boy, walking horses to cool them off after training. Apparently he wanted to be a jockey, a despairing dream, for at 126 pounds and 5-foot six he was a little big.

On Sept. 25, 1966, he was thrown from a horse and injured. Later Sirhan claimed

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that this fall had damaged his eyesight. His suit was settled out of court for $2000.

Almost a year after that he seems to have been out of work. Finally, last September he got a job as delivery boy at a health food store in Pasadena. He was paid $2 an hour. His boss, a Dutch former resistance fighter, trusted him with large amounts of money, but ultimately found him impossible to employ.

"He was a man of principle. He didn't drink," said the employer. "He didn't smoke. He always said he wouldn't lie. But he was emotional. He resented authority. He didn't like to take orders." In the end, on March 7 this year, Sirhan was fired. It was the end of the line.

One of Los Angeles' leading psychiatrists suggested that Sirhan was an interesting case because his latent hatred of authority—a Freudian might say this had something to do with his support of his mother against his father in the long marital struggle—was reinforced by his ideological attitudes.

What are Sirhan's attitudes? How did America crystalize the emotions of the young Arab imigrant? Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles, a vehement anti-Communist, claims that Sirhan was pro-Communist, and specifically asserts that his car, an elderly pink De Soto, had been parked outside meetings of the Dubois Club on several occasions.

The DuBois Club has been identified by the FBI as a Communist front, but there is some doubt whether it has actually held any meetings in Los Angeles in the last three years. Mrs. Dorothy Healey, the very forthright secretary of the Communist Party here, dismisses Yorty's suggestion as "typical of an opportunist politician who wants to get his name in the news."

She said she had personally checked Sirhan's name with several of her young left-wing friends, none of whom had heard it. She then checked with his high school comtemporaries, all of whom said that he was strongly anti-Communist and anti-Semitic.

At every stage of his life in America, in fact, those who knew Sirhan remember virulent outbreaks of anti-Semitism—at school, at the race track, at the health food store.

That appears to have been America's main contribution to Sirhan's development. In America—in a world where Arabs keep their heads above the black ghetto with difficulty, while Jews are among the wealthiest communities in the world—any Arab with the faintest tendency to paranoia might have a feeling that the enemy was closing in.

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Mayor Yorty blurted out, and the police have confirmed, that when they searched the Sirhan family's house in Pasadena they found two ring-back looseleaf notebooks, each with about 18 to 20 pages.

In one of these Sirhan wrote—about May 17 and 18, the police think—"Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5." By May 17, Robert F. Kennedy had come out strongly for the supply of arms to Israel in his primary campaign. And June 5 was the first anniversary of the humiliating six-day war, which put Sirhan's family home into the power of Israel.

What happened in those last decisive days to Sirhan



Associated Press

SIRHAN SIRHAN
. . . very special person?

Bishara Sirhan is now the task of American justice to discover.

Top Attorney Sought For Sirhan by ACLU

LOS ANGELES, June 8 (UPI)—A. L. Wirin, chief counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Anegles, said the ACLU will seek a prominent attorney to defend Sirhan B. Sirhan at his murder trial.

Wirin emphasized that neither he nor the ACLU was representing the accused slayer of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

The lawer has visited Sirhan daily in his jail cell, he disclosed, and has sent messages from Sirhan to his mother and other members of the family. Wirin made arrangements through a Pasadena church for the family to be moved to an undisclosed place and to have police protection.

A member of the public Defender's Office will represent Sirhan in preliminary hearings but Sirhan has asked Wirin to secure service of a top attorney for th trial.

Wirin said the ACLU would ask Richard Schauer presiding judge of the Lo Angeles Superior Coart, t issue an order seeking at torneys prominent in th state or the Nation to repre sent Sirhan.

Wirin declined to say whether any member of the family had expressed the wish to see Sirhan or whether the accused man had asked to see his mother, Mrs Mary Sirhan, or any other relatives.

He said that as of today he and the Public Defenders representatives were the only ones who had visited Sirhan.

Sirhan is not scheduled to appear in public until June 28 when a plea is to be entered on his behalf by the Public Defender's office.

Elder Sirhan: Arab Feelings

By Elizur Yuval
Special to The Washington Post

TAIBEH, Occupied Jordan, June 8—The father of the man accused of murdering Robert F. Kennedy said today the Senator "should have had more justice in his speeches. You cannot kill Arab feelings deep inside."

"Justice is above everything," Bishara Salameh Sirhan said repeatedly in an interview.

Two days ago, the father of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, who is under indictment in Los Angeles for Sen. Kennedy's murder, expressed his admiration for the Kennedy family, including the Senator as well as the late President John F. Kennedy. He said at that time that he could not understand how his son could be driven to such an act of violence.

Today, he explained that at first he could see no possible connection between his son and Robert Kennedy. But since he first received the news he has learned about the Senator's sympathies for Israel, he continued, and now he understands things more clearly.

The elder Sirhan repeatedly asked the following question of his interviewers: "Tell me, do you think it possible to kill the good feelings you have for your country?"

A short, slight man who lives in this village 20 miles northeast of Jerusalem, Sirhan appeared more relaxed today than he has on some previous occasions since the shooting. Information here has revealed him to be given to fits of temper and sudden changes of mood. Neighbors remember that he used to beat his children. He has by turns been most cooperative with reporters and then refused to see them. On Friday, he bodily ejected from his house a reporter for the West German television network.

Today he was eager to talk about everything, especially his youngest son, Sirhan, whom he has not seen for more than eight years.

His English is fluent, although from time to time he stops in order to search for a word. He also does not hesitate to stop interviewers from time to time when he does not understand a word.

Sirhan was meticulously dressed in a dark gray woolen suit despite the almost 90-degree heat. He wore a white shirt with thin blue stripes and a gray and blue tie. He also wore an Arab headdress. His dark, thin face was clean-shaven.

There was much less traffic into Taibeh today. Everybody in the clean, mostly Christian village—which lies in the foothills of the mountains of Judea just before the desert and the Jordan Valley begin—is eager to help you find the celebrity among them.

One elderly gentleman in Arab headdress offered to direct us. Addressing us in fairly good Yiddish, he said: "Have you ever seen an Arab who speaks Yiddish? I also speak Turkish, French, English and Hebrew."

No Israeli soldiers or policemen were to be seen in the village. From the veranda of Sirhan's new white stone house one gets a beautiful view of the Dead Sea, 15 miles away and about 2000 feet below Taibeh.

As we came in, a delivery boy brought cold beer and soft drinks which Sirhan apparently had ordered from the nearby grocery store. On the doorbell it said "Beshara" in English and Arabic.

Talking about his son Sirhan's experience with Israelis, Sirhan admitted that his son had actually never seen any Israeli soldiers. He was less than four years old when the family moved from their house in St. Paul's Street in the Musrara quarter to the walled Old City of Jerusalem.

They had moved out at the advice of the British mandate authorities who feared that they might be hurt in the battle that was raging near the Musrara quarter.

"For two days before that we did not go out of the house," Sirhan recalled. "The Jews were bombing us all the time. Cannon and mortar shells fell everywhere. All the time little Sirhan was leaning against the wall, afraid.

"Later he often said to me: 'Father, do you remember when there was shelling and we were in the house and could not go out?'" The boy also kept remembering the toys he left behind in their Musrara apartment, the father told us.

"Jewish families who had lived next to us ran away earlier when the Arabs were in control of Musrara," Sirhan added. The father said he kept up with his family in America through his second son, Saidallah, with whom he corresponds regularly.

He had not had any mail from young Sirhan for many years and did not write to him. He heard about him through the letters of Saidallah.

In reply to another question, he said that he might go to the United States. He had discussed this and other matters with U.S. consular officials who had visited him.

At the conclusion of the interview, Sirhan said thoughfully, as if trying to correct the impression made by some of his earlier statements:

"So Sen. Kennedy is dead and my son may go to the electric chair or be in prison forever. What good does it do? Why must there always be trouble?"

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irhan in Isolation as Sifting of Clues Continues

Minimum of Information Made Public in Attempt to Guard Rights of the Defendant

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 2—Sir-n Bishara Sirhan, charged ith the assassination of Rob-t F. Kennedy, was held in rict isolation under heavy ard today as the police care-lly sifted all clues concern-g possible involvement of her individuals.

No hard evidence had been ade public by the police to iggest involvement of other ndividuals with Sirhan in the ffair. Nonetheless, the police ainstakingly checked every eport coming in from private itizens bearing on the case.

The police, exercising care or the rights of the defendent, onfined themselves to mak-ng public a minimum of in-ormation.

This was a result of an order ssued to all law enforcement fficials by Superior Judge rthur Alarcon, who presided ver the defendant's arraign-ient yesterday on charges of irst degree murder and murder-us assault—charges that could ring the death penalty or up to 0 years' imprisonment.

The order was aimed at pre-enting the official release of ny information that could pre-udice an impartial trial—parti-ularly information that might e used as evidence against the 4-year-old defendant.

Contempt of Court Penalty

Judge Alarcon's instructions —violation of which would con-titute contempt of court—re-resented the first important pplication of new standards hat have developed out of a eries of court decisions, parti-ularly since the Warren Com-nission's criticisms of official ehavior after President Ken-edy aws assassinated in Dallas n 1963.

The restrictions generally fol-owed limits unsuccessfully ought by the American Civil iberties Union in a landmark aw suit brought last year gainst the Los Angeles police epartment and other law en-orcement agencies.

Law enforcement agencies that opposed the A.C.L.U. today were adhering to the restrictions without protest.

Neither the police department nor the district attorney's office nor the county sheriff's department—which has custody of the defendant—were acknowledging much more than that the case existed.

In fact, a call to the county jail about Sirhan elicited from the officer in charge the response: "Who?"

However, it was learned that the police were still seeking a mysterious "woman in a polka dot dress" who was reported to have exclaimed "We shot him?" just after the attack on Senator Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel Tuesday night.

A wanted-for-questioning bulletin to law enforcement agencies throughout the country remains in effect.

The woman was still being sought, despite the fact that three women had voluntarily come to law enforcement agencies suggesting that they were the innocent central figures in the report.

Officers, after questioning them, dismissed them as having nothing to do with the crime.

Sirhan is in an isolated infirmary-division cell in the County Jail under the constant survellance of six guards, one of them in the cell with him.

The jail, which looks like a large office building, stands in the center of an open tract of several acres, a mile from the city's center. Even under ordinary conditions, any person crossing this open area about 100 yards deep, is observed by guards in elevated observation booths. The guards, with loudspeakers, admonish visitors who violate parking regulations. Now, as a special precaution, patrol cars are constantly circling the premises.

Sirhan has not yet pleaded to the charge of firing the eight .22-caliber bullets that fatally wounded Senator Kennedy and injured five other persons. The defendant obtained a continuance of his arraignment to June 28 for medical and psychiatric examinaitons pertinent to the plea.

The next immediate action in the case is expected to be the selection next week of a lawyer to be his defense counsel. The defendant, a Jordanian who was born in Jerusalem, comes from a family of modest means. He has lived on the West Coast for 11 years.

The designation of a lawyer awaits the return from a trip of Judge Richard Shauer, presiding judge of the Superior Court's criminal division, who was proposed by the American Civil Liberties Union to make the selection.

Judge Alarcon's order was explicitly directed to public officials and persons specifically connected with the prosecution. His declaration referred only peripherally to other sources of information.

Expressly excluded from the ban were "requests for assistance in obtaining evidence," and "any information as to any person not in custody who is sought as a possible suspect or witness, nor any statement aimed at warning the public of any possible danger as to such person not in custody."

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SIRHAN'S FAMILY STAYS SECLUDED

Members Led a Checkered Religious Life in 11 Years

By ROBERT WINDLER
Special to The New York Times

PASADENA, Calif., June 8 — The family of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, indicated as the killer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, remained in seclusion today in an unkonwn location. One policeman guarded the modest frame house that his mother, Mrs. Mary Sirhan, and two brothers left before dawn Thursday.

The Sirhan family had not communicated with the defense counsel or lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union, although one of them, A. L. Wirin, did invite Mrs. Sirhan to last night's arraignment of the suspect.

Sirhan, so far as Sheriff Peter Pitchess of Los Angeles County or anyone else knew, had no wish to see his family and had not requested to see any of them.

Meanwhile, new fragments of information were discovered about the Sirhan family's 11-year residence in this city of 125,000 persons, 20 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Made Fun of Him

A girl who went to grammar school with the suspect, and who asked that her name not be used, remembers that she and her schoolmates made fun of Sirhan because he was older than any of them and because he had come from a foreign country, not specifically because he was a Jordanian.

Sirhan was placed at least two grades behind when he first entered elementary school here, and he graduated from John Muir High School in 1963 at the age of 19.

The Sirhan family led a checkered religious life from the time it arrived here in late 1957. Having been brought to this country under the auspices of two families who were members of the First Nazarene Church here, Mrs. Sirhan, three of her sons and a daughter, attended that church only briefly. Those two families have died or disappeared and the church has moved its location and changed pastors.

Bishara Siran, the father, stayed here with his family only a few weeks before his return to Jordan, according to family friends.

Attended Sunday School

Mrs. Sihan then took her four children to the First Baptist Church here. The suspect attended Sunday School and youth meetings there and the church in 1961 sponsored the immigration of his two elder brothers, Saidallah and Sharief.

The two older brothers and the sister, Ayda, joined the church. But five years ago they left the church.

Some of the brothers went to Eastern Orthodox churches, and the mother went to Westminster Presbyterian, where she was already employed as a housekeeper in the nursery.

Sirhan himself stopped going to church but read avidly any book remotely connected with the Christian faith. He recently borrowed from a nextdoor neighbor, Mrs. Ann Sylvan, "By These Things Men Live," a story of the faith of Edward V. Rickenbacker.

Said to Be Rosicrucian

Some acquaintances said Sirhan was a Rosicrucian, a mail-order mysticism based in San Jose.

Mrs. Sirhan once told the director of the Westminster vice that her son Sirhan sometimes complained of the lack youths in his Baptist group—of teen-agers giggling and holding hands.

Yesterday in jail Sirhan asked for two books on theosophy, a religious association with mystical overtones whose current leader is J. Krishnamurti.

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Jury Indicts Sirhan for RFK Murder

By William Chapman
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 7 Sirhan B. Sirhan was indicted for the murder of Robert F. Kennedy today and then arraigned in a jail chapel under maximum security arranged to protect his life.

The slight, curly-haired Jordanian, 24, was wheeled into the jail chapel in a wheel chair and sat throughout a 35-minute session in silence except for an occasional polite "yes sir" for Judge Arthur L. Alarcon.

Only once did he interrupt. He told the Judge courteously that he preferred to have his name pronounced "Sir-HAN," with the accent on the last syllable, Judge Alarcon agreed.

He was virtually surrounded

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at the County Jail Chapel's altar by four beefy sheriff's deputies. They screened him from the sight of about 75 reporters who had been frisked on the way in during an elaborate security check for concealed weapons. Even sharp-pointed pipe-cleaning tools were taken from reporters' pockets and Judge Alarcon submitted to being searched.

On view, for the first time since his arraignment Wednesday morning, Sirhan appeared healthy, and his brief comments were spoken crisply. One finger—broken during the struggle early Wednesday at the Ambassador Hotel—was bandaged and he seemed to move with difficulty from the wheelchair onto the altar area. His left ankle was sprained during his capture.

A public defender, Wilbur Littlefield, was appointed to represent Sirhan. Judge Alarcon continued the case until June 28 when Sirhan will enter a plea.

Alarcon also issued an unusually stiff order to curb out-of-court comments by anyone connected with the case. His order extends to "any public official" and seemed intended to curb the comments of Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, who has discussed publicly some notebooks said to have been taken from Sirhan's Pasadena home.

The order limits public comment on the case to factual statements, such as the suspect's name, age, residence and occupation and certain court records always available.

Both that order and the elaborate security precautions tonight were taken in view of the slaying of President Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, in 1963. Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby while being removed from a Dallas jail in public view. Out-of-court comments deemed prejudicial to Ruby's trial prompted widespread criticism by the American Bar Association.

Observing the arraignment was A. L. Wirin, chief counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. Wirin, who has held several conferences with Sirhan, praised the proceedings and complimented the judge on arranging the security precautions.

The Los Angeles County Grand Jury spent about seven and a half hours hearing 22 witnesses and deliberating today in the County's Hall of Justice. The indictment was presented to Alarcon who then moved the court to the jail, about two miles away.

Sirhan was also indicted on five counts alleging assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. The counts referred to five persons wounded during the shooting in the Ambassador Hotel passageway early Wednesday.

At the request of the public defender, Alarcon agreed to appoint two psychiatrists to conduct an examination to determine the defendant's mental condition at the time of the shooting.

The psychiatrists' findings are not to be made public and are to be used by his attorney only in determining what plea he should file, Alarcon said.

Wirin informed the court that Sirhan would like to have a private attorney. The Judge said the court will consider arranging a private lawyer for the defendant but Sirhan said he didn't have any money.

He was dressed in a clean white shirt, open at the collar, and blue trousers. He exchanged a few words with Wirin just as the proceedings started.

The Judge, who moved cautiously and deliberately throughout the proceedings, read him a statement advising him of his Constitutional rights to have a lawyer, a jury trial and a "speedy, public trial."

As the hearing began, Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger told reporters he was "uneasy" about all aspects of the case in view of the impact it would have on world opinion.

"It will be scrutinized by politicians all over the world," Younger said. "Some will want to make our system of justice look as bad as they can make it look."

He was also concerned about reported threats to the suspect's safety.

"If someone steps on his toe, it could be blown up in headlines all around the world," the District Attorney said.

One grand jury witness, hotel porter Jesus Perez, told reporters he had seen Sirhan near the Ambassador Hotel passageway where Sen. Kennedy was shot.

Perez said that Sirhan was shuffling papers in his hand, appeared worried, and at one point asked him if Sen. Kennedy would be leaving the hotel ballroom by that passageway.

Witnesses were instructed not to tell reporters what they had disclosed to the grand jury, but they were free to talk about themselves before entering the witness room.

It was also disclosed by police today that a 1956 white and pink DeSota automobile, found parked near the Ambassador Hotel, belonged to the suspect. It had a traffic ticket for overtime parking on its windshield.

Among the witnesses scheduled to be called were Roosevelt Grier, the football player, and Rafer Johnson, the Olympic athlete, both of whom had campaigned for Sen. Kennedy and had helped capture Sirhan after the shooting.

One witness was identified by a court official as Henry Carreon, who was said to have seen Sirhan at a San Gabriel shooting range.

The other witnesses were seven ambulance drivers, four hotel employes, six police officers, two physicians, a ballistics expert, the County coroner, two shooting victims—Irwin Stroll and Ira Goldstein—and a friend of Stroll's.

The 14 women and eight men, most of them middle-aged, sat behind the two rows of tables, facing the jury foreman, L. E. McKee, a garage owner. At least 14 votes were needed for the indictment.

On each juror's desk was a copy of the six counts against Sirhan—one charging him with murder and five charging him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. The five injured persons are Stroll, Goldstein, Paul Schrade, William Weisel and Elizabeth Evans.

Stroll, 17, who was shot in the left leg as he stood near Sen. Kennedy entered the witness room in a rolling chair, an "RFK" button pinned to his sweater.

University to Hold Graduation Sunday

EAST LANSING, Mich., June 7 (UPI) — Michigan State University today announced that commencement exercises will take place as scheduled Sunday, the day of mourning for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Washington Post, 8 June 1968

More Light Shed on Sirhan's Childhood

By Yuval Elizur
Special to The Washington Post

JERUSALEM, June 7 — The Israeli police today transferred to the FBI, through Interpol, a dossier on the Sirhan family that describes the environment and childhood experiences of Sirhan Beshara Sirhan, the accused killer of Robert F. Kennedy.

From the dossier it appears that Sirhan never visited Jerusalem since he emigrated to the United States in 1957 and that he is completely estranged from his father and other member of his family here.

In the meantime, friends and members of the family denied American newspaper reports that Sirhan witnessed Israeli atrocities in his childhood.

His mother's sister told reporters that Sirhan had never encountered Israelis. And, although the family moved because of economic circumstances after the 1948 war into a different house in the former Jewish quarter of the walled Old City, his aunt said they were not refugees like so many other Palestinians.

Additional information obtained also shows that, under a facade of politeness and meekness, Beshara Salameh Sirhan, the father of Sirhan, is a complex individual given to fits of temperament, neighbors remember that he used to beat his children.

Friction in the family may have influenced Mrs. Sirhan to leave for the United States in 1957. She was reportedly assisted in this act by the Jehovah Witnesses sect, with which the family has some association although they are members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

When the children went with Mrs. Sirhan, her husband filed a divorce suit in the Greek Orthodox religious court. He withdrew it after deciding to go to the United States himself the next year. But Beshara Salameh Sirhan actually never joined his family in California and lived most of the time in New Jersey. He and his wife later separated and he now lives in Taibeh village, 20 miles from Jerusalem.

The reaction of Beshara Salameh Sirhan in the last two days, ever since he was told of his son's involvement in the murder of Senator Kennedy, seems to betray his sudden changes of mood. At first he was most cooperative with the reporters who flocked to his newly built two-story stone house.

Then he refused to let into his house the NBC crew that came to interview him. But when the CBS men arrived he was again friendly and talkative. He later bodily threw out the representative of the German Television Service.

The principal of the Lutheran school in the Old City where Sirhan Sirhan studied said that his record showed him to be an above-average student.

Salim Awad, the principal, remembered him as a quiet boy who diligently attended Sunday school. "I do not believe he was the kind of a boy who could have initiated such a crime," he said. Sirhan and his brothers, Adel and Munir, went to the Lutheran school because it was located near their home.

Sirhan Injury In Fall Cited

LOS ANGELES, June 8 (UPI)—Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of assassinating Robert F. Kennedy, won a $2000 settlement four months ago for head injuries he received in a fall off a horse.

Sirhan was working as an exercise boy at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch near Corona, Calif., owned by Bert Altfillisch when the fall occurred Sept. 25, 1966, according to records of the State Industrial Accidents Commission.

He was taken to Corona Community Hospital where Dr. Richard Nelson reported he had a cut on the chin, bruises and abrasions and "was just generally banged up." Nelson said Sirhan complained of hurting all over and particularly in his stomach, but said nothing about a head injury.

Sirhan was hospitalized overnight for observation and released, but continued to seek treatment for an alleged eye injury.

Dr. Milton Miller, a Corona ophthalmologist who examined Sirhan in his office on Nov. 8 and Dec. 20, 1966, said the Jordanian immigrant complained of pain and blurred vision, but said his examination showed "visual acuity was normal in both eyes and the eyes looked healthy."

Miller said when he refused to write a letter verifying an eye disability, Sirhan telephoned him and threatened the doctor had "better do what he told me to or he was 'gonna git' me, or I 'would be sorry' or something to that effect."

Sirhan subsequently filed a disability complaint for workmen's compensation on July 10, 1967 and hearings were held Oct. 2, 1967 and Feb. 8, 1968.

Argonaut Insurance Co. attorney John F. McLaughlin said Sirhan's Physician, Dr. Maurice Nugene, and the specialist retained by the insurance firm, Dr. Albert Tashma, "both concluded in their reports that Sirhan had 20-15 Vision. However, the neurosurgeon, Dr. Forrest Johnson, indicated there was no way to tell if a man's complaints of head injuries were bona fide. He said a doctor really can't discount a man's complaints of headache, so we settled the claim for $2,000.

"I got the impression Sirhan was exaggerating his complaints," added McLaughlin, a former FBI agent. "After his attorney and myself had agreed on a figure, the referee asked Sirhan if he was satisfied and he started to argue. When the referee told him he thought it was a fair amount, Sirhan said nothing further."

Officials disclosed that Sirhan received at his request—but barely read—two theosophical books, "The Secret Doctrine" by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, and "Talks On 'At the Feet of the Master'" by C. W. Leadbeater.

The books are the works of leaders in the theosophical movement—a body of thought claiming special knowledge of divine wisdom. Some theosophists looked on India as the source of all wisdom and most espoused the Indian doctrine of reincarnation.

In Flagstaff, Ariz., police Capt. Jean Slayton said a Sirhan Munir Bishara Sirhan, 18, of Pasadena, Calif., pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge May 16, 1966 and served 15 days in jail.

When arrested, Sirhan was accompanied by another man. They were driving a 1957 automobile with Indiana license plates. At the time he was penniless.

Immigration authorities in Los Angeles say Sirhan was admitted to this country as a permanent resident, which means he can stay indefinitely without applying for citizenship, which is considered a privilege rather than a requirement.

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SIRHAN IS INDICTED ON MURDER COUNT

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Jury Acts in Kennedy Death —Girl Denies to the Police She Said, 'We Shot Him'

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 7 — The Los Angeles County grand jury late today indicted Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on a charge of murder in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The murder charge was accompanied by a five-count charge of assault with intent to kill five other persons at the Ambassador Hotel early Wednesday.

The indictment was handed down by the grand jury shortly after a woman who identified herself as Kathy Fulmer, 19 years old, surrendered to the police, saying she believed she was the woman in a white polka dot dress whom the police had been seeking.

A woman so attired had been quoted as shouting soon after Mr. Kennedy was shot, "We shot him! We shot him!"

Today she said she had not said this, but merely had screamed that Mr. Kennedy had been shot. The police said her description closely answered that of the woman they had been seeking.

Says She Was Hysterical

She explained that she was hysterical as a result of the shooting and ran screaming from the scene. She said she had no connection with Sirhan.

"I was scared," she said. "The guy next to me got shot. I was running and on the way out somebody yelled 'What happened?' I yelled, 'Kennedy was shot.'"

The murder charge was in the first degree, involving a possible death penalty. The charge of assault with intent to murder carries a penalty of one to 14 years' imprisonment.

The grand jury heard testimony that Sirhan loitered in a Los Angeles hotel corridor at least half an hour before Mr. Kennedy was shot there shortly after midnight Wednesday.

After appearing before the grand jury, Jesus Perez, a dishwasher at the Ambassador Hotel, told newsmen that a man he identified as Sirhan had lingered in the pantry corridor nervously shuffling papers, and had asked him "three or four times" if Senator Kennedy would be going through the corridor.

Mr. Perez said he himself was shaking hands with the

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5 ASSAULT COUNTS ARE ALSO BROUGHT

Girl Goes to Police to Deny She Said 'We Shot Him' Following the Murder

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Senator at the moment the bullets struck him.

He did not see the shots fired, he said, and in the crush their sound was so drowned out that he realized something had happened only when Senator Kennedy's hand suddenly pulled from his grasp and the victim slumped to the floor.

The dishwasher was the first of a score of witnesses presented to the grand jury.

Another witness, Henry Carreon, told reporters that he encountered Sirhan at a shooting range in San Gabriel, a suburb adjoining Pasadena, Tuesday afternoon.

He said Sirhan attracted his notice and they had a conversation because of Sirhan's rapid-fire shooting, which was against range rules.

Sirhan, he said, was firing a .22-caliber revolver—the same type of weapon that killed Senator Kennedy.

Sirhan, seized at the shooting scene, was an unemployed clerk, a resident alien for 11 years and an ardent Arab nationalist.

Tells of Conversation

Police Inspector Peter Hagen today confirmed a report that W. J. Wood, a geologist and Arabic linguist, had told investigators of overhearing a conversation among three men who seemed to be Arabs last Sunday night at Kennedy campaign headquarters at 5615 Wilshire Boulevard.

Mr. Wood, 43, who recently spent five years in Saudi Arabia, was quoted by The Los Angeles Herald Examiner as saying:

"They began speaking in a distinct Jordanese dialect. One of them said: 'He won't be in the hotel tomorrow night, but we can get him there the next night.'"

The "next night" was Tuesday when Senator Kennedy was fatally wounded shortly after midnight.

Inspector Hagen pointed out that the phrase "we can get him" could have had an innocuous meaning. He suggested the police did not attach major importance to it, among scores of leads being pursued. But he acknowledged that the identity and whereabouts of the three were being investigated.

M. Wood, who did some volunteer work in Senator Kennedy's Democratic presidential primary campaign, could not be reached for comment.

The witness list included seven police officers, four hotel employes, eight ambulance attendants, two doctors who treated the stricken Senator, County Coroner Thomas Noguchi, an acquaintance of Sirhan, a friend of Senator Kennedy and two others shot in the hail of bullets.

The friend was Paul Ziffren, Los Angeles lawyer and a former Democratic national committeeman.

One of the shooting victims, Irwin Stroll, 19, testified from a wheelchair, with his wounded leg propped up. The other victim was Ira Goldstein, 19, a radio newsman.

The district attorney's office and the sheriff arranged for an unusual arraignment proceeding in the infirmary section of the county's central jail, a mile south of the city's center.

Sheriff Peter Pitchess said the jail arraignment was occasioned by the fact that the defendant was in the infirmary with a sprained ankle and broken finger, along with "the obvious need for total security."

Daily since Wednesday the prisoner has been visited by A. L. Wirin, chief of counsel for the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Each meeting has lasted about an hour and a half.

Sirhan's counsel is now Public Defender Richard S. Buckley, a county employe.

But the A.C.L.U. said its proposal that private counsel be selected by a judge from a list of nominees had received favorable reaction from Superior Judge Arthur Alarcon. Judge Alarcon is filling in for the presiding judge of the Criminal Courts, Richard Shauer, whom the A.C.L.U. suggested to select counsel for Sirhan.

It was suggested that the list might be prepared by the county bar association and the criminal courts bar association, in collaboration with the public defender and the A.C.L.U.

District Attorney Evelle Younger said personnel of his office as well as police investigators had questioned Sirhan, but "in a sense it was like talking to the man in the moon."

"It was a one-sided conversation—he wouldn't even answer to what his weight was," Mr. Younger said.

The Distrit Attorney told reporters he was "uneasy about anything" connected with the case, because of possible international repercussions.

"Eeverything that is done or said will be scrutinized by politicians all over the world," he said. "Some will want our country and our system of justice to look as bad as they can make it look."

The police reported today that they had discovered a car belonging to Sirhan only about a block from the Ambassador Hotel, where it had apparently been since Tuesday night.

The car is a 1956 DeSoto painted pink and white.

Officers said a key found in Sirhan's pocket Tuesday night fitted both the car door and ignition switch.

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F.B.I. Asks Israel for Data On Early Life of Sirhan

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ET TAIYIBA, Israeli-occupied Jordan, June 7 (UPI)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation has asked Israel for information on the childhood of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused murderer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, informed sources said today.

The arab elders of this small village painted a picture of a boy who grew up in a poor family that lived on church charity and who "was always kept in close line by the father."

The father, Bishara Sirhan, has lived here since leaving his wife and five children in Pasadena, Calif., after family quarrels. Before going to America, the Christian Arab family lived in Jerusalem with little money to spend, the elders said.

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By a Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 7 — Los Angeles detectives are searching for three Arabic-speaking men who reportedly were seen in Robert F. Kennedy's political headquarters two days before he was assassinated, it was disclosed today.

Police also said that a pretty 19-year-old brunette, who claims she was the woman in the polka dot dress wanted in connection with Sen. Kennedy's assassination, had been questioned and released.

The girl Kathy Fulmer of Los Angeles, told police her grief stricken cries after witnessing the slaying had been misunderstood by observers.

Shortly after Miss Fulmer, described as a former exotic belly dancer, contacted police it was disclosed that two other girls had been questioned and released. They were not identified.

Earlier today it was disclosed that Los Angeles detectives were searching for three Arabic-speaking men who reportedly were seen in Kennedy's political headquarters two days before he was assassinated.

The men were overheard by a Kennedy campaign worker who happens to speak Arabic and who told police he heard one man say:

"If we can't catch him today (Monday) we can catch him tonight."

The witness was identified as W. J. Wood, 43, a geologist who had spent five and a half years in Saudi Arabia and who had been working in the Kennedy campaign at the Wilshire Boulevard headquarters.

According to Inspector Peter Hagan of the Los Angeles Police Department, Wood said none of the three appeared to be Sirhan B. Sirhan, the Arabic-speaking Jordanian nationalist accused of murdering Sen. Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel early Wednesday morning.

Police spokesmen would acknowledge only that they regarded Wood's story as "interesting."

They were quick to point out that Sirhan was not identified as one of the three men and that there was no more than the cryptic comment to suggest any complicity in the shooting.

Hagan said today that police would continue to regard the assassination as the act of one man until more solid evidence turned up. He said that the Police Department is checking out literally hundreds of rumors and stories that the assassin may have had accomplices.

Wood, who could not be reached for comment today, gave the police a description of the three men yesterday and detectives began a search for them this morning.

According to police, Wood did not attribute much importance to the conversation he overheard until he learned that the suspect seized was a Jordanian who spoke both English and Arabic. Sirhan has been in this country since 1957.

Police said they "had taken home" and had "no hold on" Miss Fulmer, who claimed she was a Kennedy campaign worker and that she was wearing a green suit and a polka dot scarf at the victory celebration.

The girl had called the sheriff's department and was picked up by two deputies near Chinatown. She was later transferred to police headquarters, where she said she had no connection with Sirhan.

"I was scared. The guy next to me got shot. I was running and on the way out somebody yelled, 'what happened?' I yelled that Kennedy was shot,"

A Kennedy campaign worker said early Wednesday that she had seen a dark-haired woman in a polka dot dress run from the hotel after the assassination shouting, "We shot him." Police at that time put out an all-points bulletin for the woman.

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ing Men Sought in Case



Associated Press

Kathy Fulmer, who wore a polka-dot scarf to Sen. Kennedy's victory celebration, talks to newsmen after surrendering to the Los Angeles sheriff's office. Miss Fulmer said she was the woman in the polka-dot dress who was reported by witnesses to have shouted, "We shot him," after the Senator was struck down.

OMAN IS SOUGHT N KENNEDY DEATH

NYT — 7 June 68

Witness Says She Ran From Scene Exclaiming That 'We Shot Him!'

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 6—The os Angeles Police Department ressed a statewide search to-ay for a possible accomplice i the assassination of Senator obert F. Kennedy, as the authorities prepared the prosecuion of a suspect.

A police bulletin transmitted o law-enforcement agencies hroughout the state said Los Angeles officers wanted to uestion a woman in her twenies. She had been reported to have said subilantly at the scene of the shooting of Senator Kennedy early yesterday, "We shot him!" The identity of the woman was not made public.

In the wake of the Senator's death early this morning, the District Attorney's office prepared murder charges against the accused assailant, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Official apprehensions were voiced that an unprejudiced trial might be jeopardized by reckless dissemination of hearsay regarding the 24-year-old Jerusalem-born Jordanian.

Controversy was rising in

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Los Angeles over the actions of Mayor Samuel W. Yorty because of statements he has publicly made concerning Sirhan and certain items of possible evidence.

Expressions of concern came from Attorney General Ramsey Clark, the Los Angeles District Attorney, Evelle Younger, and the American Civil Liberties Union, which may defend Sirhan.

Police Chief Thomas Reddin said he had not excluded the possibility that more than one person was involved in the killing. In the bulletin transmitted to law-enforcement agencies the Los Angeles police said they wanted to question a Caucasian female, between 23 and 27 years old, five feet six inches tall, who had been observed at the assassination scene wearing a blue voile dress with white polka dots and a bouffant coiffure.

Miss Sandy Serrano, 20, a cochairman of Youth for Kennedy in the suburban Pasadena-Altadena area,, told officers that just after the shooting she had seen a woman of that description run out of the hotel exclaiming triumphantly, "We shot him! We shot him!"

"Who did you shoot?" she asked the woman.

"We shot Kennedy," the woman answered, according to Miss Serrano.

Another witness questioned by the police, Booker Griffin, a Negro community leader, said he had seen a woman of similar description a few minutes before the shooting in the company of a man resembling the Senator's assailant.

...han was being held under ...limum security" in a medical unit of the County Central Jail a mile east of the city's center.

He was arraigned yesterday on six counts of assault with intent to murder, covering injuries inflicted on Senator Kennedy and five other persons by eight bullets from a .22-caliber revolver.

The police moved today to change the charge to murder but were persuaded by District Attorney Younger that this would not be necessary in view of the scheduled presentation of the case to the county grand jury tomorrow.

District Attorney Younger said he planned to present 17 witnesses to the grand jury.

After an indictment is handed down a defendant must be arraigned within 48 hours, and the trial must be set within 60 days after he enters his plea.

The District Attorney said the fact that Sirhan was an alien would not affect prosecution procedures.

However, his Jordanian nationality could result in an additional charge of a firearms law violation. California forbids aliens, unlike citizens, to possess "any firearm capable of being concealed upon the person." Penalties range from a $500 fine to five years in prison.

The Police Department prepared witness subpoenas for two Negro athletes prominant in the Kennedy campaign, Roosevelt Grier of the Los Angeles Rams and Rafer Johnson, former Olympic decathlon star, now a television commentator.

New York Times,
7 June 1968

They were among those who scuffled with Sirhan in the Ambassador Hotel pantry just after the shots were fired.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which Sirhan asked to help him get a lawyer, said it was trying to work out an arrangement to have a Los Angeles Superior Court judge designate counsel from a list of lawyers prepared by the liberties union.

Police spokesmen said two clues suggesting possible involvement of other persons had been unproductive.

One was an ignition key found in Sirhan's pocket that fitted a car parked near the hotel owned by a hotel kitchen employe.

Detectives interrogated the employe, who was not identified, but established no link. They said it apparently had been a cas of a worn key that just happened to fit the hotel worker's car.

The other possible clue concerned four $100 bills found in the defendant's pocket, raising the possibility that he had been hired to shoot the Senator.

The police classified this as quite inconclusive, since Sirhan was known as thrifty and had recently collected an insurance settlement for an accident.

The police denied reports that the defendant's rights might have been infringed in a search of his Pasadena home yesterday and the impounding of some documents without a warrant. A department spokesman said a brother of the defendant had admitted officers voluntarily to the house, making a warrant unnecessary.

Told of Notebook Entry

Mayor Yorty said yesterday that a notebook of Sirhan's contained an entry saying the Senator "must" be killed by June 5. He also speculated that the defendant had left-wing associations.

Enlarging on the same theme at his news conference today, the Mayor said that Sirhan had "clearly expressed his Communist sympathy in his writings" and that it was apparent that an "evil Communist organization has played a part in inflaming the assassin of President Kennedy."

He said the authorities "have learned his car was seen outside meetings where Communist organizations or Communist front organizations were in session."

"From that circumstance we probably can deduce he was in contact with Communists," he said.

He said he had received a telephone call from Attorney General Clark expressing concern over his airing of possible trial evidence.

"But," the Mayor said, "I told him that I'm a lawyer, I'm in a position here where I'm going to have to try to exercise what the public needs to know about this case. There is so much evidence in this case."

State Attorney General Thomas Lynch in a formal statement today said he had "cautioned Mayor Yorty to confine his release of information," citing court decisions that "evidence may be ruled out and a trial severely hampered by such public statements."

The Civil Liberties Union chapter here expressed regret that "the Mayor seems compelled to discuss the character and background of Sirhan."

"Regardless of the evidence available to the prosecution," it said, "the defendant has a right to a jury unprejudiced by inflamatory comments."

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Indictment of Sirhan Will Be Sought Today

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The law takes its first major steps today to bring to trial the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Dist. Atty. Evelle C. Younger said he would ask the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to return a first-degree murder indictment against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian.

Younger said Sirhan, if indicted, would then be arraigned in person within 48 hours in Superior Court, make a plea at that time or shortly after, with trial expected to begin within 60 days from that time. Should the defense seek a change of venue, Younger said he would not oppose it.

The public defender's office is providing Sirhan legal advice.

The prisoner originally was held under $250,000 bond, but that was revoked by Superior Court Judge Joan Dempsey Klein after Kennedy's death yesterday. California law permits no bond in a murder case.

Younger said he planned an all-day session in the grand jury room of the Hall of Justice to present testimony of 17 witnesses and the results of the autopsy on Kennedy's body.

In addition to the murder in-

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STAR-GAZING AS A CAREER

THERE'S A NEED for astronomers these days. A field that once was purely theoretical now has many practical applications in this space age, reports F. J. Lain in "Career Corner" on Page D-9

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SUSPECT

Sirhan Indictment to Be Sought Today

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dictment, Younger said he would ask five additional indictments in the wounding of five others who were in Kennedy's vicinity at 12:17 a.m. Wednesday morning at the Ambassador Hotel.

At that minute, with Kennedy joyous with the victory he had freshly scored in the California Democratic presidential pri- smashed into the brain of the mary, a tiny pellet of lead 42-year-old New York senator.

First details of Sirhan's imprisonment were disclosed yesterday by Sheriff Peter Pitchess.

Sirhan's grey-colored three square yard cell is on the second floor of the jail in an isolated wing with limited access. An unarmed deputy is constantly in the cell with him.

Outside the steel door with a built-in lock, another guard peers at all times through an unbreakable glass porthole in the door.

"We can get to him fast if we have to," Pitchess said.

Flanking the corridor outside the cell, four other deputies remain alert. All the guards are picked men, Pitchess said.

Sirhan is in the medical section of the jail because he is under treatment for a broken index finger and a sprained ankle—injuries he suffered in his capture at the hotel. Sirhan has facial bruises as well from the arrest, Pitchess said.

Under Doctor's Care

Pitchess said Sirhan got a thorough medical examination when he was brought to county jail Wednesday morning after his Municipal Court arraignment on the original charges, attempted murder.

Sirhan is under the care of Dr. Marcus Crahan, jail medical director and also a psychiatrist. Asked whether Sirhan undergo ment psychiatric examination, Pitchess said yes.

The accused man, he said, has behaved well and has not asked for any visits from his family. Pitchess repeated what other officers have repeatedly said, that Sirhan refuses to talk about the shooting.

Sirhan is "totally noncommittal to our personnel," the sheriff said.

"He says he is Christian, not a Moslem," said Pitchess.

Sirhan learned of Kennedy's death Pitchess said, when he asked for and received Wednesday and Thursday copies of the morning Los Angeles Times and the afternoon Herald Examiner.

Sirhan also received at his request two philosophical books — "The Secret Doctrine" by H. P. Blavatsky, and "Talks at the Feet of the Master" by C. W. Leadbettter.

But he has read very little of either book, the sheriff said.

(Sirhan has made a "couple of requests" for special food, including orange juice and tuna fish, Pitchess said. These were recommended by doctors to quiet an upset stomach, "perhaps suffered from shock."

(The prisoner, wearing regulation jail dress of blue denim trousers and shirt, spends most of his day "reclining on the cell bed," but is allowed to exercise in the company of two deputies by walking up and down the corridor, the sheriff said.)

All security has been strengthened at the concrete jail, mostly because of Sirhan's presence, some of it due to mailed and telephoned bomb threats — "at least a dozen"—against the life of Pitchess and other department personnel.

"We are ignoring these," Pitchess said.

Within a mile or so of the jail, official activity was at fever pitch. Four news conferences were held at different times by the sheriff, district attorney, county coroner and Mayor Samuel W. Yorty.

Yorty has aroused the ire of state and local legal authorities over his release of portions of Sirhan's notebook taken from his Pasadena apartment.

The officials expressed concern that the material might prejudice a fair trial. Yorty said Wednesday that Sirhan's notebook contained one entry about "the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

That is the date of the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war decisively won by Israel.

Younger told reporters the assassination was a great tragedy and would be a "greater tragedy . . . if successful prosecution of the person responsible for the terrible crime were jeopardized by statements prior to the trial commenting on evidentiary matters."

California Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch, saying he was concerned "over giving our information that might prejudice a fair trial," said that U.S. Supreme Court and California Supreme Court decisions severely limit what public officials can say.

Yorty told reporters he had "exercised my judgment" in the matter, pointed out that he was a lawyer, and said the trial would not be affected because the public had seen so much more on television.

All-Points Bulletin

Police said yesterday afternoon they had issued an all-points bulletin for a white woman between 23 and 27 years old who reportedly was seen with Sirhan prior to the shooting. She was wearing a white dress with black polka dots. She was not named.

Inspector Peter Hagan added later, however, that the bulletin was only an informational one following a report from a young Kennedy campaign worker and was not for the purpose of arrest.

"We are not going out and trying to pick up anyone or arrest anyone," Hagan said. "We are merely asking for anyone to come to us with information regarding the girl in the polka dot dress."

The woman was referred to by a 20-year-old Youth for Kennedy worker, Sandy Seranno, who said she saw her running from the assassination scene shouting "we shot" Kennedy.

Other witnesses, Hagan said, have told police they saw a woman in a polka dot dress in the area, but he added "there could have been 20 women in polka dot dresses."

Although the gears have been meshed in an attempt to bring the accused man to a death sentence, his fate — in the event of a guilty verdict and death sentence — would be as undecided as that of 75 other death row inmates at San Quentin Prison.

A virtual moratorium on executions has been in effect since the death sentence was challenged as unconstitutional. The California Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on two appeals on this basis, which promoted a stay of all executions.

California's last gas chamber execution was April 12, 1967, when Aaron Mitchell was put to death — the first man to die there in four years.

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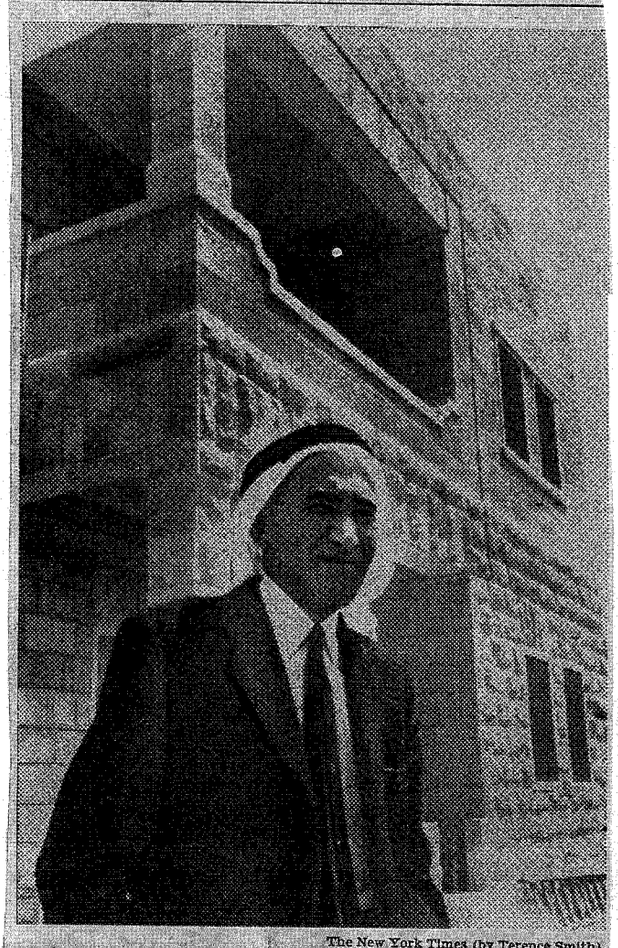
BROTHER OF SUSPECT: Sharif Sirhan, a brother of man apprehended for the shooting of Senator Kennedy, talking to young woman outside family home in Pasadena yesterday.

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Associated Press

Mrs Mary Sirhan, mother of the suspect, being comforted by Mrs. Clarence C. Robinson in Pasadena Wednesday. She had just heard news of son's arrest for the shooting.



The New York Times (by Terence Smith)

SUSPECT'S FATHER: Bishara Sirhan, father of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, who was apprehended for the assassination of Senator Kennedy. Mr. Sirhan stands in front of his house in village of El Taiyiba in Israel-occupied Jordan.

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Suspect Is a Strong Nationalist Who Hoped to Return to Jordan

Family Remains Silent

By ROBERT WINDELER
Special to The New York Times

PASADENA, Calif., June 6—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan always meant to go back to Jerusalem some day, Linda Massri said last night outside the cream-colored clapboard cottage here where the 24-year-old suspected slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy lived with his mother and two brothers.

"The whole family hoped to return to Jordan together and reclaim their lost land—that was their dream and that's why most of them didn't become American citizens," she said.

Miss Massri, a near neighbor and close friend of the Sirhan family, and herself an American of Syrian extraction, then went inside the three-bedroom house to visit Sharif Sirhan, one of the suspect's elder brothers. She emerged an hour later

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BROTHER OF SUSPECT: Sharif Sirhan, a brother of man apprehended for the shooting of Senator Kennedy, talking to young woman outside family home in Pasadena yesterday.

Suspect and Family Hoped to Return to Jordan

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with two other Syrian women from Hollywood and the news that Sharif Sirhan would not talk about the suspect or the shooting of Senator Kennedy.

Sharif Sirhan, who is said to be 30 or 31 years old, his brother, Adel, 29, and their mother, Mrs. Mary Sirhan, who joined him an hour later, have kept the silence. The three stayed in the family home last night, gurded by four Psadena policemen put there at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union.

A telegram sent by Mrs. Sirhan to the Kennedy family was the only break in the silence. The telegram, sent from Pasadena this afternoon, said:

"It hurts us very bad what has happened and we express our feelings with them and especially with the children and with Mrs. Kennedy and with the mother and father. I want them to know that I am really crying for them and we pray that God will make peace—really peace—in the heart of the poeple." It was signed "Mrs. Mary Sirhan."

The suspect lived quietly, almost obscurely, with his mother, Adel and a younger brother, Munier, who is 20 years old and is sometimes called Joe. The small, one-story house, like those around it, is about 45 years old. The family has owned it for six years, but there were many times when the payments on it almost were not met. The house is estimated to be worth about $15,000.

The house is on tree-lined East Howard Street, which runs through a racially mixed neighborhood. The tiny lawns are well-kept and the gardens abound in flowers, particularly roses at this time of year.

Sirhan Sirhan was a sometime gardener, and his neighbors knew him mostly as a quiet youth who worked hard around the house, in his studies and, most recently, as a clerk in a neighborhood health food store.

But in private conversations—particularly in the year since the start of the Arab-Israeli war—he was violently anti-Zionist and pro-Palestine. With friends and acquaintances of his own age he was outspokenly against American support of Israel.

Two Years at College

"But we all were," said a 23-year-old Syrian woman, a friend of Adel and Sirhan, who asked that her name be withheld. "We all had strong feelings about it, especially when we got together. He was no more active than anybody else and he's never made any threatening remarks about anyone."

The young woman is a member of the American Arabs, a youth offshoot of the United American Arab Congress of Southern California in Hollywood. She said Sirhan, Adel and Sharif had all attended meetings of the group during the Arab-Israeli war, but that they were not members.

There is no Arab youth group in Pasadena except for Arab Students at Pasadena City College. Sirhan attended that college for two years, 1964-66, and was a member of the Arab student group.

The organization American Arabs, in a program called USOMEN, supplied Jordanian and Syrian refugees with money during the war. It was not known whether the suspect participated in the fund-raising.

Pasadena itself has few Arab families, estimated to be fewer than 50, and they are scattered throughout this city, rather than concentrated in one neighborhood. Those of the older generation like Mrs. Sirhan who preferred to speak Arabic or who had not learned English, are in particularly close contact but Miss Massri said all the families knew each other to some degree.

There is a larger Arab community in Los Angeles, numbering perhaps 20,000 persons, which its own newspaper, and some members of the Sirhan family were known to it. Adel, the most gregarious of the brothers, was a frequent visitor to the Arab-American gathering spot in greater Los Angeles.

Family Life ... ted as Bitter

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Early Life Termed Bitter

By TERENCE SMITH
Special to The New York Times

JERUSALEM, June 6—In the class records of the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran School for 1951-52 there is an entry for a 6-year-old first grader named Sirhan Sirhan.

The grades are uniformly high. The boy ranked fifth in his class of 26 students, and in the margin of the report his teacher commented: "Diligent attentive in class, industrious and good in character. He should be promoted."

The records for the next four years follow the same pattern and the grades, except for the class in drawing, which he perennially failed, remain high. The composite picture is that of a well-balanced, secure boy with a promising academic future.

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show," Salim Awad, the headmaster of the school who was Sirhan's teacher, said in an interview today, "is what went on at home. The father and mother had terrible fights, and the children suffered as a result. Their father beat them, and drove the two oldest boys to desperation. Finally they moved out and lived by themselves."

Just as it was around the world, the name Sirhan was being discussed today in the Old City of Jerusalem, where the man accused of killing Senator Robert F. Kennedy lived for nearly a decade.

From the recollections of relatives, teachers, neighbors and clergymen, there emerged a portrait of a bitterly fractious family dominated by a violent father, and held together by a zealously religious mother, whose view of life was as rigid as her ideas of salvation.

There was in the view of one neighbor, "simply no joy in the Sirhans' world. It was a vicious place."

Parents Wed in Jerusalem

Mary and Beshara Sirhan met and married in Jerusalem and their children were born in a small house in the Musrara Quarter, in the sector of the city that became Israeli after the war in 1948.

As it did so many other families in Palestine, the war uprooted the Sirhans. The father lost his job with the city water supply and the family lost nearly all of its possessions when it fled to the Arab sector and settled in the Old City.

The Sirhans — there were seven of them at this point — moved into two rooms on the street level of an old stone house on a street that runs between the Jewish and Armenian Quarters of the Old City. Four other families, three Christian and one Moslem, lived in the other part of the house. Water had to be drawn by hand from a pump, electricity had never been installed.

Zirhan was the fourth of five sons. His brothers were Sharif, Saidallah, Adel and Munir Sirhan, and they had a slender, sickly sister, Ida.

House Still Stands

Their house is still on Souk el Houssov Street, at the corner of Al Mulak Street, but the windows and doors have been covered. Early last year, the nearby Armenian Convent, which owns the building, decided that it was unsafe and walled up the openings. Of the neighbors, only the family of Amin Yousef Hashima still lives in Jerusalem.

"The Sirhans kept to themselves when they lived here," Mrs. Hashima told a caller today. "They had little to do with us and never spoke to the Armenians. The mother always talked about Jesus and religion. She told the children about Lutheranism and Jesus and how Jesus was crucified."

In the months after the war, Beshara Zirhan found no work and the family's position became desperate. Late in 1948, Mrs. Zirhan came to Pastor Daoud Haddad of the Lutheran Church of the Saviour in the Old City, and begged for help.

"She was not a member of our congregation," the pastor said today, "but we did what we could to help."

For the next seven years, the Church of the Saviour all but supported the Sirhans. The parish provided them with used clothing, and food and permitted their children to attend the church school tuition-free. Pastor Haddad frequently visited the family's dark, squalid home.

He remembers the fourth son, Zirhan, very vividly.

"He was a clever boy—very quick—but unstable and very unhappy," the pastor said as he sat in the living room of his residence in the Old City. "I remember thinking that he would have a very difficult time later in life because the family he grew up in lacked the basic things a boy needs to understand life.

"Beshara had frequent violent fits and was given to breaking what little furniture they had, and beating the children. He thrashed them with sticks and with his fists, whenever they disobeyed him.

"Young Sirhan seemed to have some of this violence in him," the pastor went on. "He was thin and nervous and inclined to sudden bursts of temper. At other times he was oddly quiet, for long periods."

The pastor recalls the mother as the dominant figure in the lives of the Sirhan children. "But she was harsh herself," he said. She was terribly narrow-minded and rigid in religious matters, but she loved the children in her way and she managed to hold the family together."

A cousin, Mrs. Helen Ode, whose mother was a sister of Mary Sirhan's mother, recalled her cousin's dominance over her fourth son.

Sirhan was always with his mother, she said, in a conversation in the Old City home. "She never let him out of her sight. She always seemed to be afraid to let him go out by himself."

In addition to his fits of temper, Mr. Sirhan apparently was sometimes harsh in his punishment of the boys. Selim Atas, a boyhood acquaintance of Sirhan's, who grew up in the neighborhood, remembers an incident when the father heated an iron and pressed it against Sirhan's heel. "I remember Sirhan coming to school with no shoes," Mr. Atas said.

In 1956, for reasons that are not entirely clear, Mrs. Sirhan began to drift away from the Church of the Saviour, where she and her daughter had become regular worshipers.

"I think she began to get help from another religious group in Jerusalem," Mr. Atas said. A lot of the poorer families do that move from one denomination to another to get all the support they can."

The next year, the Sirhans made their move to the United States, apparently under the sponsorship of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Authoritative sources said today that agency had paid part of the expenses of the move, though a top official of the agency here refused to confirm or deny the report.

The final break in the Sirhan family came while it was in the United States. After the separation, the father returned to Jerusalem and four years ago moved to the village of Et Taiyiba, seven miles northeast of the west-bank town of Ramallah, where he was born 53 years ago. Et Taiyiba is a prosperous village of about 3,000 Arabs, 80 per cent of whom are Christians.

As far as the people of Old Jerusalem were concerned, the Sirhans all but ceased to exist when they moved away. No letters or communication of any kind were received during the intervening decade. The name Sirhan was hardly mentioned in the Old City until yesterday.

'I'm Stunned,' Sirhan's Father Says in Jordan

Special to The Washington Post

TAIBETH, Israeli-Occupied Jordan, June 6—"I am stunned by what my son did," the 57-year-old father of the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy told newsmen this morning.

"My son was always a quiet, humble and very gentle boy. I brought my children up to be good," Bishara Salameh Sirhan said. "This is the blackest day of my life."

He received reporters in his new two-story house in this village 20 miles northeast of Jerusalem. He had heard of his son's alleged role in the shooting only hours before. Though subdued, he was in control of his emotions.

But at one point, to repeated questions about his own reaction, he snapped, "What do you think a father must feel when he is told his son has committed such an act?"

"If my son has done this dirty thing, then let them hang him," CBS News quoted the elder Sirhan as saying.]

A short, slight, clean-shaven man, the father was neatly dressed in a Western-style dark suit and matching tie. On his head he wore the traditional flowing Arab headdress.

The Senator's accused killer, 24-year-old Sirhan Sirhan, is the youngest of five children. He grew up in Jerusalem where the family lived until they emigrated to the United States in 1957, when Sirhan was 13.

"My son was a talented boy, more than his four brothers. How he came to this is beyond me."

Sirhan was an outstanding student and did not associate with street gangs the father said. Teachers praised the youngster's diligence, he added.

After a quarrel with his wife, Mary, the elder Sirhan returned to Jordan in 1960. He said he last saw his son three years ago on a visit to the United States and knows nothing of his political beliefs.

He said the boy went to a Lutheran school in Jerusalem and the family belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church.

"I am a religious man and have been all my life," he said. "I still am a steady churchgoer and read the Bible every day. My son as a child used to go to the Orthodox Church with me in Jerusalem every Sunday. We studied the Bible together."

On the wall of his house there is an inscription in Arabic which reads:—

"Jehovah the High, You gave me happiness in the world. Give me eternal life. You are the only God and nobody shall be worshipped before you."

The father, who chain-smoked cigarettes during his meeting with newsmen, said that during the British mandate in Palestine he was a senior inspector in the public works department. The family's financial situation deteriorated in the early '50s and this prompted the move to America.

The elder Sirhan said during his years in the United States he developed a "deep admiration" for the Kennedy family, expressing special regard for the late President Kennedy whom he considers an idealist who tried to lead humanity to progress and prosperity.

He said he likes the way the Kennedys help one another, this reminding him of the extended family structure of the Arab culture.

His house, where he lives alone, is situated in the northeast corner of Taibeh. The village is inhabited by about 4000 Arabs, most of them Christian.

Taibeh was completely unaffected by last year's Mideast war. The villagers continue to sell their fruit and vegetables across the Jordan River, 20 miles away, as they did before the fighting.

Bishara Sirhan's shocked and grieved reaction is typical of the Arab man-in-the street. While some of them do not hide their hope that the shooting will dramatize the Arab cause, the majority seem to have a sense of shame that one of them had been implicated in such an act.

The Arab World Disavows Slaying

From News Dispatches

The Arab world yesterday generally denounced the killing of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, although there was some bitterness and some embarrassment that the man charged with the crime is an Arab from Jordanian Jerusalem.

Some editorials in Beirut, Lebanon, published before the Senator's death, disowned Arab responsibility.

"The criminal may be someone carrying an Arab nationality, but he was only an instrument in carrying out the crime," Al Hayat said. "We know the perpetrators and executors of the crime, its exploiters should be sought."

One paper said at last the "murder of the Palestinian homeland" has been brought dramatically to the attention of the American people.

Al Kifah said, "Even if the motives were personal, the need calls for denouncing and exposing it quickly and declaring nonresponsibility of the Arab people for it." The paper called the assassination a Jewish plot to keep Kennedy from the White House, where he would have discovered that "the Jews were behind" the murder of President John F. Kennedy.

Al Jarida lamented, "Everything may perhaps have been acceptable except that the man who shot Robert Kennedy had anything to do with the Arabs, even the name only. This is what causes big astonishment."

In Cairo, the Egyptian government's official spokesman said the assassination must be condemned whatever the nationality of the criminal.

The Algerian national radio, drawing a parallel to the assassination of John Kennedy, said, "The name of a killer and his links with foreigners are immediately made public . . . In the present case, it is the Arab world which is aimed at . . . It is rather in the past of the United States, in their history of violence — toward Indians as well as Negroes, toward Latin Americans as well as southeast Asians — that one should search to find the culprit."

The Algerian ambassador to the United Nations was the one who requested Wednesday night that the Security Council postpone its debate on the latest Israel-Jordanian battle, in deference to Senator Kennedy.

Yesterday at the United Nations, Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad El-Farra signed a book of condolence and issued a statement condemning the "criminal act committed against an outstanding American."

King Hussein of Jordan sent a cable to President Johnson expressing respect for Senator Kennedy, and the President of the Palestine Liberation Organization also condemned the murder.

A Lebanese workman may have summarized the Arab reaction when he said to a fellow worker: "If this Palestinian wanted to help his country, why didn't he go and join Al Fatah [the terrorist organization]?"

Israeli newspapers gave the Kennedy shooting prominence equal to that for the Arab-Israeli war a year ago.

The Jerusalem Post said in an editorial: "Such a grotesque conjunction of the tragedy of the Kennedy family and the political conflict in our region — a conjunction which an Arab spokesman in the United States had the unbelievable temerity to justify — drains any words of comment of meaning."

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Bishara Sirhan, father of the accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, talks to newsmen in his Jordanian village.

The Accused

A Loner Who Hated Israel

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By Ward Just
Washington Post Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the 24-year-old accused assassin of Robert F. Kennedy, is a Jordanian by descent, a Greek Orthodox Christian by religion, a Palestinian by birth, and a resident of the United States by choice. He appears to be a man of no nationality.

Five feet five inches tall, 120 pounds in weight, curly-haired, swarthy, speaking with a slight continental accent, Sirhan was described today by a former employer as "opposed to the Vietnam war, in favor of riots—but not a member of any group. He was a very proud man. He wanted to be recognized by the world."

The employer, John H. Weidner, owner of the Organic Health Food Store in Pasadena, Calif. for whom Sirhan worked as a $2-an-hour stockboy from Sept. 24, 1967, to March 7, described

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Sirhan Described as a Loner Who Hated Jews

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Sirhan as "very ambitious and well-spoken." He said the young immigrant—whom whom he described as a friend, as well as an employer—appeared to have no close friends, either male or female.

None of the legions of journalists and policemen looking into the background of the accused has been able to unearth close friends or associates. Apart from Sirhan's immediate family, Weidner is—to date—the best disinterested witness.

He said Sirhan hated Jews, an apparent legacy from the 1948 Palestine war when Sirhan said he saw Arabs killed by Israelis. Weidner said Sirhan "liked the law—and the courts." He gave this account of a dispute with Sirhan, which ended in termination of employment.

The dispute arose over a delivery schedule. Weidner had one opinion, Sirhan another, and it ended when Sirhan called his boss a "liar." Then he quit. Shortly thereafter, Sirhan demanded $300 severance pay, which Weidner refused.

Sirhan insisted on taking the matter before a California labor commissioner. Weidner agreed, and on April 24 Los Angeles Labor Commissioner M. A. Myers heard the case. He found for Weidner.

Sirhan's supposed fascination for law and the courts is partially substantiated by his attitude with the Los Angeles police. When first arrested, he steadfastly refused a lawyer—apparently on the assumption that he would make his own defense. He spoke amicably—"very cool, very calm, very stable, and quite lucid," according to Police Chief Thomas Reddin—but would not speak of the shooting, nor of the events that led up to it.

According to Lt. Jack Eberhardt, an aide to Reddin, Sirhan spoke enthusiastically about a sensational local murder case last year, in which a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney was convicted of killing his wife and her lover. Sirhan brought up the matter several times, according to Eberhardt, and was interested in whether the convicted murderer, Jack Kirshke, would win freedom in his appeal.

Apparently at the urging of Al Wirin, chief counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union in Southern California, Sirhan has now agreed to retain a lawyer.

But the picture that has emerged of Sirhan is far from definitive. The known facts are meager enough:

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service give his birth date as March 19, 1944, in Jordan. He arrived in New York City, with his father, Bishara Salameh Ghatas Sirhan, and his mother, Mary Bishara Sirhan, three brothers and a sister, on Jan. 12, 1957.

The family apparently moved shortly thereafter to Pasadena, where Sirhan attended the John Muir High School. He is said to have been a good student, a member of both the junior and senior councils, and a member of the ROTC. A classmate has described him as "polite, clean, and an A-1 student."

The classmate, Christian Ek, 23, a Swede, said in Stockholm that Sirhan "dreamed of being something big in Jordan." in Saigon, another classmate, Lt. William A. Spaniard, 24, of Pasadena, described Sirhana as "brilliant. He was studying Russian while everyone else was barely getting by in Spanish and English."

The charge of pro-Communism has been made, but not proved. Weidner said that Sirhan spoke of America as "not really the place of freedom." Was it better in Russia or China, Weidner asked? "One day, maybe," Weidner said Sirhan replied. Los Angeles police have said publicly and privately that there is no evidence to support a charge that Sirhan was a Communist.

That he hated Jews there is little doubt. "He was violently pro-Jordan and anti-Israel," said John Shear, who worked with Sirhan at Hollywood Park racetrack (where Sirhan was an exercize boy). "When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed." Shear's statement is confirmed by Weidner.

And there is the matter of the now-famous notebooks, quoted by the Los Angeles Mayor, Sam Yorty. Yorty said that Sirhan's diary contained an entry last month that "Kennedy has to be assassinated before June 5, 1968." That is the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war.

Mary Sirhan, the mother, and Bishara Salameh Ghatas Sirhan, the father, are separated. The mother still lives in Pasadena, the father according to one newspaper account — returned to Jordan almost immediately after arriving in the United States.

"My son — it can't be. No. Oh, no," Mrs. Sirhan was quoted as saying when she learned he had been arrested in the shooting of Senator Kennedy.

Sirhan Family Wires Sympathy to Kennedys

PASADENA, Calif., June 6 (AP)—The family of the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy sent a telegram to the Kennedy family today, saying, "we pray that God will make peace, really peace, in the hearts of people."

The telegram was signed by Mary Sirhan, mother of Sirhan Bishari Sirhan, the alleged slayer, and her family, who reportedly are under police protection in another city.

"It hurt us very bad what has happened and we express our feelings with them and especially with the children and with Mrs. Kennedy, the telegram said.

"I want them to know that I am really crying for them all. And we pray that God will make peace, really peace in the hearts of the people," it added.

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"Evil Communist elements [illegible] behind the assassination of Kennedy," Yorty declared in a press conference.

His public statements today and yesterday provoked rising controversy and fears that his comments would damage the case against the 24-year-old suspect, Sirhan B. Sirhan.

California Attorney General Thomas Lynch cautioned Yorty to limit the information he divulges. He also praised the Los Angeles Police Department for its discretion in discussing the suspect.

Lynch warned that Yorty's comments could result in certain evidence being ruled inadmissible at Sirhan's trial.

Yorty acknowledged Lynch had criticized him during a telephone conversation, but added: "I told him that I'm in a situation where I have to make a judgment about the public's right to know."

Yorty stirred the controversy yesterday by disclosing some contents of two notebooks found by police in Sirhan's home. According to Yorty, one notation said that "Kennedy must be removed, signed Robert Kennedy, June 5, 1968"—the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war.

Police and other law officials were visibly disturbed today at Yorty's comments, fearing they would raise a difficult and unnecessary legal [illegible]

Sirhan, a native of [illegible] came to Los Angeles [illegible] age but never [illegible] citizenship. He has been described by friends as bitterly opposed to the State of Israel, and was said to be critical of Mr. Kennedy's support of Israel's case against the Arab countries.

Yorty got Sirhan's notebooks from officers at the Rampart Police Station Wednesday before Police Chief Thomas Reddin had seen them. Reddin, who declined to appear with the Mayor at the press conference [illegible]

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[illegible] Chief [illegible] [illegible] Chief [illegible] [illegible] Sirhan has [illegible] Communist [illegible] Los Angeles County jail while offering him legal aid.

Police said Sirhan has not been linked to any subversive organization.

Yorty also replied [illegible] Reddin [illegible] Sirhan's car [illegible] parked outside [illegible] building where the local W.E.B. DuBois Club was holding a meeting. The DuBois clubs have been cited as subversive by the U.S. Attorney General's office.

Yesterday, Chief Reddin said that a car to which Sirhan once "had access" was spotted near the building on a night when the club was meeting.

Yorty, under questioning by reporters, agreed that it is not known whether the car was Sirhan's. The Mayor had no evidence that the suspect was using the car that night or whether he was in the building. "We have no evidence placing him at the meeting," Yorty said.

Yorty contended that the notebooks contained writings showing that Sirhan was sympathetic to communism, "whether Russian or Chinese."

Asked how he thought Sirhan could have been "influenced" by both Arab nationalism and communism, Yorty replied, "Both the Communists and Arabs are anti-Israel." He also cited reports of Union.

With the exception of Yorty's remarks, civil libertarians there have been generally complimentary of the police work in Sirhan's case. He was carefully advised of his legal rights and was permitted to be interviewed by the ACLU although he had said he did not want a lawyer, ACLU attorneys said today.

However, the ACLU has raised a question about the procedure used by police in searching the Pasadena home where Sirhan lived with his mother and two brothers. No search warrant was obtained, the ACLU maintains.

Police officials said a warrant is needed if [illegible] the family gave permission for the search and said permission had been received from a suspect's brother, [illegible]

Reddin has said that a warrant would be obtained in this enforcement case, regardless of whether permission was obtained in advance.

Sirhan remained in the Los Angeles County jail today. He has been scheduled to appear at a pre-trial hearing Monday morning.

However, the County grand jury has agreed to hear evidence in the case Friday morning. District Attorney Evelle J. Younger said he will seek a murder indictment. He will call 17 witnesses and present "every bit of evidence on the autopsy," he said.

The suspect is being held under $250,000 bond and is being represented by a County public defender, Richard Buckley. The ACLU was making arrangements to retain a private attorney. The ACLU also arranged police protection for Sirhan's family.

Sirhan is being held in a remote, windowless 8-by-12-foot cell in the jail's medical ward. He is guarded constantly by six deputies — one in the cell, one watching through a porthole and four patrolling the corridor outside.

Sheriff Peter Pitchess said eight to 12 telephone callers have threatened to kill Sirhan or his guards.

Sirhan is under treatment for a broken left index finger.

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and a sprained left ankle, both suffered, Pitchess said, in the course of his arrest. He is under care of Dr. Marcus Crahan, the jail psychiatrist, who "possibly" is also giving him psychiatric examinations, Pitchess said.

Sirhan, who was told of Kennedy's death today, has access to newspapers and books and gets occasional exercise in the corridor, accompanied by two guards.

When Sirhan was arrested he had $400 in his pocket and a key to a Chrysler automobile. Kerby has speculated this suggests the assassin may have been "bringing or carrying" the Los Angeles area later the shootings. There also was speculation the $400 may have been given to him by someone after the shooting.

Later it was confirmed Sirhan [illegible] from a horse while working as an exercise boy.

Police said the automobile key fit the ignition of a car that belonged to an employe of the Ambassador Hotel kitchen. But police said the employe was at a hospital with his wife when the shooting took place. Chief Reddin said the employe had been eliminated as a suspect. Another police official said the key may not actually belong to another automobile.

Arab Students Deny Sirhan Was Member

The Organization of Arab Students in the U.S.A. and Canada denied yesterday reports that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was ever a member of the organization.

The group was established in 1963 to further Arab-American friendship and help Arab students adjust to academic life away from home.

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Shot Kennedy Him to Die as Family, Friends Him in a Corridor

By WALLACE TURNER
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 5—A thin, intense man stood on the platform in the glare of television lights. He had come to share victory with those who had helped him win it.

Those who knew him recognized the strain in the 43-year-old nine-inch, 150-pound figure, and in his speech and manners, too.

The microphones didn't work; then the lights for the television cameras were too hot. It was annoying to Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The crowd was noisy, and the candidate for President was eager to thank-thereby those who helped him. He wanted to go to a nearby room for a news conference, and then escape to The Factory, a discotheque, for a celebration party with his friends.

He had spent the day at Malibu in the home of John Frankenheimer, the film director, where he fretted to be away and to have over and done with the agonizing wait for the vote count. Then he had returned to suite 512 in the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard.

Politicians and Reporters

About 50 people were there. Among them was Theodore H. White, who became a famous chronicler of elections by reporting carefully the 1960 election of the brother whose campaign the candidate himself had managed.

When that brother had been assassinated, Teddy White had written a famous interview with the widow that had caused the present campaign to be called an attempt to return to Camelot.

There was also Charles Evers, a Negro leader, whose brother was shot down in the night by someone who opposed his campaigns for equal rights for blacks in Mississippi.

There were politicians, such as Jesse M. Unruh, the Speaker of the California Assembly, who helped to persuade the Senator to offer his candidacy for President. There were also newspapermen, magazine reporters and the entourage that follows Presidential candidates.

Mr. Unruh left the suite first to prepare the crowd for the Senator's arrival. Then the Senator was led to the meeting hall through a kitchen passageway to avoid the crowd.

Kennedy Gives Thanks

Once on the platform, Senator Kennedy named some for whose help he was grateful.

One was Cesar Chavez, the farm union organizer. Another was Rafer Johnson, an Olympic decathlon champion.

Senator Kennedy spoke, too, of Roosevelt Grier, the huge Giant who plays defense for the Los Angeles Rams pro football team. The

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New York Times
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He also thanked Paul Schrade, an official of the United Automobile Workers' Union, and he thanked his wife.

Then he turned to a statement of his campaign aims:

"I think we can end the divisions in the United States. What I think is quite clear is that we can work together in the last analysis.

"And that is what has been going on within the United States over a period of the last three years—the division, the violence, the disenchantment with our society, the division, whether it's between black and white, between the poor and the more affluent, between age groups, or in the war in Vietnam—that we can still come together.

"We are a great country, an unselfish country and a compassionate country. And I intend to make that my basis for running . . ."

His confidence was swallowed into the applause of a crowd that was hearing what it came to hear.

He said, "We want to deal with our own problems in our country and we want peace in Vietnam."

Then, as he was ready to turn away from the microphone, he said:

"So I say thanks to all of you and on to Chicago and let's win there."

He moved slowly down the three steps of a portable stairway to his left and through two doors leading to the kitchen passageway. It was 12:15 A.M., Pacific daylight time.

He started to go through the room to the right to the smaller Colonial Room, which was in use as a press room.

Then Lisa, an 18-year-old senior at Cleveland High School in San Diego, had maneuvered herself ahead of the Senator. She was pushed to one side by the crowd and found herself behind five men. Senator Kennedy was in front of her, reaching across a table to shake hands with a waiter.

The hands never met.

The second man in front of Senator Kennedy, Karl Uecker, a waiter, was carrying a tray. As Senator Kennedy reached for his hand, the tray fell to the floor. Miss Uecker saw Mrs. Kennedy bending over her husband.

In the press room, reporters waited for Mr. Kennedy.

"I saw his head bobbing in the crowd about 25 or 30 feet away," said Robert Healy of The Boston Globe.

"Then there was gunfire. My reaction, like flashes lighted up the corridor."

Men ran for the double doors leading to the corridor. Women screamed and cried.

It was at 12:16 A.M.

At the other end of the corridor stood Karl Uecker, an ordained Lutheran minister.

"I was leaving Senator Kennedy and his wife out of the room. I'm right in front of him. I have my hand on his arm. I have my other hand leading him, Kennedy."

Mr. Uecker thought he heard three shots. (Two police said later there were eight.)

"I considered the danger," he said in his German accent, "I grab him by the neck."

"He was standing there by the corner and he looked like a policeman," by which Mr. Uecker meant the gunman looked like a hotel employe.

Mr. Uecker was aware that Senator Kennedy had fallen to the floor behind him, but he was busy wrestling for the gun.

The Senator was 50 steps from the platform where he had spoken and 15 steps from the press room.

Mr. Healy ran down the passage. He was unable to make his way to Senator Kennedy. He jumped to the top of a stainless steel carving counter and looked down at the Senator.

Paul Houston of The Los Angeles Times burst into the corridor.

"I could see the floodlights on Kennedy as he sank to the floor," he said. "His head was bloody, and his eyes were open, but they looked very glazed."

Mr. Unruh stood on a table in the passage. "Where is the doctor? For God's sake! Get a doctor!" he yelled.

Senator Kennedy lay on his back on the concrete floor, his knees slightly elevated. Someone put what looked to be a pad on the wound at his right ear.

Special officers tried to block off the corridor. Mrs. Kennedy, knelt beside her husband, called out again and again that the space around Senator Kennedy must not be blocked, that he must be given room to breathe.

Members of Senator Kennedy's staff thrust themselves through a row of waiters and kitchen workers who sought to hold back the crowd.

Someone removed Senator Kennedy's coat and opened his shirt. His face was ashen. His right eye was open and his left eye partially opened. Some persons thought he was aware; others thought not.

A rosary was on his chest.

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Slain Senator

Slain Senator's Notebook Is Found to Refer to Anniversary of War

By [illegible]

A notebook found in the Pasadena home of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan had "a reference to the assassination of Senator Kennedy before June 5, 1968," Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, of Los Angeles, said last night.

"The date was the first anniversary of the six-day war in which Israeli forces smashed those of the United Arab Republic, Syria and Jordan.

Sirhan, a 24-year-old Christian Arab, who has described himself as a Jerusalem-born Jordanian, is being held in the shooting of the New York Senator.

Justice Department records indicated that Sirhan came to the United States with his family in January of 1957 as immigrants, less than three months after the Suez war in 1956. Sirhan was 12 at the time.

The family had quickly broken up in discord, the father staying in New York to work as a plumber and then going back to their former Palestine home, the mother taking five children to California, where a sixth child immigrated later.

Sirhan was described yesterday by Police Chief Thomas Reddin of Los Angeles as "very cool, very calm, very stable and quite lucid."

He was quoted as having said,

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[illegible] questioned about [illegible]

[illegible] said that [illegible]

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[illegible] Vietnam, was [illegible] Arab-Israeli [illegible]

"All I know is he is a nice kid," said Sirhan, identifying himself as a brother, declared in a telephone interview from Los Angeles reported by WCBS radio here.

[illegible] owner of the [illegible] said he had [illegible] Sirhan Sirhan [illegible] stock clerk [illegible] employment from last [illegible] until March 7, when [illegible] "because he didn't like what I said about his work."

"He was always with principles," Mr. Weldner said. "He didn't smoke. He didn't drink. He always said he wouldn't lie, that he was emotional. I would [illegible] until a lie. He didn't like to tell lies."

"When he was very young, he saw members of his family and friends killed by Israelis. My personal opinion is that I think he did something to Kennedy because he [illegible] said he would help Israel."

Mayor Yorty and Chief Reddin said that the prisoner, held in $250,000 bail on six counts of assault with intent to commit murder, had been identified through two brothers.

The brothers were identified as [illegible] also known as Joe, and Adel, who has been [illegible] by the finding of a .22-caliber pistol said to have been used in the shooting.

Chief Reddin said that the identification had been confirmed through a set of fingerprints on file in Sacramento in connection with an application by Sirhan Sirhan for a job as an exercise boy for horses at the Hollywood Park Race Track.

The application was made some time ago while Sirhan Sirhan was a student at John Muir High School in Pasadena.

In Washington, the Department of Justice said that Sirhan Sirhan was an alien on permanent resident status, on which he arrived in New York City Jan. 12, 1957.

[illegible] Jordan Embassy [illegible]

[illegible] Sirhan Sirhan, arrived in June, [illegible]

The Jordan Embassy in Washington said in a statement: "We deeply regret that the suspect appears to be someone of Jordanian origin who is a permanent resident of the United States.

"The Jordanian Government strongly condemns this criminal act committed against an outstanding American leader and public servant. King Hussein has already conveyed his sense of shock and genuine sentiments to the Kennedy family."

Federal officials said that an alien on permanent resident status is one who has applied for permission to live in the United States permanently and is entitled to a citizen's privileges of employment. Such permission is most commonly granted when the applicant already has relatives living here or has a needed skill.

In New York, a 30-year-old former Arab News Agency representative in Jerusalem, who came here in 1956 and is now working for a publishing company, said that Sirhan Sirhan's parents separated "right away after they came here."

The father, the journalist said, went back to Jordan, and has a house in Jerusalem as well as a new home he built recently in the village of El [illegible].

Sirhan Sirhan is 5 feet 5 inches and weighs about 120 pounds. His hair is dark and curly. His complexion is swarthy. He speaks English with a slight accent that Chief Reddin reported seemed "Jamaican or Cuban."

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Evening STAR
6 June 1968

ANTI-ISRAEL IMMIGRANT

A Contradictory Picture of Sirhan

By ROBERT WARREN
Star Staff Writer

His family immigrated to the United States in 1957 from the Middle East—that part of the world where the word "assassin" originated centuries ago.

One of his brothers says "all I know is he is a nice kid." His mother says "it can't be true. My son is a good boy. He has caused no trouble."

Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin describes him as "very cool, very calm, very stable and quite lucid."

Religion, Politics

But a woman who worked with him in a California health food store says he was "a fanatic when it came to discussion of religion and politics."

And a co-worker at the Hollywood Park Race Track says he was "violently pro-Jordan and anti-Israel."

Clearly, a picture is starting to emerge of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the 24-year-old Jordanian held in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Maximum Custody

Now under maximum security guard in a hospital ward at Los Angeles County Central Jail, he is charged with a double count of assault with attempt to commit murder.

These charges were filed early yesterday morning, in the wake of the shooting spree which left Kennedy and five other persons wounded. No new charges were filed this morning in the hours immediately following Kennedy's death.

The record shows Sirhan is 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs about 130 pounds, has a swarthy complexion and dirty or dirty blue. He was born [illegible], 1944, in a small village in Palestine.

At the time, the area was ruled by Britain under the League of Nations mandate. With Britain's blessing, Jordan became an independent kingdom in 1946. Two years later the British mandate ended and the first Arab-Israeli war was fought.

Area Under Mandate

After the Jordan-Israeli armistice was signed on April 3, 1949, Jordan kept an enclave of Palestinian territory, including Old Jerusalem and the village where Sirhan lived. Israeli forces took the territory last year in the six-day war that began June 5, a year to the day before Kennedy was shot.

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service show that Sirhan and six other members of his family arrived in this country shortly after another of the seemingly endless string of Middle East military and political crises.

Emigrated in 1957

That was the Suez crisis of 1956. Several months later, on Jan. 15, 1957, Sirhan and four other members of the family arrived in New York City and were admitted to the United States as "permanent residents."

Both the Sirhans, Bishara were the father, mother, four sons and one daughter. Another son came to the U.S. later. The father has since returned to the Middle East and the daughter is dead. None of the others has ever been naturalized.

Sirhan, three of his brothers and his mother have made their home in a white frame

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house on a quiet residential street in Pasadena. The location of the fourth brother is not yet known.

Sirhan's family traces its roots back to a small village called Silvan on the outskirts of Old Jerusalem, located in the West Bank sector seized by Israel from Jordan last June.

Arab sources say there are about 250 persons named Sirhan in the village, all members of branches of the same family.

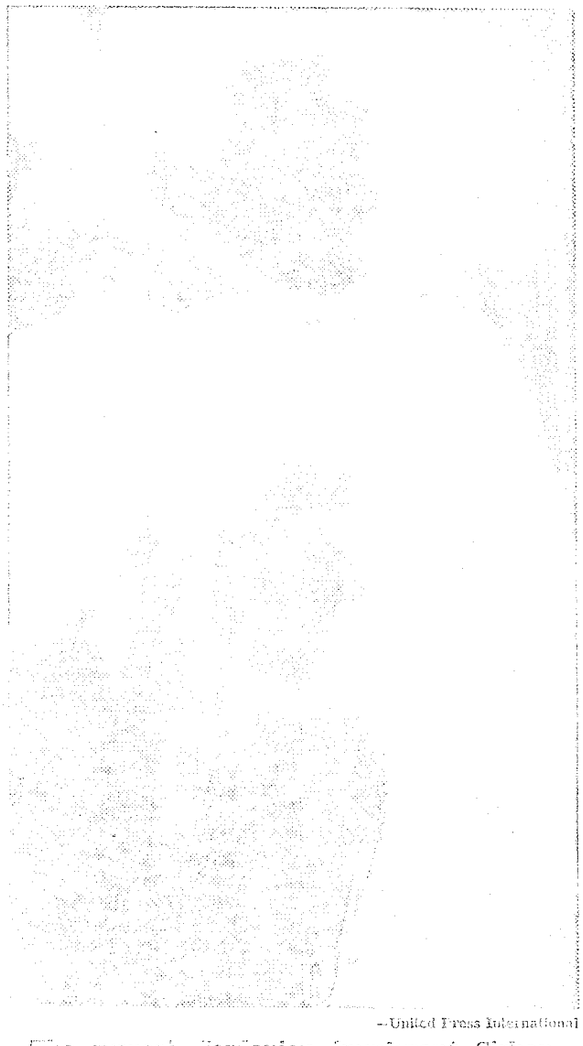
Origin of "Assassins"

It was in that same part of the world, hundreds of years ago, that a secret order of Ismaili Moslems terrorized non-believers. They often were under the influence of hashish, and came to be known as "Hassassins" in a corruption of the word "hashish."

Over the past two decades, Middle East political assassinations have included the violent deaths of numerous government leaders, monarchs and others, including the father of the current king of Jordan, who attempted to seek an accommodation with Israel.

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty yesterday said that when police searched Sirhan following his arrest they found in one of his pockets an article by newspaper columnist David Lawrence on "Kennedy's dove position on Vietnam and his hawk position on the Middle East."

Yorty's press secretary, Tom Jardine, said the column attempted "to show Kennedy's inconsistencies in trying to win votes on all sides of the issue." Also in Sirhan's possession, according to police, was a list of Kennedy's scheduled public appearances in California.



—United Press International

The suspect, Jordanian immigrant Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, is led away from court after his arraignment yesterday.

In his televised debate with Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy last Saturday night, Kennedy said "we have a commitment to Israel" and specifically urged the Johnson administration to send 50 supersonic Phantom jet planes to Israel.

Kennedy, perhaps more than any of the other declared candidates seeking the nomination for the presidency, had been an outspoken supporter of Israeli independence, but virtually all of the candidates have been in general agreement on a pro-Israeli position.

Acting with the permission of Sirhan's family, police yesterday searched the Pasadena home and found two 8-by-12-inch spiral-bound notebooks similar to those used by students.

The notebooks, which Yorty said apparently belonged to Sirhan, contained 38 to 40 pages of handwritten notes and some doodling. Most of the notes were in English, but some were in Arabic, the mayor said.

Comments in Notebooks

He said the notebooks contained [illegible] about assassination [illegible] Israeli [illegible] sentences "urging the support [illegible] to commit [illegible] whether [illegible] and so forth.

Finally, [illegible] there was a [illegible] in one of the [illegible] May 17 [illegible] was "a direct reference to the necessity to [illegible] Kennedy before [illegible]."

These remarks by Yorty, made at press conferences, drew rebukes from both Reddin and Arvo Wirin, chief counsel of the Southern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, both of whom implied that such disclosures might be prejudicial to Sirhan's legal rights.

Sirhan was 16 years old when his family entered this country. He attended [illegible] Eisenhower [illegible] John Muir [illegible] Pasadena and attended Pasadena City College. Records of his high school [illegible] describe him as a good and polite student.

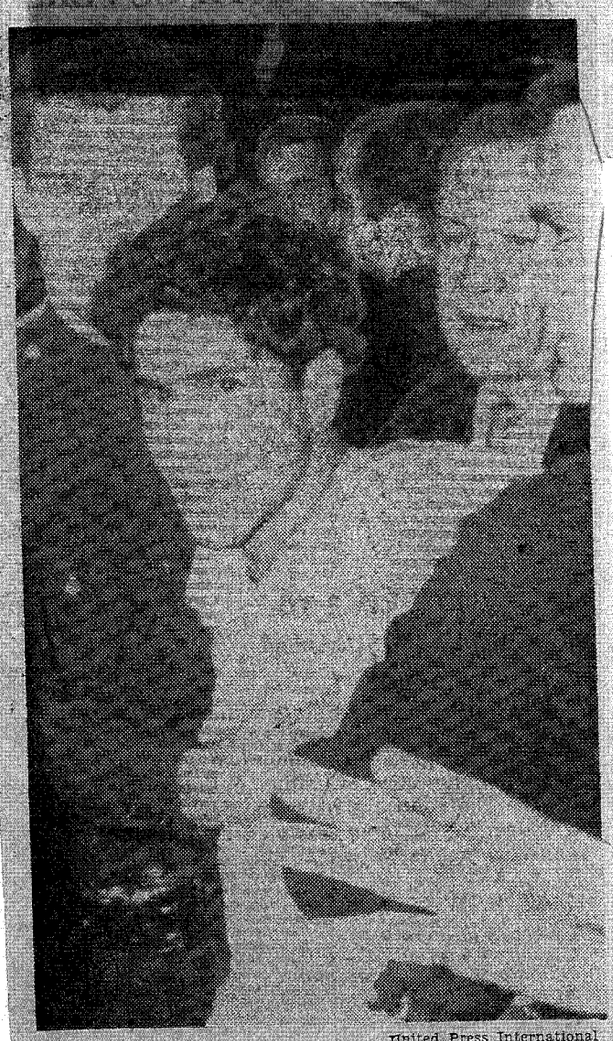
But Frank Colis Jr., who was in the sixth grade with Sirhan, recalled yesterday that "kids picked on him, calling him dirty words. He'd repeat them without knowing what they meant."

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United Press International

THE INSTANT AFTER: Roosevelt Grier, left, Kennedy aide, and others struggling with suspect, center, after shooting. Mr. Grier, professional football player, and Rafer Johnson, former Olympic champion, helped disarm assailant.



United Press International

Sirhan Sirhan, 24, suspect in shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is hustled out of Los Angeles hotel after being subdued. Behind him is Jesse Unruh, speaker of State Assembly and Kennedy's California manager.

First and Last Names Pronounced the Same

The first and last names of Sirhan Sirhan, the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, are both pronounced the same way, according to Arabic speakers familiar with the accents of Jerusalem, where he was born.

A phonetic rendition into English would be "sir-HAHN." Arabs say the middle H sound is guttural and the last syllable ends with a hard N sound.

June 6, 1968

Suspect Is a Jordanian, 24

The Washington Post

6 June 1968

By William Chapman
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 5 — A 24-year-old native of Jordan, described by interrogators as unremorseful and occasionally flippant, was identified by Los Angeles police today as the suspect seized in the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, who lives in Pasadena, refused to discuss the shooting although he talked freely and articulately today about other matters, police said.

According to Police Chief Thomas Reddin, the suspect's identity was traced through the .22 caliber pistol seized after the shooting in the Ambassador Hotel and through fingerprints taken when he applied for a racetrack job.

Police investigators said they had not determined a motive for the shooting and had no evidence the suspect had been hired by anyone. In his pockets, they found a newspaper article critical of Kennedy and four $100 bills.

Reddin said he would not rule out the possibility of a

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conspiracy involving other persons but he insisted there is no evidence now to suggest that one existed.

Reddin said an extensive check had been made of files of subversive organizations, including those representing foreign nationals living in this country. The suspect's name had not turned up in any of those files, the chief said.

Reddin said the case against Sirhan now appears to be so solid that his investigators plan no further interviews. He disclosed, however, that he and the district attorney have agreed that the suspect should be subjected to a psychological test.

Sirhan was considered by acquaintances to be a "virulent anti-Semite," Jerry Cohen of the Los Angeles Times reported.

John H. Wiedner, operator of Organic of Pasadena, a health food chain where Sirhan worked as a stock and delivery boy until April, called him "a good worker, an honest man."

"But he had a lot of complexes, mainly related to Israel," said Wiedner. "He claimed when he was young he had seen some people, maybe some relatives, killed by Israelis.

"Sen. Kennedy said the other day he wanted to help Israel. So I was not surprised . . ."

The same theme was echoed by Dr. Mohammad T. Mehdi, secretary general of the Arab Committee on American-Arab Relations, in New York City.

The Associated Press quoted Mehdi as saying that Sirhan "may have been inflamed" by Sen. Kennedy's backing of the Israeli cause during his TV debate with Sen. Eugene S. McCarthy (D-Minn.).

"It is this disrespect for human Arab person who brings about this kind of violence," Mehdi said. He added that Sirhan was active in the Organization of Arab Students while attending Pasadena State College.

In a formal statement Mehdi said: "We condemn the fact that Senator Kennedy has kowtowed to the Zionist pressure to the detriment of American interest in the Middle East, as we condemn the act of Mr. Sirhan."

A swarthy, slender man Sirhan was arraigned in Los Angeles Municipal Court this morning and then held in the Los Angeles County jail.

According to Lt. Jark Eberhardt, an executive aide to Reddin, interrogators found Sirhan articulate but adamant in his refusal to discuss either the shooting or his political views.

"He's bantering with the investigators at this point," Eberhardt said. "He's flip."

But Eberhardt said that Sirhan talked eagerly about one subject — a sensational local murder case last year in which Los Angeles County deputy district attorney was convicted of killing his wife and her lover. Sirhan brought up the case several times and was interested in whether the convicted murderer, Jack Kirsbke, would win freedom in his appeal.

Sirhan was born March 19, 1944, in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem and entered the United States through New York City Jan. 12, 1957, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He was then classed as a permanent resident, the Service said, but never became an American citizen.

Both his first and last names mean "wanderer" in Arabic.

Sirhan and two brothers, Munir (Joe) and Adel, live with their mother, Mary Sirhan, an employe of a Pasadena church nursery in Pasadena. There are unconfirmed reports that his father returned several years ago to an as yet undetermined Arab country.

Sirhan Sirhan graduated in 1963 from John Muir High School in Pasadena before going to Pasadena State. According to the Los Angeles Times, classmates considered him "polite, clean and an A-1 student."

Munir and Adel Sirhan were being questioned by police late in the day and were described as "cooperative."

Besides Munir and Adel, the suspect has two other brothers named Shacif and Saidallah. A fifth brother is believed to exist but has not been identified so far.

A sister has died since entering this country. Sirhan's father has returned to Jerusalem, police said.

The suspect had ham and eggs for breakfast and ate heartily, police said.

Identification of Sirhan Sirhan — who had refused throughout the night to tell police his name — was announced at a press conference this morning by Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty.

Mayor Yorty, in an off-the-cuff television interview, disclosed during the afternoon that police had found two hand-written notebooks in the suspect's home and said they contained "generally pro-Communist writings."

Yorty said the notebook writings were in favor of Egyptian President Nasser and strongly anti-Israeli and anti-Kennedy.

Yorty also said an article found among Sirhan's belongings in Pasadena declared that Kennedy should not be allowed to live after June 5 (first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war).

Later, Reddin indicated that he thought Yorty should not have discussed the notebooks because they might prejudice the trial of Sirhan.

A fellow worker at Hollywood Park racetrack said Sirhan recently fell off a horse trying to become a jockey. He worked briefly there as a "hot walker," riding sweaty horses to cool them off.

"When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed," the Associated Press quoted John Shear, an assistant trainer as saying. "Since I wasn't interested in politics I would not discuss it. But he was violently pro-Jordan and anti-Israeli."

The arraignment was secret. Sirhan talked informally for several minutes with County Public Defender Richard Buckley. Judge Klein then asked twice: "Do you have a name?"

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OOTING: Senator Kennedy's wife, Ethel, bends over him as a man checks pulse to determine co[illegible]tion

A BULLET REMOVED

Slug Left in Neck by Doctors—Senator Still Unconscious

Text of the medical reports appear on Page 22.

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 5—Senator Robert F. Kennedy fought for life in the Good Samaritan Hospital tonight after a three-hour brain operation.

During the operation, surgeons removed most of a bullet that had lodged in his brain stem when an assassin fired several revolver shots at him a few hours earlier.

His condition was described this evening as "extremely critical as to life." No decisive turn was expected by physicians for at least 36 hours.

The man accused of shooting Mr. Kennedy early this morning in a pantry of the Ambassador Hotel was identified as Sirhon Bishara Sirhan, 24 years old, who was born in Palestinian Jerusalem of Arab parentage and had lived in the Los Angeles area since 1957. Sirhan had been a clerk. Today, he was hurried through an early-morning court arraignment and held in lieu of $250,000 bail.

Sirhan was charged with six counts of assault with intent to murder, an offense involving a prison term of 1 to 14 years.

Defendant Is Silent

Five other persons in addition to the 42-year-old Senator were wounded by the eight bullets from a .22-caliber revolver fired at almost point-blank range into a throng of Democratic rally celebrants surging between ballrooms in the hotel. The shots came moments after Senator Kennedy had made a speech celebrating his victory in yesterday's Democratic Presidential primary in California.

The defendant, seized moments after the shooting, refused to give the police any information about himself. He was arraigned as "John Doe."

Three hours later, Mayor Samuel W. Yorty announced at a news conference at police headquarters that the defend-

BULLET REMOVED FROM BRAIN STEM

Slug Is Left in Neck by Surgeons but Is Not Thought Dangerous

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ant had been identified as Sirhan. He said the identity had been confirmed by Sirhan's brother and a second informant. Mayor Yorty said later today that two spiral-ring notebooks had been found in the defendant's home, one containing a notation to the effect that Senator Kennedy "must be killed by June 5."

There were also entries, the Mayor said, that indicated Sirhan was sympathetic with certain left-wing causes, but no indications that he was a Communist.

The detailed contents of the notebooks were not disclosed.

Senator Kennedy, accompanied by his wife, Ethel, was wheeled into the Good Samaritan Hospital shortly after 1 A.M. after a brief stop at the Central Receiving Hospital. A score of the Senator's campaign aides swarmed around the scene.

Less than five years back many of them had experienced the similar tragedy that ended the life of President John F. Kennedy.

At 2:22 A.M., Senator Kennedy's campaign press secretary, Frank Mankiewicz, came out of the hospital into a throng of hundreds of news people to announce that the Senator would be taken into surgery "in five or ten minutes" for an operation of "45 minutes or an hour."

One bullet had gone into the Senator's brain past the mastoid bone back of the right ear, with some fragments going into the brain stem. Another bullet lodged in the back of the neck. A third and minor wound was an abrasion on the forehead.

It was after 7 A.M. when Mr. Mankiewicz reported that more than three hours of surgery had been completed, and all but one fragment of the upper bullet had been removed. The neck bullet was not removed but "is not regarded as a major problem," Mr. Mankiewicz said.

He also reported that the Senator's vital signs remained about as they had been, except that he was now breathing on his own, which he had not been doing before the surgery. Then Mr. Mankiewicz said:

"There may have been an impairment of the blood supply to the mid-brain, which the doctors explained as governing certain of the vital signs—heart, eye track, level of consciousness—although not directly the thinking process."

Further Surgery Doubted

Senator Kennedy was taken from surgery to an intensive care unit. Mr. Mankiewicz said that "no additional surgery is contemplated at this time."

At 2:15 P.M. Mr. Mankiewicz announced that Senator Kennedy had "regained consciousness and [illegible] a series of medical tests had been conclusive and don't show measurable improvement in Senator Kennedy's condition."

"His condition as of 1:30 P.M. remains extremely critical," the spokesman continued. "His life forces — pulse, temperature, blood pressure and heart—remain good, and he continues to show the ability to breathe on his own, although he is being assisted by a resuscitator."

"We're always hoping for improvement, but I'm not going to say the situation is encouraging or discouraging," Mr. Mankiewicz said in answer to a reporter's question.

The test included X-rays and electroencephalograms.

Mrs. Kennedy remained at the hospital.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy arrived at the hospital at 7:30 P.M., after a chartered plane flight from New York.

A team of surgeons treating Senator Kennedy included Dr. James Poppen, head of neurosurgery at the Lahey Clinic in Boston. He was rushed to Los Angeles in an Air Force plane on instructions from Vice President Humphrey.

Mr. Humphrey and Senator Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota have been Senator Kennedy's rivals in the Democratic Presidential competition.

Traced Through Books

Mayor Yorty said the police [illegible] through [illegible] Adel Sirhan, [illegible] Pasadena. The youth said he had sold it to "a busy-haired guy named Joe" whom he knew only as an employe of a Pasadena department store.

Detectives identified the busy haired man as Munir Sirhan, from him, the trail led to the two other brothers, who have been living together in Pasadena.

Gun Traced by Computer

The snubnosed .22-caliber Iver Johnson Cadet model revolver seized after the shooting was described as having been picked out of a list of 2.5 million weapons registered in California in "just seconds" after the disclosure of its serial number. This was done by a new computer by the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification in Sacramento, according to State Attorney General Thomas Lynch.

The defendant was arraigned at 7 A.M., unusually early, before Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Klein, on a complaint issued by District Attorney Evelle Younger after all-night consultation with the police.

Deputy District Attorney William Ritzi said the case would be presented to the county grand jury on Friday.

The other victims of the shooting were Paul Schrade, 43 years old, a regional director of the United Automobile and Aerospace Workers Union, a prominent Kennedy campaigner; William Weisel, 30, a unit manager for the American Broadcasting Company; Ira Goldstein, 19, an employe of Continental News Service and a resident of nearby Sherman Oaks; Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, 43, of San Marino, Los Angeles County, and Irwin Stroll, 17.

Mr. Schrade, the most seriously wounded of the five, underwent an apparently successful operation at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital today to remove a bullet from his skull.

Mr. Weisel was reported in good condition after removal of a bullet from his abdomen.

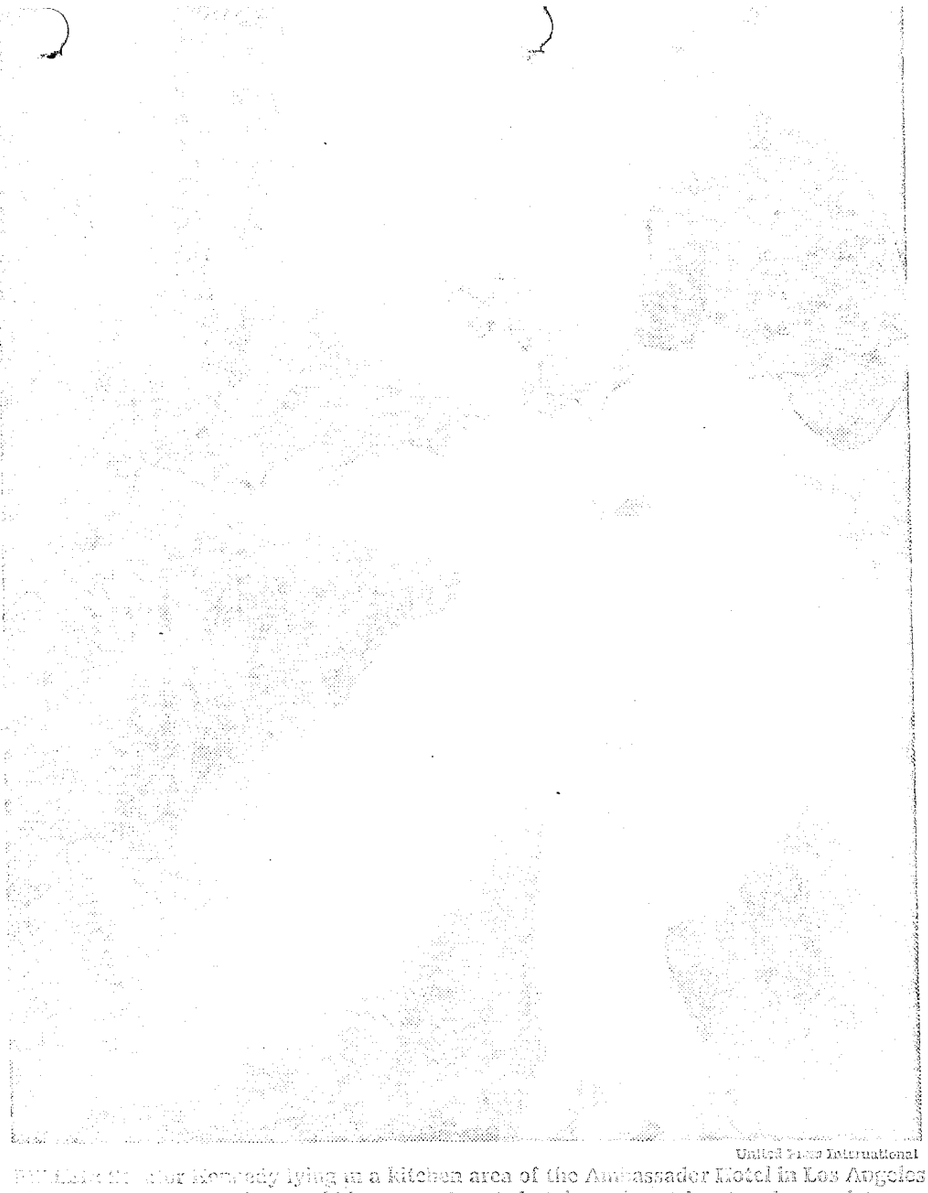
The court complaint against Sirhan charged that "on or about the fifth day of June, 1968, at and in the county of Los Angeles a felony was committed by John Doe, who at the time and place aforesaid, did wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault with a deadly weapon upon Robert Francis Kennedy, a human being, with the intent then and there wilfully, unlawfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought to kill and murder the said Robert Francis Kennedy."

Sirhan was represented at the arraignment by the chief public defender, Richard S. Buckley. He asked Mr. Buckley to get in touch with the American Civil Liberties Union about getting private counsel for him. The request coincided with a telegram to Police Chief Thomas Reddin from the liberties union's chief counsel here, A. L. Wirin, which said:

"Los Angeles police action in this case has been exemplary. But my seeing the suspect may assure that Los Angeles does not become another Dallas, and will further assure that the suspect's constitutional rights will be fully protected."

Mr. Wirin later conferred with the defendant.

The county sheriff's department in a formal statement tonight said that Sirhan had been given a medical examination at the Central Jail and had been found to have a broken left index finger and a sprained ankle. The fracture was set, and the defendant placed in the jail's medical ward.



United Press International

Senator Robert F. Kennedy lying in a kitchen area of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles after being shot by the would-be assassin. A hotel worker tries to give assistance.

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1. BBC BROADCAST HEARD BEIRUT 2029 LOCAL REPORTED ONE SIRHAN SIRHAN, BORN JERUSALEM, HAVING BROTHERS MUNIR AND ADIL, IS PERSON BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. NO BEIRUT OR DAMASCUS TRACES SIRHAN OR VARIANTS.

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STATE/176710 - Person currently held as suspect assassination attempt Robert Kennedy
5 June 1968 tentatively identified as
To Amman

Sharif Bishary SIRHAN
Born in Jordan 19 March 1944
In US as Permanent Resident, INS # A-10-711-881.

In your discretion inform King or senior govt official foregoing but withholding any comment with respect to guilt, political implications.

STATE TEL. Person currently being held by Los Angeles police in connection with
176785 Kennedy shooting tentatively identified as
5 June 1968
TO ME & NAfr.

Sharif Bishary SIRHAN
AKA: Sirhan Bihara SHIRHAN
Born 19 March 1944, Jordan
Entered Port of N. Y. 12 Jan 1957
Believed to have four brothers: Munir, Adel, Saidallah, Sharif

Any info available any post with respect to relationship suspect to any organization or group requested urgently.

DIR-05543 - Orignator CNE/Critchfield. To Amman, Jerusalem, Beirut, Teheran.
5 June 1968 The suspect assassin of Senator Kennedy has been identified as:

Sirhan SIRHAN (FN & LN the same)
of Pasadena, Calif.
Age 23
Has brother Adel SIRHAN who resides 696 E. Howard St. Pasadena.
2PM news said he attended high school in Calif. and fingerprints on which firm identification made were filed as juvenile and made at time he applied for position as exercise jockey at Calif. race track. This suggests SIRHAN established resident. SIRHANS reportedly have Middle East background; and Sirhan SIRHAN has reportedly visited Jerusalem in past. /CI/OP/NE note: No./7

Request immediate traces with follow-up check with local police and security where possible.

DIR-05677 - REF DIR-05543. To Amman, Jerusalem, Beirut, Teheran, Ankara, Istanbul,
5 June 1968 Athens, Kuwait.
Orig: ADCNE/AA:Wolfe. Further to ref: Assailants full name now reported by LNYUMA /CI/OP/NE Note: Later retracted by LNYUMA/as

Sharif Bishara SIRHAN
Sharif Bishary SIRHAN (per LA police)
Naturalized 1965 /later retracted by LNYUMA/
Employed by "Organic Pasadena", 1380 North Lake Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.
Reportedly has four brothers: Adil (Variants Adel, Odel); Munir; Shaidolah (possibly Saidullah); and Sharies (sic).
All four brothers and mother same Pasadena address.
Note usual variants Bishara are with final "h", various uses "A", "I", "U" vowels throughout.
Munir SIRHAN reportedly uses nickname "Joe", suggesting possibly full name Munir Yusif. Note: One card trace on a Joseph BISHARAH reported June 50 as active communist party member Syria.

Excised from this document

DIR-05723 - 5 June 1968 Orig: ADCNE/AA:Wolfe. To Amman, Jerusalem. Further to SIRHAN investigation, from LosAngeles INS records: Subj immigration visa issued 24 Sept 1956 in Amman; application No. 1-113-0888. Visa No. 1669 under Quota PL 203-4(a)(14). Mother Mary Bishara SARHAN, Jordanian Passport No. 142-026 issued 2 July 1956. Fathers address PO Box 4079, Jerusalem. Aunt named Elen HADAWWAR, House of Shaykh YASIN, Jerusalem. No record issuance U.S. passport to Subj or any of family in U. S./ implying he has not left US since original entry 1957. This record search not yet conclusive.

DIR-05728 - 5 June 68 Orign: DC/CI:Hunt. To FBI; White House Situation Room, Attn Secret Service PID; Dept of State, Security & INR; INS. Preliminary search of Agency records negative. We have queried our field stations.

EMBTEL Jeru - 1360, 5 June ConGen had no record of Sirhan Sirhan or family. Ref State 176785

DIR 05609 - 5 June 68 Orig: AF/1:Hammer. To Rabat, Casablanca, Tunis, Algiers, Tripoli, Benghazi, Khartoum, Mogadiscio, Addis Ababa. The suspect assassin has been identified as Sirhan Bachira SIRHAN. Request immediate traces with follow up check liaison.
Note: Negative replies received from Addis; Rabat; Tunis; Mogadiscio; Algiers, Tripoli, Casablanca,

BEIR-2799 - 5 June 68 No Beirut or Damascus traces Sirhan or variants.

AMMAN-6286 - 5 Jun 68 To Dir, info Beirut, Jerusalem, Teheran. Ref DIR-05543. No Station traces Sirhan SIRHAN (aka Sharif Bishary SIRHAN). No Consulate records subject issued visa Amman. Liaison alerted and investigating. Initial liaison records check negative, but one knowledgeable source in local service recalls members family with same name, from Sulwan, Jerusalem District, emigrated to US 8 to 10 years ago. Checks continuing.

6 June 68 - New York Times. The man accused of shooting Mr. Kennedy early this morning in a pantry of the Ambassador Hotel was identified as Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, 24 years old, who was born in Palestinian Jerusalem of Arab parentage and had lived in the Los Angeles area since 1957. SIRHAN had been a clerk. SIRHAN's identify had been confirmed by Sirhan's brother and a second individual. Mayor YORTY said late today that two spiral-ring notebooks had been found in the defendant's home, one containing a notation to the effect that Senator Kennedy "must be killed by June 5". There were also entries, the Mayor said, that indicate Sirhan was sympathetic with certain left-wing causes, but no indications that he was a Communist. The detailed contents of the notebooks were not disclosed. Mayor Yorty said the defendant's identification had come through a brother, Adel SIRHAN, after the police had traced the ownership of the .22-caliber revolver involved in the shooting to a third brother, Munir Bishara Slamaeh SIRHAN, also known as Joe SIRHAN. The weapon was traced through three owners ... and back to an 18 year old youth in suburban Pasadena. The youth said he had sold it to "a bushy-haired guy named Joe" whom he knew only as an employe of a Pasadena department store. Detectives identified the bushy haired man as Munir SIRHAN, from him, the trail led to the two other brothers, who have been living together in Pasadena. ... Sirhan was represented at the arraignment by the chief public defender, Richard S. Buckley. He asked Mr. Buckley to get in touch with the American Civil Liberties Union about getting private counsel for him. The request coincided with a telegram to Police Chief Thomas Reddin from the liberties union's chief counsel here, A. L. Wirin, which said: "Los Angeles police action in /this/case has been exemplary. But my seeing the suspect may assure that Los Angeles does not become another Dallas and will further assure that the suspect's constitutional rights will be fully protected." Mr. Wirfin later conferred with the defendent.

6 June 68 - Washington Post. A 24 year old native of Jordan, described by interrogators as unremorseful and occasionally flippant, was identified by LA police today as the suspect seized in the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, who lives in Pasadena, refused to discuss the shooting although he talked freely and articulately today about other matters, police said. Police investigators said they had not determined a motive for the shooting and had no evidence the suspect had been hired by anyone. In his pockets, they found a newspaper article critical of Kennedy and four $100 bills. Reddin said he would not rule out the possibility of a conspiracy involving other persons but he insisted there is no evidence now to suggest that one existed. Reddin said an extensive check had been made of files of subversive organizations, including those representing

foreign nationals living in this country. The suspect's name had not turned up in any of those files, the chief said. Reddin said the case against Sirhan now appears so solid that his investigators plan no further interviews. /Sirhan was considered by acquaintances to be a "virulent anti-Semite", Jerry Cohen of the Los Angeles Times reported./ /John H. Wiedner, operator of Organic of Pasadena, a health food chain where Sirhan worked as a stock and delivery boy until April, called him "a good worker, an honest man." "But he had a lot of complexes, mainly related to Israel, said Wiedner. "He claimed when he was young he had seen some people, maybe some relatives, killed by Israelis. "Sen. Kennedy said the other day he wanted to help Israel. So I was not surprised.." /The same theme was echoed by Dr. Mohammad T. MEHDI, secretary general of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations" in New York City. /The Associated Press quoted MEHDI as saying that SIRHAN "may have been inflamed" by Sen. Kennedy's backing of the Israeli cause during his TV debate with Sen. Eugene S. McCarthy. "It is this disrespect for the human Arab person which brings about this kind of violence", Mehdi said. He added that SIRHAN was adtive in the Organization of Arab Students while attending Pasadena State College. /In a formal statement MEHDI said: "We condemn the fact that Senator Kennedy had kowtowed to the Zionist pressure to the detriment of American interest in the Middle East, as we condemn the act of Mr. Sirhan"./

According to Lt. Jack Eberhardt, an executive aide to Reddin, interrogators found SIRHAN articulate but adamant in his refusal to discuss either the shooting or his political views. "He's bantering with the investigators at this point", Eberhardt said. "He's flip". But Eberhardt said that Sirhan talked eagerly about one subject - a sensational local murder case last year in which a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney was convicted of killing his wife and her lover. Sirhan brought up the case several times and was interested in whether the convicted murderer, Jack Kirshke, would win freedom in his appeal.

SIRHAN was born March 19, 1944, in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem and entered the US through NYC Jan 12, 1957, according to the Immigration & Naturalization Service. He was then classed as a permanent resident, the Service said, but never became an American citizen. His first and last names mean "wanderer" in Arabic.

SIRHAN and two brothers, Munir (Joe) and Adel, live with their mother, Mary SIRHAN, an employe of a Pasadena church nursery in Pasadena. There are unconfirmed reports that his father returned several years ago to an as yet undetermined Arab country. Sirhan SIRHAN graduated in 1963 from John Muir High School in Pasadena before going to Pasadena State. .. Classmates considered him "polite, clean and an A-1 student." Munir and Adel SIRHAN were being questioned by police late in the day and were described as "cooperative". Besides Munir and Adel, the suspect has two other brothers named Sharif and Saidallah. A fifth brother is believed to exist but has not been identified so far. A sister has died since entering this country. SIRHAN's father has returned to Jerusalem, police said.

Mayor Yorty, in an off-the-cuff television interview, disclosed during the afternoon that police had found two hand-written notebooks in the suspect's home and said they contained "generally pro-Communist writings." Yorty said the notebook writings were in favor of Egyptian President Nasser and strongly anti-Israeli and anti-Kennedy. Yorty also said an article found among Sirhan's belongings in Pasadena declared that Kennedy should not be allowed to live after June 5 (first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war).

A fellow worker at Hollywood Park racetrack said SIRHAN recently fell off a horse trying to become a jockey. He worked briefly there as a "hot walker", riding sweaty horses to cool them off. "When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed", the Associated Press quoted John Shear, an assistant trainer as saying.

6 June 1968 - Evening Star. The record shows SIRHAN is 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs about 120 pounds, has a swarthy complexion and wiry or bushy hair. He was born March 9, 1944, in a small village in Palestine. At the time, the area was ruled by Britain under the League of Nations mandate. With Britain's blessing, Jordan became an independent kingom in 1946. Two years later the British mandate ended and the first Arab-Israeli war was fougt. After the Jordan-Israeli armistice was signed on April 3, 1949, Jordan kept an enclave of Palestinian territory including Old Jerusalem and the village where Sirhan lived. Israeli forces took the territory last year in the six-day war that began June 5, a year to the day before Kennedy was shot.

The family entered the US Jan 12, 1957 as "permanent residents". Incldding Sirhan, these were the father, mother, four sons and one daughter. Another son came to the US later. The father has since returned to the Middle East and the daughter is dead. None of the others has ever been naturalized.

Sirhan, three of his brothers and his mother have made their home in a white frame house on a quiet residential street in Pasadena. The location of the fourth brother is not yet known. Sirhan's family traces its roots back to a small village called Silwan on the outskirts of Old Jerusalem, located in the West Bank sector seized by Israel from Jordan last June. Arab sources say there are about 250 persons named Sirhan in the village, all members of branches of the same family.

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty yesterday said that when police searched Sirhan following his arrest they found in one of his pockets an article by newspaper columnist David Lawrence on "Kennedy's dove position on Vietnam and his hawk position on the Middle East." Yorty's press secretary, Tom Jordine, said the column attempted "to show Kennedy's inconsistencies in trying to win votes of all types of people." Also in Sirhan's possession, according to police, was a list of Kennedy's scheduled public appearances in Calif.

The notebooks, which Yorty said apparently belonged to Sirhan, contained 18 to 20 pages of handwritten notes and some doodling. Most of the notes were in English, but some were in Arabic. He said the notebooks contained "many statements about assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy", other comments of a pro-Arab and anti-Israeli nature and some references "saying the suspect is sympathetic to communism, whether it be Russian, Chinese and so forth." Finally, said the mayor, there was a notation made in one of the notebooks on either May 17 or 18 which was "a direct reference to the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

6 June 1968 - New York Times. Justice Dept records indicated that Sirhan came to the US with his family in January of 1957 as immigrants. Sirhan was 12 at the time. The family had quickly broken up in discord, the father staying in New York to work as a plumber and then going back to their former Palestine home, the mother taking five children to California, where a sixth child immigrated later.

John Weidner, owner of the Organic Health Food Store in Pasadena, said he had employed Sirhan as a $2 an hour stock clerk and deliveryman from last Sept 24 until March 7, when the man left "because he didn't like what I said about his work." "He was a man with principles," Mr. Weidner said. "He didn't smoke. He didn't drink. He always said he wouldn't lie. But he was emotional. He would resent authority. He didn't like to take orders. "When he was very young, he saw members of his family and friends killed by Israelis. My personal opinion is that I think he did something to Kennedy because he (K) said he would help Israel."

The Justice Department said that he had entered the US with his father, identified as Bishara Salameh Ghattas SIRHAN and his mother Mary Bishara SIRHAN. Also arriving at the same time were three brothers, listed as Adel, Shairf and Munir. and a sister, Ayda. Another brother, listed as Saidallah, arrived in June 1960.

In New York, a 39-year-old former Arab News Agency representative in Jerusalem, who came here in 1958 and is now working for a publishing company, said that Sirhan SIRHAN's parents separated "right away after they came here." The father, the journalist said, went back to Jordan and has a house in Jerusalem as well as a new home he built recently in the village of El Taiyiba.

Sirhan has been living with the brother who goes by the name of Joe at 696 East Howard Street in Pasadena, according to Mayor Yorty. The Mayor said it was Joe who owned the gun held to have been used in the shooting, and the brother told police officers he had no idea how Sirhan Sirhan got the weapon.

Mayor Yorty said that notebooks found in the prisoner's home dwelled at length on the Middle East conflict. Yorty said that one notebook "appeared to have been written by Sirhan Sirhan." "There's much scribbling, repeated phrases, many references to Arther Goldberg". "They're not very clear, but there's a direct reference to the necessity to assassinate Kennedy before June 5, 1968. I don't know ~~where~~ why." He does a lot of writing pro-Communist and anti-capitalist, anti-United States. Evidently he was quite pro-Arab in the Arab-Israeli matter. He has 'Long Live Nasser' written in there. "And he said he favors Communism of all types, whether Russian, Chinese and so forth. "It's very difficult to tell from that why he'd want to pick on Kennedy as the one that he made reference to had to be sacrificed for all these grievances."

6 June 1968 - New York Times. Interview with Bishara SIRHAN in Et Taiyiba. Mr. SIRHAN's memories of his son are those of 10 years ago, when he last saw him and his mother. After years of fierce family quarrels, Bishara and Mary Sirhan separated in 1957 and have not seen each other since. Mrs. Sirhan moved to the US and remained there with their five boys. Mr. SIRHAN who lives alone in a two-story stone house in this hillside village on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River ... Sirhan Bishara Sirhan "was an excellent student", his father said. "We have five boys and he was the best of all of them at school. He was such an intelligent boy I had no worries about him. I was sure he would do well." Sirhan Sirhan was the fourth of the sons born to the Sirhans in Jerusalem, where the father was for 22 years the senior Arab officer in charge of the city water supply under the British mandate rule. When their fourth son was born, the Sirhans were living in a small house in the Armenian quarters of the Old City. Though they were Greek Orthodox, they rented their house from the neighboring Armenian convent. Sirhan, along with his brothers, studied in a small school run by the Lutheran Church of the Savior... After the British left Palestine, Mr. Sirhan took a job as a plumber for the Jordanian authorities who assumed control the eastern part of Jerusalem. He held this job until 1957, when, in his words, "there was trouble between me and my wife." "She took the children and went to America," he said. "I haven't seen them since and for years she would not let them write to me. Only two or three months ago I got some letters from my second son, Sandallah, asking me how I was after the war. "He asked about me in the letters", Mr. Sirhan said, "but when I asked about him and his brothers and what their situation was, he stopped writing. I know nothing about them. I don't even know if they have gone to college or served in the army or gotten married or what."

In Washington, the Justice Dept said that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan entered the US in 1957 with his father, identified as Bishara Salameh Ghattas SIRHAN and his mother.

EMBTEL Kuwait 1154 6 June 68 - Check Emb (including CAS) files reveals no trace suspect or anyone of that family name.

REF: JERU 1362

EMBTEL Jeru 1363 6 June 68 - Congen local employee was informed 6 June by fellow member his Christian sect that he knows family of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Said they are Christians from Taybeh and father and mother both in US.

STATE TEL. 178228 6 June 68 - REF: AMMAN 5202. To Amman, Jeru, info Beirut, London, Tel Aviv, USUN. Emb may respond if queried that visa was issued on September 24, 1956 to Sirhan, together with his parents and three other children. For Jeru: INS requests you ascertain from Bishara SIRHAN date he left US.

6 June 68 - Beirut, Kuwait, Teheran, Jidda (who had two card refs to a Mahmud SIRHAN, and an Abdallah Ibrahim SIRHAN), Athens, Istanbul, and Ankara report negative traces.

MEXI-5794 5 June 68 - Mexi will carefully search photos of persons entering and/or leaving Cuban and Soviet embassies and airport coverage data.

EMBTEL TEL AVIV 4001 6 June 68 - Israeli afternoon Maariv publishes interview with alleged father of Kennedy shooting suspect located in village near Israeli occupied Ramallah. ... Reports alleged father returned from US 1960 because unable adjust.

SPEED LETTER from CNE 6 June 68 - To Chief, CI; info: Director of Security. A renent Jerusalem refugee now living near Amman, Jordan has reported that one Walid Muhammed Ahmad SIRHAN from the village of SULWAN near Jerusalem went to USA in early 1968, possibly in March, and is now studying mechanics. Present residence 508 West Franklin, Jackson, Michigan 49201. Since arrival in Jackson has been writing his sister regularly. Has met one Sirhan SIRHAN with whom he has developed a "close brotherly relationship."

CNE Comment: This seems to me to be an important lead. That Sirhan SIRHAN in Pasadena could in three months develop a close relationship with Walid SIRHAN in Jackson, Michigan is an unusual element of this report. I would urge that the FBI be given this and given our rationale as to why it should be pursued. We would of course like to have any material they turn up. /CNE reports info reported in Amman cable, to be abstracted later/

Jordan authorities state family is Christian, not Muslim and with no record of ties with Palestinian terrorists. There is no record that Sirhan SIRHAN has been back in the Middle east since departing as a child of 11 years of age. Comment: As a rule, Christian Arabs have not been active in Arab terrorist organizations such as those of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Thus, there is a point to clarifying this with whatever investigation is being carried out by the FBI and the LA police.

Above passed to L.A. Police by Office of Security -

JX-44306 - 6 June 68 — A usually reliable source has provided the following info on Sharif Bishara SIRHAN:

Subj's father, Bishara Salama SIRHAN, was born in 1913 in Taybeh, a village near Ramallh, He and the family lived in the Christian quarter of East Jerusalem. Subj has four brothers: Sharif, age 36; Sadallah, age 34; Adel, age 28; and Munir, age 20. Subject is 22 years. In 1957 Subj together with his parents and brothers Sharif and Munir and his sister went to the US. Sadallah and Adel joined the family later. Subj's sister died in the US at an unknown date.

Subj's father quarreled with his wife and family about two and one-half years ago over the kind of education the children should have. Subj's father wanted them to have a traditional education, but he was unsuccessful in achieving this and left the family and returned to Taybeh.

According to Subj's father, Subj studied at the Christian School in Jerusalem and was caught stealing at the school. Subj and his brother Sadallah began to use hashish in Jerusalem. They left their father's house and went to Ramallah. Subj's father said that Subj and Sadallah continued to use drugs after their arrival in the US and that they began to drink excessively.

Subj's father knows nothing now about the occupations of any of his sons, except that Sadallah is an electronics technician or gngineer.

Sources report that Subj's brother Adel sent $200.00 to his father on 23 February 1968. The instrument was drawn on the United California Bank and was cashed at or payable to the Discount Bank in Ramallah. The voucher number was 9,088,908.

Source also reports that Subject's mother has a sister named VICTORIA who lives in Amman, Jordan. Victoris is married to Salim NASAR, who owns a grocery store in Amman. Subj's father visited his siter-in-law in Amman ten days ago.

NOTE: The above was disseminated to FBI, White House, Secret Service, State Security and INR, INS, Mr. Rusk and Mr. Clark by DIR-05827, 6 June 1968.
Above Also passed To Los Angeles Police by Office of Security

JERU 2829 - 6 June 68 — Ref DIR 5677. Base contact Michel NAZHA claims to know a Bishary SIRHAN family in Jerusalem Old City. Base officer can attempt contact 6 June but in view para w State 176785 re security precautions pls advise if you desire Base to attempt contact family. No Base traces first names, but have traces on following SIRHANS: Abdallah; Salih Yusuf.

AMMAN 6287 - 6 Jun 68 — Ref DIR 05723. During night 5-6 May NODICE/1 and NOHEART/2 began interviews all Palestinians living Amman names SIRHAN in effort develop info. One lead was Itsaq SIRHAN and son Muhammad who from Sulwan village near Jerusalem and presently living Jebel Ashrafiya in Amman. Itsaq first stated his family and that of Subj ref not directly related but he knew of Subj in following manner.

Itsaq's nephew Walid Muhammad Ahmad SIRHAN, from Sulwan, age 23, went US about three months ago and presently studying auto mechanics at school in Jackson, Michigan. Walid address 508 West Franklin, Jackson, Michigan 49201. Walid writes his sister in Amman often, and since arrival in US wrote that he had made friends with Sirhan SIRHAN. Friendship had ripened into close and brotherly relationship.

Having heard news bulletins re Subj, Itsaq offered suggestion LNHARP might find interview with Walid helpful. Later in night, when NODICE/1 returned to Itsaq to find Walid's sister and get letters, Itsaq and son obviously having second thoughs on getting involved this matter and began change story by saying actually they knew of no contact between Walid and Subject. Finally, in whispered aside to NOHEART/2, Muhammad Itsaq SIRHAN said he would canvass all relatives, try find letters, and report back to NOHEART/2 at noon 6 June.

Other leads being pursued include Ahmad SIRHAN, age about 60, originally from Algeria but long-time resident Jerusalem who presently Amman. Ahmad had record as guerrilla fighter against Israelis 1948 and had home in section near wailing wall which Israelis levelled after June 1967 to make assembly square. Ahmad in brief interview told NODICE/1 he had no relatives in US and did not know Subj family.

NOTE: Above dissemed to community as DIR-05851, 6 June 1968.
NOTE 2. Per Mrs. Roman 17 June, FBI interviewed Walid in Jackson; he denied knowing Sirhan SIRHAN.
See also CWE's Spec Letter based on above, passed To L.A. Police

JERU-2831 - 6 Jun 68 — REF DIR 05677. Have unconfirmed report that father Sirhan SIRHAN living Taiyiba which is family village not Sulwan.

AMMAN-6289 - 6 June 68 — Further investigation by NOHEART/1 and /2:

Full family name is GHATTIS-SIRHAN. Originally from village of Taybeh near Ramallah, Jerusalem District. All family Greek Orthodox and should not be confused with several SIRHAN families in Jordan and Syria who are Muslim. Family always poor, and at some time during mandate most members moved into Nasara (Christian) quarters of old city Jerusalem. Family long depended on church charity to keep going. None of family members has known subversive or criminal record.

Passport department advised that files containing records Mary Bishara SIRHAN, passport 142026, were left in Jerusalem during June war and are presumed intact and under control Israeli officials in Jerusalem.

Some members of immediate family believed still living in Nasara section Old City. Names unknown.

No record Elen HADAWWAR or HADANAH. There is Palestinian HAWADAH family which is of Jewish origin, but cannot determine now whether Elen and Mary belong to that family.

ZAHARAN family in Jordan closely related to GHATTIS-SIRHAN family and elder ZAHARAN males being queried re any knowledge Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN.

NOTE: Above dissemed to community by DIR-5852, 6 June 1968.

DIR-5821 - 6 June 68 — Orig: ADCNE/AA/Wolfe. To Amman. Tel Aviv reports Sirhan's maternal Aunt Victoria married to Amman grocery store operator Salim NASIR...

DIR-5834 - 6 Jun 68 — Orig: CNEAA/J:Sekel. To Jeru info Amman. Refs JERU 2829, JERU 2831. Appreciate suggested followup ref A but view general press interest and fact Israelis investigating, wish you take no direct action...

DIR-5864 - 6 Jun 68 — Orig: NEAA/L:Natsios. To Beirut, Amman, Jerusalem. While no indication Sirhan connected with Arab terrorist organizations, it is a possibility we cannot discount. Beside liaison efforts, assume you will be querying appropriate established unilateral assets.

DIR-5976 - 6 June 68 — Orig NEAA/J:Walters. REF DIR 5677. /The gist of JX-44306 is repeated to Amman, Jerusalem/. LNYUMA now corrects assailants name as Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN vice Sharif Bishara SIRHAN.
Note: This was seen by CI/SPG, Dr. Pendley, ~~xxxxxx~~ prior to CI/OP/NE coord.

DIR-6103 - 6 Jun 68 CI/OP/NE to Lond — Request SMOTH and JAGUAR traces on Sirhan and relatives: Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, V: SHIRHAN, SARHAN; Full family name reported as GHATTIS-SIRHAN Var: GHATTAS-SIRHAN. Sister AYDA, deceased. Father Bishara SALAMA SIRHAN; brothers Sharif born 1932, Sadallah, var. Saidallah, born 1934, brother Adel, vars: Adil, Odel, born 1940; Munir, aka "Joe", born 1948; Mother Mary Bishara; Aunt Victoria NASAR, married to Salim NASAR; Aunt Elen HADAWWAR AKA HADANAH.

LOND-5043, 7 June 68: REF DIR 6103: No Station, SMOTH or JAGUAR traces on any of above.

PARIS-0644 - 6 Jun 68 — UNION/119 has called our attention in connection with assassination of Robert Kennedy to the note passed to our service in Washington and info copy conveyed to her of 28 May 1968. Content as follows:

Planned criminal attacks by Fatah: Fatah has organized a group of terrorists who, with help of anti-Zionist foreign mercenaries, are responsible for carrying out assassination attempts against certain personalities in Europe and in the United States who are morally and materially helping Israel. The action plan of this group is ready and should be implemented in the near future.

UNION/119 stated that this info came from a reliable source and that his service would seek to develop some supplementary info.

DIR-5809 - 6 Jun 68 Orig: E/F/LSN: Augustine. REF Paris 0644. Pls advise immediate when referenced report actually received your office and what disposition made of it. Text cited para 2 ref not yet received here though two reports on same organization received 29 May and 5 June respectively...

PARIS-0661 - 6 Jun 68 REF Paris 0644 and DIR 5809. Ref report received our office Tuesday, 28 May. It was in a routine package of info copies for Station of items passed through UNION/161.... Para two ref A is Station translation. Full text in French follows...

NOTE: Above report dissemed on 7 June 68 per NE/INT:Gordon Barnes as TDCSDB-315/02012-68.

7 June 68 - Washington Post. Mayor Sam Yorty disregarding legal advise to cease talking publicly about the case, claimed today that the assassin had been a Communist sympathizer and was inflamed by communist and pro-Arab agitation. "Evil Communist organizations played a part in inflaming the assassination of Kennedy," Yorty declared. ...SIRHAN, a native of Jordan, came to this country 11 years ago but never has applied for U. S. citizenship.

In another development, police put out a bulletin seeking information on a woman in a white polka dot dress who, according to a witness, left the scene of Wednesday's shooting shouting, "We shot him". One of Mr. Kennedy's campaign workers, Sandy Serrano, 20, said she heard the cry and asked who had been shot. "We shot Kennedy," she said the woman called back. Some other witnesses at the hotel told of seeing the suspect with a girl in a white dress earlier in the evening. Some said there was a third person, a dark young man, with them.

Yorty claimed the notebooks showed that SIRHAN was a"Communist sympathizer". But the mayor acknowledged he had no proof the suspect had been affiliated with any sort of subversive organization. Al Wirin, chief counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern Calif. said today that Sirhan has denied affiliation with any Communist-oriented organizations. Wirin has interviewed him twice in the LA jail while offering him legal aid. Police said Sirhan has not been traced to any subversive organization.

Yorty also revived a prominent local rumor in saying that Sirhan's car once was spotted parked near a building where the local W.E.B. DuBois Club was holding a meeting. The DuBois clubs have been cited as subversive by the U. S. Attorney General's office. Yesterday, Chief Reddin said that a car yo which Sirhan once "had access" was spotted near the building on a night when the club was meeting. Yorty, under questioning by reporters, agreed that it is not known whether the car was Sirhan's. The Mayor had no evidence that the suspect was using the car that night or whether he was in the building. We have no evidence placing him at the meeting, Yorty said.

When Sirhan was arrested he had $400 in his pocket and a key to a Chrysler automobile. Yorty has speculated this suggests the suspect may have been "thinking of leaving" the LA area after the shooting. There also was specualtion the $400 may have been a payment by someone else for the shooting. Later it was confirmed Sirhan had recently won a court judgement from Hollywood Park race track in connection with a suit filed after he fell from a horse while working as an exercise boy.

Police said the automobile key fit the ignition of a car that belonged to an employe in the Ambassador Hotel kitchen. But, police said, the employe was at a hospital with his wife when the shooting took place. Chief Redding said the employe had been eliminated as a suspect. Another police official said the key may actually belong to another automobile.

The Organization of Arab Students in the USA and Canada denied yesterday reports that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was ever a member of the organization. The group was established in 1952 to further Arab-American friendship and to help Arab students adjust to academic life away from home.

7 June 1968 - Washington Post. Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, the 24 year old accused assassin of Kennedy is a Jordanian by descent, a Greek Orthodox Christian by religion, a Palestinian by birth, and a resident of the US by choice. He appears to be a man of no nationality. Five feet five inches tall, 120 pounds in weight, curly-haired, swarthy, speaking with a slight continental accent, Sirhan was described today by a former employer as "opposed to the Vietnam war, in favor of riots - but not a member of any group. He was a very proud man. He wanted to be recognized by the world."

None of the legions of journalists and policemen looking into the background of the accused has been able to unearth close friends or associates. Apart from Sirhan's immediate family, WEIDNER (his former employer) is - to date- the best disinterested witness. He said Sirhan hated Jews, an apparent legacy from the 1948 Palestine war when Sirhan said he saw Arabs killed by Israelis. Weidner said Sirhan "liked the law - and the courts." He gave this account of a dispute with Sirhan, which ended in termination of employment. The dispute arose over a delivery schedule. Weidner had none opinion, Sirhan another, and it ended when Sirhan called his boss a "liar". Then he quit. Shortly thereafter, Sirhan demanded $300 severance pay, which Weidner refused. Sirhan insisted on taking the matter before a California labor commissioner. Weidner agreed and an April 24 Los Angeles Labor Commissioner heard the case. He found for Weidner.

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service give his birth date as March 19, 1944 in Jordan. He arrived in New York City with his father, Bishara Salameh Ghatas SIRHAN and his mother, Mary Bishara Sirhan, three brothers and a sister, on Jan. 12, 1957. The family apparently moved shortly thereafter to Pasadena, where Sirhan attended the John Muir High School. He is said to have been a good student, a member of both the junior and senior councils, and a member of the ROTC. A classmate has described him as "polite, clean, and an A-1 student." The classmate, Christian Ek, 23 a Swede,said in Stockholm that Sirhan "dreamed of being something big in Jordan." In Saigon, another classmate, Lt. William A. Spaniard, 24 of Pasadena described Sirhan as "brilliant. He was studying Russian while everyone else was barely getting by in Spanish and English."

The charge of pro-Communism has been made, but not proved. Weidner said that Sirhan spoke of America as "not really the place of freedom." Was it better in Russia or China, Weidner asked? "One day, maybe", Weidner said Sirhan replied. Los Angeles police have said publicly and privately that there is no evidence to support a charge that Sirhan was a Communist.

Mayy SIRHAN, the mother, and Bishara Salameh Ghatas SIRHAN, the father, are separated. The mother still lives in Pasadena, the father according to one newspaper account - returned to Jordan almost immediately after arriving in the US.

7 June 1968 - Washington Post. Interview with Sirhan's Father in Jordan. He received reporters in his new two-story house in Taibeth, a village 20 miles northeast of Jerusalem. A short, slight, clean-shaven man, the father was neatly dressed in a Western-style dark suit and matching tie. On his head he wore the traditional flowing Arab headdress. The Senator's accused killer, 24 year old Sirhan SIRHAN, is the youngest of five children. He grew up in Jerusalem where the family lived until they emigrated to the US in 1957, when Sirhan was 13.

After a quarrel with his wife, May, the elder SIRHAN returned to Jordan in 1960. He said he last saw his son three years ago on a visit to the US and knows nothing of his political beliefs. He said the boy went to a Lutheran school in Jerusalem and the family belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church. On the wall of his house there is an inscription in Arabic which reads: "Jehovah the High, You gave me happiness in the world. Give me eternal life. You are the only God and nobody shall be worshipped before you." The father, who chainsmoked cigarettes during his meeting with newsmen, said that during the British mandate in Palestine he was a senior inspector in the public works department. The family's finanical situation deteriorated in the early '50s and this prompted the move to America. His house, where he lives alone, is situated in the northeast corner of Taibeh. The village is inhabited by about 4000 Arabs, most of them Christian.

7 June 1968 - New York Times. In the class records of the Jerusalem Evagelical Lutheran School for 1951-52 there is an entry for a 6-year-old first grader named Sirhan SIRHAN. The grades are uniformly high... What the records do not whoe, Salim AWAD, the headmaster of the school who was Sirhan's teacher, said in an interview today, is what went on at home. The father and mother had terrible fights, and the children suffered as a result. Their father beat them, and drove the two oldest boys to desperation. Finally they moved out and lived by themselves.

Mary and Beshara SIRHAN met and married in Jerusalem and their children were born in a small house in the Musrara Quarter, in the sector of the city that became Israeli after the war in 1948. As it did so many other families in Palestine, the war uprooted the Sirhans. The father lost his job with the city water supply and the family lost nearly all of its possessions when it fled to the Arab sector and settled in the Old City.

The Sirhans - there were seven of them at this point - moved into two rooms on the street level of an old stone house on a street that runs between the Jewish and Armenian Quarters of the Old City. Four other families, three Christian and one Moslem lived in the other part of the house... Sirhan was the fourth of five sons. His brothers were Sharif, Saidallah, Adel and Munir, and they had a slender, sickly sister, Ida..../More details on poverty, reliance on church for food, etc./

A cousin, Mrs. Helen ODE, whose mother was a sister of Mary Sirhan's mother, recalled her cousin's dominance over her fourth son. Sirhan was always with his mother, she said, in a conversation in the Old City home. "She never let him out of her sight..."

In 1956, for reasons that are not entirely clear, Mrs. Sirhan began to drift away from the Church of the Saviour... The next year, the Sirhans made their move to the United States, apparently under the sponsorship of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Authoritative sources said today that agency had paid part of the expenses of the move, though a top official of the agency here refused to confirm or deny the report.

The final break in the Sirhan family came while it was in the United States. After the separation, the father returned to Jerusalem and four years ago moved to the village of Et Taiyiba, seven miles northeast of the west-bank touwn of Ramallah, where he was born 53 years ago.

7 June 1968 - New York Times. Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN always meant to go back to Jerusalem some day, Linda Massri said last night outside the cottage here (Pasadena) where Sirhan lived with his mother and two brothers. "The whole family hoped to return to Jordan together and reclaim their lost land - that was their dream and that's why most of them didn't become American citizens." she said.

Sharif SIRHAN, who is said to be 30 or 31 years old, his brother Adel 29 and their mother, have kept the silence...The suspect lived quietly, almost obscurely, with his mother, Adel and a younger brother Munier, who is 20 years old and is sometimes called Joe. The house is estimated to be worth about $15,000.

A 28 year old Syrian woman, whose name is withheld, is a member of the American Arabs, a youth offshoot of the United American Arab Congress of Southern California in Hollywood. She said Sirhan, Adel and Sharif had all attended meetings of the group during the Arab-Israeli war, but that they were not members. There is no Arab youth group in Pasadena except for Arab Students at Pasadena City College. Sirhan attended that college for two years, 1964-66 and was a member of the Arab student group. There is a larger Arab community in Los Aggeles, numbering perhaps 20,000 persons, ~~xxxx~~ with its own newspaper, and some mebers of the Sirhan family were known to it. Adel, the most gregarious of the brothers, was a frequent visitor to the Arab-American gathering spot in greater Los Angeles.

7 June 1968 - Evening Star. ..Sirhan also received at his request two philosophical books - "The Secret Doctrine" by H. P. Blavatsky, and "Talks at the Feet of the Master" by C. W. Leadbetter.

7 June 1968 - New York Times. Woman is Sought in Kennedy Death. In the bulletin transmitted to law-enforcement agencies the LA police said they wanted to question a Caucasian female, between 23 and 27 years old, five feet six inches tall, who had been observed at the assassination scene wearing a blue voile dress with white polka dots and a bouffant coiffure...

Police spokesman said two clues suggesting possible involvement of other persons had been unproductive. One was an ignition key found in Sirhan's pocket that fitted a car parked near the hotel owned by a hotel kitchen employe. Detectives interrogated the employe, who was not identified, but established no link. They said it apparently had been a case of a worn key that just happened to fit the hotel worker's car.

The other possible clue concerned four $100 bills found in the defendant's pocket, raising the possibility that he had been hired to shoot the Senator. The police classified this as quite inconclusive, since Sirhan was known as thrifty and had recently collected an insurance settlement for an accident.

AMMAN-6294 - 7 Jun 68 NOHEART/1 and /2 interviewed son and nephew of Sirhan's Aunt Victoria most of day 6 June. Sources agree on bio data as follows:

Sirhan mother named Mary Yaqub MUZHIR, born Jerusalem. Went to US with children in 1957 with help Lutheran Church Jerusalem although family Greek Orthodox.

Father Bishara Ghattis SIRHAN born Taybeh. Farmer, aged about 55. Went several times to U.S. and either he or family members accumulated enough money in U. S. to enable Bishara return Taybeh 1960 and build home for 13,000 Jordan Dinars. /Note: 1 JD equals $2.80 ~~xxx~~ 13,000JD: $36,400.00/ Bishara returned to U. S. for while, but came back to Taybeh 1962 and has lived there since as landlord and farmer. Bishara mother, name unknown, lives Taybeh with him.

Sirhan four brothers all in US. Sources believed Sharif and Sa'Dallah went four or five years ago; Adil and Munir went earlier. In Jordan, Sharif worked for Wafa Dajani Company as accountant. In Jordan Sa'dallah was house painter.

Sirhan's sister Ayda died in US about 3 years ago. Was single, aged about 30.

Paternal uncles to Sirhan: Habih SIRHAN is farmer in Taybeh. Hanna Ghattis SIRHAN believed to have died in U.S. many years ago. Paternal aunt, name unknown, died during mandate days.

Maternal uncles to Sirhan: Shukri MUZHIR, about 55, has long been in Amman hospital suffering from chest ailment. Theodore MUZHIR, about 53, lives Amman and works for British Embassy as driver. Third uncle, name ~~x~~unknown, died ten years ago.

Maternal aunts: Victoria MUZHIR married to Amman grocer Salim NASIR. Re DIR 5821, father Bishara visited Aunt Victoria in Amman about fifteen days ago. Aunt Elen MUZHIR married to Hanna HADDAWAR, a carpenter. They live in Christian quarter Old City Jerusalem. Aunt Julia MUZHIR is widow living Beit Jala, was married to fnu DAHDEL. Aunt Naifa MUZHIR died two years ago. Was married to Ibrahim AWAD and lived Beit Safafa. Ibrahim is retired, was driver.

No relatives known to be living in Israel. No known connections immediate family members with political groups or fedayyin organizations. Son and nephew of Aunt Victoria volunteered all above info and said in talking with family members they unable find any clue about why Sirhan turned assassin....

Re AMMAN-6287, Muhammad Itsaq SIRHAN returned NOBASE headquarters morning 6 June and asked see NOHEART/2. Told he was out and would be back about noon. Muhammad left saying would see no one else. NOHEART/2 will recontact Muhammad, but doubts he will shed much light on investigation since it has been established that Muslim Sirhan and Christian Sirhan families not directly related and know little of each other.

NOTE: The above was dissem'd to community as DIR-06330, 7 June 1968

PARIS-0685 - 7 June 68 — REF PARIS 0661. UNION/119 now realizes that their pouch to UNION/161 was held up by the recent strike including Air France... UNION/119 states they have confirmation of exactly the same information as contained in ref from another source. Unfortunately, both sources have no details.

CONTEL JERU-1374, 7 June 68 - REF State 178228. Vice Consul interviewed Bishara SIRHAN briefly at his Taybeh home afternoon June 7. SIRHAN said he last departed US by air from New York March 11, 1966. Lebanese entry stamp in his Jordanian passport dated March 12, 1966 tends confirm statement. On prior trip he departed US about May 27, 1963, returning there from Jordan via NYC May 5, 1964, entering on Alien Registration Card rather than visa.

SIRHAN made only one reference to his family, saying all members including wife were now in US.

EMBTEL Paris 15855, 7 June - Subj: Blond in Kennedy Case. Congen Nice reports following info possibly pertinent to search for blond mentioned in Kennedy assassination:

(a) Lina El MIKTADI, Lebanese UN guide, 5'5", 120 lbs. very blond, born Baghdad, 25 years old, allegedly violently anti-Jewish, spat on Israeli Ambassador UN after June 67 war, visitied Beirut last Fall, contract ended with UN May 28.

(b) Her father was reportedly captured by Israelis one year ago and is in Tel Aviv prison, member of Al Fatah.

(d)(d)(e) Brother reportedly crippled by Jewish underground. Cousin also UN guide. Boss in UN was Maurice LIU, Chief Public Ino Section UN.

8 June 1968 - Washington Post. Los Angelese detectives are searching for three Arabic speaking men who reportedly were seen in Kennedy's political headquarters two days before he was assassinated, it was disclosed today. Police also said that a pretty 19 year old brunette, who claims she was the woman in the polka dot dress wanted in connection with the assassination had been questioned and released.

Earlier today it was disclosed that Los Angeles detectives were searching for three Arabic-speaking men who reportedly were seen in Kennedy's political headquarters two days before he was assassinated. The men were overheard by a Kennedy campaign worker who happens to speak Arabic and who told police he heard one man say: "If we can't catch him today (Monday) we can catch him tonight."

The witness was identified as W. J. WOOD, 43, a geologist who had spent five and a half years in Saudi Arabia and who had been working in the Kennedy campaign at the Wilshire Boulevard headquarters. According to police, WOOD said none of the three appeared to be Sirhan B. SIRHAN, the Arabic-speaking Jordanian nationalist accused of murdering Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel early Wednesday morning. Police spokesmen would acknowledge only that they regarded WOOD's story as "interesting". They were quick to point out that SIRHAN was not identified as one of the three men and that there was no more than the cryptic comment to suggest any complicity in the shooting.

NOTE: W J WOOD (initials only, no given names) is the subject of 201-339605. He was of operational support interest to the Jidda Station at one time, but no indication in file he was ever used. Jidda reports that WOOD does not know Arabic. See cable below. We decided not to report this to FBI because it does not now appear the police are actively interested in WOOD's account. Will be prepared to do so, however, should this become evident.

8 June 1968 - New York Times. Mr. Wood, 43, who recently spent five years in Saudi Arabia, was quoted by The Los Angeles Herald Examiner as saying: "They began speaking in a distinct Jordanese dialect. One of them said: 'He won't be in the hotel tomorrow night, but we can get him there the next night". The next night was Tuesday when Senator Kennedy was fatally wounded shortly after midnight. Inspector Hagen pointed out that the phrase "we can get him" could have had an innocuous meaning. He suggested the police did not attach major importance to it, among scores of leads being pursued. But he acknowledged that the identity and whereabouts of the three were being investigated.

The police reported today that they had discovered a car belonging to Sirhan only about a block from the Ambassador Hotel, where it had apparently been since Tuesday night. The car is a 1956 DeSoto painted pink and white. Officers said a key found in Sirhan's pocket Tuesday night fitted both the car door and ignition switch.

8 June 1968 - Washington Post. Jerusalem June 7. The Israeli police today transferred to the FBI, through Interpol, a dossier on the Sirhan family that describes the environment and childhood experiences of Sirhan Beshara SIRHAN..From the dossier it appears that Sirhan never visited Jerusalem since he emigrated to the United States in 1957 and that he is completely estranged from his father and other members of his family here. In the meantime, friends and members of the family denied American newspaper reports that Sirhan witnessed Israeli atrocities in his childhood. His mother's sister told reporters that Sirhan had never encountered Israelis. And, although the family moved because of economic circumstances, after the 1948 war into a different house in the former Jewish quarter of the walled Old City, his aunt said they were not refugees like so many other Palestinians.

Additional information obtained also shows that under a facade of politeness and meekness, Beshara Salameh SIRHAN, the father of Sirhan, is a complex individual given to fits of temperament, neighbors remember that he used to beat his children. Friction in the family may have influenced Mrs. SIRHAN to leave for the US in 1957. She was reportedly assisted in this act by the Jehovah Witnesses sect with which the family has some association although they are members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

When the children went with Mrs. Sirhan, her husband filed a divorce suit in the Greek Orthodox religious court. He withdrew it after deciding to go to the United States himself the next year. But Beshara Salameh SIRHAN actually never joined his family in California and lived most of the time in New Jersey. He and his wife later separated and he now lives in Taibeh village, 20 miles from Jerusalem.

8 June 1968 - Washington Post. Sirhan Injury in Fall Cited. Sirhan B. SIRHAN, won a $2000 settlement four months ago for head injuries he received in a fall off a horse. SIRHAN was working as an exercise boy at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch near Corona, Calif. owned by Bert ALTFILLISCH when the fall occurred Sept. 25, 1966, according to records of the State Industrial Accidents Commission.

Dr. Milton Miller, a Corona opthalmologist who examined Sirhan in his office on Nov. 8 and Dec. 20, 1966, said the Jordanian immigrant complained of pain and blurred vision, but siad his examination showed "visual acuity was normal in both eyes and the eyes looked healthy." Miller said when he refused to write a letter verifying an eye disability, SIRHAN telephoned him and threatened the doctor had "better do what he told me to or he was 'gonna git' me, or I 'would be sorry' or something to that effect." SIRHAN subsequently filed a disability complaint for workmen's compensation on July 10, 1967 and hearings were held Oct 2, 1967 and Feb 8, 1968.... However, the neurosurgeon, Dr. Forrest Johnson, indicated there was not way to tell if a man's complaints of head injuries were bona fide. He said a doctor really can't discount a man's complaints of headache, so we settled the claim for $2,000.

Officials disclosed that Sirhan received at his request - but barely read - two theosophical books, "The Secret Doctrine" by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, and "Talks On 'At the Feet of the Master'" by C. W. Leadbeater. The books are the works of leaders in the theosophical movement - a body of thought claiming special knowledge of divine wisdom. Some theosophists looked on India as the source of all wisdom and most espoused the Indian doctrine of reincarnation.

In Flagstaff, Ariz., police Capt. Jean Slayton said a Sirhan Munir Bishara SIRHAN, 18, of Pasadena, Calif., pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge May 16, 1966 and served 15 days in jail. When arrested, Sirhan was accompanied by another man. They were driving a 1957 automobile with Indiana license plates. At the time he was penniless.

MUNI-3526 - CATUSK advises they have no traces on Sirhan.
8 Jun 68

SINGAPORE 3359, 8 June - To Dir info Hong Kong. Following info obtained by Embassy duty officer morning 8 June from apparently responsible young American who called at Embassy to volunteer written statement:

On 17 May 1968, while enroute to Teheran, Iraqi Airways booked my wife and I at Ambassador Hotel in Baghdad. We spent most of evening in hotel, where we had dinner. In dining room, we were alone except for our waiter. During meal, waiter asked us if we had heard Senator Robert Kennedy had been shot, in the head, that same day (17 May). Waiter claimed, in broken English, to have heard the report on a special government radio broadcase. We pressed waiter for details, but he claimed to know nothing more than that Sen. Kennedy was not yet dead. Waiter then obviously wanted to break off discussion this subject. Before leaving dinner room, waiter said problem in America and the world is "the Jew". Waiter implied American policies guided and supported by Judaism.

John A. SWEDE, Passport No. F-248994, 1631 Camden Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. His wife is Elisabeth C. M. SWEDE, nee Elisabeth Conradine M. Fabery DEJONE, who is travelling with Dutch passport K-888793. The Swedes are honeymooning, will remain Singapore until 9 or 10 June when they leaving for Hong Kong. Plan to be back in Los Angeles by 20 June.

Unfortunately, duty officer failed to get local hotel address. We are trying to track down. In meantime, request file traces both Swede and wife, check of FBIS for alleged special government radio broadcast Baghdad approx 17 May.

NOTE: Above dissemed to community as DIR-06680 and 06681, 8 June 68. We have no identifiable traces on SWEDE or his wife. Sing advised by DIR6695, 8 June
NOTE: Above forwarded by Amembassy Singapore 11 June, by Sing 2210.

AMMAN 6296 - 8 Jun 68 - GODNICK met local SMOTH Chief 7 June at latter's initiative, to discuss SIRHAN undle Theodore MUZHIR, listed by NOHEART/1 as SMOOTHER driver. SMOTH chief stated Theodore actually his personal dirver. Debriefing of Theodore by SMOTH Chief had confirmed much of family into reported AMMAN 6294, plus following:

House and property in Taybeh inherited by Bishara SIRHAN from his mother, not acquired or built as result any financial affluence on Bishara's part.

Bishara has history of bad temper and occasional violence toward his family, as indicated in CONGEN Jeru Tel 1374. Theodore stated Bishara occasionally hit his wife Mary. 15-20 years ago Bishara beat Mary so badly she hospitalized. Theodore went to see her, met Bishara, and they fought. Theodore advised Mary have nothing more to do with Bishar, and since then relations between maternal side of family and paternal side, especially Bishara, have been very strained.

Emigration of Mary and children to USA and fact Bishara never settled in USA with them, directly related to Bishara bad temper.

Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN had fifth brother who died at unspecified age and time.

SMOTH chief most anxious avoid any publicity on fact Theodore is SMOOTHER, especially SMOTH, driver. He offered let GODNICK debrief Theodore (which GODNICK declined) or service any requirements LNHARP might have.

9 June 1968 - New York Times. Pasadena. The SIRHAN family led a checkered religious life from the time it arrived here in late 1957. Having been brought to this country under the auspices of two families who were members of the First Nazarene Church here, Mrs. SIRHAN, three of her sons and a daughter, attended that church only briefly. ... Bishara SIRHAN, the father, stayed here with his family only a few weeks before his return to Jordan, according to family friends. Mrs. Sirhan then took her four children to the First Baptist Church here. The suspect attended Sunday School and youth meetings there and the church in 1961 sponsored the immigration of his two elder brothers Saidallah and Sharief. ...

Some acquaintances said Sirhan was a Rosicrucian, a mail-order mysticism based in San Jose. Yesterday in jail Sirhan asked for two books on theosophy, a religious association with mystical overtones whose current leader is J. Krishnamurti.

9 June 68 - Washington Post. Interview with Beshara SIRHAN in Taibeh. ... Today he was eager to talk about everything, especially his youngest son, Sirhan whom he has not seen for more than eight years. His English is fluent, although from time to time he stops in order to search for a word...

Talking about his son Sirhan's experience with Israelis, Sirhan admitted that his son had actually never seen any Israeli soldiers. He was less than four years old when the family moved from their house in St. Paul's Street in the Musrara quarter to the walled Old City of Jerusalem. They had moved out at the advice of the British mandate authorities who feared that they might be hurt in the battle that was raging near the Musrara quarter. ... The father said he kept up with his family in America through his second son, Saidallah, with whom he corresponds regularly. He had not had any mail from young Sirhan for many years and did not write to him. He heard about him through the letters of Saidallah.

9 June 68 - ...But is Sirhan a very special person? Was it private anguish that moved him; and if so, what fed his hatred? Or is he linked with the numberless groups of extremists and fanatics in America or the Middle East? Since the news reached Israel at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday that the man accused of the assassination was Jerusalem-born, the Israeli Secret Service has been trying to discover if any fanatical Arab underground movement was behind the killing. So far, agents have drawn a complete blank. Their main lead was Sirhan's father, Bishara, who lives in a modest home at the village of Taibeh... The father was, he proudly tells everyond, a "chief inspector" in the old British Public Works Department in Jerusalem. He was, in fact, a senior mechanic. Under both the Jordan administration and for the past year under Israeli rule, the family had had "no trouble, no blacklisting for anything, no political or extreme views, completely harmless," according to a security source.

The security checkup then turned to possible associates in Israeli-controlled territories. Here again a blank was drawn. The name Sirhan simply does not appear on any blacklist. There have been reports of the existence of an ultra-secret and fanatical Arab murder gang - modelled on the old Jewish "Stern Gang" - with cells abroad, particularly among extremist Arab students. This hypothetical organization apparently aims to exterminate foreign politicians friendly with Israel. But there is no evidence for this, and a high-ranking Israeli security source responsible for uncovering Arab underground activities anywhere in the world said simply, "We would have known of it, but we don't." ...

... Other friends claim that the passage, also, was assisted by the Jehovah's Witnesses. The father's present relationship with the sect is unclear. The Jehovah's Witnesses have been banned in Jordan for nine years, but they still proselytise fiercely. According to the Mukhtar of Taibeh, the father is supported by the sect - though why, is unknown. According to Mukhtar Muaddi, it was money from the sect that helped the father build his new ten-room stone villa in Taibeh overlooking groves of almond and olive trees - a house that must have cost around $12,000. All this, the father denies. ...

The Pasadena police kept a "red flag file" on Sirhan. All it meant was that if he ever got into trouble, they had a file they could pull out which listed every contact he had with the law. We have seen the file, and all it proves is that Sirhan was a boy who was quarrelsome and had been on the edge of trouble a few times without really getting into hot water. There are no criminal charges, only a dreary catalogue of trivial entries. Twice he reported a bicycle stolen: once when he was 14 and once when he was 18. Twice there were complaints that he was causing a disturbance - the last time on March 7 this year, the day he was sacked from his last job. Once he lodged a complaint himself.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan landed in New York on Jan. 12, 1957 with his mother, his sister Aida - who died of cancer last year - and three brothers: Sharif, Adel and Munier (the fourthe, Said Allah, arrived in 1960). The father, who joined them a few months later, stayed in New York, where he found work as a plumber and the mother took the children to California, where she got a job as a children's nurse.

But the father stayed in America for only three years and lived with his family in Los Angeles for only a short time. He says he came back to Jordan to look after his mother, aged as far as anyone can tell about 90, who had fallen ill but refused to go to American

... Somehow, something went wrong with the neat dark boy with the neat white shirts and his big dreams. The details are missing but one senses a situation where the boy who wants to make good is dragged back by bad company. For Sirhan, the bad company seems to have included at least two of his brothers -- the brothers the 7-year old Sirhan had so desperately wanted to beat. The brother with whom Sirhan bought the gun, Munir, was well-known as "Joe" in half-a-dozen seedy Hollydood night clubs frequentdd by Arabs and other immigrants from the Eastern Mediterranean.

This world of the Hollywood night spots exercised its pull on Joe early; several times he ran away from school. Police thought he had been "shacking up with older chicks" and he has subsequently been up on a narcotics charge involving marijuana.

Another brother, Sharif, got into more serious trouble according to Pasadena police. He got a year on probation for attempted murder: a lenient sentence, considering he is said to have sawed through the brakes of his girl friend's car.

...His boss, a Dutch former resistance fighter, trusted him with large amounts of money, but ultimately found him impossible to employ. "He was a man of principle. He didn't drink, said the employer. But he was emotional. He didn't smoke. He always said he wouldn't lie. But he was emotional. He resented authority. He didn't like to take orders." In the end, on March 7 this year, Sirhan was fired. It was the end of the line...

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles, a vehement anti-communist, claims that Sirhan was pro-Communist, and specifically asserts that his car, an elderly pink DeSoto, had been parked outside meetings of the DuBois Club on several occasions. The DuBois Club has been identified by the FBI as a Communist front, but there is some doubt whether it has actually held any meetings in Los Angeles in the last three years. Mrs. Dorothy Healey, the very forthright secretary of the Communist Party here, dismisses Yorty's suggestion as "typical of an opportunist politician who wants to get his name in the news." She said she had personally checked Sirhan's name with several of her young left-wing friends, none of whom had heard it. She then checked with his high school contemporaries, all of whom said that he was strongly anti-Communist and anti-Semitic.

DIR-6832 - 10 Jun 68 — To Hong Kong info Singapore. Checkwith FBIS reveals no record of Baghdad broadcast (see SING 3359)
Above dissem'd to community by DIR-06820.

BEIR-2849 - 10 Jun 68 — Dir info Amman, Jerusalem. Ref DIR 05864. On 9 June PENEURAL/1 reported that Sirhan Bishara SIHHAN not connected with PLO. PLO attempting ascertain if he connected with any other Palesinian organizations.

Ab Dal Quadir DAHIR returned from Amman 7 June. Had been Amman in connection with meeting 21 member Preparatory Committee. DAHIR proposed that PLO hire lawyer defend SIHHAN. Shafiq Al HUT, Chief Beirut office PLO, uncertain as to whether this good idea. PENEURAL/1 aggued against idea pointing out Arab cause had been hurt enough by assassination, and for PLO obtrude self on trial would at best be no benefit Palestine cause. PENEURAL/1 pointed out that SIHHAN's court-appointed lawyer will probably be better lawyer than PLO would be able retain. ...

AMMAN-6305 - 10 Jun 68 — DIR Info Jeru Beirut. NOHEART/2 determined that Bishara SIHHAN visit to East Bank in late May was for purpose withdrawing savings from Amman Bank. Bishara eligible, like all other West Bankers, withdraw about 200 Jordan Dinars per month from personal accounts. According to NOHEART/2 this is regarded by both Jordanians and Israelis as valid reason for travel. Bishara also apparently tried get money from relatives on East Bank, without success.

N/2 investigating press reports that Bishara involved somehow with Jehova's witnesses. ADOMITUS received report from Jordanian contact confirming press story and adding that Bishara was leader of Jehova's witnesses in Ramallah in 1957 when sect was investigated by GOJ and then banned. ADOMITUS' source added that Jehova's witnesses again allowed operate in Jordan in 1960 because of UNHARP pressure, but in 1963 they banned again apparently as result Arab League allegation of secret ties to World Zionest movement.

NOHEART/2 also investigating radio reports that about one year ago Iraqis arrested "Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN's brother Sulayman" as Israeli spy when he caught at H-3 with Iraqi military maps, etc. Iraqis allege they turned Sulayman over to Jordan. N/2 does not remember any such case and notes that Sirhan has no brother named Sulayman, but will investigate.

ISTANBUL - 2179, 11 June — To DIR, Ankara, Beirut, Jidda, Amman, Aden, Kuwait, Cairo. REF DIR 06517. EXSEAL reports that Adnan Al-UBAYDI, Iraqi Vice Consul, identified Kennedy assassin Sirhan as Fatah member. Will attempt obtain further details from EXFORCE and unilateral assets.
CI/OP/NF note: Shown to JaneRoman 13/6. Do not believe worth dissem at this point. EXSEAL is female employe Iraqi consulate. Not much reporting.

CAIR-0769 - 11 Jun 68 — 10 June Cairo press review carried brief story attributed "all papers" claiming that Iraqi security authorities several months ago arrested brother of Kennedy's assassin who is called Soliman Bishara SIRHAN on charges spying for Israel and have handed him over to Jordanian authorities because of connection with espionage network uncovered in Jordan.

CAIR-0770 - 11 Jun 68 — REF CAIRO 0769. Ref was MENA item Baghdad dateline. ... Al Ahram 11 June ran front page UPI and AP story Amman dateline 10 June quoting Jordanian govt spokesman denial of Subject's espionage role and relation to Kennedy alleged assassin.

AMMAN-6314 - 11 Jun 68 — DIR info Beirut Jeru Cairo Jidda. REF CAIRO 0769 (not sent Jeru Jidda). Story outlined ref broke in Jordan 9 June, attributed to Iraqi news services. Jordan General Intelligence Directorate investigated 10 June and determined story without foundation. Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN has no brother named Sulayman, and no alleged Israeli agent named Sulayman SIRHAN was ever turned over to Jordanians by Iraqis. Jordanians received private official apology from Iraqis 11 June, along with promise of public retraction by Iraqi news media.

AMMAN 6315 - 11 Jun 68 — To DIR. SMINSOLE told GODNICK 7 June that he had received report a few days before from a "casual" French source in Beirut, based on official French information, that a secret Arab society had been formed some time ago for the sole purpose of assassinating Western leaders. The object of the society is to bring the Palestinian issue before the world in dramatic fashion. SMINSOLE said the information was two months old when he received it and the source (who he implied was a French official) was clearly not telling all he knew. SMINSOLE speculated that Kennedy assassination may have ~~KKKK~~ prompted Source to reveal info which he might otherwise have considered alarmist. Although info obtained in Beirut, source did not reveal location, size or composition of society. SMINSOLE assumes Kennedy assassination will prompt source to be more forthcoming to insure against repetitions if "society" in any way involved. SMINSOLE asked GODNICK not to report above yet, since SMINSOLE had not done so himself because info seemed too vague. However, in view Kennedy death he now intends to. He said he would ask his hqs for authority pass WOFIRM and advise of reply. Have not heard from SMINSOLE since but thought above should be forwarded without further delay. Will report any follow up.

DIR-07350 - 11 June 68 — To AMMAN info Paris London. Ref AMMAN 6315 (being relayed Paris Lond). REF parallels reporting from UNION which was disseminated as USIB exclusive with full controls 7 June. Substance was that Fatah had organized group responsible for assassination "certain" pro-Israeli persons in US and Europe. As of 29 April group was prepared act "in near future". UNION report also lacked details, probably was basis for info which readhed SMINSOLE. Appreciate ref and hope you can get more details.

LAGOS-0036 11 June 1968 — Brother of K's Killer may be former employee Esso STANDARD Beir —

JMWAVE 2734 - 12 Jun 68 — AMOTS reported foll 11 Jun: Miami Cuban exile organization Cuban representatxion in exile (RECE) published article in monthly bulletin RECE which accused Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN of being pro-communist and supporter of Castro regime. According RECE article, Freedom Club member students San Francisco State College held meeting on 28 May 68 at 3800 Amesbury, Hollywood, Calif. During meeting, slides and propaganda exhibited favoring Castro regime. When Cuban Jose (DUARTE) OREPOSA, who present, refuted propaganda, Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN ardently defended Castro and argued with DUARTE. DUARTE and 5 other Cubans who attended meeting have made statements to Los Angeles police chief re SIRHAN. Local FBI advised.

13 Jun 68 - Washington Post. An exiled former Fidel Castro army officer said today that Sirhan SIRHAN told him before Kennedy's death, "What we need in the US is another Fidel Castro."... The exile, Jose DUARTE, said he had argued with Sirhan and scuffled with him. DUARTE told a news conference the incident occurred about three weeks ago in a house in Hollywood, Calif. He said

he reported the incident to Hollywood authorities and identified a police photo of Sirhan. DUARTE said the man he fought with told him he was an Arab. "He said what we (Cuban exiles) are doing is just what the Israelites are doing and that we are getting the same help from the CIA that Israel is getting". The scuffling began, DUARTE said, "When he accused me of being an agent of the CIA." Duarte said: "He made some derogatory remarks about Cuba and about me and we came to grips. Somebody separated us. He left."

13 June 1968 - Jerusalem. The family of Sirhan Sirhan, the man accused of assassinating Sen. Kennedy, was a lonely one with few intimate friends, according to Anton JASIR, a family friend. In an interview, JASIR, a prominent East Jerusalem attorney, said he had handled several legal actions that the father, Beshara Salameh SIRHAN, brought against his neighbors. These mainly concerned property in the village of Taibeh, where the elder Sirhan lives. Beshara SIRHAN is a man always ready to fight for his rights, the lawyer said. He was the sole heir of his father and now owns two houses in the village and some large olive groves. The house he lives in now was built only recently when Sirhan came back from America the second time. ...

JMWAVE 2755 - 13 Jun 68 REF JMWAVE 2734. With caption "Wrestled' Sirhan, Miaim Exile Says," Miami Herald of 13 June carries following story on page 16-A by Staff Writer Bruce Giles: "Sirhan B. SIRHAN, the accused killer of Sen. Kennedy may have, or may not have been, the man who exchanged words with a group of Cuban exiles attending a meeting of the Peace and Freedom Club in Los Angeles May 21. Jose DUARTE, once a Major with Fidel Castro's guerrillas, said in Miami Wednesday that the man he scuffled with at the meeting was Sirhan. But others at the meeting could neither confirm nor deny that one of the three persons present who appeared to be Arab was Sirhan. The meeting, held in the Hollywood mansion of Mr. And Mrs. Rober LAEMMLE, featured Paul SHINOFF, a member of the Students for a Democratic Society who had recently visited Cuba. About 50 or 60 persons attended the meeting in the living room of the home, decorated with a poster of Che Guevara and 'Peace' signs.

DUARTE said he and about 15 other members of a militant exile group, the Young Cubans, had learned of the meeting through flyers and decided to attend because SHINOFF had been 'speaking derogatorily about the US and praising Castro.' According to DUARTE, the man who he described as 'small, swarthy, very strong and very passionate,' asked DUARTE 'How much is the CIA paying you for saying this?' and 'Why did you betray the revolution?' A brief scuffle followed, he said. Both Mr. and Mrs. LAEMMLE remember DUARTE, but do not recall a scuffle. She said there were three persons at the meeting who appeared to be Arabs. She said they looked like Latin Americans but did not speak Spanish. When the three were leaving, one of them looked very strangely at the Star of David she was wearing and asked: 'You're not Jewish, are you?' Mrs. LAEMMLE said one of the men 'could possibly be' Sirhan, but she added: 'I'm not going to confirm it or deny it.' Alberto BARCO, another member of the Young Cubans who attended the meeting, also identified the man as Sirhan."

TRIPOLI 1025 - 13 Jun 68 REF TRIPOLI 1011. GSTELECAST/1 reported 11 June following results his probing of reactions to Kennedy assassination and Arab origin of suspect: From Mahmud GHUWAYDIR, Fatah member: Sirhan had no connection with Fatah. Assassination harmful to Arab cause. Local Fatah theory is that Sen. Kennedy assassinated at instigation of present LNHARP leadership (with active involvement WOFIRM) to prevent his becoming president where he could have access to all facts surrounding Kennedy's death. ...

STATE 182633 - 13 Jun 68 To Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Amman, Beirut, Nicosia. Press stories indicate Bishara Sirhan, father of Sirhan, may visit US connection trial his son. If Bishara Sirhan applies for visa, notify Department immediately. You may proceed with normal proeessing application but take no final action pending instructions from Dept.

STATE 182627 - 13 June 68 To Amman, Beirut, Tel Aviv, Jeru, Cairo, Jidda, Kuwait, Aden, Tripoli, Tunis, Rabat, London. Reuters item datelined London June 13 reported unidentified Arab Govt developed startling information on Sen. Kennedy assassination and giving details to FBI. Report ASAP any information available on origin and veracity this story.

EMBTEL LONDON 9869, 13 June - /Fol is text John KIMCHE article entitled "Bobby: Riddle of Trips by SIRHAN" in June 13 Evening Standard.

Startling new evidence about the identify of the man charged with killing Robert Kennedy has been produced by an Arab Government. The Government has been making an intensive investigation into the background of Sirhan Bishara. The new information, which is being communicated to the United States authorities, may open up an entirely new line of inquiry into the motivation and organization of the attack on Kennedy. It also indicated considerable variation in the accounts so far given of Sirhan's past and movements. His full name is given as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan ABU KHATAR. He was first brought to the United States as a four year old child in 1948 -- not in 1957. He returned to Jordan in 1957 and the records show that he was married in the Orthodox Church at Es Salt, 15 miles west of Amman on June 27, 1957, when he was only 13, to Leila Yussef MIKHAEL from Es Salt. Later that year Sirhan returned to the United States and three months later his wife was brought to him. The records of his journey are not very precise and probably not very important, as both husband and wife were little more than children. Rather more interest centres on three later journeys which SIRHAN made, especially on the last two which, according to this investigation, were made in 1964 and 1966. In 1964, SIRHAN, according to these records, returned to the Middle East for seven months, four of which he spent in Damascus. Where he was for the rest of the time is not stated. In 1966 he is said to have spent an even longer period in the Middle East, including a stretch of five months in Cairo. He returned to the United States, according to this report, at the beginning of 1967. The Arab government is convinced that its records are accurate but they are being checked with the information assembled by the FBI. There is an evident and increasing disinclination, however, for witnesses to talk and even those who spoke at first -- such as SIRHAN's father -- have now adjusted their responses. Last week Sirhan's father cursed his son. Yesterday he was denouncing Kennedy and preparing to go to Los Angeles to stand by his son. "

AP account of above story states: The story was written by Jon KIMCHE, a free-lance journalist and former editor of the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review, a weekly published in London. He did not give his source.

6 June 1968

EMBTEL LONDON 9621/ referenced above, is as follows:

Fol is text June 6 Evening Standard article by often-sensationalistic Jon KIMCHE, former Editor Jewish Observer.

"Responsible Arab leaders in this country have been gravely concerned in recent weeks over the activities of special emissaries of the Palestinian Fatah terrorist movement here and in the USA. These have been particularly effective among the many thousands of Arab students in London, Oxford, Manchester and other centres. The head of the Fatah Movement, Yasir ARAFAT, was in London two weeks ago travelling under an assumed name and with a Jordanian diplomatic passport. His friends expect him to be here again this weekend in preparation for a Jordan refugee week which has been organized by a group of MPs and sympathisers. But the principal reason for the concern of the responsible Arab leaders in this country is the outcome of a conference of the European Arab Student movement which took place in Munich between May 21-26.

The conference was attended by 32 delegates representing Arab student organizations in Europe and those in the U. S., Egypt, the Lebanon and Iraq. It was noted, however, that most of the leaders at the conference belong to a distinctly post-graduate age group. The conference passed two mandatory resolutions after addresses from leading Arab nationalists from Libya, Kuwait, Jordon and Syria.

The main resolution was proposed by Dr. Hashem BAGHI, who came from Paris. This urged all student organizationsto reject a peaceful settlement of the Palestine question and to reject also all leaders who urge such a peaceful settlement. It told student organizations "to oust all selfish leaders" who stand in their way.

Even more pointed was the second resolution which the conference passed after much heart-searching. It instructed all Arab student organizations to establish direct liaison with the Palestine resistance organizations, especially the terrorist Fatah. This was proposed by the Syrian, Dr. DAQAQ.

The conference elected a three-man directorate consisting of Dr. BAGHI, Dr. DAQAQ and Abdul Razzaq Al BESHIR to coordinate operations with the Fatah leaders. The conference ended on May 26 five days later Camilie CHAMOUN, a former Lebanese President and foremost opponent of President NASSER who had just won an electorial victory was shot and wounded. During these last 10 days a new radiom station broadcasting on an Egyptian wavelength called the Voice of Fatah has been calling daily for the intensification of the attack on Israel and her friends. Daily bulletins give lists of attacks carried out and casualties inflicted.

In 10 days these almost wholly fictitious communiques have claimed more Israeli casualties than the Israelis suffered during the six-day war last year. The facts may be false but there is no mistaking the tone of mounting hysteria and excitement of these very effective broadcasts from Cairo. Last Friday President Nasser's leading spokesman Mr. Heikal devoted his entire weekly article which is broadcast to the whole Arab world to an all-out attack on President Johnson and American policy. A finger on the trigger was in Beverly Hills, but the inspiration undoubtedly came from outside the Ambassador Hotel."

14 June 1968 - LONDON 568, RYBAT ZRTAFFY. See separate interleaf 20-A.

14 June 1968 - Headquarters 444, RYBAT ZRTAFFY. See interleaf 20-A.

14 June 1968 - Headquarters 445, RYBAT ZRTAFFY. See interleaf 20-A.

14 June 1968 - Headquarters 446, RYBAT ZRTAFFY. See interleaf 20-A.

TEL AVIV EMBTEL 4128 - REF STATE 182627; LONDON 9869. UPI's Tel Aviv correspondent
14 Jun 68 Simon tells us he has just filed story on talk with Sirhan's father which effectively shoots down KIMCHE story. Both SIRHAN's father and a former school teacher of his deny Sirhan ever married and state other details very improbable. Simon speculates Kimche may have gotten his story from Beirut sources and points out there very well may be another Sirhan who has personal history along lines reported by Kimche.

14 June 1968 - Washington Post. The State Department said yesterday it had no information that Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, the accused killer of Sen. Kennedy, made two trips to the Middle East after he emigrated to the U. S. in 1957. A story in the London Evening Standard yesterday said SIRHAN had traveled to the Middle East in 1964 and 1966. This information varies from that obtained during the investigation into Sirhan's past after the Kennedy assassination.

"The information we presently have is that he came to the US in 1957 with his family. So far as we have been able to check, there is no information he left or returned", a Dept spokesman said.

/A spokesman for the U. S. Immigarion and Naturalization Service seconded this by declaring: "Our records show Sirhan came here in 1957 and has been here ever since." /However, resident aliens such as Sirhan, are given the form 151 "green card" for identification and can use it to leave the US for periods up to a year without heed of a re-entry permit. /The Immigration Service says returning resident aliens are listed on ship and plane passenger manifests and they are asked to fill out re-entry slips on returning. Those familiar with the Immigration Service's paper work say the files often leave something to be desired./

... /The Los Angeles Times said the London paper story is refuted by personnel files at Granja Vista del Rio Ranch in Corona, Calif., where Sirhan was employed from June 2, 1966 to the week ending Dec. 10, 1966. /On Sept. 25, 1966, the Times reported, he fell from a horse he was exercising and sustained a head injury which later was the subject of court litigation in which he was awarded $2000. Sirhan first sought medical treatment for the injury in early February 1967. /All these developments occurred during the time when the London report places Sirhan in the Middle East, the Times said.

14 Jun 68 - To Wash, Amman, Jeru, Jidda, Kuwait, Lond, Tel Aviv. Ref STATE 182627 &
EMBTEL BEIR LONDON 9869. Beirut press June 14 carried wireservice report McCloskey
10148 statement that Dept has no info that Sirhan had left US subsequent 1957 and returned. Press cites excerpts Jon KIMCHE article from London Evening Standard stating real name assassin ABU KHATER, that he married Leila MIKHAEL in Salt 1957 and that he made two trips to Middle East spending four months in Damascus 1964 and five months in Cairo late 1966 early 1967... Embassy does not know where KIMCHE obtained material upon which he based his article and is unable comment veracity on story. We have no reason believe KIMCHE is referring to Lebanese Govt as one which "developed startling info."

DIR-08261 - Orig: CNEAA/J:Sekel. To London Amman Beirut Jerusalem Cairo Kuwait.
14 Jun 68 REFS: STATE 182627; LONDON EMBTEL 9869. FYI LNERGO reports that individual with name approximating that cited in KIMCHE article has been identified and has similar pattern of travel. He is not, however, identical with Kennedy assassin. We tracing further and will provide details when available.

CONTEL JERU - REF State 182633. Jerusalem Post reports June 14 Bishara Sirhan "is
1399, 14 Jun thinking of going to U. S. "for son's trial.... Except for brief visit to SIRHAN to carry out instructions in STATE 178228 CONGEN has stayed strictly away from Sirhan to avoid stimulating speculation and had already decided to proceed as outlined in STATE 182633. However, we assume that the Dept will undoubtedly decide in favor of issuing a visitor's visa if Sirhan applies. Any refusal to do so would creat irresponsible speculation in this area and probably all over the world. If our assumption is correct it would seem sensible for the Dept to authorize us in advance to issue a visa in the usual way and in the normal time. Any extended delay in issuing a visa would cause speculation since U. S. Hebrew and international press is closely watching Sirhan's movements....

We have no hard evidence whatsoever that Sirhan indeed intends U. S. visit. He had no valid visa in Jordanian passport which he showed ConGenoff. He could not enter on his alien registration card since he has been out of U. S. more than one year. Both he and Israeli authorities, according to press, have denied he has approached GOI for travel documents.

EMBTEL CAIRO 2669 - Following anonymous letter has been forwarded to us by Spanish
14 June 1968 Consul General Alexandria:

"Alexandria the 11 June 1968. Dear Sir General Consul. I have the honour to inform the Spanish General Consulate to inform the Amerikan Government quikly the following.

The Egyptian national names Aziz Taoufik Aziz MIKHAIL age 25 was working in the Egyptian Intelligence Service police till 31/11/1967 so after the Egyptian Government he sent him for business to Lebanon in order to go from there to Amerika because Egyptian cannot be go to Amerika from Egypt, and so he went to Libanon and from Libanon he arrived to Amerika on the 1/1/1968 by air mail and know doing that is working there but is a spy of the Egyptian Government and the most important and dangerous is that the person was a friend of Sarhan Bushara SARHAN which has killed Mr. Robert Kennedy so I have the honour to inform the Spanich General Consulate to sent details to Amerikan Government as quikly as possible in order the Amerikan Government be care from this dangerous person and from any thing can be happen after and the address which is know sitting in Amerika is exactly as follows: The address of Amerika name:

Aziz Taoufik Aziz MIKHAIL
2425, Barrington
L.A. California 90064
Amerika

Notice: The outside my address it is wrong in order not to be known by the Egyptian Government may be. Yours truly."

The above name was traced in all variants ~~xxxx~~ in RID and at the Egyptian Desk, including the GID run, by Freda Ayash. Negative. CAK checked all the Los Angeles telephone directories in the Library - negative. Checked the Los Angeles steet directory: No Barrington Street or Avenue or Lane, etc. listed. Mrs. Roman informed State and FBI orally on 14 June that we have no traces.

JX-44363 - Source said a report is circulating in Iraq that one of the defendents
14 Jun 68 on trial for espionage on behalf of the West is the brother of Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, assassin of Senator Kennedy. Source said if this rumor is true, we can expect the Arabs to say that Sirhan's brother is a CIA agent; ergo CIA was behind the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

BEIR-2932 - 14 Jun 68 REF Beirut 2849. Dir info Amman. On 13 June PENEURAL/1 reported Abdal Qadir DAHIR convinced Shafiq Al HUT that PLO should hire lawyer for Sirhan Sirhan. On AL HUT's instructions, DAHIR called PLO Chief Yahya HUMUDIYAH in Amman and repeated proposal. According PENEURAL/1 HAMUDIYAH infuriated at idea and made views plain to DAHIR. PENEURAL/1 said matter now closed. Also said PLO has developed no information as to whether Sirhan had any connection other Palestine organizations.

EMBTEL LONDON 9945 - 15 June 1968 To SecState, Amman, Beirut, Jeru, Tel Aviv. REFS STATE 183194; LONDON 9887, 9924. Summary: Jon KIMCHE claims believe his source (whom he declines to name) of info for Sirhan story reported LONDON 9869 is reliable. He suggests two aspects are susceptible of checking. British authorities share our doubts about KIMCHE's general reliability.

In hour-long exchange Sat. aft. at EmbOff's quarters, KIMCHE stuck to main outline of his allegations re Sirhan's trips from US to Near East. Affording KIMCHE several opportunities to back away from his Evening Standard story, EmbOff appealed to his sense of public responsibility, promised USG would protect info, and evinced sympathetic interest in Kimche's new publishing venture (London A-3472, May 7). KIMCHE kept reiterating he could not prove his info correct but his source usually reliable. He seemed unimpressed by possibility this might be simple case of mistaken identify.

Early in exchange, KIMCHE: /line missing/ appointment with Emboff in order see a Cairo source who stopped at London airport two hours. Their meeting unrelated to Sirhan case.

B. Volunteered that his storys references to "anx Arab government" as source his info on Sirhan were untrue. He cited "an Arab government to protect myself and my source."

C. Said he reflected hard and re-checked with his source before publishing June 13 article. Checked with source again after EmbOff phoned for appointment. (Emboff did not specify subject, but Kimche knew.)

KIMCHE made fol points in response EmbOff's probes:

A. His contacts with source are direct. Last night they conversed by phone.

B. Over two years source has been "almost always right." He provided info for KIMCHES May 7 Evening Standard piece re "surprise aide-memoire" sent by Soviets to Arab govts including Jordans. ... Though this story denied by Jordanian Emb London and other authorities, later "Sir Harold McGuire" complimented KIMCHE on accuracy his info. Same source also gave KIMCHE info for June 6 article (LONDON 8621) re Fatah student activities in Paris "and Philadelphia", which other sources later confirmed to KIMCHE. Comment: Philadelphia not mentioned in June 6 article.

C. KIMCHE willing cooperate with us "100 percent" but can't name source. Years ago he was badly burned by identifying a source, and has never done so since despite many entreaties by Israeli and British officials. Later KIMCHE said he could tell us source if latter approved, but KIMCHE doubted source would.

D. Info re Sirhan's trips "was floating around in Fatah circles" to which source has access. In another context KIMCHE said some Arab diplomats being drawn into Fatah support activities, some of them unwillingly.

E. Source certain Sirhan visited NE including Damascus in 1964 and Cairo in 1966. Source leass sure about earlier trip! Presumably FBI could ascertain whether Sirhan physically present in U. S. throughout 1964 and 1966.

F. KIMCHE was doubtful about source's info re Sirhan's marriage at 13, but source insisted marriage took place 1957 at Salt. Presumably local records being checked.

G. Re UPI stories (Tel Aviv 4128) including theory of mistaken identify involving Sirhan Salim Em Aber KHABIR SIRHAN of Detroit, KIMCHE commented only that the assassin's father has made contradictory statements.

H. Last night source told KIMCHE Fatah quite confident Sirhan would not talk, but are sending special team to Los Angeles to kill him if he does.

While discussing mutual Israeli acquaintances, KIMCHE said his close relations with IDF and Amb to UK Remez were unimpaired by last year's flap over Jewish Observer.

KIMCHE offered share any further pertinent info with reporting Emboff prior latter's June 18 transfer and subsequently with other Emboff.

On contingency basis Embassy June 14 checked via appropriate channels possibility HMG might have someone with whom KIMCHE likely be forthcoming. UK authorities responded that they did not place credence in KIMCHE's reliability and doubted they could get the truth from him.

Dept rept further if desired.

BEIR-2949 - 15 Jun 68 — To Dir, Amman, Jeru. PESHOAL/1 has been attempting develop info on Kennedy assassin through Faris SIRHAN, occasional source of PESHOAL/1 who is aid former Grand Mufti Jerusalem Hajj Amin HUSAYNI. SIRHAN has been in touch his family Jerusalem area and with Emil GHURI 201-195635, principal assistant Hajj Amin. GHURI also in touch his relatives Jerusalem. PESHOAL/1 reported following from these sources 14 June.

According Faris SIRHAN, assassin's family not related his family, although they share same name. Faris SIRHAN family is Muslim while assassin's family Christian.

GHURI told Sirhan assassin's family very well known to him and they among his supporters in Jerusalem area. GHURI stated catagorically assassin known to him as communist. He did not explain how he knew this to be case. GHURI also commented family has heard little from or about assassin for some years.

GHURI flatly denied to Sirhan Assassin in any way connected with Hajj Amin's organization (which supports Fatah) or with Fatah, PLO, or ANM. Sirhan commented from his own knowledge and soundings taken he knew of no information which indicated assassin connected with Hajj Amin's organization or any of the other Palestinian political or paramilitary organizations. ,...

16 June 1968 - Washington Post. Beirut, Lebanon June 15. Two Lebanese attorneys have cabled Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN offering to help in his defense after receiving a noncommital response from the U. S. Embassy here. The lawyers Moussa Prince and Abdel Hamid AHDAB, sent a telegram Friday to Sirhan's appointed legal counsel, Wilbur Littlefield...

16 June 1968 - (Reuters) Amman, Jordan. Bishara SIRHAN tonight asked a Los Angeles court and the Kennedy family to show "mercy and magnanimity" in the treatment of his son... Sirhan, who arrived here today from the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan, told reporters he had a son killed in Jerusalem in 1964. "I was very angry when the incident occured but after thinking about the matter for a while I forgave those responsible", he said. He said that there was no personal animosity between his own and the Kennedy family and that "only patriotic reasons were behind Sirhan's assassination of Sen. Kennedy."

17 June 1968 - EMBTEL BEIR-10225 — June 13 Lebanese attorneys Moussa PRINCE and Abdul Hamid EL-AHDAB called at Embassy to request assistance in contacting California attorneys to obtain full details re background Kennedy assassination. They believe Middle East political situation may well have been a factor motivating Sirhan and they believe it imperative Sirhan have benefit Arab attorneys to insure proper defense. They wish authority talk to Sirhan in order determine whether they could participate his defense. They left at Embassy written memo to Ambassador requesting Embassy's assistance in foregoing. ... PRINCE regarded locally as one of better Lebanese criminal lawyers. Both he and EL-AHDAD also active in Lebanese Young Lawyers League. Embassy assumes their move essentially stunt to seek publicity.

AMMAN-6332 - 17 Jun 68 — Dir info London Jerusalem Beirut. NOHEART/2 determined 15-16 June that Kennedy assassin and Sirhan Abu KHADIR of Jon KIMCHE article are two different persons. Details passed to Embassy and will be sent all concerned posts. NOHEART/2 interviewing Bishara SIRHAN and will make personal recommendation that Bishara Sirhan refrain from making public statements which might prejudice son trial.

AMMAN 6338 - 17 Jun 68 Dir info Jeru Beirut. NOHEAR/2 interviewed Bishara Sirhan morning 17 June, unfortunately after Bishara had given interviews to both Amman newspapers. NOHEART/2 advised Bishara, "As fellow Jordanian and lawyer", not to make any public statements, at least until he consulted son's lawyer. ... Bishara stated he never member Jehova's witnesses. Curiosity led him attend five or six meetings in 1950-52 period, but he had dropped witnesses because their beliefs incompatible with his Greek Orthodox beliefs. Bishara said that while sons had attended Lutheran schools in Jerusalem, it was UNRWA which had sponsored emigration to USA. UNRWA got family tickets and took away UNRWA ration card.

NOHEART/2 assessed Bishara as confused and somewhat dazzled by his sudden emergence into limelight, making him easily influenced by newsmen, etc. who play on his vanity. At present Bishara undecided if he should go to USA. He recognizes he might be in some danger himself if he went, and he lacks money, but N/2 estimated Bishara might go anyway if someone paid for trip.

NOBASE had had mail intercept in operation since assassination. Only pertinent letter was from Nancy L. MERCER, 2211 First Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington, to Bishara Sirhan, Teibeh, Jordan. Letter mailed 9 June from Seattle. Text seems show Miss Mercer as religious fanatic who quotes extensively from scriptures to convince Bishara he must rejoin family and help son, persuade son to "confess with his mouth Jesus as Lord" before son executed, "which is inevitable unless God intervenes." Letter ends by stating "we will help you to come to this country, if you wish, to stand by your family and son."

N/2 and HOLLENHAGEN reviewed findings to date and agreed John KIMCHE article and subsequent investigation leading to Sirhan Salim Sirhan ABU KHADIh as apparent subject of KIMCHE article may be identical with "Sirhan Sirhan" referred to in Amman 6287 as close contact Walid Muhammad Ahmad SIHHAN. Since Walid in Jackson, Michigan, and Sirhan Salim apparently in Detroit, it more likely Walid wrote about Sirhan Salim than Sirhan Bishara in California.

LONDON 569, 17 June 1968. RYBAT ZRTAFFY. See Interleaf 20-A.

17 June 68 - New York Times. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was distraught and shouted "Kennedy should not be President" a few hours before the assassination, according to an article in Life magazine. The magazine reports that two of Sirhan's friends who saw him at the Ambassador Hotel on the night the Senator was shot there have told agents of the FBI that the suspect flew into a rage at the mention of Mr. Kennedy's name. One of the men is identified in the magazine as Enrique RABAGO, a 35 year old unemployed mechanic; the other, Life says, has not been named....

17 June 1968 - Washington Post. The Los Angeles Arab community has gone into hiding since it was learned that the suspected slayer of Sen. Kennedy was a Jordanian immigrant. Sirhan B. Sirhan's own family is being kept under heavy police guard and one of his brothers - about to be sworn in as a U. S. citizen - had his appointment canceled by the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service... The family has also felt the sting of Sirhan's arrest in other ways. Sirhan's 29-year old brother, Adel, had been playing an Arab musical instrument on weekends at a belly dance club, Shaker's Oasis, before the shooting. The management doesn't want to see him again. "He might get shot", reasons Club Manager Harry Shaker.

Another brother, Saidallah, 36, was to have been sworn in as a U. S. citizen the day after Kennedy's death. The U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service cancelled the appointment. District Director George Rosenberg claimed that reports of "motor vehicle violations" conflicted with the requirement of "good moral character" for naturalized citizens.

Sirhan does not appear to have been a member of any of the Arabic organizations in the city. In any event, not a few of the Arab-American organizations show the same sort of persecution complex so widely attributed to Sirhan. It also makes them candidates for the overtures of the far American right and white racists.

The groups include the United American Arab Congress, the American-Arab Citizens Council, the Americans ~~xxxx~~ (of Lebanese Syrian Ancestry) for American, and the Arabic Society of Americanists. Formed after the lightning Israeli victory last year in the June war, the United American Arab Congress has its

$50 a month headquarters in what the community calls "the White House" on Hollywood Boulevard. Its general counsel, George E. SHIBLEY, said it was formed to help raise funds for Arab refugees and to combat "support of Zionism by the American press." ... According to one report, Sirhan and several of his brothers attended meetings of the so-called "American Arabs" which was allegedly a youth auxiliary of the UAAC. Officials of the Congress, however, say they had no youth organization and never heard of any group called the "American Arabs". Neither have other community leaders.

17 June 1968. AP. Amman, Jordan. Four Jordanian lawyers have been chosen to take part in the defense of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, and will be joined by lawyers from other Arab countries, a Jordanian Bar Association source said Monday. The source said the four - Fouad ATALLAH, Ahmad Eel KHALIL, Mohamed BARADE'H and Hassan HAWWA - were chosen at a bar association meeting attended by Bishara Sirhan, father of the defendant. The Jordanians "will leave very shortly" for the United States, the source said, and will be joined later by a number of other Arab lawyers.

TRIPOLI 1038 - 17 Jun 1968. Embassy issued B-2 visitor's visa (three months validity) to Libyan lawyer Abdussalam NAFA on 15 June 1968. Libyan English-language newspapers, Libyan Mail and Daily News reported 16 June that NAFA had offered defend Sirhan. NAFA reportedly cabled Sirhan offering his services as counsel free of chagge. If not possible defend in court, NAF suggested that defendant authorize him to select lawyer who is member of Calif. bar.

NAFA's visa application indicated birth in Tripoli on 15 January 1942, single status, black hair, brown eyes and 170 cm tall. NAFA is bearer of Libyan passport No. 33309 issued at Baghdad with validity 8 June 1965 to 1971. His office address is 56 Shair 24 December, Tripoli.

Station files reveal NAFA defended Nasr-al-Din BAQQAR in Arab Nationalist Movement trials in Tripoli 1968. Pls bring foregoing attention LNGOLD, suggest LNBRGO.

NOTE: Above dissemed to community as DIR-08808, 17 June 68. No record of NAFA in our central files.
Dissem also given to LAPD through Office of Security 20 June 68.

FBIS 24 FOR Official Use Only. Beirut RMS in Arabic 0900 GMT 18 June 1968.

(Text) Amman -- Arab Lawyers Federation Secretary General Shafiq IRSHAYDAT announded here today that the Federation has decided to take every necessary actinn to insure every right of defense for Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, who is accused of assassinating the late Senator Robert Kennedy. The decision was taken yesterday at a meeting in Amman between IRSHAYDAT and the Jordanian Lawyers Association.

IRSHAYDAT said that the Federation, with the helpf of the Jordanian Lawyers Association, has asked a panel of five Jordanian lawyers to leave for the US, stand by SIRHAN, and carry out this national professional task. The panel consists of lawyers Henry KATAN, Muhammad Al-BAHADII AL-ABBASI, Anhad AL-KHALIL, Hasan Habib HAWWA, and Fuad ATALLAH. All were born in Palestine.

IRSHAYDAT said that the Arab Lawyers Federation, which condemns political assassination, considers SIRHAN's action a political crime. He adds: "The Arab Lawyers Federation believes in the declaration of human rights and considers insuring the full and free right of defense for Arab citizen SIRHAN a basic human right of the accused and a national and professional duty of the Arab Lawyers Federation. This is particularly so since Zionism and imperialism have begun exploiting this individual incident for political, racial, and imperialist purposes against the Arabs in general and their just Palestinian cause in particular."

He says the Federation will appeal "to all free jurists in the US to facilitate the legitimate task of the Federation's panel and help it fulfill one of the basic principles of human rights approved by the United Nations and held sacred by all jurists in the world."

Beirut RNS in Arabic 0950 GMT 18 June 68:

(Text) Amman -- Bishara SIRHAN, the father of Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, accused of assassinating the late Senator Robert Kennedy, announced today that he has decided to leave for the US to be at his son's side "in his darkest days". Bishara said he decided to leave for the US "after finding encouragement and backing from various popular organizations and quarters in Jordan and other Arab countries." Bishara added that he will return to the West Bank to obtain a visa from the U. S. Consulate in Jerusalem.

Bishara arrived in Amman on Sunday with the permission of the Israeli authorities to spend 1 week in Amman to withdraw his account from an Amman Bank.

UPI - June 18:

Los Angeles -- Public defenders acknowledge receiving a communication from Jordanian lawyers offering to assist in the defense of Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN, accused assassin of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Richard S. BUCKLEY of the Public Defender's Office said his office would not object to Jordanian lawyers trying the case, if they qualified legally to practice in California. But BUCKLEY said, the Public Defender would not share responsibility in the case.

"We either control the case or we get out. This offer was to assist us, and we cannot accept," he said. "It's all up to SIRHAN. If the defendant wants them and they qualify then we step out."

Reports from Jordan said that nation's Bar Association had chosen four attorneys to defend Sirhan. The reports said the Jordanians would leave shortly for the US. Sirhan remained under tight security at Los Angeles County jail. His mother had not seen him since he was arrested moments after the assassination June 5.

[illegible] -/CIOP/NE Memo to Chief NE via ADC/NEAA. Re FBI investi[illegible] of Michigan lead. The Bureau advised orally on 17 June that their representative had questioned Walid SIRHAN of Jackson, Michigan and had discovered no evidence of contact or association between him and the accused Kennedy assassin....

18 Jun 68 - AP -Jerusalem. ... In Amman, the Arab Lawyers Federation announced that a team of five Arab lawyers, headed by Henry CATTAN, a well known Beirut attorney and consultant to a number of American firms, would go to the US shortly to prepare for the trial. CATTAN said, however, he had not been notified of the federation's statement. He said that the most any Arab lawyers could do would be to assist American attorneys out of court. "We can not appear before an American court, "CATTAN said in Beirut. CATTAN, 59, is a graduate of London University and the Sorbonne in Paris. He was born in Jerusalem and is currently living in Beirut.

The other lawyers named by the lawyer's federation were Fouad ATALLAH, 63, who served as a judge in the Jordanian Court of Appeals; Ahmed El KHALIL, 53, a Cambridge University graduate who had practiced law in Jordan for many years; Mohammed BARADEI, 67, a graduate of the Jerusalem School of Law, and Hassan HAWWA, 55, about whom little was known here. All five are Palestinian natives.

19 Jun 68 - STATE-186741 - REF STATE 185891 and AMMAN 5400. Dept has noted June 19 FBIS report attributed to Amman Radio that Prime Minister TALHOUNI met June 19 with lawyers ATALLAH, KHALIL, BARADII and HAWWA to discuss their intention to come to US to assist Sirhan. According to FBIS report, result of meeting was cancellation of lawyer's proposed trip and entrusting of possible further action to Arab lawyers Federation whose SecGen may travel to US.

Jordanian Ambassador SHARAF called on Dept officer June 19 to review various aspects of Sirhan case including proposed travel of Jordanian lawyers to US. Sharaf (protect source) confided that he had strongly advised GOJ to dissuade lawyers from coming here. Sharaf shares our concern that Arab lawyers initiative on behalf of Sirhan could inject unfavorable political aspect into case. ...

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/OPS/NE

SUBJECT : Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN

1. A usually reliable source has reported the following information on Subject, which he obtained from a subsource of unknown reliability. Source expresses considerable reservations about the veracity of the information.

a. In June 1965, under the assumed name of John Constan (Constman?) DAVID, Subject arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, aboard a Soviet (?) vessel "Sofia," in cabin No. 13. He was met at the port by Kamal MIRWEH (owner of the Beirut newspaper "Al Hayat", since murdered), and Philippe Dustrus AKRAH, director of an import-export company in Beirut, who has much influence in ruling circles and good connections with Kamil SHAMOUN, former Lebanese President.

b. In September 1965, again under the name of DAVID, Subject was in Adana, Turkey.

c. In June 1967, Subject was in Amman, where he visited the office of Yassir AMURI, officer in charge of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Amman. Here Subject revealed his real name, Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN.

d. In July 1967, Subject was seen at Al Hamma, the Fatah training camp near Damascus, in the company of two negroes speaking English with an American accent. One of them was named COLE. Also in Subject's company was one Muhammed Abd Al RAHIM, in charge of the guard at the Al Hamma camp.

e. A few days later an Arab lieutenant named Muhi Al Din GOQASH travelled to Amman and from there to Beyt Shaur near Jerusalem. Here he met an American by the name of Batchko FOUSKE (phonetic spelling) living in Beyt Sahur, who handled YMCA affairs and was in charge of the "Hakal Al Ruat" Hotel. This meeting was connected with Subject (the subsource would not give any details on the connection).

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f. Later on Subject again visited Amman, this time in the company of a Palestinian, one Ahmad KILLANI, employed by the Jordanian broadcasting service. During this visit Subject photographed archeological and military sites in Jordan, and either the Jordanian Intelligence Service (I.S.) (or Secret Service) got on his trail. Subject left by ship from Aqaba, after leaving his hired car with Hanna Elias ZAKHRIYA of Al Salt St, Amman. According to subsource, the Jordanian I.S. opened a file on Comrade DAVID.

2. According to source, a check conducted at Beyt Sahur revealed that a 55-year old Pole (present nationality not known) by the name of BATCHOVSKY (phonetic spelling), a director of International YMCA, used to visit Beyt Sahur annually during May-August and organize youth camps. About a year ago he stayed there at the YMCA house known as "Habal Al Rush", but he left for Beirut prior to the War on 5 June 1967. He is presently in Amman where he is organizing youth camps for the children of refugees.

3. Source said that the names Marouf Ahmad BANNAN, Chaleb Ahmad BANNAN, Abdo Jebra MAIKI, and Anwar Musa SAYEGH were not listed in available books of the Jordanian registrar; however, the following information came to light in the course of investigations in Kafr Silwan:

a. Marouf Ahmad BANNAN, born in Silwan, about 22 years old, is in the United States.

b. Chaleb Ahmad BANNAN, born Silwan, about 23 years old. After graduating from high school in Jerusalem he travelled to the United States to his uncle Mustafa Emad SULEIMAN, his mother's brother. Family: The father Mohammed Ahmad BANNAN is a retired school teacher. A few days after the June War he and his family left for the West Bank. He is now in Amman, together with his wife Luttfiya Emad SULEIMAN and their other children. In Silwan he has the reputation of a quiet, introverted man, well respected, and devoted to his family.

JOHN L. HADDEN
CHIEF, CI/SPG

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1. AN UNCONFIRMED SOURCE, WHOSE INFORMATION THE ~~COMPETITORS~~ TREAT WITH MUCH RESERVATION, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

A. IN JUNE 1965, ~~SIRHAN ARRIVED,~~ UNDER THE ASSUMED NAME OF JOHN CONESTAN (CONESTNAN?) DAVID, Subject arrived in TO BEIRUT, LEBANON, ABOARD A SOVIET (?) VESSEL "SOFIA," IN CABIN NO. 13. HE WAS MET AT THE PORT BY KAMAL MIRWEH (OWNER OF THE BEIRUT NEWSPAPER "AL HAYAT," SINCE MURDERED), AND PHILIPPE BUSTRUS AKRAH, DIRECTOR OF AN IMPORT-EXPORT COMPANY IN BEIRUT, WHO HAS MUCH INFLUENCE IN RULING CIRCLES AND GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH KAMIL SHAMOUN, FORMER LEBANESE PRESIDENT.

B. IN SEPTEMBER 1965, AGAIN UNDER THE NAME OF DAVID, SUBJECT WAS IN ADANA, TURKEY.

C. IN JUNE 1967, ~~AFTER THE SIX DAY WAR,~~ SUBJECT WAS IN AMMAN, WERE HE VISITED THE OFFICE OF YASSIR AMURI,

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OFFICER INCHARGE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN AMMAN. HERE SUBJECT REVEALED HIS REAL NAME, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

D. IN JULY 1967, ~~SIRHAN~~ Subject WAS SEEN AT AL HAMA, THE FATAH TRANING CAMP NEAR DAMASCUS, IN THE COMPANY OF TWO NEGROES SPEAKING ENGLISH WITH AN AMERICAN ACCENT. ONE OF THEM WAS NAMED COLE. ALSO IN ~~THE~~ COMPANY ~~OF SIRHAN~~ Subject WAS ONE MUHAMMED ABD AL RAHIM, IN CHARGE OF THE GUARD AT THE AL HAMA CAMP.

E. A FEW DAYS LATER AN ARAB LIEUTENANT ~~BY THE~~ NAMED ~~OF~~ MUHI AL DIN QOQASH TRAVELLED TO AMMAN AND FROM THERE TO BEYT SAHUR NEAR JERUSALEM. HERE HE MET AN AMERICAN BY THE NAME OF BATCHKO FOUSKE (PHONETIC SPELLING) LIVING IN BEYT SAHUR, WHO HANDLED YMCA AFFAIRS AND WAS IN CHARGE OF THE "HAKAL AL RUAT" HOTEL. THIS MEETING WAS CONNECTED WITH Subject (~~his~~ the connection). ~~SIRHAN.~~ Subject SOURCE ~~IS~~ learned NOT ~~PREPARED TO~~ DETAILS ~~IN WHAT WAY.~~ Gave any

F. LATER ON ~~SIRHAN~~ Subject AGAIN VISITED AMMAN, THIS TIME IN THE COMPANY OF A PALESTINIAN, ONE AHMED KILIANI, EMPLOYED BY THE JORDANIAN BROADCASTING SERVICE. DURING THIS VISIT Subject HE PHOTOGRAPHED ARCHEOLOGICAL AND MILITARY SITES IN JORDAN,

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AND THE JORDANIAN ~~I.S.~~ either Intelligence Service (I.S.) (OR SECRET SERVICE) GOT ON HIS TRAIL. Subject HE LEFT BY SHIP FROM AQABA, AFTER LEAVING HIS HIRED CAR WITH HANNA ELIAS ZAKHRIYA OF AL SALT ST, AMMAN. ACCORDING TO ~~SOURCE~~ Subsource THE JORDANIAN I.S. OPENED A FILE ON CONESTAN DAVID.

According to the Subsource,

2. A CHECK CONDUCTED AT BEYT SAHUR REVEALED THAT A 55-YEAR OLD POLE (PRESENT NATIONALITY NOT KNOWN) BY THE NAME OF BATCHOVSKY (PHONETIC SPELLING), A DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL YMCA, USED TO VISIT BEYT SAHUR ANNUALLY DURING MAY-AUGUST AND ORGANIZE YOUTH CAMPS. ABOUT A YEAR AGO HE STAYED THERE AT THE YMCA HOUSE KNOWN AS "HAKEL AL RUAH," BUT PRIOR TO ~~THE SIX DAY WAR~~ 1967 i.e. ON 5 JUNE 1967, HE LEFT FOR BEIRUT. HE IS PRESENTLY IN AMMAN WHERE HE IS ORGANIZING YOUTH CAMPS FOR THE CHILDREN OF REFUGEES.

3. ~~WITH REFERENCE TO THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN DIRECTOR-12590, NONE OF THEM APPEARS IN KKCOLLIER FILES. NEITHER ARE THEY~~ WERE NOT LISTED IN ~~SUCH~~ AVAILABLE BOOKS OF THE JORDANIAN REGISTRAR; however, ~~AS HAVING COME INTO KKCOLLIER POSSESSION.~~ THE FOLLOWING information CAME TO LIGHT IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATIONS IN KAFR SILWAN:

A. MAROF AHMED BADRAN, BORN IN SILWAN,

Source said that the names Marof Ahmed BADRAN, ~~SECRET~~ Chaleb Ahmed BADRAN, Abdo Jabra MALKI, and Anwar Musa SAYEGH

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ABOUT 22 YEARS OLD, IS IN THE UNITED STATES.

D. ~~CHALES~~ AHMED BADRAN, BORN SILWAN, ABOUT 23 YEARS OLD, ~~HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION~~. AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM HE TRAVELLED TO THE UNITED STATES TO HIS UNCLE MUSTAFA DAUD SULIMAN, HIS MOTHER'S BROTHER.

FAMILY: THE FATHER MUHAMMED AHMED BADRAN IS A RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER. A FEW DAYS AFTER THE June WAR HE AND HIS FAMILY LEFT FOR THE EAST BANK. HE IS NOW IN AMMAN, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE LUTFIYA DAUD SULIMAN AND THEIR OTHER CHILDREN. IN SILWAN HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF A QUIET, INTROVERTED MAN, WELL RESPECTED, AND DEVOTED TO HIS FAMILY.

Abdo Jabra MALKI
Anwar Musa SAYEGH

~~A. THERE ARE NO TRACES OF THE OTHER TWO INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED. IF FURTHER ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE, THE KKCOMPETITORS WILL GLADLY INVESTIGATE.~~

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Signed: Mary Peacock

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NO. 895

SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

12590

1. REQUEST PRIORITY LNPURE, STATION AND KKCOMPETITOR TRACES FOLLOWING, SPELLINGS AS RECEIVED:

A. MAROF MOHAMMAD BADRAN

RESIDENCE: 5733 BENNER STREET, HIGHLAND PARK, LOS ANGELES.

DPOB: [redacted] IN SILWAN, NEAR JERUSALEM.

JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 355 444.

ENTERED U.S. 25 AUG 1965 ON NON-IMMIGRANT VISA.

B. GHALEB MOHAMMAD BADRAN

BROTHER OF MAROF BADRAN ABOVE, SAME RESIDENCE.

DPOB: [redacted] IN JORDAN.

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TO

JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 257 604.

ENTERED U.S. 31 JAN 1961.

C. ABDO JABRA MALKI

RESIDENCE: 356 SOUTH WALDO, PASADENA, CALIF.

DPOB: [redacted] IN JORDAN.

JORDANIAN PASSPORT NO. 469 107.

APPARENTLY ALSO COMES FROM JERUSALEM AREA.

ENTERED U.S. 22 JULY 1967 AT SEATTLE.

D. ANWAR MUSA SAYEGH

RESIDENCE: 2493 RIDGEWAY ROAD, SAN MARINO, CALIF.

NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE BUT BELIEVED OF JORDANIAN ORIGIN. AGE AND DATE OF ENTRY U.S. POSSIBLY APPROXIMATE THOSE LISTED FOR ABOVE NAMED.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT CAPTURED FILES IN JERUSALEM MAY CONTAIN INFO ABOUT PERSONS PARA 1 ABOVE.

JOHN L. ~~HADDEN~~
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NO. 869

REF: TEL AVIV 4024

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Signed: Mary Pracode
R.O. #596 - Unit DE/ISR
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CONVEY APPRECIATION TO KKCOMPETITOR FOR GENEROUS OFFER IN PARA NINE REF. WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PERTINENT INFO AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO US.

END OF MESSAGE

Robert L. Pendley
JOHN L. HADDEN
C/CI/SPG

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NO. 866

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Signed: Mary Peacock
R.O. #596 - Unit NE/ISR
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BELIEVE FILES CONTAINING RECORDS OF SIRHAN'S MOTHER, MARY BISHARA SIRHAN, HOLDER OF JORDANIAN PASSPORT 142026, WERE LEFT IN JERUSALEM DURING JUNE WAR.

END OF MESSAGE

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TO

IMMEDIATE TEL AVIV

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NO. 864

REF: TEL AVIV 4025

NO RECORD ISSUANCE U.S. PASSPORT TO SUBJECT OR ANY OF HIS FAMILY IN U.S., IMPLYING HE HAS NOT LEFT U.S. SINCE ORIGINAL ENTRY 1957. THIS RECORD SEARCH NOT YET CONCLUSIVE.

END OF MESSAGE

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Signed: Mary Pearsall
R.O. #596 - Unit NE/ISR
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Robert L Pendley
for JOHN L. HADDEN
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IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR

RYBAT ~~RHYTON~~

6 JUN 68 IN 25735

NO. 974

REF: TEL AVIV 4024 (IN 25588)

1. KKCORRODE REPORTS RECEIVING INFO FROM KKCORRECT THAT SIRHAN AND MUNIR RECENTLY VISITED JERUSALEM AND/OR WEST BANK AREA. PARA 1 DIR 05575 ALSO IMPLIES THIS.

2. KKCORRODE REPORTS THOROUGH CHECK FAILS TO REVEAL ANY TRACE OF VISIT WITHIN PAST YEAR. HE REQUESTS CLARIFICATION AND ANY DETAILS AVAILABLE SOONEST.

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Signed: Mary Peacock

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JX-44306

6 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/OPS/NE

SUBJECT: ~~Sharif~~ Bishara SIRHAN
Sirhan

1. A usually reliable source has provided the following information on Subject:

a. Subject's father, Bishara Salama SIRHAN, was born in 1913 in Taybeh, a village near Ramallah. He and the family lived in the Christian quarter of East Jerusalem. Subject's father was shocked at Subject's act.

b. Subject has four brothers: Sharif, age 36; Sadallah, age 34; Adel, age 28; and Munir, age 20. Subject is 22 years. In 1957 Subject, together with his parents and brothers Sharif and Munir and his sister went to the United States. Sadallah and Adel joined the family later. Subject's sister died in the United States at an unknown date.

c. Subject's father quarreled with his wife and family about two and one-half years ago over the kind of education the children should have. Subject's father wanted them to have a traditional education, but he was unsuccessful in achieving this and left the family and returned to Taybeh.

d. According to Subject's father, Subject studied at the Christian School in Jerusalem and was caught stealing at the school. Subject and his brother Sadallah began to use hashish in Jerusalem. They left their father's house and went to Ramallah. Subject's father said that Subject and Sadallah continued to use drugs.

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after their arrival in the United States and that they began to drink excessively.

e. Subject's father knows nothing now about the occupations of any of his sons, except that Sadallah is an electronics technician or engineer.

2. Sources report that Subject's brother Adel sent $200.00 to his father on 23 February 1968. The instrument was drawn on the United California Bank and was cashed at or payable to the Discount Bank in Ramallah. The voucher number was 9,088,908.

3. Source also reports that Subject's mother has a sister named Victoria who lives in Amman, Jordan. Victoria is married to Salim NASAR, who owns a grocery store in Amman. Subject's father visited his sister-in-law in Amman ten days ago.

JOHN L. HADDEN
CHIEF, CI/SPG

Source: TELA 4024 (IN 25588) 6 June 1968

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Signed: Mary Peacock

R.O. #596 - Unit NE/IS/RSPG

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S E C R E T 060918Z JUN 68 CITE TEL AVIV 4024 (SPROTTE ACTING)

IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR

RYBAT ~~RHYTON~~

NO. 973

REF: TEL AVIV 4023 (IN 25433)* 2

1. KKCOMPETITORS HAVE LOCATED AND QUESTIONED FATHER OF SUSPECT. BISHARA SALAMA SIRHAN BORN 1913 IN TAYBEH NEAR RAMALLAH. HE AND FAMILY LIVED IN CHRISTIAN QUARTER OF EAST JERUSALEM. KKCORRODE STATES 3 HE MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION AND THAT HE WAS SHOCKED AT HIS SON'S ACT.

2. IN FAMILY WERE FIVE SONS: SHARIF, 36; SADALLAH, 34; ADEL, 28; SIRHAN, 22; MUNIR, 20; AND A DAUGHTER. IN 1957 THE PARENTS AND SHARIF, SIRHAN, MUNIR, AND THE DAUGHTER WENT TO THE U.S. THE TWO OTHER BROTHERS JOINED THEM LATER. AT AN UNKNOWN DATE THE DAUGHTER DIED IN THE U.S.

3. ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO THE FATHER QUARRELED WITH HIS WIFE AND FAMILY OVER THE KIND OF EDUCATION THE CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE. HE WANTED THE TRADITIONAL EDUCATION BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THIS SO HE LEFT THEM AND RETURNED TO TAYBEH.

4. OF THE CHILDREN, THE FATHER STATES THAT SHARIF STUDIED AT THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM AND WAS CAUGHT STEALING AT THE SCHOOL.

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SHARIF AND SADALLAH BEGAN USING HASHISH IN JERUSALEM. THEY LATER LEFT THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE AND WENT TO RAMALLAH. THE FATHER STATES THAT THEY CONTINUED TO USE DRUGS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. AND THAT THEY BEGAN TO DRINK EXCESSIVELY.

5. THE FATHER NOW KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ANY OF THE SONS' OCCUPATIONS EXCEPT THAT SADALLAH IS AN ELECTRONIC ENGINEER OR TECHNICIAN.

6. FROM SOURCES (SECRET) OTHER THAN THE INTERVIEW, KKCOMPETITORS 2 HAVE LEARNED THAT ADEL SENT $200 TO HIS FATHER ON 23 FEB 1968. THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAWN ON THE UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK AND WAS CASHED AT OR PAYABLE TO THE DISCOUNT BANK IN RAMALLAH. THE VOUCHER WAS NO. 9.088.908.

7. THE MOTHER HAS A SISTER NAMED VICTORIA LIVING IN AMMAN, JORDAN. THE SISTER'S HUSBAND IS NAMED SALIM NASAR. NASAR OWNS A GROCERY STORE IN AMMAN.

8. THE FATHER IS KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED HIS SISTER-IN-LAW IN AMMAN TEN DAYS AGO.

9. KKCORDWAINER 4, THROUGH KKCORRODE 3, HAS STATED THAT HIS ENTIRE FACILITIES ARE ON 24-HOUR CALL ON THIS MATTER AND THAT HE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO DO ANYTHING THAT HE CAN. KKCORRODE 3 FURTHER STATED THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ANY INFO COMING FROM AN INTERROGAT[illegible]AT WOULD GIVE HIM NEW A[illegible]

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IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR

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NO. 972

6 JUN 68 IN 25433

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REF: A. DIRECTOR 05575

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SUBJECT REPORTED FROM VILLAGE OF TAYBEH NEAR RAMALLAH. (TIMES ATLAS LISTS A TAYIBA NEAR RAMALLAH). PARENTS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN WOLADY. FATHER NOW IN VILLAGE LIVING ON PENSION. MOTHERS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

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The following action is authorized: Destroy

Signed: Mary Peacock

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RYBAT RHYTON

NO. 863

REF: DIRECTOR 05575

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO ON SUBJECT REF. NAME IS SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN. BORN 19 MARCH 1944 IN JORDAN. ARRIVED NEW YORK 12 JANUARY 1957. NATURALIZED CITIZEN IN 1965. EMPLOYED QUOTE ORGANIC UNQUOTE, 1388 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, PASADENA. HAS FOUR BROTHERS IN U.S.: MUNIR, SAID OLAH, SHARIES AND ODEL. NOTE: SHARIES MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH SHARIF. SHARIF AND ODEL BOTH RESIDE 964 EAST HOWARD STREET, PASADENA.

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Robert L. Pendley
JOHN L. HADDEN
C/CI/SPG

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PASSED DETAILS OF REF TO KKCORRODE. HE MOST APPRECIATIVE AND PURSUING DILIGENTLY. HE REQUESTS THAT ANY ADDITIONAL BIO DATA ON SUSPECT BE FORWARDED SOONEST.

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Signed: Mary Peacock
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1. THE SUSPECT ASSASSIN OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (FN AND LN THE SAME) OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. AGE 23. HE HAS A BROTHER NAMED MUNIR (JOE) SIRHAN WHO RESIDES 696 E HOWARD STREET IN PASADENA. 2 PM WASH TIME NEWS SAID HE HAD ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN CALIF AND FINGERPRINTS ON WHICH FIRM IDENTIFICATION MADE WERE FILED AS JUVENILE AND MADE AT TIME SIRHAN SIRHAN APPLIED FOR POSITION AS EXERCISE JOCKEY AT CALIF RACE TRACK. THIS SUGGESTS SIRHAN ESTABLISHED RESIDENT. SIRHANS REPORTEDLY HAVE MIDDLE EAST BACKGROUND; AND SIRHAN SIRHAN HAS REPORTEDLY VISITED JERUSALEM IN PAST. SIRHAN BROTHERS RECENTLY CAME FROM JERUSALEM TO U.S.

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UNSUBS; SIRHAN SIRHAN, ADEL SIRHAN, PLOT TO STEAL NUCLEAR DEVICES; AEA.

ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER RELATES TO AN ALLEGED PLOT INITIATED BY SIRHAN SIRHAN, CONVICTED ASSISSIN OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, TO STEAL A NUCLEAR DEVICE IN THE U.S. AND FURNISH SAME TO MUAMMAR KADDAFI, PRESIDENT OF LIBYA FOR FORTY MILLION DOLLARS. INFORMATION REGARDING PLOT FURNISHED TO AUTHORITIES BY A SOURCE, A FORMER INMATE AT "X" WING, SOLEDAD PRISON, SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA, AND SELF-REPORTED CONFIDANT OF SIRHAN SIRHAN. SOURCE, CURRENTLY RESIDING IN CHICAGO AREA, PASSED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY CLEVELAND DIVISION RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER. CURRENTLY, SOURCE HAS INTIMATED THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER AND INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF TAKING MATTER TO NEWSPAPERS. PLOT ALSO ALLEGEDLY INVOLVES SIRHAN SIRHAN'S BROTHER, ADEL SIRHAN, AND REPORTEDLY ADEL SIRHAN IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT SIRHAN SIRHAN, AT SOLEDAD IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO "CLEAR" SOURCE BEFORE INTRODUCING HIM TO LIBYAN OFFICIALS.

IN VIEW OF APPARENT INSTABILITY ON PART OF SOURCE AS SET FORTH IN CHICAGO TELETYPE THAT BUREAU AGENTS, LOS ANGELES, INTERVIEW SIRHAN SIRHAN WITH INTENTION OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER OR HOPEFULLY NEUTRALIZING ALLEGED PLOT. INTERVIEW WILL BE WITHHELD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8, 1977 IN ORDER THAT ADEL SIRHAN'S PLANNED VISIT TO SIRHAN SIRHAN DURING WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 3-5, 1977 BE ALLOWED TO TRANSPIRE AND THEREBY THROUGH SOURCE, POSSIBLY GAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAPTIONED PLOT.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1977, LOS ANGELES DIVISION WILL INTERVIEW SIRHAN SIRHAN RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS DO NOT NEGATE INTERVIEW POTENTIAL OR PROSECUTIVE POSSIBILITIES.

INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM BURNETT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 7Sep77

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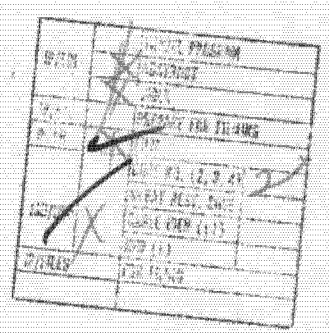
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SUBJECT: VISIT TO LEBANON OF SA'DALLAH SIRHAN, BROTHER OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN

ACQ : LEBANON, BEIRUT (27 MARCH 1975) FIELD NO. NLB-15,796

SOURCE : AN OFFICIAL OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WHOSE ACCESS HAS BEEN VERIFIED. HE IS A RELIABLE REPORTER. HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES.

1. SA'DALLAH S I R H A N, BROTHER OF THE ASSASSIN OF SENATOR ROBERT F. K E N N E D Y, SIRHAN S I R H A N, HAS BEEN IN BEIRUT SINCE APPROXIMATELY 20 MARCH 1975 ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT OFFICIALS OF PALESTINIAN FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO). THE PURPOSE OF SA'DALLAH'S VISIT TO BEIRUT IS TO RAISE U.S. $150,000 TO APPEAL HIS BROTHER'S CASE. (SOURCE COMMENT: SA'DALLAH HAS TOLD PLO OFFICIALS

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THAT ACCORDING TO (UNSPECIFIED) ATTORNEYS, IT IS POSSIBLE

TO APPEAL SIRHAN'S CASE BECAUSE NEW EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE BULLET WHICH KILLED KENNEDY DID NOT COME FROM SIRHAN'S GUN. SA'DALLAH ALSO HAS STATED TO PLO OFFICIALS THAT THE FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS OWE SIRHAN THIS MONEY BECAUSE HE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE.)

2. SA'DALLAH PARTICULARLY HAS BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH YASIR 'A R A F A T, FATAH LEADER AND PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER, 'ARAFAT HAS REFUSED TO GRANT THE APPOINTMENT AND HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO AVOID SA'DALLAH. THE LATTER WAS STILL IN BEIRUT AS OF 27 MARCH.

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SIRHAN SIRHAN
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -
POSSIBLE AIR PIRACY

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On July 24, 1972, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported Sirhan Sirhan, assassin of Robert F. Kennedy, presently incarcerated in San Quentin Prison, California, recently spoke about individuals possibly hijacking an airliner in order to hold the crew and passengers hostage until Sirhan is released and given passage to the Near East.

A second source, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability but who is in a position to know, on July 27, 1972, advised Sirhan has mentioned on recent occasions a possible aircraft hijack attempt to gain his release from prison. Sirhan professed some Arab friends, not further identified, have been planning a hijacking. The reason the crime has not been committed is due to Sirhan's desire to wait until all legal appeals now before the courts on his behalf are exhausted. Sirhan feels that he is a hero in the Near East and has saved thousands of lives by killing Senator Kennedy.

Sirhan has not mentioned any specific airline, date or time. He did indicate that the hijacking may occur originally in another country, possibly Canada or Mexico, so pressure can be put on the United States for his release. Sirhan mentioned Egypt or Jordan as possible termination points for the hijacking.

FBI investigation is continuing.

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On October 12, 1971, information was received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at Los Angeles, that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, had requested INS at Los Angeles, to issue a certificate showing that he is an alien.

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Saidallah Sirhan advised INS that he needs the certificates in applying for a Jordanian passport for travel to Jordan, however, he plans to return to the United States at some future time to apply for United States citizenship.

INS did not have information as to when Saidallah Sirhan is departing from the United States, where he will reside in Jordan or when he will return to the United States.

INS indicated that they were planning to issue the above certificate.

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SUBJECT: GEORGE SHIBLEY, ATTORNEY FOR SIRHAN SIRHAN

REF: STATE 148730

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY STAR SEPTEMBER 10, SHIBLEY STATED HIS VIEW THAT ATTEMPT LINK SIRHAN SIRHAN'S RELEASE WITH PLANE HIJACKINGS WOULD PREJUDICE HIS CLIENT'S CASE. SUBSEQENTLY, IN STATEMENT REPORTED IN MANY BEIRUT PAPERS SEPTEMBER 12, SHIBLEY ACCUSED FBI OF OPPRESSING "SUPPORTERS OF PALESTINE AND THE FEDAYEEN" IN SAME MANNER AS IT OPPRESSES COMMUNISTS. HE COMPARED FBI TO GESTAPO AND SAID PUBLIC OPINION IN US WAS AGAINST SIRHAN BECAUSE OF INFLUENCE OF "CERTAIN SECRET MOVEMENTS" ON NEWS MEDIA. SHIBLEY NEITHER CONDONED NOR CONDEMNED CONCEPT OF HIJACKINGS BUT ASSERTED THAT "FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS ARE MORE MERCIFUL THAN MENAHIM BEGIN (FORMER IRGUN LEAER) AND THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH COMMITTED MASSACRES IN PALESTINE."

2. RE SUIT BY SIRHAN'S MOTHER AND ATTORNEYS MCKISSACK AND JABARA (IST NAME, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, ABDINE), SHIBLEY SAID THOUGH THEY HAVE NO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO MIDDLE EAST, THEY FIGHTING TRAVEL RESTRICTION AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

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3. STATE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY REVOKE THE PASSPORT OF A U.S. CITIZEN IF THE SECRETARY DEEMS THAT CITIZEN'S ACTIVITY ABROAD MIGHT CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE U.S. DEPARTURE FROM THE U.S. WITHOUT A VALID PASSPORT IS UNLAWFUL.

4. IN THE CASE OF ALIENS (IN WHICH CATEGORY MRS. SIRHAN FALLS) THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR PREVENTING AN ALIEN'S DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE DEPARTURE WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. ROGERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 4461

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SUBJ POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO JORDAN BY MRS. MARY SIRHAN

1. EMBASSY AMMAN JUST LEARNED THROUGH WILSON OF TWA (WHO IN TURN TIPPED OFF BY TWA LONDON OFFICE) THAT MRS. MARY SIRHAN, MOTHER OF CONVICTED ASSASSIN, SIRHAN SIRHAN, CONTEMPLATING TRAVEL TO JORDAN WITHIN MATTER OF HOURS. IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LONDON MORNING OF SEP 9.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DELAYING TACTICS (E.G. CHOLERA VACCINATION, ETC.) COULD BE EMPLOYED. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WELL AWARE OF DANGER THAT ANY OBVIOUS ROADBLOCKS PLACED IN HER WAY MIGHT PLAY INTO HER HANDS.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 4468

LIMDIS

SUBJECT: REPORTED TRAVEL TO JORDAN BY MRS. MARY SIRHAN

REF: AMMAN 4461

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY TWA UP WILSON (PROTENS) THAT MRS. MARY SIRHAN - MOTHER OF SIRHAN SIRHAN - DEPARTING NEW YORK TONIGHT VIA TWA 880. THIS FLIGHT, WILSON BELIEVED, ARRIVES ATHENS AROUND NOON, SEPT 9.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES MRS. SIRHAN MAY BE ON HER WAY TO JORDAN IN EFFORT LINK PARDON OF HER SON WITH RELEASE AMCITIZENS ABOARD HIJACKED SWISSAIR/TWA AIRCRAFT.

3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED CHIEF OF ROYAL DIWAN RIFAI OF MRS. SIRHAN'S POSSIBLE ARRIVAL. HE AGREED THIS MOST UNDESIRABLE AND SIAD HE WOULD SEE WHAT HE COULD DO. HE ASKED ON WHAT PASSPORT WAS MRS. SIRHAN TRAVELING. EMBASSY SIAD IT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE BUT WOULD QUERY DEPT THIS POINT ASAP. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. AS MENTIONED REFTEL, DELAYING TACTICS MIGHT PLAY INTO HANDS OF FEDAYEEN BUT IT WOULD BE MOST CONVIENIENT IF MRS. SIRHAN'S ARRIVAL COULD BE DELAYED, PERHAPS THROUGH SOME MEANS SUCH AS THE "ACCIDENTAL" LOSS OF HER PASSPORT.

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MARY SIRHAN

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WE TAKING STEPS DELAY ARRIVAL MRS. SIRHAN AND LAWYER. DETAILS FOLLOW. GP-3
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SMOTH ARJUICE

1. FOR STATION INFORMATION ONLY (EXCEPT SEE PARA 2 BELOW):

LOCAL SMOTH REP BEIRUT REPORTED TO OUR COS ON 26 AUGUST 1970 THAT ONE HIS SOURCES WHO HAS CONTACTS AMONG PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS RECENTLY HEARD THESE CONTACTS MENTION PLAN BY UNIDENTIFIED COMMANDO ORGANIZATION TO KIDNAP AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE AND HOLD THEM TO TRADE FOR RELEASE OF SIRHAN SIRHAN. COMMANDOS CONCERNED ALLEGEDLY REJECT IDEA OF KIDNAPING AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN AN ARAB COUNTRY IN ORDER TO "AVOID POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT" WHICH SUCH ACTION WOULD ENTAIL. SMOTH STATES THIS IS SECOND OR THIRD SUCH UNPINNED-DOWN REPORT TO THIS EFFECT THEIR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED, AND WHILE IT MAY NOT REFLECT SERIOUS INTENT ON PART OF COMMANDOS, SMOTH SOURCE THIS MOST RECENT REPORT HAD VISCERAL FEELING HIS COMMANDO CONTACTS

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THE FEZ RESTAURANT
1508 NORTH VERMONT STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - MIDDLE EAST

An anonymous letter postmarked at Los Angeles, California, on May 5, 1969, was received at the Headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Washington D. C., which alleged that captioned restaurant is a front for a militant Arab group whose members freely discuss "the assassination of our leaders". The letter stated in part that the members of this militant group met at the restaurant after business hours regularly. Funds raised are from various places in the world and are distributed to causes most sympathetic to this group. The letter continued that Sirhan Sirhan, his mother and brothers are members, and as a matter of fact, the day on which Sirhan was sentenced for the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, that very evening his mother and brother were there to arrange for funds for his appeal.

On June 11, 1969, a review of a Dunn and Bradstreet Credit Report on the Fez Restaurant indicated as above, revealed that the restaurant is co-owned by Frederick G. Shelby and his brother, Louis G. Shelby. The business was started in 1959 and was incorporated in California on July 20, 1964. The business is described as a restaurant and bar operating under liquor license number 47-24570, issued May 18, 1965. Seating capacity is for about 100 people at both bar and booths, and it employes 25, including the officers.

Shelby, Louis T. - Fez Restaurant

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According to this report, Frederick G. Shelby, born 1930, United States, is single, and has been employed in the plumbing line all of his working career.

Louis G. Shelby, born 1925 in the United States, is married. Prior to 1958 he was employed for several years as a hairdresser, and for one year in 1958 was employed by the Division of the Blind, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.

In the course of a prevous investigation concerning Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Louis G. Shelby, 2054 North Berendo Avenue, Los Angeles, California, owner-operator of the Fez Restaurant, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI, as Sirhan Sirhan's brother Adel, worked at the restaurant, and Sirhan Sirhan was also known to Shelby.

Shelby, at that time, advised that he was a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), with a major in political science and did some graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley. According to Shelby, Adel Sirhan worked at the Fez off and on from January 1, 1962, to June 1967, as a musician. Sharif Sirhan, another brother also frequented the Fez once or twice a week. Sirhan Sirhan was only in the restaurant on one or two occasions. According to investigation at that time, it was determined that the clientele of the restaurant section of the establishment averaged about 70 per cent non-Arab, but the cocktail lounge trade where the belly dancers perform is mostly Arabic and other foreign nationality students.

THE FEZ RESTAURANT
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On July 11, 1969, Louis G. Shelby was again interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI concerning the allegations that the restaurant was being used as a meeting place for a militant group which held meetings after hours, raised funds for Arab causes, and openly advocated the assassination of American leaders.

Shelby denied the allegation in its entirety. He stated that he is now the sole owner of the Fez Restaurant as his brother has withdrawn from the partnership. He stated that he would never allow such meetings to be held at the restaurant, particularly after hours, as he would lose his license and as he would not tolerate on general purposes such meetings at his business establishment. He stated that the restaurant is a gathering place for newly arrived Arabic immigrants, may of whom are recent refugees from the mid-East turmoil. He stated that the most popular topics of conversation at the bar among these young Arabs are naturally about the Arab Israeli crisis, and these young men are loud in their support of the Arab cause. He advised that many Arab students at the local Universities also come to the restaurant on occasion, however, they appear less volatile than the refugees, depending in part on what Arab Nation they are from. He stated that he is at the restaurant and mingles with the crowd every night, and he has never heard a threat to assassinate any American leaders, or for that matter any threats of assassination to anyone.

Shelby advised that the Sirhan brothers, Adel and Sharif, still frequent the restaurant, Sharif much more often than Adel. He stated that as a matter of interest, Adel Sirhan appears to be somewhat mentally upset

as he repeats the same stories over and over again, and hardly makes sense in his conversations. Sharif Sirhan on the other hand is a big spender at the bar, frequently spending $25 to $30 on any given evening.

Shelby stated that there has never been a fund raising function in behalf of the Sirhan family held at the Fez Restaurant. He stated that on one occasion there was an affair held at Baces Hall which is right next door to the Fez Restaurant, the proceeds from which were donated to the Sirhan family.

Shelby concluded that Mrs. Sirhan has never been to the Fez Restaurant since Senator Kennedy was assassinated and only has been in the Fez Restaurant on one or two occasions prior to that time.

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1. FYI. TWO LETTERS IN ARABIC HAVE BEEN SENT TO GPDOWNY (1) AT LNPURE (2) REGARDING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. IF DEATH SENTENCE CARRIED OUT, ONE LETTER THREATENED GPDOWNY'S (1) LIFE IN REPRISAL. OTHER, CLAIMING TO BE FROM "THE NATIONAL FRONT SUPPORTING FEDAYEEN" STATED LNPURE (2) WOULD BE BLOWN UP IF HARM CAME TO SIRHAN.

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TO ADEN BEIRUT CAIRO JIDDA DHAHRAN AMMAN JERUSALEM 01 18 17z Jul 69 16784
ATHENS TEHRAN ANKARA ISTANBUL

1. GPDOWNY AT LNPURE KUWAIT RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO LETTERS REGARDING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. ONE THREATENED GPDOWNY'S LIFE IF DEATH SENTENCE CARRIED OUT AND OTHER STATED LNPURE WOULD BE BLOWN UP [redacted] IF HARM CAME TO SIRHAN. SECOND LETTER CLAIMED TO BE FROM "THE NATIONAL FRONT SUPPORTING FEDAYEEN."

2. PLEASE REPORT ANY SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTS AT YOUR INSTALLATION.

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SUMMARY: DURING THE COURSE OF THE SIRHAN TRIAL, LOCAL MEDIA TENDED TO TAKE SOMEWHAT RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARD SIRHAN, AND RESTRICTED COVERAGE GENERALLY TO RUNNING STORIES FROM THE COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICES. SINCE THE DEATH SENTENCE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE JURY ON APRIL 21, THE LOCAL PRESS HAS BECOME MORE SYMPATHETIC TO SIRHAN,. GOVERNMENT-OWNED TV AND RADIO CONTINUE TO RESTRICT COVERAGE TO STORIES FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES BUT NEWSPAPERS NOW ATTEMPTING PORTRAY SIRHAN AS HERO WHO CONTINUES TO DESERVE SUPPORT OF ARABS.

1. PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COURT'S DECISION IN THE SIRHAN TRIAL, PRESS RADIO/TV ALL TENDED RESTRICT COVERAGE TO LENGTHY EXCERPTS FROM UPI, REUTERS, MENA, ETC. LOCAL JOURNALISTS PRIVATELY ADMITTED THAT LITTLE SYMPATHY IN JORDAN FOR KILLER OF FATHER OF TEN CHILDREN.

2. SINCE COURT'S VERDICT, PRIVATELY-OWNED PRESS SEEMS DETERMINED MAKE SIRHAN HERO. AMMAN'S WEEKLY ARABIC AL-MASA, WHICH IS LEFTIST-LEANING AND THOUGHT BY SOME OBSERVERS LOCAL SCENE T
O BE IN POCKET OF RUSSIAN EMBASSY, IN STORY MAY 5 POSED QUESTION QUOTE WHEN WILL ARABS MOVE SAVE LIFE THE HERO-FEDAYEE UNQUOTE. PAPER SUGGESTED

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WASHINGTON AND ITS RULERS WOULD NOT DARE TO EXECUTE SIRHAN IF HE WERE JEWISH. QUOTE BUT WASHINGTON TAKING MEASURES EXECUTE BRAVE MAN, WHOSE ONLY FAULT ATTEMPT STOP AMERICANS FROM PROVIDING ISRAEL WITH PHANTOM AIRCRAFT UNQUOTE. SAME ISSUE AL-MASA RAN ARTICLE BY WELL-KNOWN POET, AL-AFHANI, IN WHICH RINGING PHRASE QUOTE THIS HERO-S BLOOD IS ON THE ARABS UNQUOTE USED. AFHANI CONCLUDED ARTICLE SAYING QUOTE SIRHAN WILL NOT DIE..... HIS MEMORY WILL LIVE IN HEART OF HONEST STRUGGLE (JIHAD) AND IN HEARTS OF STRUGGLERS UNTIL DOOMSDAY UNQUOTE.

3. SIMILAR SENTIMENT EXPRESSED IN ARTICLE BY WELL-KNOWN JORDANIAN ANGLICAN PRIEST, REVEREND AKEL, WHO PRESENTLY HAS SMALL CHURCH IN IRBID. HIS ARTICLE PRINTED AD-DIFAA, ARABIC DAILY, MAY 14 SAID HE SENDING A QUOTE DEEPLY FELT SALUTATION TO THE SOLDIER AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTER ..... THE SALUTE GOES TO THE LION CUB OF THE PALESTINE CATASTROPHY, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. WE SEND IT WITH THE SOUND OF OUR FIGHTERS' SHOTS REVERBERATING ACROSS THE OCEANS, TO QUAKE THE DEATH CELL AND SHAKE AMERICA FROM THE DEPTHS UNQUOTE.

4. A MEMBER OF JORDAN'S PARLIAMENT, EMILE AL-GHOURY, DEPUTY FOR JERUSALEM, SAID ON MAY 17 IN AD-DUSTOUR, MOST WIDELY READ LOCALLY PRODUCED ARABIC DAILY, THAT QUOTE THE (SIRHAN) CASE PROVIDES FOR THE ARABS A RARE AOPPORTUNITY TO UNCOVER THE AMERICAN PREJUDICE AGAINST THE ARABS, ESPECIALLY THE PALESTINIANS, THEIR RIGHTS AND INTERESTS..... ALTHOUGH THE JURY'S VERDICT WAS DEATH...THE CASE IS NOT OVER YET....ARABS STILL HAVE WIDE FIELD TO SAVE LIFE SIRHAN....ARABS, OFFICIALS AND OTHERS, MUST CHANGE THEIR FORMER MISERABLE ATTITUDE, AND ADOPT EFFECTIVE DECISIVE POSITION....ARAB LAWYERS AND BAR ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE TO CONTRIBUTE SERIOUSLY IN DEFENDING SIRHAN AND PROVIDING NECESSARY FUNDS FOR APPEAL UNQUOTE.

5. RECENT EDITIONS OF ARABIC PRESS HAVE RUN PHOTOS OF CALIFORNIA'S GAS CHAMBER; SIRHAN'S MOTHER'S REACTION TO SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S APPEAL FOR HER SON'S LIFE TO BE SPARED; AND NOTICE TO READERS THAT UAR'S SAWT AL-ARAB IS SERIALIZING THE STORY OF SIRHAN'S LIFE FROM FIRST OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE TERRITORY UNTIL SENTENCE WAS

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1. The information in the attached report was obtained on 27 March 1969 from WUHABIT/1, who acquired the information on 25 March from Issa NAKHLEH of the Palestine Arab Delegation in New York City.

2. Index:

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Rashad *MURAD (201-185969)
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SUBJECT Activity of the Palestine Arab Delegation in New York City Concerning the Sirhan SIRHAN Trial

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SOURCE A Middle East national with a leftist political orientation who has good contacts among the permanent missions of the developing countries at the United Nations. Source has been an accurate reporter on Middle East and African affairs for several years.

1. At the request of Issa NAKHLEH, an official of the Palestine Arab Delegation in New York City, Rashad MURAD, Director of the New York Office of the Arab League, called an emergency meeting of the Arab group at the United Nations for the morning of 25 March 1969. The meeting was held at the offices of the Arab League in the Chrysler Building. It lasted for one hour. MURAD presided over the meeting; Ambassador Edward GHORRA the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations (UN), who is the Chairman of the Arab group for March, was not present. Representatives from the Arab permanent missions to the UN and a representative of the New York Office of the Palestine Liberation Organization also attended.

2. Rashad MURAD announced that the meeting had been called in order to present a report from Issa NAKHLEH of the Palestine Arab Delegation, who had recently returned from California where he had observed the trial of Sirhan SIRHAN for the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert F. KENNEDY. Before NAKHLEH presented his report there ensued a dispute concerning the summoning of an emergency meeting of the Arab group on behalf of a subordinate individual within the Palestine Arab Delegation. Other than MURAD only Ambassador Jamil BAROODY, who represented Saudi Arabia, defended the action by NAKHLEH and MURAD.

3. NAKHLEH then presented his report, which consisted of his impressions of the trial, accompanied by readings from "the trial record". NAKHLEH described SIRHAN as "an Arab

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guerrilla" and stated that his action was "motivated by political events". NAKHLEH indicated that he believed that SIRHAN will be convicted but that he will not receive the death penalty. NAKHLEH stated that he had obtained the approval of Sirhan SIRHAN to act as an adviser to SIRHAN in the event that SIRHAN wishes to appeal the forthcoming verdict. NAKHLEH recommended that if SIRHAN appeals his conviction, a group of Arab attorneys should travel to the U.S. to observe the appeal proceedings.

4. NAKHLEH informed the group that one of his principal aims in briefing the group was to enlist their support for a trip to the Middle East which he plans to make in the near future in order to collect funds to aid SIRHAN's defense. NAKHLEH requested that the Arab representatives present cable their governments asking that the latter aid him during his fund-raising trip to the Middle East. No commitments were made at the meeting by the representatives present; however, it is judged that a number of the representatives will send the cable requested. (Source Comment: NAKHLEH has the reputation of being a loose handler of funds; in the past some of the money collected for alleged support of various Arab causes has found its way into his pockets.)

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CONTACT AT LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT HAS REQUESTED AN ON THE HEAD ONLY SEARCH OF OUR RCDS FOR ANY INFO ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR INDIVIDUALS\ ALL BROTHERS. CONTACT ADVISES THAT HE IS OBTAINING INFO FROM I&N SERVICE AND OTHER SOURCES DIRECTLY AND HE IS INTERESTED ONLY IN WHAT WE MAY HAVE. THE NAMES & IDENTITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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QASAB, Adnan Al- , no DFOB. Cit: Iraq

Appointed to serve as alternate member of the regional leadership in place of Khalkhal and Alusi. An engineer.
NQB-2980, 5 October 1961, pg. 2
Filed 42-9-11

and

QASAB, Adnan

NODFOB. Cit. Iraq

Link between Ali Salih (201-314087) and the party he runs with an iron hand.
NQBA-5105, 14 Februay 1962
Filed 42-6-28/3

RI/INDEX traces:

QASSAB, Adnan
Assigned to the OrgBuro and responsible for party organizational affairs in the Baghdad area. Politburo of the Baa'th Party in Iraq.
NQB-04090, 6 June 1963, page 1.

and

NQBA-5105, 14 February 1962 (see above)

19 March 1969: Called Ed Cahill and asked him to tell LAPD that we have NPII on all but an Adnan QASSAB. We have three documents dated 1961, 1962 and 1963; no bio data. If LA could tell us when the brothers arrived in the U. S., we might be able to make an identification and could ask field stations for traces if advisable.

C. Kraft

CONTACT REPORT: Meeting with Salim LAWZI, Publisher of al-Hawadith

PLACE: New York, New York

TIME: November 29, 1968, 1800 - 2100 Hours

1. Joseph W. ADLESICK and wife traveled to New York on November 29, to meet Salim LAWZI and his wife who were staying at the Hotel Biltmore. During the course of the evening, Camille NAUFAL (Senior Arabic translator at State) joined the party for drinks. At dinner Salim NASSAR (writer for as-Safa and a grantee), and Mr. and Mrs. Shukri V. ALFA joined the party. Mr. SHUKRI is in the import export business and is an American citizen, his wife is relatively recently arrived from Lebanon and is a guide at the UN. The presence of outsiders during part of the evening hampered conversation, but we did have time to cover some main points.

2. LAWZI attempted to see SIRHAN, but was unable to arrange this. When in Los Angeles he was able to spend 3 and 1/2 hours with SIRHAN's lawyer whom LAWZI described as an Irish catholic with a name something like Pearsons (name is PARSONS). We were conversing in Arabic and LAWZI is unusually bad on names for an Arab. According to LAWZI, SIRHAN's lawyer told him that he is very impressed with SIRHAN. He told LAWZI that SIRHAN is certainly no murderer. The lawyer stated that there of course was no doubt that he killed Robert Kennedy, what intrigues the lawyer is that SIRHAN as a person is an unlikely killer. Because of this the lawyer has been exploring SIRHAN's motivation which has led him to make a study of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He more or less agrees with SIRHAN that the Arabs have not been justly treated in the conflict. According to LAWZI, SIRHAN's lawyer intends to introduce the Arab-Israeli conflict into the trial. He feels this might possibly be a mitigating factor in the sentencing of SIRHAN. LAWZI was very impressed with the lawyer and encouraged him in his plans. He asked the lawyer if he needed money, but the lawyer said, "no." He did say that he had received $105.00 to date in contributions to SIRHAN's defense, $5.00 from Australia and $100.00 from donors in the US.

3. LAWZI reviewed his interest in SIRHAN's trial (we had had some discussions regarding this subject prior to ADLESICK's departure from Beirut). LAWZI said that the "Five June Group" (Lawzi said

that USEMBASSY Beirut is aware of group and its membership) had decided to take some action with regard to SIRHAN's trial. The group called in two of Lebanon's best lawyers, Walid KHALIDI and another lawyer who is the Lebanese lawyer who handles a lot of Tapline's cases (ADLESICK forgets name but has met him). These lawyers explained problems involved in sending Arab lawyers to participate in SIRHAN's trial. Group also decided that the participation of such lawyers could possibly be used against the Arab cause. Because of these reasons the group is hiring two American lawyers of Arab descent to participate in SIRHAN's defense. LAWZI said that the group might still send one from the Middle East as observers of SIRHAN's trial. LAWZI said that money is no object as they have the promise of considerable funds, if needed.

4. Concerning a possible conspiracy to assassinate American political leaders, LAWZI first reaction was "if only the Arabs had the organizational skills to organize a conspiracy against the US, we would have far less problems than we now have." He is personally convinced that SIRHAN was not involved in any conspiracy. He mentioned that SIRHAN's lawyer said that he was similarly convinced. LAWZI said that the NAMIR case in New York would also prove to be without foundation. When shown the article from the Kuwaiti newspaper AL-HADAF, LAWZI commented the Amir of Kuwait who is making a state visit to the United States shortly would certainly not allow the formation of an anti-US suicide squad. LAWZI assumed that the US Embassy in Kuwait would make representations to the Kuwait government. LAWZI said that although al-Hadaf is now a pro-Nasir publication, it was originally pro-Ba'thi and this might account for the extreme tone. When ADLESICK mentioned spate of rumors concerning an organized conspiracy, LAWZI expressed concern since such rumors can only worsen US-Arab relations at a time when everything must be done to improve them. LAWZI again emphasized his belief that neither SIRHAN nor the NAMIRs were involved in a conspiracy and he felt that investigation would bear this out. LAWZI added that there was another reason why the commandos as a group would hesitate to engage in such a conspiracy. This is because the commandos are now collecting an appreciable amount of money in the US. At the moment money is being collected at a rate under $1,000,00 per annum. During the past two months the rate was about $60,000,00 per month. Most of this money is being collected for Fatah, and what is very significant is that not all of it is being collected from Arab sources. The willingness of non-Arabs to give money to the commandos is considered very significant by the commandos. They believe it reflects a new awareness and understanding of the Arab-Israeli crisis on the part of Americans. Lawzi said that he met two Arabs involved in collecting this money, one in Detroit and one in New York (he did not give their names). LAWZI said that both men were worried about the effect bad publicity might have on their collections. LAWZI argued that the commandos would no nothing to jeopardize this new source of funds, especially since it shows signs of expanding (funds collected were virtually nill until recently).

5. Operational. LAWZI in no way indicated that he was aware of any special relationship with PSMAID/1. He is very happy with PSMAID/1 and is planning to send him to the US in about 7 months to follow up on public relations openings LAWZI had discussed with various oil companies.

6. Concerning the trip, LAWZI was disappointed with arrangements made by State and USIA. He had hoped for extensive appointments and chances to talk to various groups of Americans. Fortunately CONOCO was able to make extensive arrangements for him and he feels they were very beneficial. He assumed that the trip was to be a working trip and this was the thrust of the program. Most of the grantees view the trip as a vacation and State and USIA seem to go along.

7. The attachment contains a summary of comments LAWZI made to a group of oil company officials. LAWZI claims his comments were well received. He is obsessed with improving American-Arab relations. He insists that the US must play an important role in the area. He feels that the US has vital interests in the Arab world and none in Israel and the real US vital interest being in preventing Soviet domination of the Arab Middle East. LAWZI said that behind the scenes particularly in the UAR, there is a growing concern over the growth of the Soviet presence in the Eastern mediterranean. UAR officials point out that prior to the June war, they were able to hold the Soviets at arms length with the growth in the number of advisors and the Soviet naval presence, this is no longer possible.

8. LAWZI mentioned that he was impressed with Ambassador Porter and felt he had been able to make a number of beneficial contacts with Embassy officials.

Joseph W. ADLESICK

MR. SELIM LAWZI'S COMMENTS
ON ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS

1. It is apparent that up to now United States policy in the Middle East is drawn primarily upon domestic political consideration. There is little doubt that Zionists interests are strongly represented in the sources of power and influence in the United States, notably the press, television, radio, lobbying groups and intellectual circles. It is also apparent that there is no Arab counter-pressure or effective presence in the United States to reflect Arab interests. As a result of all of this U.S. policy reflects the interests and ambitions of Israel.

2. This direction of U.S. policy gained greater strength under President Johnson and was a major factor leading to the June war of 1967.

3. What have been the effects of this American policy as revealed by the six-day war? There were two victors and two losers: Israel and the USSR were the victors; the Arabs and the U.S. were the losers.

4. This result makes one ask two questions: (1) are there any vital U.S. state interests in the area apart from those of Israel? (2) does the increasing Soviet presence and influence in the area pose a threat to these vital interests?

5. If the answer to the first question is yes, "there are vital U.S. interests in the area" then we believe these interests should be evaluated, studied and carefully analyzed in a realistic and pragmatic fashion, not only for the sake of the Americans, but also for the sake of the Arabs themselves. The Arabs feel they have parallel interests with the United States in preventing the escalation of Soviet influence in the area, not because they necessarily like the U.S. per se, but because they do not want to replace one influence with another, possibly less compatible.

6. Consequently, there is a meeting point between the Arabs and the United States. This meeting point is the interests of both parties in frustrating the escalation of Soviet influence in the area.

7. The increase of Soviet influence in the Middle East is not as dangerous to Israel as it is to the Arabs and the United States. Israel has more ability and maneuverability to strike a bargain with the Soviets than the Arabs and the U.S. if such a course appears in its national interest.

8. Russia is on the record as one of the sponsors of Israel. It was initially Russia's hope that Israel would become its passage to the Middle East, but Israel calculated that its immediate interests lay with the United States.

9. Therefore, it can be safely assumed that if Soviet influence in the area becomes dominant, Israel is then quite capable of shifting the gun from one shoulder to another.

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10. It is very important therefore, that the meeting point between the Arabs and the United States -- on the one hand, America's vital economic and strategic interests and,on the other,the Arab desire not to replace one influence with another -- should be nourished and strengthened and should become the basis of study and analysis. Such a careful and honest study is bound to lead to a new American approach to the area which puts more importance on Americans' vital interests than the present domineering domestic political considerations.

11. Undoubtedly this new approach will face strong Zionist resistance that will attempt to sabotage and uproot its basic assumptions.

12. If the Zionists succeed in these attempts and successfully sabotage this new American approach, then America and the Arabs will have lost a rare and perhaps unique chance for mutual growth and understanding.

13. If this chance is dissipated the United States stands to lose much more than the Arabs. At stake is the heavy U.S. investment in the area, the strategic position of the Middle East and the Mediterranean and the friendship of 100 million people. All that the Arabs stand to suffer is the exchange of one dominant power in the area by another.

14. The two winners would still remain the USSR and Israel.

15. If we have an affirmative answer to our earlier question that the United States does have vital interests in the area apart from those of Israel then what direction should the United States policy follow?

16. We feel the United States should pursue two courses: one is a short range one, the other, a long range one.

17. The short range action should be enforcement of the United Nations 242nd resolution of Nov. 22, 1967. This resolution calls for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab territory. But at the same time it calls upon the Arabs to end the state of belligerency, to recognize the boundaries and to grant freedom of navigation to all through international waterways. This is much more than Israel demanded before the June war.

18. Another short range action should be withdrawal of the offer to negotiate the sale of Phantom jets to Israel. The Arabs, whose territory is occupied, have the right to arm themselves to liberate their country. But the United States has no justification for sending Phantom jets to the occupying power and victor as a prize for its aggression, and a reward for defiance of the United Nations. Apart from the moral issue involved, the supply of planes to Israel will further identify the U.S. with Israel and further strengthen Soviet influence in the area.

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19. As to a long-range United States policy that can greatly enhance peace and stability in the area, the U.S. should study the most practical means to raise the standards of living and develop the economic potential of the Arab countries, so that the imbalance in the economic infra-structure between Israel and the Arab states is rectified.

20. Even if a military peace comes to the area it will remain precarious and indefinite as long as this disparity remains.

21. In summary, the United States should reasses its relationship with the Middle East in terms of its own vital interests and shouldseek the opportunity to establish a new positive relationship with the Arab countries, based on a study of mutual interests, before it is too late.

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COUNTRY: QATAR/JORDAN

DOI: 30 OCTOBER 1968

SUBJECT: FUND RAISING VISIT BY JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT MEMBER ON BEHALF OF BISHARA SIRHAN. No 201

ACQ: SAUDI ARABIA, DHAHRAN (13 NOVEMBER) FIELD NO. NWD-1192

SOURCE: A SENIOR ARAB OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF QATAR. HE IS A NEW AND UNTESTED SOURCE. HE OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE.

1. ON 30 OCTOBER 'ABD-AL-SALAM 'URI, A JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT MEMBER REPRESENTING RAMALLAH, ARRIVED IN DOHA FROM KUWAIT ON A TOUR OF THE GULF STATES TO TRY TO COLLECT MONEY FOR THE FATHER OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, THE ASSASSIN OF ROBERT KENNEDY. 'URI DID NOT HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS RAISING MONEY FOR THIS CAUSE IN DOHA. (SOURCE COMMENT: SOME OF THE PALESTINIANS HAD ALREADY CONTRIBUTED BY SENDING MONEY TO THE LEBANESE WEEKLY "'USBU" AL-'ARABI" WHICH CALLED FOR DONATIONS A FEW MONTHS AGO.)

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October 28, 1968

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John M. Laurence
Also Known As
John M. Lawrence
Registration Act-Middle East

On September 11, 1968, the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) telephonically contacted the subject and requested that an appointment be made for the purpose of interviewing the subject. The subject then became abusive and used foul language and advised," I have nothing to say to the FBI and I do not wish to meet with you."

On October 24, 1968, Dr. Omar Z. Ghobashy, 15 Park Row, New York, New York, advised that he has had no further contact with the subject and added that he does not believe the subject will contact him again. He stated that, in his opinion, the subject is mentally unbalanced and was quite rude to him when he, Ghobashy, refused to aid the subject in his endeavors to gain clemency for Sirhan Sirhan, the accused assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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1. PRIOR EXROYAL/1 DEPARTURE ISTANBUL EARLY SEPTEMBER IBRAHIM JARRAR AND "SAMIH" (LNU) TOLD EXROYAL/1 THEY DID NOT CONSIDER ROBERT KENNEDY TO BE ENEMY OF ARABS AND WERE MOST DISPLEASED SIRHAN SIRHAN SHOT KENNEDY. JARRAR AND "SAMIH" CONSIDERED PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO BE "NUMBER ONE ENEMY OF THE ARABS."

2. IN AMMAN EXROYAL/1 AS ABLE GET ONLY ONE FATAH MEMBER TO TALK AT ALL ABOUT SIRHAN CASE, AND MOST HIS CONTACTS OBVIOUSLY DID NOT WANT DISCUSS SIRHAN CASE OR EVEN UNITED STATES. AN UNNAMED POLITICAL THEORIST FOR FATAH SAID KILLING OF KENNEDY WAS INDIVIDUAL ACT OF SIRHAM, THAT AL-FATAH SAW NO DIFFERENCE IN ATTITUDES OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND SENATOR KENNEDY TOWARDS ISRAELI-ARAB PROBLEM, AND HE EXPECTED PRESIDENT JOHNSON WOULD CALL FOR CONFERENCE TO SOLVE ISRAELI-ARAB PROBLEM. THIS FATAH POLITICAL THEORIST BLAMED UNITED

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Around the Nation

Delay Expected In Sirhan's Trial

LOS ANGELES — Sirhan B. Sirhan's trial for murder in the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, now scheduled to begin Nov. 1, is expected to be continued until a later date, probably after the first of the year.

The new trial date, reportedly being worked out by attorneys and the judges, may be disclosed Friday, when the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant makes his ninth appearance in court.

The reasons for the expected postponement are said to be twofold.

The attorney who is expected to assist Russell E. Parsons in defending Sirhan is still unavailable because of other commitments.

There is a possibility that the jury will be sequestered throughout the entire trial, which would cause jurors to be locked up during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays if the case begins as now scheduled.

Present estimates are that the trial will last about two months.

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Detroit, Michigan
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Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan

An FBI memorandum dated August 6, 1968 at Detroit, Michigan identified Abdeen Jabara, 1217 First National Building, Detroit as the attorney for captioned committee.

The current Detroit telephone directory lists Abdeen M. Jabara, Attorney, 1217 First National Building, telephone number 961-0430.

On September 4, 1968, Sergeant Stanley Kowalski, Intelligence Bureau, Detroit Police Department, advised that his records disclosed that Abdeen M. Jabara, born [redacted], resides at 7433 East Jefferson and is engaged as an attorney at 1217 First National Building, Detroit. He is originally from Mancelona, Michigan and he is described as five feet eleven inches in height, 170 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Kowalski stated he had no information to indicate that Jabara has been active in soliciting funds for captioned organization or for any other cause.

On September 5, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had ascertained the following information concerning Jabara:

Name	Abdeen M. Jabara
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Mancelona, Michigan
Father	Samuel Allie Jabara (deceased)
Mother	Mymonie Jabara Mancelona, Michigan
Education	Mancelona, Michigan High School 1954 - 1958, received diploma
	University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan 1958 - 1962 received Bachelor of Arts Degree

S. USA, Detroit

attorney for the Organizing committee for Clemency for Sirhan

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Organizing Committee for Clemency
for Sirhan

Wayne State University
Detroit, Michigan
1962 - 1965
received Doctor of Laws Degree

Marital Status Single
Previous employments:

March, 1963 - March, 1964
Law Clerk for Goodman, Crockett,
Eden, Robb and Philo

Previous addresses:

1940 - 1958
302 Maple Avenue
Mancelona, Michigan

1958 - 1962
South Quad
Ann Arbor, Michigan

1962 - 1965
640 West Willis
Apartment 211
Detroit, Michigan

1965 - 1966
44560 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan

On September 16, 1968, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he was introduced to Abdeen Jabara about a year ago and at that time Jabara told him that he was beginning to practice law in Detroit. Following this introduction to Jabara and shortly following the Israeli-Egyptian confrontation, this source received a letter from Jabara soliciting funds for the Ad Hoc Committee for Arab Relief. This source stated that he had no information to indicate that Jabara had been active in collecting funds for captioned committee or for other causes. This source also stated that he had no information concerning Jabara's family or his background other than the fact that Jabara was formerly a law clerk for Ernest Goodman, the attorney who had represented Communist Party officials in the past.

201-92117 Re: Goodman's association with Abdeen M. Jabara, Attorney for the Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan.

Organizing Committee for Clemency
for Sirhan

On September 20, 1968, a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Abdeen Jabara, born September, 1940, entered Wayne State University Law School in September, 1962 and obtained a Doctor of Laws Degree in June, 1965. He previously received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan in June, 1962. This source stated that in April, 1967 Jabara registered as a post degree student at Wayne State University to take a course in French, but dropped out. At that time he resided at 7433 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan.

On September 4, 1968, Katherine Tracy, Supervisor, Merchants Credit Bureau, advised that her records disclosed that Abdeen M. Jabara, residing 7433 East Jefferson, Detroit, is employed as an attorney at 1217 First National Building. He formerly resided at 44560 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan and he has Social Security Number [redacted] Her records contained no derogatory data concerning Jabara.

On September 4, 1968, Dorothy Wall, Identification Bureau, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and on September 5, 1968, Harold Guntzler, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Detroit Police Department, advised that records of their departments contained no information identifiable with Jabara.

On September 3, 1968, Yvonne Dean, Traffic Court Records, advised that her records disclosed that Abdeen M. Jabara, born [redacted], 185 pounds, five feet eleven inches tall, had received 34 traffic citations during the period September 12, 1963 to February 7, 1967. Addresses for this individual are shown as 11655 Brownell, Plymouth, Michigan; 302 Maple, Mancelona; 44560 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan; 219 East Buena Vista, Highland Park, Michigan; 7433 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan.

On September 23, 1968, the following advised that the records of their agencies contained no information identifiable with Jabara:

Jackie Cox, Clerk
Ann Arbor Police Department

Organizing Committee for Clemency
for Sirhan

Trooper Richard Meloche
Ypsilanti State Police Post

Mrs. Onylene Jackalke, Clerk
Ann Arbor Credit Bureau

Deputy Sheriff Artis Hogon
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office

Concerning the above-mentioned Ernest Goodman, on September 19, 1954, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ernest Goodman has been present at Communist Party activity meetings where at no one except a Communist would be admitted. This source further stated that "I cannot say that I know him (Goodman) to be a member and as a matter of fact he probably has never been an actual member of the Communist Party. I have no doubt Goodman is completely dedicated in principle to the ideals of the Communist Party and he is a sympathizer with the Soviet Government in Russia."

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

FYI

1. QUOTA/3 passed the Station a report in Spanish dated 24 September 1968 which contained a declaration made by Agustin *CORREA Rafael, a Spanish national with DPOB 2 August 1947, Herrera de Alcantara (Caceres), Spain, who is currently in jail in Badajoz, Spain. CORREA was arrested on 20 June 1968 in San Vicente de Alcantara (Badajoz) by the Civil Guard for driving without a license. He has been arrested on two previous occasions for having clandestinely crossed (international) borders.

2. CORREA made the following declarations. About three years ago, he became involved in smuggling activities in Portuguese territory at the orders of a Portuguese count who lives in Cintra. This person also has a home in a castle in Castel de Vide (Portugal) which is located about 8 kilometers from the Spanish-Portuguese border. The count is about 45 years old and has ten children. CORREA's wife, Maria del Carmen FUENTES Lopez, who lives in Madrid at Calle Vilche #14, group 12, has a card with the count's name on it.

3. The count is in contact with a United States national whom CORREA believes is named Jose CAR (or CARR?) who carries merchandise, liquor, and tobacco in twelve launches which he owns, to different places on the Portuguese coast, mostly in the Lisbon area and in the south. CAR lives in Dallas, Texas, and comes to Portugal about every twenty days and stays in a hotel in Lisbon. The count always receives news of CAR's arrival in Portugal.

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4. On 12 June 1968, CORREA was in a launch called "Fatima" with CAR and another unidentified person and overheard a conversation in Spanish between the two in the cabin. CAR said, "We have already taken care of Robert KENNEDY, his brother will fall soon."

5. CORREA declared that besides being involved in smuggling activities, CAR is involved in gangster missions (not specified).

6. There are no Madrid Station traces on CORREA or on CAR (or CARR). Headquarters and Lisbon Station traces only are requested. Advise what may be passed to QUOTA. For Headquarters. The information in paragraphs 1 through 4 may be passed to LNERGO for their investigation. However, we wish to place the caveat that LNERGO should not discuss this matter with the Spanish or Portuguese services without having obtained prior clearance from the Station. For COS, Lisbon. As we do not know at the present time if QUOTA is planning to discuss this case with the appropriate Portuguese authorities, Lisbon Station should not discuss the case with Liaison.

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FROM : Amembassy AMMAN

DATE: September 16, 1968

SUBJECT : Inquiry from Los Angeles Police Department Concerning Past Residences of the Sirhan Family

REF :

A letter (Enclosure No. 1), dated August 21, from the Chief of Police of the City of Los Angeles to Ambassador Symmes asked the Embassy to forward to the Director General of Jordan's Public Security Forces a request for information concerning events which took place in the areas of the known residences of the Sirhan Family in the 1940-1957 period, during the time of their residence in each area. The purpose of the inquiry was to obtain information for use in connection with a possible defense in the Sirhan trial based on the theory of a diminished capacity of the accused to form intent caused by accumulated traumatic experiences during his childhood.

The Embassy's interim reply (Enclosure No. 2), dated August 31, informed the Los Angeles Police Department that the area of the Sirhan family's former residences was now under Israeli control and that an inquiry addressed to the Jordanian authorities would not, in the Embassy's opinion, prove productive. The Embassy proposed, as an initial alternative, to gather what information it could through discreet inquiry and forward it to Los Angeles.

Enclosures: all N/A (Unclassified when detached from covering communication)

1. Letter of August 21 from Los Angeles Chief of Police
2. Embassy's interim reply of August 31
3. Memorandum with appended map of Jerusalem - results of Embassy's preliminary inquiry

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A memorandum with appended map of Jerusalem (Enclosure No. 3) sets forth the results of the Embassy's preliminary inquiry which included several books, personal knowledge of officers at the American Embassy in Amman and the American Consulate in Jerusalem, and conversations with local employees from the Jerusalem area. Conversations with other than official Americans were restricted to discussion of events without reference to the Sirhan case. Any effort on the part of the Embassy to relate the events described to particular members of the Sirhan family would have required direct questioning of persons acquainted with the family and living in the specific area at the time. A detailed inquiry of this nature would necessitate a considerable expenditure of time and effort by Embassy personnel as well as bringing Jordanian, and perhaps Israeli authorities into the matter, all of which the Embassy would be reluctant to do in the light of present tensions in the area.

The memorandum and map are forwarded to SCS for review and transmittal to the City of Los Angeles Police Department.

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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Department of Police

Ref. No. 6.24

August 21, 1968

The Honorable Harrison M. Symmes
The United States Ambassador
United States Embassy
Amman, Jordan

This department is conducting a thorough investigation of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

A very important phase of the investigation is a complete background coverage of the suspect, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, from the date of his birth to the date of the assassination. Considerable documented background information has been gathered on the Sirhan family. The recent plea of "Not Guilty" by Sirhan indicates a possible defense based on the theory of a diminished capacity to form intent which was caused by accumulated traumatic experiences. This necessitates a history of said experiences for study and evaluation by the psychiatrist assigned to the prosecution.

The Sirhan family has alleged that as a child the accused was exposed to many bombings, strafings and possible death in the streets while living in New and Old Jerusalem. Our historical research indicates that many bombings and strafings occurred in the Jerusalem, Palestine area from 1944 through 1948. There is further indication that there were occasional incidents of that nature from 1948 through 1957 in Jerusalem, Jordan. In view of the above it is imperative to the medical rebuttal that it be determined if Sirhan, in fact, actually experienced such incidents.

Immigration data, known former residences of the Sirhan family and a list of questions are enclosed. Pursuant to advice received from Mr. Byron Engle,

Director,

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Director, Office of Public Safety, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C., it is requested that this information be forwarded to the Director General, Jordanian Security Force, for investigation.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

THOMAS REDDIN
Chief of Police

/s/ R. A. Houghton

ROBERT A. HOUGHTON, Deputy Chief
Commander, Detective Bureau

Enclosures

Questions:

1. What was the extent of bombings, strafings and/or terrorist activities during 1944 through 1957, in the areas encompassing the residences of the Sirhan family indicated in the enclosed list?

2. Describe if possible the extent of structural damage, loss of life and injuries etc., caused by this activity in the areas and period of years indicated.

3. Describe if possible the general living conditions in the refugee villages in Jerusalem, Jordan during years 1948 - 1957.

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KNOWN RESIDENCES OF SIRHAN FAMILY IN NEW AND OLD JERUSALEM

1940 - 1942 El Quatamon (Unknown Address)
Jerusalem, Palestine

1943 - 1944 Beit Safafa (Unknown Address)
Jerusalem, Palestine

1944 - 1946 Tabah off Rumalla Rd. (Unknown Address)
Jerusalem, Palestine

1946 - 1948 Marbullis (phonetic) Street or Saint Paul Street near Saint George School, English Commissioners Building and a radio broadcasting station. The family also lived on Murara Street and Mimilla Road (Unknown Addresses)
Jerusalem, Palestine

1948 - 1957 Moved inside wall to Old Jerusalem, Jordan. The family states they lived in a refugee village, which was one of fifteen in the area. Housing was composed of tents, some buildings and caves. Food and water were allegedly scarce.

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August 31, 1968

Dear Chief Reddin:

I have your letter of August 21, Ref. No. 6.24, regarding Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and certain background information you seek concerning areas in which he reportedly lived.

As the area of what was formerly Palestine in which Sirhan resided is now under Israeli control and Jordanian authorities do not have access to all of their records on the West Bank, we do not believe it would be too productive to ask the Jordanian security authorities to try to compile the information you have requested. We propose, therefore, initially to seek to answer your questions as completely as we can, both through our own knowledge and through discreet inquiry by Embassy personnel. We are also exploring the subject through the Consul General in Jerusalem. We will further consider the prospects of obtaining from the Government of Jordan a statement on events in the areas concerned; however, we would appreciate your views on the usefulness of material developed entirely by the Embassy.

We hope to forward a report to you within the next ten days. This, therefore, should be considered an interim reply.

Sincerely,

Harrison M. Symmes
American Ambassador

Thomas Reddin, Chief of Police
City of Los Angeles
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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M E M O R A N D U M

This memorandum describes events which took place in the area of the known residence of the Sirhan Family during the period of their residence. Sources include several books recording events of the time, personal knowledge of officers of the American Consulate in Jerusalem and the American Embassy at Amman, and conversations with natives of Jerusalem. A map of Jerusalem, printed in 1952, is attached.

Much has been written on Jerusalem during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, particularly from the Jewish side. The following references are suggested:

Barnett Litvinoff, Road to Jerusalem, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London 1965
Harry Levin, I Saw the Battle of Jerusalem, New York 1950
Dov Joseph, The Faithful City, New York 1960
Zeev Sharef, Three Days, New York 1962
Harry Sacher, Israel, the Establishment of a State, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London 1952
Jacques de Reynier, A Jerusalem un drapeau flottait sur la ligne de feu, Histoire et Societe d'Aujourd'hui, Geneva 1950
Jon and David Kimche, Both Sides of the Hill, Secker and Warburg, London 1960
J.C. Hurewitz, The Struggle for Palestine, W. W. Norton and Co., New York 1950
Christopher Sykes, Cross Roads to Israel, Collins, London 1965

1940-1942 El Qatamon, Jerusalem, Palestine

El Qatamon, or Katamon, is a residential district on the southwestern outskirts of Jerusalem which, prior to the 1948 Arab-Israel war, was largely inhabited by upper-middle class Christian Arabs. 1940-1942 was a period of prosperity in El Qatamon, during which no fighting or disturbances on a significant scale are known to have taken place.

1943-1944 Beit Safafa, Jerusalem, Palestine

Beit Safafa is an Arab village on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv rail line, situated to the southwest of Jerusalem about one mile beyond El Qatamon. Although in 1944 fighting did break out against the British in some parts of Palestine, to the best of our knowledge no fighting occurred in Beit Safafa in the 1943-1944 period.

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1944-1946 Tabah (off Ramallah Road), Jerusalem, Palestine

Tabah may be either Tibeh or Taibeh, birthplace and current residence of the father of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Taibeh is a Christian Arab village, located about 8 miles northeast of the town of Ramallah. So far as the Embassy is aware, no fighting on a major scale took place in the Ramallah-Taibeh area during 1944-1946. The period did witness much fighting in other areas of Palestine, however, including the blowing up of Jerusalem's King David Hotel in July 1946.

1946-1948 Mar Boulos (Saint Paul) Road, near the Saint George School, the British Commissioner's Building and the radio station. Also Murara Street and Mamilla Road, Jerusalem, Palestine

Saint Paul's Road and Mamilla Road (EF-3 and DEF-4 on the appended map) are main thoroughfares in the area of Jerusalem west of the Old City and east of King George Avenue. Murara Street is located in the Mahne Yehuda district (BC-2, 3). Fighting began between Arabs and Jews in November 1947 and intensified with the termination of the British Mandate on May 15, 1948. Heavy fighting and much destruction took place in the vicinity of the radio station, just west of St. George's School and Saint Paul's Road in 1948. Many of the houses destroyed in this area have never been rebuilt. Sniping and terrorist activity took place at the same time in the vicinities of Murara Street and Mamilla Road.

A chaotic situation prevailed in the Jerusalem area of Palestine in 1947-1948. The massacre of some 250 Arabs, including women and children, in the Jerusalem suburb of Deir Yassin in April 1948 by the Irgun, a Jewish terrorist organization, had a profound effect on the Arab community and stimulated the flight of many Arabs from Jewish-controlled or disputed areas.

1948-1957 In a refugee village inside the Old City

During and after the 1948 fighting, many Arabs from West Jerusalem took refuge in the Old City. For the most part they were taken into the homes of friends and relatives or allowed to live in church buildings rent free. Some may have slept in caves. There was no "refugee village" as such, but many refugees established themselves in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City where a large number of buildings had been destroyed during the fighting. Initially, they lived in tents or temporary shelters built of rubble, until 1954-1955 when more permanent shelters of stone or mud with corrugated roofs were built. Food was apparently not particularly scarce, but water was rationed by the Old City authorities during the 1948 fighting owing to the fact that Jewish forces had closed off outside water sources and the city had to rely on internal supplies.

Attachment: Map of Jerusalem (1952).

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EARL EDWIN APPLEBY, JR.

A confidential source on June 27, 1968, advised that at Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont, in November, 1967, captioned individual had talked to students about the War in Vietnam, stating that he had participated in Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF) activities and demonstrations in New York City.

A characterization of YAWF appears in the appendix hereto. The source said that Appleby entered Goddard about March 6, 1968, as a first year student and was presumed to be at his home on summer vacation, intending to return to Goddard on or about September 7, 1968.

The source said Appleby is a militant and appeared eager to start a YAWF chapter at Goddard; however, did not succeed because of lack of student interest there and lack of effectiveness as an organizer. Appleby has mentioned that in January of 1968, he was in Cuba as a winner of the Radio Havana, Cuba Contest, attending conferences on political doctrines with the Young Socialist Alliance, Socialist Workers Party, and Du Bois Clubs of America members from the United States who were in Cuba.

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Following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, he tried to organize a defense committee to raise money for the legal defense of Sirhan Sirhan, who is accused of murdering Senator Kennedy; however, he did not have literature and was unable to collect money from students at Goddard because of lack of interest. He referred to Senator Kennedy as "just another capitalist" and said Sirhan was the victim of an imperialistic United States.

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At Goddard, during the Spring of 1968, Appleby circulated a petition which condemned the United States as an imperialistic nation, exploiting the peoples of the World, the petition calling for armed revolution to free the World from economic, political and social slavery. Only two signatures were on this petition, those of one Roland Hayes, a student and a Stefanie Reich described by the source as "a Marxist Zionist." Appleby plans to continue circulating this petition when he returns to Goddard, hoping it will assist him in organizing a YAWF group there.

A confidential source abroad, in July, 1968, advised that Appleby was a regular listener to Radio Berlin International, an East German radio propaganda outlet, and appeared to be equally impressed by Radio Berlin International and Radio Havana since they disseminate the truths of internationalist and revolutionary scientific socialism.

He is concerned about the alleged revival of Nazism in West Germany which is a consistent theme of East German propaganda.

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APPENDIX

YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM (YAWF)

A source advised on March 29, 1965, that the Youth Against War and Fascism, formerly known as the Anti-Fascist Youth Committee, was established by the Workers World Party (WWP) in the summer of 1962, to bring college and high school youth into the periphery of WWP activities and thereby gain recruits for the organization.

A second source advised on October 23, 1964, that a flyer distributed by the YAWF describes that organization as a militant organization of young workers and worker-students for combating war and fascism.

The first source advised on May 1, 1968, that the YAWF maintains its headquarters at 58 West 25th Street, New York City and publishes a magazine called "The Partisan."

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SIRHAN INVESTIGATION

1. SEPT 7 ISSUE RAMPARTS MAGAZINE CONTAINS INTERVIEW WITH SIRHAN FAMILY GRANTED TO MAHMOUD ABDEL-HADI, WHO DESCRIBED AS EGYPTIAN CORRESPONDENT FOR AKBAR ELYOUM IN CAIRO. CONTENT OF ARTICLE INDICATES SIRHAN WISHES USE HIS TRIAL AS FORUM TO PRESENT ARAB CAUSE TO AMERICANS.

2. REQUEST BEIR TRACES INCLUDING ASSETS IN NEWSPAPER FIELD. CAIRO CE CARDS LIST SIPUZZLE INFO DATED 1957 AS FOLLOWS: MAHMUD AHMAD ABD-AL-HADI, DPOB [redacted] SHABLIN AL-KUUM: MARRIED, FIVE CHILDREN; OCCUPATION: CONTRACTOR OF [redacted] NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES: CANDIDATE FOR GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. SUBJ ALSO LISTED NECA-13248, 21 JULY 64 AS NEWSMAN WITH AL-JAYL AL-JADID.

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TO: LAFO

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1. The information in the following paragraphs and attachments may be passed to LAPD. There are no restrictions on its use since the information is either overt or non-attributable.

2. There are literally thousands of books, periodicals, articles, United Nations documents, and research papers by sundry groups, organizations and governments on the subject of the complex situation in the Middle East often referred to as "The Palestine Question". It was therefore not feasible to review everything available on this subject which would ensure that answers to your questions on Jerusalem were complete. Furthermore, in our opinion, there are no sources on this subject which could unhesitatingly be considered as completely reliable, objective and unbiased. The emotional nature of the problem between the Jews and the Arabs is such that most anyone in close proximity to the two find themselves being drawn into favoring one side or the other. Lt. General E. L. M. Burns aptly expressed this pitfall in the Preface to his book, "Between Arab and Israeli", which, incidentally, is one of the few fairly reliable and detailed accounts of the conflict in Palestine. Gen. Burns stated, "Here and there I have given my interpretation of the motives and attitudes of the two sides in the conflict. In doing so, I have tried to remain impartial, just as, when I was Chief of Staff UNTSO [United Nations Truce Supervision Organization] and Commander of UNEF [United Nations Emergency Force], it was my duty to maintain a neutral attitude toward the Arabs and Israelis alike. However, before I had been long in the Middle East, I learned that no matter how hard one tried to be objective and impartial, if one accepted the views of one side on any

matter, the other side accused one of partiality. It is unlikely that this book will escape accusations of prejudice, because I have criticized the attitudes and actions of both sides. In some instances, Arabs may dislike my strictures on their behaviour, and declare that I, like most Americans and Canadians, was and am on the side of the Israelis. On the other hand, criticisms of the policy of the Israel Government will probably result in a charge of anti-Semitism. If such a charge should be laid, I would plead Not Guilty."

3. With the above in mind, we offer the following information on events which occurred in Jerusalem and Palestine during the time Sirhan was alleged to have resided there.

4. Following the end of World War II, the Jews and Arabs of Palestine focused their attention once again on ridding Palestine of the British Mandate authorities. Violence grew to such proportions that Palestine was close to a state of anarchy. British plans for a solution were rejected by all sides. Eventually, the British were pushed to the point that they could no longer control the situation, and in April 1947 they asked the fledgling United Nations to study the problem and submit its recommendations. On November 26, 1947 the United Nations General Assembly approved the recommendations of the Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) which called for the partition of Palestine into a Jewish State and an Arab State. Because of its great importance to three world religions, the Jerusalem area, including Bethlehem, was to be internationalized and placed under the direct administration of the United Nations. The Jewish Agency, with some reluctance, accepted the plan, but the Arab states refused to accept it. With no means of enforcement, the UN Palestine Commission could only send a small number of representatives to Jerusalem to observe and report what was going on. In the meantime, the United Kingdom announced that it would end its Mandate effective May 15, 1948 and would not thereafter be responsible for law and order.

5. The following months saw a scramble for strategic positions by the Arabs and Jews and violence continued unabated. As described in "Backdrop to Tragedy": "The day to day events in Palestine from December 1947 to May 1948 belie the arbitrary classifications of peace and war. There were 5,000 casualties during this period and the

damage to property may be estimated in the millions of dollars. On some days as many as 50 'incidents' were reported all over Palestine. Trains were blown up, banks robbed, government offices attacked, convoys ambushed, and mobs and gangs looted, burned, and clashed with troops or rival mobs." During this period, both Arabs and Jews feverishly stockpiled military materiel in anticipation of the end of the British Mandate on May 15, 1948. The Jews made clandestine purchases of planes in Paris which involved over two million dollars. Among the planes acquired by Israel were a Mosquito bomber fighter, which was flown into the country from England, several four-engine Flying Fortress bombers which came from the U. S. via the Azores, as well as a number of British Beaufighters and Spitfires bought out of R.A.F. surplus stocks. A few Messerschmidts and Russian-type Yak fighters were brought in from Eastern Europe. The Arabs meanwhile acquired aircraft and tanks from surplus British and French stocks.

6. On the 14th of May 1948, the last of the British Forces began to withdraw from Palestine. On the 15th of May, the Jews proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel. That day, armed forces of the neighboring Arab League States (Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon) moved across the borders of Palestine and thus began the first Arab-Israeli War. There was widespread fighting between Arab and Israeli forces, most intense in the Jerusalem area.

7. Jerusalem was quickly surrounded by the Arab Legion and the road to Tel Aviv completely cut off. The city remained under siege and continual bombardment from May 14 until June 11, 1948. As far as can be determined, Jerusalem was subjected to aerial bombardment by both Israelis and Jews only during the early months of this war. We have found no references in material researched suggesting that it ever came under aerial bombardment again. However, as mentioned above, the lack of such references should not be considered conclusive. Artillery bombardment and firing incidents, however, have continued intermittently between the Arab and Israeli sectors of Jerusalem from 1948 to the present.

8. An Israeli account of the siege of Jerusalem was printed in the "Israeli Year Book, 1951/52" as follows:

> "The defense of Jerusalem deserves a special chapter in the story of Israel's war of independence. Jerusalem's

troubles began soon after 29 November 1947. Arabs immediately sought to cut Jerusalem from the coast. Sniping of traffic became a daily occurrence already in December, and the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway was the target of mounting Arab attacks of extreme ferocity throughout the first half of 1948.

"By January these operations had exacted a heavy toll of Jewish life, even though Jewish traffic travelled in convoy. By February homemade armoured cabins were added to trucks to give some protection to the driver. Buses were given an armoured coating to give a feeling of security to passengers... By March the wooded hillsides along the defile from Bab el Wad to Jerusalem were so thick with Arab ambush that movement became suicidal. The verges on both sides of this stretch of road were littered with the burntout husks of Jewish vehicles. The road was closed.

"In April came Operation Nahshon which opened it again, long enough to permit three convoys to reach the Holy City with supplies of food, weapons and ammunition. This enabled Jerusalem barely to hold out during the subsequent siege. During 'Nahshon', prior to the dispatch of a convoy, Haganah units would go forward at night, capture the heights dominating the dangerous stretch of road, keep it clear for the convoy to pass, and then retire, before the British could arrive to order them out.

"With the third convoy through by the third week in April, the Arabs had come to realize the high value of the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv artery. They concentrated all their resources in order to cut it, and they achieved their object. From then until the beginning of the first truce in June, Jerusalem was under siege. The only traffic to get through were a few jeeps that cut across country under cover of darkness with troop reinforcements, a few weapons and some ammunition. Skeleton contact was also maintained through the hazardous daily flights of an Auster plane that flipped from Tel Aviv to a scratch landing field in Jerusalem.

"There were many moments during these four weeks when the fate of Israel hung by a thread. Jerusalem had been sealed from contact with the coast. The Arabs were entrenched in the Old City. Arab Legion forces to the north, east, south and at points on the road west of

Jerusalem maintained a strangle hold upon the New City. The situation of the beleagured Jews had been rendered less desperate by the supplies brought in on the three mammoth convoys under 'Operation Nahshon', and their defences had been enhanced by the skillful occupation by Haganah forces of the former British security zones on the day the British departed. But none could know how long the Arab siege would last, nor how long the Jews could hold out against superior numbers and the heavy artillery which was now brought into play from the surrounding hills.

..."Meanwhile, starving Jerusalem, waterless and fuelless, withstood 25 days and nights of continuous shelling, having no contact whatever with the outside world except by radio. The battle for the approaches to Jerusalem was grim, tough and costly. The Arab Legion foresaw that a solid occupation of Latrun would effectively throttle communications between the Holy City and the coast. After stiffening the northern ring around Jerusalem, Legion troops moved down to Latrun, occupying the Ramallah-Beit Nuba road, they consolidated themselves in the village covering the eastern approach to Lydda and Ramleh.

"The one hundred thousand Jews in the city were subjected to daily shelling from Arab Legion 25 pounders and Egyptian artillery. From positions close to the Israeli lines - and some Arab positions were as close as ten yards - hand grenades and mortar-shells were flung into Jewish houses and streets. The Jews had no artillery pieces. Their heaviest weapon was a locally manufactured 6" mortar, known as the 'Davidka' which was used with devastating effect to shatter enemy houses and morale. It served to induce in the enemy the belief that Jerusalem was powerfully armed. It served also to raise Jewish morale.

"The weak spot was the Old City. The Jews here were surrounded by Arabs and Arab Legion forces. Yet they held out for weeks. They were mostly old folk and families, stiffened by a small number of Haganah, who had fought their way through the Old City to join the Jewish civilians and help in their resistance. Outnumbered by fifty to one, with almost no weapons beyond a few hand grenades, 2" mortars, a couple of

machine guns, a few rifles and revolvers, they were systematically driven back from house to house by the crushing weight of all that the Arabs could muster. On May 28, the Jews of the Old City surrendered.

"In the beginning of June, Israeli forces began to concentrate west of Latrun. At the same time they groped their way through the Judean hills to cut what eventually became known as the "Burma" Road through to beleaguered Jerusalem, giving the Jews an alternate road to the Holy City, and making them independent of the Arab Legion and the U.N.

..."The Arabs, too, made history on that day [11 July 1948]. They bombed Jerusalem from the air - the Holy City's first aerial bombardment - and followed it up with three air attacks on Tel Aviv.

"On the 18th of July, a general cease-fire came into effect after ten of the most shattering days the Arabs had suffered...Breaches of the truce began almost from the first day. In the Jerusalem area, the Arab Legion intensified its bombardments of the New City and kept them up with clockwork regularity. During the remainder of July, August, September and October, Jerusalem was shelled almost every night by 25 pounders. ...On 30th November, with the signature of a "real truce", the Jews of Jerusalem slept for the first time for months..."

9. In the article, "How Israel Won", the author states that during 1948, Israel acquired a sizeable air force and following the end of the truce on July 9th, 1948, the Israeli forces went over to the attack on all fronts. "In Jerusalem itself, the Jews had become strong enough to go over to the offensive, too. They returned Arab artillery shelling and started to bomb the Old City and Arab artillery emplacements."

10. Armistice negotiations began on the Island of Rhodes in January 1949 and the General Armistice Agreements were successively signed between Israel and Egypt, Israel and Lebanon, Israel and Jordan and Israel and Syria, the last on July 20, 1949. Peace in Palestine, however, has always been elusive. Continual, if intermittent, violence plagued Jerusalem as well as the rest of Palestine. Some examples:

April 22, 1953: Firing broke out in Jerusalem. On this occasion, Jordan suffered the brunt of the attack. Ten were killed and fifteen were wounded. Israel counted six wounded.

June 30, 1954: A firing incident commenced in Jerusalem and continued intermittently through the first three days of July. During this period four Israelis were killed and 26 wounded; Jordan had 26 wounded and five killed. Nearly all were civilians. The heavy construction of the buildings is all that held the casualties down. The firing had been extremely heavy. Both sides had used machine guns, Sten guns and rifles. Jordan fired fourteen rounds of 2-inch mortar shells and Israel answered with over one hundred rounds of 2-inch and 3-inch mortar shells.

(Note: The above two incidents were described in "Violent Truce".)

July 1954: An outbreak of firing began between Israeli-held and Jordanian-held parts of Jerusalem. Beginning with a few rifle shots, it had increased in volume, with machine guns and three inch mortars joining in. This went on for about three days before an effective cease fire was established, but not before nine people had been killed and fifty-five wounded, nearly all of them civilians. (Note: This is probably the same incident reported above on June 30, 1954.)

Nov. 17-20, 1955: Riots took place in Jerusalem and other cities throughout Jordan.

January 1956: More rioting in Jerusalem.

(Note: The above were described in "Between Arab and Israeli".)

11. We realize that the above account may not be satisfactory to your needs. The hard fact of the matter is

that objective reports on this subject are scarce indeed. We are attaching several background papers which may be of interest.

Attachments:

1. The Balfour Declaration
2. The British Mandate for Palestine
3. The White Paper on Palestine, 1939
4. United Nations Partition of Palestine, 1947
5. Armistice Agreements Between the Arab States and Israel, 1949
6. "City Under Siege", an article by Harry Levin, from "Jerusalem Embattled", by Levin, published by Victor Gollancz, Ltd., London
7. "How Israel Won", pgs. 100-102, an article by George W. Herald. From the Sep.-Oct. and Nov.-Dec. 1949 issues of "Opinion", The Jewish Post and Opinion
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9. "The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization", from "Between Arab and Israeli", pgs. 22-31.

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Violent Truce, by Commander Elmo H. Hutchison, USNR, published by the Devin-Adair Company, 1956, New York

The Israeli Yearbook, 1950/51, published by Israel Publications Ltd., Tel Aviv, Israel

Backdrop to Tragedy: The Struggle for Palestine, by William R. Polk, Damid M. Stamler, and Edmund Asfour, Beacon Press, Beacon Hill, Boston, 1957

Under Fire, Edited by Donald Robinson, published by W. W. Norton & Co., New York, 1968

BETWEEN ARAB AND ISRAELI

Early July 1954. Outbreak of firing between Israeli-held and Jordanian-held parts of Jerusalem. Beginning with a few rifle shots, it had increased in volume, with machine guns and three inch mortars joining in. This went on for about three days before an effective cease-fire was established, but not before nine people had been killed and fifty-five wounded, nearly all of them civilians. pg. 53.

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May 15, 1948 - Palestine Mandate of United Kingdom ended. Jews at once proclaimed the State of Israel. Armed forces of the neighboring Arab League states (Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon) then moved across the borders of Palestine. There was widespread fighting between Arab and Israeli forces, most intense in the Jerusalem area. After two abortive truce appeals by the UN Security Council, a third was accepted by both sides commencing on June 11 and effective for four weeks.

The first truce was to run until July 9, 1948. Before that date the Security Council and the UN Mediator, Count Bernadotte, urgently appealed to both Israelis and Arabs to prolong it. Israel agreed but the Arabs did not, and hostilities were resumed.

A second truce was arranged effective July 16 at Jerusalem and July 18 elsewhere. During the ten days interval between the truces, the Israelis had gained important successes. They failed, however, to take the Old City of Jerusalem or to drive the Arab Legion out of Latrun. Fighting in Palestine did not cease even with the coming into force of the second truce.

Negotiations began on the Island of Rhodes in mid-January 1949, and the General Armistice Agreements were successively signed between Israel and Egypt, Israel and Lebanon, Israel and Jordan and Israel and Syria, the last on July 20, 1949.

VIOLENT TRUCE

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April 22, 1953 - Similar incident to above occurred. On that occasion, Jordan suffered the brunt of the attack. Ten were killed and fifteen were wounded. Israel counted six wounded.

CITY UNDER SIEGE

This story relates the experience of Harry Levin, a British foreign correspondent, who ~~xtayx~~ remained in the City of Jerusalem during the siege by the Arab Legion which continued for 24 days, beginning on May 18, 1948. They were cut off from the rest of Israel until a convoy reached them with food and medicine on June 11. Describes the constant bombardment of Jerusalem and damage caused.

Shelling: para pge 77: Shelling starts at 8 or 9 a.m., goes on until dark, stops until midnight ~~xxxx~~ or the early morning hours, then continues intermittently until dawn.

During 1948, the Israel Air Force also became a sizeable reality. In the first weeks of the war, it had been a miscellaneous assortment of antiquated contraptions from which bombs were dropped by hand onto the Arab positions by pilots leaning out of their machines. Two former Wold War II pilots, one Jew and one Gentile, made clandestine purchases of planes in Paris which involved over two million dollars. Among the planes acquired by Israel were a Mosquito bomber fighter, which was flown into the country from England, several four-engine Flying Fortress bomber units which came from the U. S. via the Azores, as well as a number of British Beaufighters and Spitfires bought out of R.A.F. surplus stocks. A few Messerschmidts and Russian-type Yak-fighters were brought in from Eastern Europe.

When the truce came to an end on Friday, July 9th, 1948, Israel was no longer the weak nation of two months before. Its forces went over to the attack on all fronts. The town and airport of Lydda were occupied on July 10th and 11th. Ras-el-Ain, the south-of-Jerusalem water supply, was cleared of Iraqi troops.

In Jerusalem itself, the Jews had become strong enough to go over to the offensive too. They returned Arab artillery shelling and started to bomb the Old City and Arab artillery emplacements. At the same time, Jewish forces advanced to the West from Jerusalem and opened up a wide corridor through the hills...

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
August 26, 1968

no 201

John M. Laurence, also known as
John M. Lawrence, John Lawrence Pawluk
Registration Act - Middle East

On July 31, 1968, Omar Z. Ghobashy, an attorney, 15 Park Row, New York, New York, advised that he was the Information Officer for the Egyptian Consulate in New York City, New York, in 1955. In 1962, he was the Chief of Research of the Arab League. He added that the Arab Information Center is under the egis of the Arab League. He stated that pamphlets are available at the Arab Information Center to anyone desiring them. He stated that there is no need to pay for these pamphlets even though a price is published on each pamphlet. He added that the subject or anyone else could walk into the Arab Information Center and get any number of pamphlets he wants, take them out and sell them. He said that the price is published on the pamphlet in order to lend it some respectability inasmuch as it would be degrading if it were given out free of cost. Ghobashy stated that he was in telephonic contact with the subject and stated that the subject appears to him to be unstable mentally. The subject insisted upon using Ghobashy's name in connection with his "Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan," but Ghobashy adamantly refused to grant him permission to use his name.

On August 21, 1968, Omar Ghobashy stated that he had been in telephonic contact with the subject on two occasions with the hope of learning more about the above Committee for Sirhan. He stated that the subject was "close-mouthed" concerning details of this committee and declined to furnish any specific information of Ghobashy.

On August 14, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has knowledge of certain phases of Arab activities in the New York City area, advised that he is not acquainted with the subject or with the above Committee for Sirhan.

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On July 31, 1968, a second confidential source, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability, advised that the subject is not associated with the Arab Information Center. He stated that several months ago, the subject visited the Arab Information Center and purchased a quantity of publications. He returned on one other occasion and obtained additional pamphlets for which he did not pay. He was probably charged for these but payment is not pressed by the Center. The main desire of the Center is to disseminate this material and, if payment is not made to them, it is not of any great consequence. He added that single copies of pamphlets are free but a charge is made for large quentities.

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26 August 1968

Excerpt from FBI Daily Log of Mr. James Ludlum, CI/LSN

23 August

Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy - See attached speed letter which references our CSCI 316/02558-68.

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TO : J. F.
ATTN:

FROM: LVB

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The Bureau has learned that at present there are no plans by Los Angeles County Dist Attorney to subpoena Moshe Yaacov Reader or Mordechai Stein in connection with the upcoming Serban trial

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19 AUG 68

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FROM SAC LAFO

SUBJ SIRHAN\ SIRHAN BISHARA 542 200 I SD/1

CONFIRMING LAFO TELECON\ 16 AUG 68\ CONTACT AT LAPD HAS ADVISED THAT SIRHAN,S DEFENSE IS PLANNING TO PLEAD "DEMINISHED CAPACITY" WHICH WILL PREVENT POSSIBLE FIRST DEGREE CONVICTION. THIS WOULD BE BASED ON FACT THAT SIRHAN\ WHILE LIVING IN HIS HOME LAND PRIOR TO 1957\ WAS SUBJECTED TO BOMBINGS & STRAFINGS AND WITNESSED KILLINGS WHICH WARPED HIS MIND & SO FORTH. IF POSSIBLE\ LAPD REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING:

1. WAS THE JERUSALEM-PALESTINE AREA SUBJECTED TO BOMBINGS & STRAFINGS DURING 1944-48. IF SO\ LOCATION & INCLUSIVE DATES. ALSO EXTENT OF DAMAGE & DEATHS.

2. SAME INFOR FOR THE JERUSALEM-JORDAN AREA FOR PERIOD 1948-57. THESE ARE THE AREAS WHERE SIRHAN LIVED FROM BIRTH IN 44 UNTIL COMING TO THE U.S. IN 1957.

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

INFO : Beirut

FROM : Amembassy AMMAN DATE: August 16, 1968

SUBJECT : Embassy Receives Cut-Outs Requesting Fair Trial for Sirhan

REF :

In the past two weeks, the Embassy has received about a dozen cut-outs which reportedly appeared in one of the Beirut newspapers and which read as follows:

"FOR SIRHAN SIRHAN

"For the sake of a fair trial for Sirhan Sirhan...this announcement should be cut out and sent to the American Embassies in the Arab countries.

"The Embassy of the United States of America

"City.....

"Country .....

"We ask that the trial of Sirhan Sirhan be just and in accordance with the law, taking into consideration the honorable motive which drove a noble youth to sacrifice his personal freedom to elevate the cause of his people above the cheap bargaining in the marketplace of the American elections.

Signature".

A copy of the original cut-out in Arabic is enclosed.

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Enclosure: as stated.

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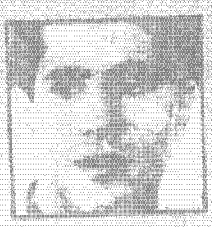
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الى سرحان سرحان

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سفارة الولايات المتحدة الامريكية

المدينة : عمان

القطر : الاردن

محاكمة الشاب العربي سرحان سرحان تريدها صادقة ومنسجمة مع روح القانون الذي يعدل ازاء المحافظ الشريف الذي دفع ثمنا نبيلا لانتمائه لحريته من اجل ان ترتفع قضية شعبه فوق الزيادات الرخيصة في بورصة الانتخابات الامريكية .

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7 AUG 1968

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Report on Rumor About Robert Kennedy Being Shot

1. This office has been informed of a rumor similar to that reported in our out teletype number 06680 of 8 June 1968.

2. On 23 July 1968 our representative in Mogadiscio, Somalia, was contacted (but not deliberately sought out) by a Mr. J. Christian Kinney, a United States citizen, who volunteered information about a rumor of Robert Kennedy having been shot. Mr. Kinney reported that on 18 May 1968 he stopped in Beirut, Lebanon, while enroute to Mogadiscio, with his wife and child. On the evening of May 18th he entered the Phoenicia Bar, Phoenicia Hotel, Beirut, about one-half hour before closing time. This was either 2130 or 2230 hours according to Mr. Kinney. At the bar Mr. Kinney struck up a casual conversation with a Mr. Joseph Strong, a United States citizen. During the conversation Mr. Strong inquired if Mr. Kinney had heard that Robert Kennedy had been shot. Mr. Kinney replied that he had not, and Mr. Strong said that he had heard this just before coming to the bar from a man he did not identify. Mr. Kinney and Mr. Strong reportedly felt that if this were true it would appear in the newspapers the next day, which, of course, it did not.

3. On 19 May Mr. Kinney left Beirut for Jidda, Saudi Arabia, where his company has business. He questioned some of his colleagues in Jidda whether they had heard a story about Robert Kennedy having been shot. The colleagues disclaimed having heard this so Mr. Kinney attributed the story to being a "typical Middle East coffee house rumor", and forgot about it. Mr. Kinney also met Mr. Strong in Jidda during the week of 19 May, and no mention was made by either party about the rumor that Robert Kennedy had been shot.

4. According to our representative in Mogadiscio Mr. J. Christian Kinney is employed as a consultant by the Middle West Service Company, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. He presently is assigned to Mogadiscio as the chief consultant to the Mogadiscio Water Agency on a United States

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Agency for International Development (USAID) project. Mr. Kinney is described as being a bright, pleasant, young man in his early thirties who appears to know his business, and is well thought of by USAID officials in Mogadiscio. His wife is reported to be Ecuadorian, and they have one child.

5. The files of this office contain no identifiable information on J. Christian Kinney. Our representative in Mogadiscio reports that Mr. Kinney presently is undergoing a security check for the purpose of permitting him to have access to "need-to-know" classified information in connection with the USAID Mogadiscio water project. It is possible, therefore, that USAID Washington may have information on Mr. Kinney.

6. Our representative in Mogadiscio reports that Mr. Kinney described Mr. Joseph Strong as being the Middle East Sales Manager for Raytheon. According to Mr. Kinney, Mr. Strong is based in New York and travels to his sales territory several times a year. It is possible that Mr. Strong may be identical with Joseph Addington Strong who was born on [redacted] at Chattanooga, Tennessee. According to information dated mid-1967 Joseph Addington Strong resided at 743 Wellesley Street, Weston, Massachusetts. He was employed by the Raytheon Company, Wayland, Massachusetts, as International Sales and Projects Manager, Surface Radar and Navigation Operation. He has been employed by Raytheon since 1950.

7. This office conducted national agency checks on Joseph Addington Strong in 1964. The checks included the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI); Department of State, Passport Section; House Committee on Un-American Activities; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The checks developed no unfavorable information. In 1962 ONI completed a favorable background investigation on Strong. The investigation was predicated on his civilian duties in a contract capacity.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. SUBJECT IS MR. J. CHRISTIAN KINNEY, U.S. CITIZEN, CONSULTANT TO MIDDLE WEST SERVICE COMPANY, 69 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CURRENTLY ASSIGNED HERE AS CHIEF CONSULTANT TO MOGADISCIO WATER AGENCY, AID PROJECT.

2. 23 JULY SUBJECT TOLD COS HAD JUST PIECED TOGETHER SOMETHING WHICH HAD BEEN BOTHERING HIM FOR SOMETIME. ENROUTE MOGADISCIO, HAD STOPPED BEIRUT AT PHOENICIA HOTEL WITH WIFE AND CHILD FOR ONE DAY 18 MAY. WENT PHOENICIA BAR ABOUT HALF HOUR BEFORE CLOSING TIME (THINKS EITHER 2130 OR 2230) WHERE STRUCK UP CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH JOSEPH STRONG, MIDDLE EAST SALES MANAGER FOR RAYTHEON. STRONG BASED IN NEW YORK TRAVELS TO SALES TERRITORY SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR. STRONG ASKED SUBJECT IF HAD HEARD ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. SUBJECT HAD NOT AND STRONG SAID HE HAD HEARD THIS JUST BEFORE COMING TO BAR FROM A MAN HE DID NOT IDENTIFY. BOTH SUBJECT AND STRONG FELT THAT IF TRUE IT WOULD BE IN PAPERS NEXT DAY. OF COURSE IT WAS NOT. SUBJECT

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LEFT FOR JIDDA 19 MAY WHERE HIS COMPANY ALSO HAS A PROJECT AND ASKED SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES IF THEY HAD HEARD THIS STORY. WHEN ALL DENIED THIS, HE WROTE IT OFF AS TYPICAL MIDDLE EAST COFFEE HOUSE RUMOR AND FORGOT IT. SUBJECT SAW STRONG AGAIN IN JIDDA DURING WEEK OF 19 MAY BUT SUBJECT OF SHOOTING NOT ALLUDED TO.

3. IN COURSE OF A SLEEPNESS NIGHT, SUBJECT REDISINTERRED 18 MAY CONVERSATION IN LIGHT OF LATER EVENTS AND WHEN POSITIVE HE HAD ALL FACTS RIGHT REPORTED TO LNPURE. COS WAS FIRST FAMILIAR FACE SUBJECT ENCOUNTERED MORNING OF 23 JULY. SUBJECT DID NOT DELIBERATELY SEEK HIM OUT.

4. SUBJECT IS PLEASANT, BRIGHT YOUNG MAN IN EARLY THIRTIES, WHO APPEARS KNOW HIS BUSINESS AND WELL THOUGHT OF BY USAID PEOPLE HERE WHO KNOW HIM. NOT A HIGH PRESSURE OR CON-MAN TYPE. HAS ECUADORIAN WIFE AND ONE CHILD. HE PRESENTLY UNDERGOING SECURITY CHECK FOR NEED-TO-KNOW ACCESS CLASSIFIED INFO IN CONNECTION MOGADISCIO WATER PROJECT. ASSUME AID WASHINGTON HAS ALL BACKGROUND INFO.

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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Sirhan Investigation

1. A usually reliable source whose previous reporting has been accurate revealed to our Beirut representative that on 22 June 1968 Salim LAWZI, publisher of Hawadith, a newspaper in Lebanon, told Anwar JAMAL, Press Counselor and Information Officer of the United Arab Republic (UAR) Embassy in Lebanon, he was obtaining good results in raising funds for the defense of Sirhan SIRHAN, with more Christians than Muslims contributing. LAWZI further said he had met with Shafiq UGAILI, Yusuf SAHIH and Walid KHALIDI to study and organize SIRHAN's defense. They had decided to meet with SIRHAN's father and send "some people from our place" to SIRHAN's brother in Los Angeles to "make the matter from the name of the SIRHAN family and give it its proper importance on the international plane." They had also decided to tour Arab countries collecting money. LAWZI said he had received promises of 10,000 Lebanese pounds from Kamil AID-AL-RAHMAN and 5,000 Lebanese pounds from Wahi BAIEH and expected to collect between 200,000 and 300,000 Lebanese pounds in Lebanon alone. (Note: Approximately three Lebanese pounds equal one U.S. dollar.) LAWZI indicated these activities were not related to those of the Federation of Arab Lawyers.

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2. Our files contain the following information on the above individuals:

a. Salim LAWZI, according to a reliable source, is considered by the UAR to be a strong pro-Nasirist--although it is recognized he sometimes strays for opportunistic reasons--and his magazine is considered by the UAR Embassy in Lebanon and Cairo authorities to be the most articulate and important exponent of Nasirism in the Middle East. LAWZI reportedly received a subsidy of about 8,000 Lebanese pounds monthly for this widely read publication from Anwar JAMAL, the UAR Press Counselor noted above. This source states that after the June war, however, LAWZI wrote a series of articles critical of the UAR, and JAMAL and other UAR Embassy officials thought he had turned pro-U.S. JAMAL reportedly was furious with LAWZI. In this connection, LAWZI told another reliable source in September 1967 that he no longer considered himself a Nasirist. LAWZI said Nasir obviously erred in the

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way he handled the June 1967 Arab-Israeli crisis, that the swiftness and enormity of the UAR defeat demonstrated the inherent weaknesses in Nasirism, and because of this LAWZI has returned to espousing a more classical brand of Arab nationalism. In addition, in September 1967 LAWZI said he had seen quite a bit of the Soviet Press Attache in Lebanon before the latter was transferred from Lebanon, and that the Press Attache, both before and after the June 1967 crisis, tried to get LAWZI to accept articles for publication in Hawadith, for which LAWZI would be paid. LAWZI implied he refused this offer. It has also been reported by a reliable source that Chinese Communist diplomats from Damascus, Syria have visited the office of Hawadith, reportedly in connection with their subscription to this newspaper.

b. Sharif GUBAJI was described in 1963 as chief local employee of ARAMCO Overseas Corporation, Beirut; has always been close to Egyptians and prominent Palestinian radicals; is himself a prominent Palestinian Arab politician.

c. Yusuf SAYIGH (SAYEGH, SAYIGH) is probably identical with an individual of the same name who is professor of economics at American University of Beirut and who "confessed" Arab Nationalist Movement (ANM) connections to a reliable source in February 1960. SAYIGH participated in a Mid-East Institute conference in Washington, D.C. in early May 1963 and was a delegate to the Palestine Entity Congress held in Jerusalem May 1964.

d. Walid KHALIDI is a professor at American University of Beirut and in 1966 was appointed to the Arab League office in Paris. He was a Leader Grantee to the U. S. in 1959 and taught at Princeton in 1960. In May 1963 he was described as violently anti-U. S. Other information shows he is a very active leader of the ANM and was suspected of having connections with British Intelligence.

e. Kamil ABD-AL-RAHMAN is possibly identical with one Kamal ABDUR-RAHMAN who, according to May 1966 information, was a Palestinian partner in the Trading and Contracting Company, Ltd. in Lebanon. He is probably identical with an individual of the same name who, according to January 1968 information, is owner of the CCC Engineering firm in Beirut and is also an ANM leader.

f. Hani SALAM is probably identical with Hani SALAM who in 1959 headed the Middle East Development Corporation in Kuwait. In September 1966 he was described as a civil engineer and vice-president of the newly-formed Bank of Lebanon and Arab World. In November 1967 he was reported to be on the Board of Directors of Intra Bank in Lebanon and president of Doha Company (Real Estate Development Company)

3. Since SAIGH, KHALIDI, and ABD-AL-RAHMAN are reportedly connected with the Arab Nationalist Movement (ANM), we are attaching herewith a copy of CIA Special Report No. 0003/68A issued 19 January 1968 on the ANM. This Special Report is classified SECRET/NO FOREIGN DISSEM.

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TO SAC LAFO

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2. WE HAVE NO RECORD IN OUR CENTRAL FILES CONCERNING JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY, ANTOINE KHOURY, FRANCIOS FAKHOURI, OR WADIH DAB /OR DIB/, AIRA INKERI HALOMEN KHOURY, R. DOUMIT OR RAYMOND MICHEL DOUMIT.

3. OUR FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT THAT JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY, LEBANESE PASSPORT NO. 4340, BEIRUT RESIDENCE SIDANI STREET, DABBOUS BUILDING, WAS ISSUED AN "F-1" VISA AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1962. HE INTENDED TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. FOR THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE HIS STUDIES IN ECONOMICS AT FULLERTON JUNIOR COLLEGE, FULLERTON, CALIF. KHOURY HAD AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT FROM HIS FRIENDS F. FAKHOURY AND R. DOUMIT. HE INDICATED THAT HIS PARENTS WOULD IN FACT DEFRAY EXPENSES BUT PRESENTED NO AFFIDAVIT TO SUPPORT THIS. HIS VISA WAS APPARENTLY REVALIDATED ON 12 MARCH 1963 AND ON 31 DECEMBER 196/QUESTION MARK/ IN VANCOUVER, B. C. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HE EVER RETURNED TO BEIRUT.

4. A "J" VISA WAS ISSUED IN BEIRUT TO J.A. KHOURY IN AUGUST 1960.

5. THE 1965 BEIRUT TELEPHONE BOOK LISTS ISABELLE FAKHOURI AS RESIDENT RUE DE LYON, TELEPHONE NO. 231-237. OUR FIELD RECORDS REFLECT INFORMATION DATED JUNE 1962 THAT ISABELLE FAKHOURI, WIDOW, BORN ABOUT 1917 HAD TWO CHILDREN/ A DAUGHTER MARRIED INTO THE SURSOCK FAMILY

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AND A SON. THE SON WORKED IN THE FAMILY BUSINESS, AN IMPORT EXPORT FIRM, ETS. C. FAKHOURI, PLACE DES CANONS, P.O. BOX 1096, BEIRUT. THE FIRM DEALT IN IMPORTS FROM SOVIET SATELLITE COUNTRIES, EGYPT, AND FRANCE. ISABELLE FAKHOURI IS DESCRIBED AS A SHREWD, CLEVER BUSINESS WOMAN WITH CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN HIGH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. WE DO NOT HAVE THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN.

6. THE 1965 BEIRUT TELEPHONE BOOK LISTS RAYMOND MICHEL DOUMIT, RESIDENCE RUE SURSOCK, TELEPHONE 234-828. A RECENT PUBLICATION OF WHO"S WHO IN LEBANON LISTS A RAYMOND DOUMIT, SON OF A FORMER MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN BEIRUT /1951/. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM OR R. DOUMIT.

7. THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT ALUMNI LISTINGS INDICATE THAT ONE WADIH AMIN DIB RECEIVED HIS B.A. IN 1941 AND M.A. IN 1945 AND AS OF 1960 WAS EMPLOYED BY THE LEBANESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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1. CONSULAR SECTION HAS RECORD ISSUING F-1 VISA 12 SEPEMBER 1962 JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY, LEBANESE PASSPORT 4340, BEIRUT RESIDENCE SIDANI STREET, DABBOUS BUILDING, RAS BEIRUT, BASIC BI AND DESCRIPTION AS GIVEN REF A. INTENDED STAY THREE YEARS TO FINISH EDUCATION IN ECONOMICS FULLERTON JUNIOR COLLEGE FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA.

2. KHOURY HAD AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT FROM F. FAKHOURY AND R. DOUMIT, FRIENDS. INDICATED PARENTS WOULD IN FACT DEFRAY HIS EXPENSES BUT PRESENTED NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT STATEMENT. THIS VISA APPARENTLY REVALIDATED 12 MARCH 1963 AND 31 DECEMBER 196 VANCOUVER, B.C. NO INDICATION HAS RETURNED BEIRUT.

3. CONSULAR RECORDS SHOW "J" VISA ISSUED SUBJECT 1 AUGUST 1960 UNDER "J.A. KHOURY."

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4. NO CONSULAR RECORD FRANCOIS FAJHOURI OR WADIH DIB. LISTING AUB ALUMNI 1870-1966 INDICATES ONE WADIH AMIN DIB RECEIVED B.A. 1941, M.A. 1945, EMPLOYED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,BEIRUT, LEBANON. NO WID LISTING UNDER FRANCOIS FAKHOURI.

5. 1965 BEIRUT TELEPHONE BOOK SHOWS ISABELLE FAKHOURI REISDENT RUE DE LYON (231237). STATION INFO DATED JUNE 1962 INDICATES ISABELLE FAKHOURI WIDOW BORN CIRCA 1917 HAS TWO CHILDREN, DAUGHTER MARRIED INTO SURSOCK FAMILY AND SON, SINGLE, WORKING FOR FAMILY BUSINESS (ETS C. FAKHOURI, PLACE DES CANONS BP 1096, IMPORT-EXPORT DEALING WITH FRANCE, EGYPT AND SATTELITES. IMPORT ITEMS FROM SATELLITES POSSIBLY OF THIRD COUNTRY ORIGIN.) ISABELLE FAKHOURI DESCRIBED AS SHREWD, CLEVER BUSINESSWOMAN, WITH CONSIDERABLE INF~~285# :9,8834-1)3 S~~LUENCE HIGH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. NAMES CHILDREN NOT GIVEN.

6. NO STATION TRACES R. DOUMIT. 1965 BEIRUT TELEPHONE LISTS RAYMOND MICHEL DOUMIT, RESIDENCE RUE SURSOCK (234828).

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TO PRIORITY BEIRUT

SIRHAM INVESTIGATION.

1. REQUEST STATION AND LNPURE ONLY TRACES FOLLOWING:

A. JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY AKA EL KHOURY. DPOB [redacted] HAIFA, PALESTINE. CIT LEBANON. PASSPORT NO 4340 WHICH CLAIMS LOST 20 SEPT 66; REPLACED BY PASSPORT NO 4830. DESCRIPTION: 6 FT., 150 LBS., BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR. ADDRESS 1944 N. HEECHWOOD DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS CLERK IN ACCOUNTING DEPT, AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES. WIFE: AIRA INKERI HALONEN KHOURY, FINNISH NATIONALITY. PARENTS: ANTOINE AND JANE KHOURY, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

B. ASSOCIATE OF ABOVE: FRANCOIS FAKHOURI, ADDRESS TASKKOSH BLDG., LYON STREET, RAS BEIRUT.

C. SPONSOR OF (A): WADIH DIB, ADDRESS C/O LEBANESE CONSULATE, LOS ANGELES.

2. PRELIM RI TRACES NEGATIVE. WOECRU/BIO HAS REF TO LNGOLD NOTE DATED 21 DEC 1953 INDICATING THAT DIB IS HONORARY CONSUL OF LEBANON IN CALIF. DIB POSSIBLY AMERICAN CITIZEN. FYIO: FAKHOURI ALLEGEDLY VOUCHED FOR KHOURY AT SOME UNSPECIFIED TIME IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE

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MILLION DOLLARS (SIC). LMPURE WID RECORDS MAY HAVE INFO ON FAKHOURI. NEED ANY INFO PERTAINING TO TRAVEL OF KHOURY FAKHOURI AND DIB BETWEEN US AND LEBANON.

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TO HDQS PRIORITY

FROM SAC LAFO

SUBJ SIRHAN\ SIRHAN BISHARA 542 200 I SD 1

CONTACT AT LAPD ADVISED THAT ONE JOHN ANTOINE KHOURY\ AKA - JOHN ANTOINE EL KHOURY\ IS A FRIEND OF SIRHAN BUT KHOURY DENIES ANY ASSOCIATION WITH EVENTS PERTAINING TO ASSASSINATION. THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON KHOURY IS SET FORTH:

DOB: [redacted]\ HAIFA\ PALESTINE

NATIONALITY: LEBANESE

LEBANESE PASSPORT NO. 4340 ½CLAIMS LOST 20 SEPT 66¾

REPLACED BY PASSPORT NO. 4830

ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.: A13570165

PHYSICAL DESC: 6 FT\ 150 LBS\ BROWN EYES\ BROWN HAIR

ADDRESS: 1944 N. BEECHWOOD DR\ APT 8\ HOLLYWOOD\ CALIF.

EMPLOY: CLERK IN THE ACCOUNTING DEPT\ AMBASSADOR HOTEL\ LOS ANGELES\ CALIF.

WIFE: AIRA INKERI ½HALOMEN¾ KHOURY

8 ALIEN REGIS NO: A14684274

NATIONALITY: FINNISH

PARENTS: ANTOINE & JANE KHOURY

ADDRESS: VANCOUVER\ BRITISH COLUMBIA

ASSOCIATE: FRANCOIS FAKHOURI

TASKKOSH BLDG

LYON STREET

RAS BEIRUT\ LEBANON

SPONSOR: WADIH DAB

C/O LEBANON CONSULATE

6331 HOLLYWOOD BLVD\ LOS ANGELES\ CALIF

LAPD HAS DETERMINED THAT FRANCOIS FAKHOURI AT ONE TIME VOUCHED FOR KHOURY TO THE TUNE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS. LAPD WONDERS WHY KHOURY\ ALLEDGEDLY WORTH ONE MILLION DOLLARS\ WOULD BE EMPLOYED IN A CLERICAL CAPACITY. LAPD REQUESTS OUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING ANY INFO RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN KHOURY & FAKHOURI\ ALSO BETWEEN KHOURY & DAB. LAPD ALSO REQUESTS ANY INFO PERTAINING TO TRAVEL OF KHOURY BETWEEN U.S. & LEBANON.

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2. ADDITIONAL TRACES OTHERS:

A. YUSIF SAYEGH: PARTICIPATED MID-EAST INSTITUTE CONFERENCE WASHINGTON, D.C. EARLY MAY 63. DELEGATE PALESTINE ENTITY CONGRESS HELD JERUSALEM MAY 64. ALSO LISTED 65-66 EDITION "WHO'S WHO IN LEBANON".

B. HANI SALEM: LNPURE A-251, SEPT 66 REPORTS SUBJ CIVIL ENGINEER. VICE-PRESIDENT NEWLY-FORMED BANK OF LEBANON AND ARAB WORLD. LNPURE A-410, NOV 67 REPORTS SUBJ ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INTRA BANK. SUBJ ALSO REPORTED PRESIDENT OF DOHA CO. (REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT CO.)

C. KAMIL ABD-AL-RAHMAN: POSSIBLY IDEN WITH ONE KAMAL ABDUR-RAHMAN WHO ACCORDING HQS DOCUMENT DATED MAY 46 IS PALESTINIAN, WAS PARTNER EMILE BUSTANI IN TRADING AND CONTRACTING CO. LTD., [redacted]

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FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Moshe Yaacov ELDAR

1. A sensitive and reliable source has provided the following information on Subject dated late June 1968:

a. In correspondence between Subject and Mordechai STEIN, a Trotskyite lawyer who heads the "Third Force" Movement in Israel, Subject indicated that he has been "summoned" as a witness in the Robert Kennedy murder trial. He did not state who had summoned him.

b. Subject, holder of Israeli passport No. 154445, departed Israel in August 1967 for Denmark and is currently in England. While in Israel, Subject was active in STEIN's "Third Force" Movement, in which connection he was known to have traveled to India and Ceylon.

2. We have no record of Moshe ELDAR in our central files. Should additional information on Subject become available, we shall forward it to you.

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1. MOHAMMED ALI SHAMI, FORMER WELFARE OFFICIAL JORDANIAN GOVT. ARRIVED US JUNE 67 AS VISITOR. OWNED GROCERY STORE AND BECAME VOLUNTEER REPATRIATE JUNE 68. IDEN A REF B STATED SHAMI LEFT COUNTRY WITH THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH OBTAINED FROM US ARABS FOR SUPPORT OF SIRHAN SIRHAN TRIAL.

2. ALI BAGHDADI REPORTED BE ORGANIZER TO COLLECT MONEY CARRIED BY SHAMI. For Support of SIRHAN TRIAL See also DBC 20897 1 JUL 68

3. YASER ABU MAYALEH, 5326 SOUTH ABERDEEN AVE, CHICAGO. JORDANIAN WHO MARRIED SOUTH AMERICAN GIRL. ITS REPORTED THAT MAYALEH VISITED SOV UNION ONE OR TWO YEARS AGO. INS FILE REVEALS DPOB [redacted] JERUSALEM. LIVED IN BRAZIL FOR TWO MONTHS.

4. TOUBIA HACHEM, PRES OF ST CHARLES TRAVEL BUREAU IN CHICAGO. SOURCE CLAIMS HACHEM MADE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAYALEH AND IS ALSO INVOLVED IN PLOT.

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1. JERUSALEM POST REPORTER ANAN SAFADI, INTERVIEWING FATHER OF SUSPECTED KENNEDY SLAYER SIRHAN SIRHAN AFTER NEWS OF ATTACK ON SA'DALLAH SIRHAN BECAME KNOWN, SAYS IN JULY 5 NEWS STORY THAT BISHARA SIRHAN WANTS TO BRING WIFE AND CHILDREN HOME FROM STATES BECAUSE HE FEELS "THEY ARE UNSAFE THERE." SAID SIRHAN PLANNED APPEAL TO US AMBASSADOR TEL AVIV "TO URGE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON TO DO ITS UTMOST FOR MY FAMILY'S PROTECTION."

2. REACTING TO NEWS OF ATTEMPT ON SECOND SON, SIRHAN QUOTED AS SAYING "WHY DO THEY HUNT US NOW? WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO DO WITH THE INCIDENT." HE TOLD SAFADA THAT ON LEARNING OF THAT NEWS, HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO SEE RAMALLAH MILGOV BUT WAS REFUSED AN INTERVIEW. SAID HE WAS CONCERNED WITH "MY OWN SELF-PROTECTION. I ALSO FEEL UNSAFE," AND ADDED "NOBODY KNOWS WHAT KIND OF PERSON ATTEMPTED KILL MY OTHER SON."

3. IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIRHAN SAID HE HAD CHANGED MIND ABOUT GOING TO US. SAID HE HAD WITHDRAWN ALL HIS MONEY FROM AMMAN BANK BUT HAD FOUND IT NOT ENOUGH TO COVER EXPANSES OF

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California 90017
July 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL

By communication dated June 14, 1968, the United States Department of State, Washington, D. C. advised that they are in receipt of a letter dated June 11, 1968, which was forwarded to the United States Department of State by the Spanish Consul General, Alexandria, Egypt. The letter is set forth below as received from the State Department.

"Alexandria the 11 June 1968

"Dear Sir General Consul

"I have the honour to inform the Spanich General Consulate to inform the Amerikan Government guikly the following.

"The Egyptian nationalitq named (Aziz Taoufik Aziz Mikhail) age 25' was working in the Egyptian Intelligence Service Police till 31/11/1967 so after the Egyptian Government he sent him for business to Libanon in order to go from there to Amerika because Egyptian cannot be go to Amerika from Egypt, and so he went to Libanon and from Libanon he arrived to Amerika on the 1/1/1968 by air mail and know doing that is working there but is a spy of the Egyptian Government and the most important and dangerous is that thdw person was a friend of Sarhan Bushara Sarhan which has killed Mr. Robert Kennedy so I have the honour to inform the Spanich General Consulate to sent details to Amerikan Government as quikly as possible in order the Amerikan Government be care from this dangerous person and from any thing can be happen after and the adress which is know sitting in Amerika is exactly as follows:

"The address of Amerika

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AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL

"Name: Aziz Taoufik Aziz Mikhail
"2425, Barrington.
"L.A. California 90064
"Amerika

"Notice: The outside my adress it is wrong in order not to be known by the Egyptian Government may be.

"Yours truly'"

On June 25, 1968, a search of the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, was caused to be made at which time a record was located for Aziz Tewfic Aziz Mikhael. A review of the record revealed the following information:

Description

INS Number	A14 922 686
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Alexandria, Egypt
Sex	Male
Height	5'6"
Weight	132 pounds
Eyes	Black
Hair	Black
Marital status	Single
Father	Tewfic Mikhael (deceased)
Mother	Lisa Mikhael nee Sourial, 8 Gabriel Street, Alexandria, Egypt

Refugee Applicant Questionnaire dated August 11, 1967

Mikhael left Egypt legally on May 7, 1967, for Lebanon. He traveled on a valid Egyptian passport and an exit permit for which he paid 20 Egyptian pounds. He traveled from Alexandria, Egypt to Beirut, Lebanon by ship. He left Egypt because of religious persecution he suffered as a Christian in Egypt.

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL

He entered Beirut, Lebanon from the United Arab Republic on May 8, 1967. His residences during the past five years were listed as follows:

March 1956 - January 1958
14, Arafan Street,
Mouhram Bey, Alexandria, Egypt

January 1968 - May 1967
8 Gabriel Street,
Romleh, Alexandria, Egypt

May 1967 - August 1967
In care of Mr. Michel Zayek -
Ghazir, Lebanon

His employment during the past five years was listed as follows:

January 1958 - May 1967
Welder - Hilmi Georges,
87 Morcos Street,
Alexandria, Egypt

June 1967 - August 1967
Welder - Albert Massaad,
Dora, Lebanon
"(working unofficially)"

Report of Conditional Entry under Section 203 (a) (7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, dated January 23, 1968.

United States Sponsor	United States Catholic Conference, Department of Immigration, 201 Park Avenue, South, New York, New York.
Date of Entry	December 20, 1967, at New York.
Present Address	1611 Granville Avenue Los Angeles, California

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL

Educational Background	Eight years primary school; Four years secondary school; Two years trade school (welding).
Political activities	None
Organizations	YMCA, Alexandria, Egypt 1965 - 1967.

On June 26, 1968, Mr. Leo Schwartz, apartment number B, 11711 Ayres Avenue, Los Angeles, advised that he is the apartment manager for the apartments at 2425 Barrington, Los Angeles. He stated that he does not have a tennant at 2425 Barrington by the name of MIKHAEL. He stated that the resident of apartment number A is a young man whose last name is El Dabe and El Dabe has a Lebanese roommate whose name is unknown to Schwartz.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date July 5, 1968

EDMOND EL DABE, Apartment A, 2425 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on [redacted] in Egypt. He left Egypt in 1967, and traveled to Kuwait and then to Lebanon because of religious persecution of Christians in Egypt and because of his inability to obtain satisfactory employment in that country. After arriving in Lebanon he again found that he was unable to obtain satisfactory employment and learned that it was possible to go to the United States by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He arrived in the United States on February 22, 1967, and traveled to Los Angeles where numerous individuals of Egyptian descent reside. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company 1845 South Bundy until one week ago when he was released due to a lack of work. He is presently unemployed.

During January or February 1968, he learned that AZIZ MIKHAEL had arrived in Los Angeles and he invited MIKHAEL to reside with him until MIKHAEL could find an apartment. He had known MIKHAEL for about ten years and had attended school with MIKHAEL in Alexandria, Egypt. He had not seen MIKHAEL during the past three years, and learned that MIKHAEL was coming to the United States through the United States Catholic Conference, 1531 West 9th Street, Los Angeles. MIKHAEL obtained employment as a spot welder at Hardman Aerospace and moved to his own apartment, 2280 South Barrington, Apartment number 6, about two weeks ago.

He advised that he and all his Egyptian friends presently living in the Los Angeles area are very anti-Nasser and have disassociated themselves from Egypt and the United Arab Republic. He stated that he had no knowledge of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY until he learned of the event through newspaper and television reports. He denied any acquaintance with SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated he is certain that MIKHAEL is not acquainted with SIRHAN or in any way involved in the assassination.

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On 7/1/68 at Los Angeles, California

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The following description of EL DABE was obtained through observation and interview:

Age	30
Height	5'7"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black, thinning
Eyes	Dark
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Welder - mechanic
Religion	Orthodox

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1 Date July 3, 1968

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL, apartment number 6, 2280 South Barrington, was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

He was born on [redacted], in Alexandria, Egypt. He lived in Egypt until early May 1967. While in Egypt he lived with his mother and attended primary and secondary school. He also attended a trade school for two years, which was a state sponsored school, where he took courses in welding and machinery. He did not receive any political instruction at the school. After completion of the trade school, he was employed for a short time as a maintenance mechanic for a textile company.

He and his relatives are of Orthodox faith and the current political situation in Egypt is such that Christians find it very difficult to obtain satisfactory employment there. For this reason he decided to leave Egypt in order to start a new life. He obtained an exit visa and traveled to Lebanon in early May 1967. After arriving in Lebanon he was employed for six months as a welder in El Dora, Lebanon. He then learned that many Christians of Egyptian descent were going to the United States from Lebanon by applying through the United States Catholic Conference. He entered the United States at New York in December 1967, and went directly to Los Angeles via commercial aircraft. After arriving in Los Angeles, he did odd jobs and worked as a welder for a short time at the Sesame Corporation in Escondito, California, and at the Fenton Industry Company in the San Fernando Valley. He was employed as a spot welder at the Hardman Aerospace Company in Los Angeles in May 1968, where he is presently employed.

He denied any knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated that he is against the policies of the United Arab Republic and he dislikes NASSER very much because of what he is doing to the Arab people. He stated that he knew of KENNEDY before the assassination and "liked" him. He denied any conspiracy, involvement or prior knowledge of the assassination.

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On 7/1/68 at Los Angeles, California

He stated that since arriving in the United States he has corresponded with his mother in Alexandria, Egypt, and has not corresponded with any other individual.

AZIZ TEWFIC AZIZ MIKHAEL

On July 2, 1968, J. L. Lemmons, Sr., Chief of Security, Hardman Aerospace Company, 1845 South Bundy Drive, Los Angeles advised that Mikhael was employed by that company on May 20, 1968, as a spot welder. His working hours are 4:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. and his home address was listed as 2425 Barrington, Los Angeles. Lemmons could furnish no additional pertinent background information regarding Mikhael and stated that the Hardman Aerospace Company does not have classified contracts with the United States Government.

The files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI contain no additional information regarding Mikhael or El Dabe and no information indicating the Hardman Aerospace Company is a key facility or is otherwise involved in the handling of classified matter.

During June 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is aware of some phases of communist and related subversive activity in the Los Angeles area, was contacted and could furnish no information regarding Mikhael.

The records of the following agencies were caused to be searched on the dates indicated and no information was located regarding Mikhael:

July 1, 1968	Los Angeles Police Department
July 2, 1968	Los Angeles Sheriff's Office
July 1, 1968	Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California

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Chicago, Illinois
July 1, 1968

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YASER MUSTAFA ABU-MAYALEH

A confidential source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge the reliability of information furnished, has advised in June, 1968, that a group of Jordanian nationalists living on the south side of Chicago, Illinois, are planning to assassinate the Israeli Consul in Chicago, Illinois, and to bomb the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, 1 South Franklin, Chicago, Illinois, due to the hatred of these Jordanian nationalists for the government of Israel. Source has advised in late June, 1968, that this group is presently concerned with the departure from the United States of one of their Jordanian members reportedly with $25,000 to $30,000 and due to this, have ceased their talk of assassination and bombing against Jewish and Israeli personnel and facilities in the Chicago, Illinois, area. Source has identified Yaser Mustafa Abu-Mayaleh as one of the members of this Jordanian group, and source has described Abu-Mayaleh as a "hothead." Source advises that Abu-Mayaleh resides at 5326 South Aberdeen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and source states that Abu-Mayaleh operates a grocery store at 1978 East 73rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. This confidential source has also stated that Abu-Mayaleh claims to be married to a woman from some country in South America, but source states that the wife of Abu-Mayaleh does not live with her husband. Source has also stated that Abu-Mayaleh claims not to have served in the Jordanian army. Source has no knowledge of Abu-Mayaleh ever serving in any military service. Source has stated that Abu-Mayaleh claims to have visited Russia within the last one to two years.

Mrs. Barbara Kenner, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Chicago, Illinois, made available Yaser Mustafa Abu-Mayaleh's INS file to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on June 21, 1968, and from this file, it was learned that Abu-Mayaleh was born on [redacted] in Jerusalem, and that in 1960, he moved from Jordan to Brazil where he stayed for two months. Abu-Mayaleh's INS file reflects that on

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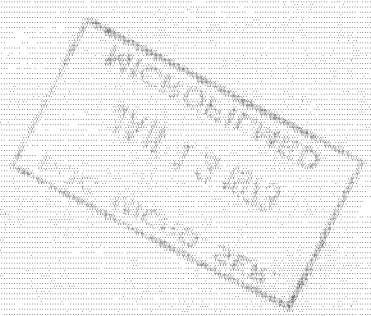
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YASER MUSTAFA ABU-MAYALEH

September 22, 1964, Abu-Mayaleh applied for entry into the United States as a permanent resident at the United States Consulate at Asuncion, Paraguay, and at that time, Abu-Mayaleh stated that he had been in Paraguay since 1960, and that he was married to a woman of Paraguay. Abu-Mayaleh stated at this time that this was his first marriage and that both he and his wife wanted to go to the United States where he would work and reside. Abu-Mayaleh listed his wife as Elisa Nowosad De Abu-Mayaleh and he stated that at that time they had no children by this marriage. He did state that he speaks Arabic, Portuguese and Spanish, and he said in September, 1964, that he had not been in the United States before. Abu-Mayaleh's INS file reflects that he entered the United States at New York, New York, on January 11, 1965. His INS file also contains documents dated in November, 1964, reflecting that one Sakib S. Hassan, 1303 West 56th Street, Chicago, Illinois, was willing to act as the sponsor into the United States for both Abu-Mayaleh and his wife. Documents in Abu-Mayaleh's file from Sakib S. Hassan lists Abu-Mayaleh's wife as Elisa Novosad De Abu-Mayaleh. Abu-Mayaleh's INS file does not contain any information reflecting the relationship between Sakib S. Hassan and Yaser Mustafa Abu-Mayaleh.

Abu-Mayaleh's INS file does contain a memorandum of December 6, 1966, prepared by INS, Chicago, Illinois, and reflecting that a telephone call had been received by INS, Chicago, Illinois, from the Embassy of Paraguay. In this telephone call to INS, Chicago, Illinois, the Embassy of Paraguay inquired as to the reason why Abu-Mayaleh was not allowed to board a plane for Paraguay inasmuch as he is married to a citizen of Paraguay and was going to that country to get his wife. This memorandum reflects that INS, Chicago, Illinois, advised the Embassy of Paraguay that Abu-Mayaleh was free to go as far as INS, Chicago, Illinois, was concerned but that he might have to obtain clearance from the Internal Revenue Service and from his local draft board. Abu-Mayaleh's INS file contains no further information reflecting his attempts to obtain the entry of his wife into the United States.

YASER MUSTAFA ABU-MAYALEH

Abu-Mayaleh did file a 1968 Alien Address Report with INS, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 14, 1968, and at that time he stated that he is a citizen of Jordan, a permanent resident in the United States and he said that he is living at 5326 South Aberdeen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He listed his employer in January, 1968, as being Cornell Forge Company, 6666 West 66th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The following description of Abu-Mayaleh was obtained on June 21, 1968, from the records of INS, Chicago, Illinois:

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Name	Yaser Mustafa Abu-Mayaleh
Alias	None
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Jerusalem, Jordan
Nationality	Jordanian
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Scars and Marks	None
Address	5326 South Aberdeen Avenue Chicago, Illinois
Marital Status	Married
INS Number	A14-035-296
Relatives	Elisa Nowosad De Abu-Mayaleh (Wife)

Records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, were caused to be checked on June 24, 1968, and no information identifiable with Yaser Mustafa Abu-Mayaleh could be located. Records of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, were caused to be checked on June 26, 1968, and again, no information identifiable with Yaser Mustafa Abu-Mayaleh could be located.

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1 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIOP/NE

SUBJECT : Moshe Yaacov ELDAR

A sensitive source has provided the following information on Subject, which he obtained from an Israeli police official, dated late June 1968.

1. In correspondence between Subject and Mordechai STEIN, a Trotskyite lawyer who heads the "Third Force" Movement in Israel, Subject indicated that he has been summoned as a witness in the Robert Kennedy murder trial. He did not state who had summoned him.

2. Subject, holder of Israeli passport No. 154445, departed Israel in August 1967 for Denmark and is currently in England. While in Israel, Subject was active in STEIN's "Third Force" movement, in which connection he was known to have traveled to India and Ceylon.

3. Should additional information on Subject become available, we shall forward it to you.

John L. Hadden
Chief, CI/SPG

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Mother Mary Sirhan

Youngest Sirhan—Munir

Sirhans' Lives Aimless Since Assassination

By Lyle W. Price

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) —Neighbors say the frail and gray-haired woman rarely goes out of the house and sometimes refuses to come to the door or answer the telephone.

Occasionally, struggling with a garden hose, she waters her yellow-green lawn on one of Southern California's hot summer days. Once in a while she beats out a rug on the porch. But mostly she sits alone inside the old white-frame, two-story house, her only fellowship the company of two of her five bachelor sons.

One of her sons is Sirhan B. Sirhan, 28, under life sentence at San Quentin Prison for assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Life has been a series of troubles for the Sirhan family since Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel in June 1968 just after he won the California Democratic presidential primary.

The 61-year-old Mary Sirhan and every son except Munir, the youngest have long been out of work. They have few friends. The five home down in the belief that Mrs. Sirhan had been withholding family funds.

Mrs. Sirhan says flatly "I have no funds and no income other than from Munir, who is supporting me at the present time." Said also has been convicted of LSD and marijuana possession, and of public drunkenness, the latter in connection with an incident when his car went over a cliff. Shortly after the Kennedy assassination Said told police somebody fired two shots at him on the Pasadena Freeway.

Shariff, convicted in 1963 of sawing through the brake lines of his ex-girlfriend's car in a romantic dispute, has had two post-shooting allegations against him dropped: one of supposedly threatening the lives of Sirhan's defense attorneys, the other of causing a hospital disturbance the night Said was in the car accident.

Refugees from Palestine, the Sirhan family, whose name in Arabic means "wanderer," has been unable to gain American citizenship through one problem or another. They say they had

of goi[illegible] days and even weeks a[illegible] time without eating. Said imps slightly and complain[illegible] of leg pains from a 1969 car accident in which his skull was fractured. Shariff says Said is starving to death. The family says it refuses any charity or welfare.

The sole family support is Munir, 24, who works in gas stations and is good at mechanics. He and Adel, 33, an unemployed lute player, reside at the family home.

Divorced for years from her husband who lives in Jordan, Mrs. Sirhan mourns that sons Said and Shariff "are in bad shape—very bad shape. They don't have work, no gas or electricity, and are way back on their bills. It is really a hard life."

Shariff and Said say they both have worked as machinists in years past but fear they may be in too poor health to resume working in this field. Shariff says he's been turned down for other jobs, including accounting, a field he was in some years ago.

The brothers complain that when they are interviewed for a job employers ask them about their relationship to Sirhan, sometimes look at them strangely, question them at great length, then say "we'll let you know" and don't.

Munir and Adel are the only two brothers who haven't had numerous scrapes with the police. But even Munir, two years before the shooting, almost got deported after a marijuana possession conviction.

Said currently faces a municipal court trial on a disturbing the peace charge. Police say he broke a window and ripped a hole in his mother's house in July and threatened to burn the tian, has quit even its one social link, with local churches. Mrs. Sirhan lost her $195 a month housekeeper job at one of the churches after a quarrel and Shariff says ever since the shooting when they went to services "people looked at us differently."

The neighbors say they feel sorry for them.

"They are good neighbors to us," says Gabriel Arandia, 25, one of a family of six living on one side of the Sirhan home. "We are very happy to know them, especially the mother. She is a nice person."

Arandia, a student from Bolivia, says people shouldn't hold anything against the family because "you know his brothers didn't have the guilt."

Shariff said he expects the family's lives will go on being troubled until "the truth comes out in the Sirhan case" and that then "everything will be all right."

He himself cannot reveal the "truth" because of threats against his life, Shariff says, but he maintains officials could find it if they wanted to. He has written a number of letters to officials about the case, including the President, and has received polite but noncommittal replies.

"Sirhan is innocent. He did not do it," Shariff insists. Shariff acknowledges that Sirhan was captured at the scene and identified by bystanders as the assassin, but he says Sirhan "was used." He refuses to elaborate.

To date, Sirhan has lost all his appeals. But his life was spared from the jury's sentence to the gas chamber when state and federal courts declared the death penalty unconstitutional.

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New Sirhan Lawyers Win Trial Delay to Jan. 7

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5—The trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, alleged assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was postponed today to Jan. 7 to give two new defense lawyers time to familiarize themselves with the case. The trial was to have started Monday.

The two additional attorneys are Emile Zola Berman of New York and Grant Cooper, Los Angeles trial lawyer, who said he had invited Mr. Berman to join the case. They will be associated with Russell E. Parsons, who has been handling defense preparations pending Mr. Cooper's completion of another case.

The postponement was granted—over a routine objection by the prosecution—by Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker at a 12-minute hearing in an improvised courtroom on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice about 50 feet from the defendant's isolated cell.

The 24-year-old Jordanian, attired in an open-neck white shirt and dark trousers, smiled and waved at his mother and two of his brothers, seated about 25 feet away in a spectator section amid plainclothes officers. Sirhan's ninth court appearance took place six months to the day after the fatal shooting of the New York Senator in the Ambassador Hotel here.

Television Coverage

Judge Walker announced that the trial proceedings, to be conducted in a small courtroom on the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice, would be transmitted by closed-circuit television to an adjacent room accommodating an overflow of 60 to 80 press representatives.

The courtroom, chosen with security considerations in mind for its proximity to the jail above, will have only about 75 spectator seats. Judge Walker said he had received applications from more than 100 "responsible press" quarters, and that no more than 30 or 40 seats could be allotted to them in the courtroom.

The television arrangement was arrived at in conferences between Judge Walker and officers of a statewide Freedom of Information Committee representing the press.

Reporters in the auxiliary room, Judge Walker said, would be subjected to the same regulations as those in the court room, including rigorous personal search and exclusion of cameras and other recording devices.

The courtroom television camera will be concealed behind the grill of an overhead air-conditioning duct. Its view of the proceedings will be stationary, except for shifts from narrow-angle to wide-angle lenses.

Arrangement Tested

The arrangement has been tested, and Judge Walker said technicians had assured him there was no way the closed-circuit could be tapped, "even by induction" (noncontiguous electronic interception) for unauthorized eavesdropping on the courtroom proceedings. No recording of the television transmission will be made.

"I want you to listen to this, Mr. Sirhan," Judge Walker said to the defendant — who had been whispering with his lawyer—as he outlined the arrangement in detail.

Asked if he had "any objection whatever," Sirhan replied: "No, sir."

Judge Walker announced that he planned to "sequester" the jury from the time it was sworn until the trial was over, but was considering allowing jurors to be visited by their spouses over weekends. The prosecution—represented by Deputy District Attorneys John E. Howard and David N. Fitts—reiterated its standing objection to the sequestering, but said that if this were done, it had no objection to the visitations.

The trial is expected to last more than two months.

Attorney for Sirhan to Ask For a Chromosome Test

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22 (AP)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's attorney says he will seek a chromosome test for his client before Sirhan goes to trial on a charge of murdering Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The attorney, Russell E. Parsons, said yesterday that Sirhan had been "pretty fully examined, but has not had this chromosome test to my knowledge.

"Before the trial date we expect to ask for this test and others," he added.

In a recent California case, Raymond S. Tanner, who pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit rape, is seeking to change his plea to not guilty because, he says, he possesses an abnormal chromosome count.

Mr. Tanner's attorney said his client could not help assaulting a Van Nuys woman because while most males have an XY chromosome count, Mr. Tanner's is XYY, making him a "supermale" unable to restrain his actions.

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Around the Nation

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LOS ANGELES — Sirhan B. Sirhan, the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has chosen Grant Cooper, one of the leading criminal attorneys on the West Coast, as his chief defender at the murder trial.

Cooper is a former president of the Los Angeles Bar Association. As a defense attorney, he twice won a hung jury for Dr. Bernard Finch in the Finch-Tregoff murder trials.

Cooper agreed to take the case as a "duty." He was selected shortly after Sirhan was arrested in June, but his role has been kept a secret because he was defending a man in the Friars Club card-cheating case. He did not want his role in the Sirhan case known because he feared it might work against his client in the Friars Club trial.

Russell E. Parsons, a veteran appeals lawyer who has been Sirhan's attorney of record, will continue on the case, but Cooper will be the chief attorney.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy

Attached for your information is a copy of Background Brief #88, subject "Reaction to the Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy" which may be of interest to you. The Brief is a compilation of foreign press commentary and radio broadcasts plus some U.S. press clippings dated from June 5, 1968 through June 25, 1968.

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Oct. 23, 1968

Judge Rejects Sirhan's Plea to Suppress Evidence

By WALLACE TURNER
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22—Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of assassinating Senator Robert F. Kennedy, lost a fight today to suppress evidence taken from his room.

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker ruled that officers had been entitled to believe they had permission to make the search. The defense had argued that the search violated constitutional guarantees.

The ruling came after Judge Walker heard policemen say they had been given permission by Sirhan's family.

Mrs. Mary Sirhan, mother of the 24-year-old defendant, testified she was not at home when the search was made. She did not give her permission for it, she said, and the house is owned by her.

Adel Sirhan, 30, a brother of the defendant, said he had told the police they could search as far as he was concerned, but that it was not his house. He led the officers there, he said, and unlocked the door, then watched them search.

2d Brother Testifies

Munir Sirhan, 21, another brother, denied police testimony that he, too, gave permission for the search. He also denied that he knew Adel Sirhan had accompanied the policemen who made the search.

Public statements indicate that the main bit of evidence involved is one sentence in a notebook. This sentence, according to statements made by Mayor Samuel W. Yorty of Los Angeles on June 5, said that Senator Kennedy "must be killed by June 5," which was the first anniversary of the Arab defeat in the 1967 war with Israel.

Mayor Yorty said the notebook showed Arab nationalist views.

At 12:17 A.M. that day Senator Kennedy was shot down in a kitchen passageway at the Ambassador Hotel. The New York Senator died 25 hours after he was shot.

Sirhan Sirhan, taken into custody by witnesses to the shooting, was indicted for first-degree murder. His trial is set for Dec. 9.

The alleged sentence in the notebook might be offered by the prosecution to show premeditation, an element of first-degree murder.

Judge Walker, who will preside at the trial, said his ruling today did not cover admissibility of the evidence at the trial. It only was in response to the defense motion to suppress on the grounds of an illegal search, he said.

Sirhan Sirhan's notebooks have not been seen in public until today. They appeared to have been taken apart for examination, and this was confirmed by the prosecution.

Russell Parsons, defense counsel, argued that no search warrant had been obtained and that no proper permission from a person qualified to grant it had been obtained in lieu of a warrant.

A list of evidence taken from Sirhan's room was made public today for the first time, after the items had been identified in police testimony. The list follows:

¶Two notebooks of about 8-by-10-inch-sheet size, dismantled and held together by rubber bands; taken from a dressing table.

¶A brown notebook, from the dressing table drawer.

¶A United States Treasury Department envelope "with certain writing on it," from the drawer.

¶A film strip of three photos of Sirhan Sirhan, from between the door and molding to the closet.

¶A strip of cardboard with writing on it, from under a chair cushion.

¶An honorable discharge to Sirhan Sirhan from the California Cadet Corps.

An envelope with a .22-caliber cartridge in it.

¶Business cards from two medical doctors.

¶Boxes for gun cleaning patches and gun cleaning solvent.

The defendant became agitated during this presentation of some of his possessions. He whispered to his lawyer, twisted almost constantly in his swivel chair, picked at his lips with his right index finger, and half smiled.

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TRIAL OF SIRHAN PUT OFF TO DEC. 9

Defense, Awaiting 2 New Lawyers, Obtains Delay

By WALLACE TURNER
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14—Sirhan B. Sirhan's trial on the charge that he murdered Senator Robert F. Kennedy was delayed today until Dec. 9 on a motion of the defense. The trial had been scheduled to begin on Nov. 1.

Two new attorneys are to join the defense, but they were not identified today. One is a Los Angeles man, the other a New Yorker, said Russell F. Parsons, who has represented the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant since midsummer.

Mr. Parsons said that the new counsel could not be ready by Nov. 1.

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, the senior Criminal Court judge in Los Angeles County, presided at the hearing in an improvised courtroom in the jail on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice, a few steps from the defendant's cell. He will preside at the trial, also.

Judge Walker said, over prosecution objections, that he intended to sequester the jury, once it was sworn. He said that jury selection would begin Dec. 9, and that if no jury was selected by Dec. 23 he would recess the trial until Jan. 2.

He said that he wanted to shield the jurors from outside communications that might shape their view of evidence put before them.

Lawyers and court attachés connected with the trial have been forbidden to discuss the evidence outside the courtroom.

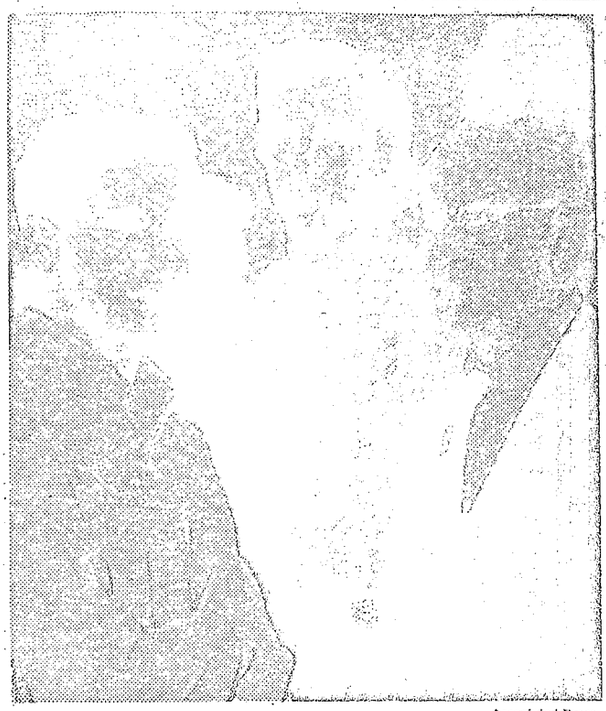
The state accuses Sirhan of waiting in a kitchen passageway in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4-5 and shooting Senator Kennedy with a .22-caliber pistol as the Senator moved from a victory speech in one ballroom to a news conference in another.

The Senator was the victor in the California Presidential primary June 4.

Judge Walker also granted a detailed defense motion asking extensive disclosures of evidence in the hands of the prosecution. Point-by-point consideration of this took up most of the 1 hour 11 minutes that the defendant was in court today.

The disclosure order provided the defense with a mass of statements and records, access to a large file of pictures taken the night Senator Kennedy was shot and transcripts of statements the defendant had made to police after his arrest.

In one batch there were 67 statements from persons who said they saw Sirhan at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4-5.



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SIRHAN'S TRIAL POSTPONED: Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on left, who faces trial in the slaying of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, with his lawyer, Russell E. Parsons, and law officers in Los Angeles. Trial was postponed to Dec. 9.

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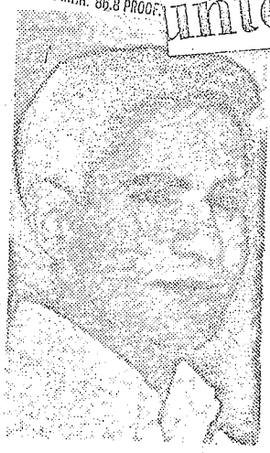
LOS ANGELES—The prosecution revealed yesterday that an investigation had produced no evidence of a conspiracy or any suspect other than Sirhan B. Sirhan in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Deputy District Attorney Lynn Compton, appearing at a hearing, which set a new date of Dec. 9 for beginning of Sirhan's trial, produced the transcribed testimony of 67 persons who said they saw the 24-year-old Jordanian at the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4-5, when Kennedy was fatally wounded.

The testimony of 15 other persons, who said they saw Sirhan practicing at a target-shooting range on June 4, was also presented and made available to Sirhan's attorney, Russell B. Parsons, to prepare the defense.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker announced at the hearing that he intended to lock up the jury every night of the trial once it is sworn.

The trial is expected to last two or three months.



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SIRHAN AND RAY SELL BOOK RIGHTS

Suspected Assassins to Use Money for Trial Costs

By HENRY RAYMONT

The accused assassins of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have agreed to be interviewed in their prison cells for biographies to pay for their court defense.

Two professional writers, in separate contracts, have purchased book and movie rights to the memoirs of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the 24-year-old Jordanian accused of the fatal shooting of Senator Kennedy, and James Earl Ray, the escaped convict from Missouri charged with the murder of Dr. King.

The Sirhan rights were acquired by Robert Blair Kaiser, a California author and former Time magazine correspondent in Europe. A spokesman for Mr. Kaiser, who was not available for comment, said a sizable part of the royalties would be paid to Sirhan's lawyers.

A similar arrangement has been worked out between Ray and William Bradford Huie, author of "Three Lives for Mississippi," the story of the murder in Philadelphia, Miss., of three civil rights workers.

According to reliable publishing sources, literary agents representing the two authors have been visiting book and mafazine publishers here for the last two weeks. The price asked could not be learned.

Maximillian Becker, Mr. Kaiser's agent, confirmed that he was negotiating exclusive rights to the Sirhan memoirs, which he said the California writer had obtained through Sirhan's lawyer, Russell E. Parsons.

William B. Arthur, editor of Look magazine, said he had been discussing the possibility of commissioning one or two articles from Mr. Huie, though no final agreement was reached.

A vice president of The World Publishing Company, who asked not to be named, was offered book rights to the two projects two weeks ago and had rejected them.

"This is a tragic and rather dreary subject and I don't think it's the sort of thing we would want to publish," the World executive said. World is a subsidiary of The Times Mirror Company of Los Angeles.

In recent days, two other major publishing houses have each signed up a book on the assassination of Dr. King. Gerold Frank, author of "The Boston Strangler" and other best-sellers, has been commissioned by Doubleday & Company, Inc., to write an exhaustive profile of the crime. George McMillan, a former Marine Corps combat correspondent and author of an analysis of racial violence in the South, will write a psychological study of Ray for Little, Brown & Company of Boston.

An Early Contact

Interviewed from his home in Hartselle, Ala., Mr. Huie said his contract with Ray would provide him with material not available to anyone else. The writer said he had negotiated the contract through Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's Alabama lawyer, while the suspect was still in a London jail.

Mr. Huie complained that an order by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle barring most persons from the closely guarded Shelby County Jail in Memphis where Ray is being held had prevented him from having any personal meetings with the suspect. He said he hoped to have the first opportunity for such a meeting after a jury is sworn in. The trial is scheduled for Nov. 12.

Meanwhile, he said, he would continue to submit questions to Ray through Mr. Hanes. He reported that Ray writes the answers on legal-sized pads of paper while being watched by guards through closed-circuit television cameras in a permanently lighted cell.

Lightning Hits Radar

ATLANTA (AP)—The United States Weather Bureau here reported there would be no summary from its Athens station for a while because the radar had been struck by lightning and was being repaired.

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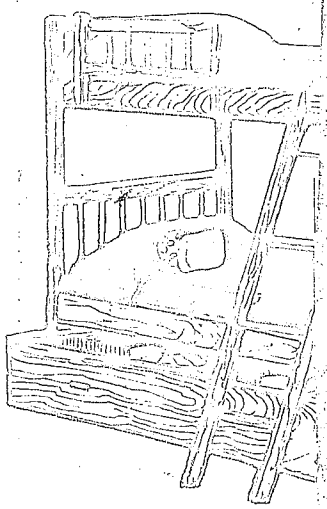
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Sirhan Pleads Not Guilty; Trial Is Set for Nov. 4



Sirhan B. Sirhan and his attorney, Russell E. Parsons, outside courtroom in Los Angeles sheriff's deputies

By CALDWIN LEE
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2—Sirhan B. Sirhan pleaded not guilty today to a charge of first-degree murder in the fatal June 5 shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Trial was set to start Nov. 4—four days before the national election in which the 42-year-old New York Senator might have been the Democratic Presidential candidate.

Sirhan also pleaded not guilty to five counts of assault with intent to murder five bystanders who were incidental victims of a fusillade of eight .22-caliber bullets fired at Senator Kennedy.

Sirhan's lawyer, Russell E. Parsons, hinted strongly in comments after the court session that the defense case would be primarily psychiatric—a contention that Sirhan was not responsible at the time of the crime because of mental or emotional imbalance. The lawyer said he had seen no evidence that the crime involved either malice or premeditation.

During the arraignment Sirhan sat at a counsel table in the improvised jailhouse courtroom, intermittently clenching Mr. Parsons's hand.

The Jordanian defendant's small, gray-haired mother, clad

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in a white and gray striped seersucker dress, and three of his brothers, in neat dark business suits, escorted by a plain-clothes policeman, watched impassively. They were in a row of spectator seats against a side wall of the white 50-foot-square converted conference room on the 13th floor of the downtown Hall of Justice, only 50 feet from the specially isolated cell block where Sirhan is confined.

They exchanged glances with the 24-year-old defendant, who was about 30 feet from them. It was the first time in Sirhan's five court appearances since the assassination that more than a lone brother was on hand.

The final installment of Sirhan's arraignment proceedings took only five minutes. He uttered only a few words, in an assured, rather boyish, voice. The rest of the 20-minute hearing was taken up with a discussion of District Attorney Evelle Younger's proposal to retain a court ban on public comment on the case by persons connected with it.

Motion Is Dismissed

Superior Judge Richard Schauer dismissed the motion, on the ground that any reiteration might jeopardize an impartial trial.

In the discussion, Mr. Younger indicated strongly that the authorities had concluded that no conspiracy was involved in the assassination and that no foreign government was involved. He said he thought the public was entitled to information on such points — and it was generally inferred that he would not have mentioned them if the findings had not been positive.

Sirhan will make another court appearance before the trial judge, Judge Schauer set that date at a hearing at which the trial judge and trial court will be designated.

Some 50 news people and a number of officials occupied most of the 60 spectator folding chairs in the small room, which was used to obviate security problems in taking Sirhan to a regular courtroom. The 14-story Hall of Justice has municipal and superior courtrooms and county offices on its lower floors and a jail on the upper floors.

All Are Searched

Everyone who went to the courtroom, including lawyers and the district attorney, had to stop on the 12th floor and undergo a thorough search of clothing and personal effects, even to the soles of their shoes.

Sirhan, according to published grand jury testimony, was caught at the instant of the crime in a kitchen corridor of the Ambassador Hotel with a gun in his hand. From previous statements attributed to him, it has been inferred that, as an Arab nationalist, he was infuriated by Senator Kennedy's pro-Israel declarations.

Sirhan's lawyer, who is 75 years old, declined, at least for the time being, to enter a companion plea of guilty by reason of insanity. The dual plea would give the defendant two chance at acquittal, since the issues of "not guilty" and "not guilty by reason of insanity" would be tried in sequence.

No Advance Notice

But the simple "not guilty" plea allows the defense to enter almost any psychiatric- testimony it can muster, without the prosecution's having advance access to the evidence as a basis for refuting it.

Under a plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity," the findings of court-appointed psychiatrists are equally available to the defense and the prosecution, and the basic criterion is the traditional "McNaughten rule." This says in effect that at the time of a crime a defendant cannot distinguish right from wrong.

No contention has been made that Sirhan is not rational, and it is believed likely that the defense will rely on another classic legal argument: "diminished capacity" of judgement of "disassociation" at the moment of crime.

Indicates Possible Instability

At a news conference after the arraignment Mr. Parsons gave suggestions of possible mental instability on the part of his client.

As the operator of a sanitarium for elderly mental cases, he commented, "people do go suddenly insane."

Insanity, he said in response to a question, could be caused by "a fall from a horse"—such as Sirhan, as a race-track exercise boy, experienced.

"He is of nervous mentality anyway," the lawyer added. "He has a considerable headache condition."

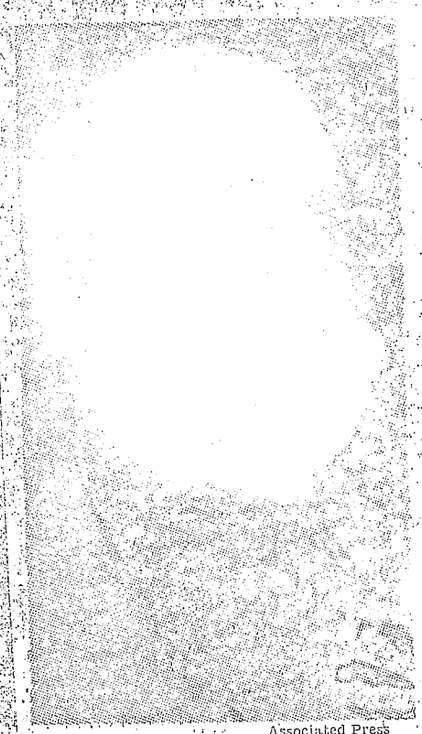
Referring to the fact that Sirhan had grown up, to the age of 12, amid the Arab-Israeli strife, Mr. Parsons said depositions would be taken "in the old country" bearing on the defendant's emotional makeup, including such points, he noted, as "was a bomb ever dropped on him?"

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Sen. Kennedy Shot, Wife Pleads for Calm

Sirhan Brother Claims Attempt on Life



Saidallah Sirhan yesterday.

Associated Press

By Eric Malnic
Los Angeles Times

PASADENA, Calif., July 3—Police are investigating a claim by Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, a brother of the man accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, that two shots were fired into his car.

Sirhan, 35, told policemen the shots came from one of two cars that followed him from Los Angeles to Pasadena on the Pasadena Freeway shortly before dawn.

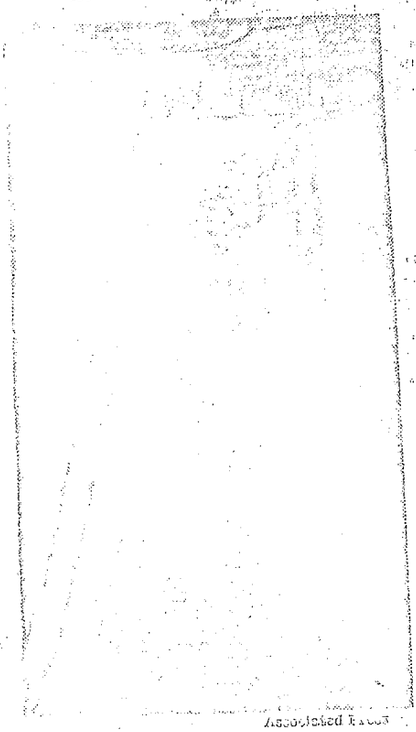
One bullet struck a coat on the back seat of his car, Sirhan said. He told police he then ducked and a second bullet zipped past his head and buried itself in the door beside him.

A mile beyond where the shots were fired, Sirhan said, the two cars—both containing several men—turned off on side streets and he drove to Pasadena police headquarters.

The persistence and length of the police interrogation of Sirhan led informed observers to speculate that doubts were raised on details of Sirhan's story.

Sirhan's 24-year-old brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, is in County Jail awaiting trial on charges he shot Sen. Ken-

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Associated Press

Punctured window in Sirhan auto

Sirhan Brother Claims Attempt on Life

SIRHAN, From A1

nedy June 5 at the Ambassador Hotel.

Saidallah Sirhan is the second eldest of the five Sirhan brothers. He is single and unemployed, and has been living in a Pasadena apartment away from the remainder of the Sirhan family.

Pasadena police urged Friday that he move into the family home, which is under heavy police guard.

Saidallah Sirhan told officers he had been in south Los Angeles early today in an unsuccessful attempt to contact a woman reporter from an underground newspaper.

He said he was returning home on the Pasadena Freeway in the downtown Los Angeles area at about 4:30 a.m. when he first noticed two cars following him.

One car, a white Volkswagen bus contained four men, he said, and the other, a green 1959 Chevrolet, contained three men.

After following him for about six miles, he said, the two cars pulled alongside him, the Volkswagen on the right, the Chevrolet on the left.

Without warning, a man in the bus—possibly the driver—pointed a pistol at him and fired one shot, Sirhan said.

The shot shattered the right wind wing of his car and buried itself in a coat on the back seat, he said.

Sirhan said he threw himself to the right, seconds before another shot crashed through the wind wing and struck the door beside him.

He said he then drove to police headquarters, about a mile away.

Police said they recovered two bullets from the car, both .38 caliber. After checking the vehicle, they returned it to Sirhan's apartment home, where it was parked in a garage.

Officers then took Sirhan on a careful retracing of his route in an attempt to gather further evidence.

Saidallah Sirhan entered the United States from his native Jordan in June, 1960, nearly a year after his mother and three of his brothers—including Sirhan Sirhan — had immigrated here.

He filed a petition for naturalization on Nov. 27, 1957, the only member of his family to apply—but his naturalization was postponed on July 7 of this year when a U.S. District Court decided to in-

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Mr. JOHN T. HARRIS, Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services, Pasadena Unified School District, Education Center, 351 South Hudson, made available the academic file of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, date of birth March 19, 1944. HARRIS advised that the file contained three documents containing personal information regarding SIRHAN; two documents regarding his academic courses during elementary and secondary school; one document regarding notification of parents in case of an emergency, dated September 24, 1956; one grade report to parents from Eliot Junior High School; one admittance record from Eliot Junior High School; and one polio immunization statement for SIRHAN dated January 7, 1953. HARRIS stated that several other documents were in the file which reflected duplicate academic information which was contained on SIRHAN's secondary cumulative record. HARRIS furnished nine documents, a review of which disclosed the following information:

Pasadena City Schools, Elementary Registration form, Henry W. Longfellow School, dated January 21, 1957, for SIRHAN SIRHAN. This document is a 8½" by 11" printed form, handwritten in pencil. HARRIS furnished the original copy and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached.

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PASADENA CITY SCHOOLS
Pasadena, California

ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION BLANK

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW School Date Jan 21 1952

TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

Will you please fill in the confidential information requested below. This information will help the school to provide for the best growth and welfare of your child.

Pupil's name Sirhan Sirhan Bidwan Boy [x] Girl [ ]
Last First Middle

Address 1321 Magnolia Telephone

School last attended Cottage Grade 6A Date of Leaving Dec 14 City Pasadena State Calif

Has Pupil attended a Pasadena Public School or Child Care Center (Nursery School) before? Yes [ ] No [x]

If so, give name of last Pasadena Public School attended

Age 12 Date of birth: Month 3 Day 19 Year 1944 Place of birth Jerusalem City Palestine State

Verification of birth: Passport
Initial

NAMES OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS (Enter in spaces below)	Race or Nationality	HOME ADDRESS	Living Away From Home	Divorced	Died	Not Living	OCCUPATION OR PRESENT WORK
Father's Name SIRHAN BISHARA SALAMEH (Last First Middle)	Arabian						Farmer
Mother's Name SIRHAN Mary (Last First Middle)							
Guardian's Name SPONSOR MRS. HALLADAY (Last First Middle)			TELEPHONE				

Father's business address Telephone

Mother's business address Telephone

Number of people living in home—Please specify:

Older brothers	Enter ages 1	19	(2 home	23 + 24 in	Jerusalem)
Younger brothers	Enter ages				
Older sisters	Enter ages 1	20			
Younger sisters	Enter ages				

Grandfathers Grandmothers Others

Does your child have a regular allowance? [ ] Amount Weekly Amount Monthly

Parent or guardian's signature SPONSOR MRS. HALLADAY

Teacher Room No. Grade

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HARRIS furnished a photostatic copy of the Pupil Personnel Record, Pasadena City Elementary School for SIRHAN SIRHAN. This document is 8" by 13" blue manila record of SIRHAN's elementary school work. No receipt was given.

Name	SIRHAN SIRHAN (first and last nm are the same)
Date of Birth	March 19, 194[illegible]
Verification	Passport
Place of Birth	Jerusalem, Jordan
Address	(January 1957) 1321 North Hentor
Grade	Sixth (January 1957)
Father	BISHARA SALAMEH SIRHAN
Race	Arabian
Present work	Gardner
Mother	MARY SIRHAN
Number of people living in home	(January 1957) Two brothers, one sister
Remarks concerning the home	(January 1957) Sponsor in this country: HALDOR LILLENAS 1945 East Mountain
Health and physical condition	(January 1957) General health good; (June 1957) Good
Registration and Transfer Data	Lutheran School - Jerusalem; Longfellow, January 21, 1957, E-1 Grade 6, Teacher FRALEY Date left - June 1957; Transferred to Marshall

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CITIZENSHIP	GRADE 6
Social Responsibilities	B
Work and Study Habits	B
Health	B
Safety Practices	A

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE	
Reading	C
Arithmetic	C
Written English	C
Oral English	C
Spelling	B
Social Studies	C
Handwriting	C
Art	B
Music	C
Science	C
Physical Education	B

ATTENDANCE	
Days Present	39
Days Absent	1
Times Tardy	-

UNITS, SUBJECTS & ACTIVITIES - Grade 5

Communications F.F.
South America F.F.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

January, 1957 — Having only been in this country a short time he does have a language handicap. He tries hard and is showing improvement in all areas. F.F.

June, 1957 — Improvement has been noted in all areas. F.F.

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SIGNIFICANT BEHAVIOR

January 1957	Friendly, cooperative, and well liked by all. Very well mannered. F. F.
June 1957	He has adjusted very nicely to his new environment making many new friends. F. F.

Pasadena City Schools, Health Department form for SIRHAN SIRHAN, undated. This document is a 8½" by 11¼" white printed form, handwritten in pencil, regarding SIRHAN's health. HARRIS furnished the original copy and a receipt was given. A photographic copy is attached; the original is being maintained in Los Angeles file.

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On June 6, 1968, Dr. IRVIN G. LEWIS, Administrative Dean for Students Personal Service, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, furnished Xeroxed copies of the academic record of SIRHAN SIRHAN, who attended the school between September 1963 and May 1965, when he was dismissed for poor grades. Dr. LEWIS stated he had been contacted several times by different news media trying to obtain a copy of this record, which he had refused by law under the California Education Code. There were no samples of SIRHAN's handwriting in his file and no signature on his typewritten application for admission, which signature is normally required. There was no record of extra-curricular clubs or other activities engaged in by SIRHAN at the college. Dr. LEWIS stated the record reflected he had interviewed SIRHAN on one occasion in May 1965 because of his lack of regular attendance and failure to appear at physical education classes; however, he could not recall SIRHAN at all due to the large number of students he interviews on a regular basis. Dr. LEWIS had no record of any teachers or students who might be acquainted with SIRHAN.

He stated there was no club on the campus composed of Arab students or those of Arab origin, to his knowledge. He stated there was an International Club, which covered a broad spectrum of foreign nationalities and the study of any and all foreign cultures desired by the students. He stated Miss JOSEPHINE NISSLEY, Associate Professor in the English Department, was advisor or sponsor of the International Club.

The file of SIRHAN SIRHAN which Dr. LEWIS furnished contained the following information:

Application for Admission:

Date of application: May 19, 1963

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Name	SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
Address	696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California
Birth Data	March 19, 194., at Jerusalem, Jordan
Marital Status	Single
Citizenship	Jordanian
Visa Type	Immigrant
Father	BISHARA SIRHAN
Father's Occupation	Mechanic
Father's Home Address	Jordan
Mother	MARY SIRHAN
Mother's Occupation	Nursery School Teacher
Mother's Address	Pasadena, California
High School Attended	John Muir High School, Pasadena, California from September 1960 to June 1963
Date of Graduation from high school	June 13, 1963
Major at Pasadena City College	Political Science

SIRHAN's permanent record contained the following information as to the courses he took and the grades he received:

"First Semester 1963-1964:	Grades:
Ballroom Dancing	Failed
Health Education	D
English Essentials	D
Intermediate German	D
Elementary Russian	C
Eur Civ to 1648	D
Basic Communication	C "

"Second Semester 1963-1964:

Golf	C
Reading and Composition	F
Intro Physio and Anat	C
Cultural Anthropology	C
Eur Civ from 1648	C
Intro to Amer Gov	C

First Semester 1964-1965:

Golf	D
Intermediate Russian	C
Introductory Biology	D
US Hist to 1876	D
Intro Psychology	D"

SIRHAN was disqualified on January 29, 1965 for poor grades.

SIRHAN's admission was continued by administrative action.

"Second semester 1964-1965:

Track and Field	F
Read and Composition	F
American Literature	F
Intermediate Russian	F
US Hist from 1876	F
Dismissed May 18, 1965	"

Included in SIRHAN's file was a dismissal recommendation from THEODORE M. BANKS dated May 12, 1965. SIRHAN was enrolled in BANKS' physical education class and he had been absent numerous times. BANKS' recommendation was that SIRHAN be dismissed from college. Dr. LEWIS advised that BANKS is presently the track coach at San Jose State College.

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CLARENCE COPPING, 2747 Morningside, Pasadena, California, furnished the following information:

COPPING advised that he operated the Elite Motor Service, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, for 29 years prior to selling out his business to JACK DAVIES in September 1964. COPPING advised that he is presently retired.

COPPING went on to say that on March 30, 1964, he employed one SIRHAN SIRHAN who worked for him at the Elite Motor Service until September 14, 1964. COPPING advised that SIRHAN was an outstanding employee, excellent worker, and never had any friends hanging around the station. He advised that during the time SIRHAN was employed by him, he worked the 4:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. shift alone and that none of the other employees would have known anything about SIRHAN. He advised that during his association with SIRHAN at no time did SIRHAN ever express any of his political views or nationalistic lea nings or for that matter, any of his views. He advised that while SIRHAN was employed at his station, he resided with a family by the name of WILLIAM BEVERIDGE who resided at 167 North Sierra Madre, Pasadena, California. COPPING advised that SIRHAN stayed with the BEVERIDGEs and that this family would probably know him better than anyone else. He advised that before SIRHAN terminated employment with him, he had moved from the BEVERIDGE residence to his mother's address at 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California.

COPPING further advised that he could not furnish anything derogatory concerning SIRHAN and that when he was notified that SIRHAN was the person suspected of shooting Senator KENNEDY, it was very hard for him to believe.

COPPING then furnished the following individuals who might have known or been associated with SIRHAN:

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JACK DAVIES, owner Jack Davies Richfield Service Station, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, furnished the following information:

DAVIES advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN began working for him at the station on September 28, 1964, and terminated this employment on June 7, 1965. DAVIES advised that SIRHAN worked at this same Richfield Station for one CLARENCE COPPING, who had previously owned the service station prior to DAVIES purchasing this station.

DAVIES advised that SIRHAN was an excellent worker and never caused any trouble around the station, was friendly to the customers, and seemed dedicated to his work.

DAVIES advised that during the time SIRHAN was employed at his station, he worked the night shift alone and was an excellent employee due to the fact that he was a loner and never had any friends; therefore, there were never groups of boys hanging around the service station while SIRHAN was on duty. He advised that SIRHAN never made friends with anyone at the service station and never expressed any of his political views or nationalistic beliefs to him.

DAVIES advised that he never saw SIRHAN with any girls and the only thing he recalls about SIRHAN was that he enjoyed going to the horse races at Santa Anita and he always got the impression that SIRHAN bet most of his salary on the horses. He advised that SIRHAN once mentioned that he would like to become a jockey and if he ever started any type of conversation at the station, it was concerning horses that were running at Santa Anita.

He advised that SIRHAN was very polite to the customers, attentive, showed an outstanding personality, and one of the best employees that has worked for him since he took over the Richfield Station.

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BERT ALTFILLISCH, manager and part owner of Granja Vista Del Rio Farms at 13200 Citrus, Norco, California, advised that his regular office manager and bookkeeper, who was off with a broken back, had observed on television the person accused of shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles. He had contacted him and advised that this appeared to be a former employee of theirs.

From his records, Mr. ALTFILLISCH was able to advise that SIRHAN, with Social Security No. [redacted], came to work for this farm on June 2, 1966, as an exercise boy with the thoroughbred horses. He was laid off on December 10, 1966. He gave his home address while working this six month period as 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. He gave his date of birth as March 19, 1944, and his telephone number as SYcamore 8-2136.

Mr. ALTFILLISCH was able to advise from memory of little contact with SIRHAN and, from comments made about him by other employees, that he was supposed to be a political science student who had dropped out of school to try and become a jockey. He had come to this country with his brother and mother, but Mr. ALTFILLISCH did not know when. He seemed interested in politics but did not espouse any particular ideology or ideas that could be pinned to any political assaults or to any political party of any kind. He was very adamant in his beliefs and was dogmatic in his attitude in all things including politics and including his desire to be a jockey.

Mr. ALTFILLISCH discharged SIRHAN after it was apparent that he was not happy in his work and was not making much progress towards becoming a jockey. The trainers and Mr. ALTFILLISCH felt that he was too timid towards horses to ever become a good jockey. He was also not looked upon with favor by Mr. ALTFILLISCH since on one occasion he had attempted to organize the exercise boys into going home at noon and doing only exercise boy work. In other words, he did not like long hours of work and he felt that he was above doing the groom work since he was hired as an exercise boy. Mr. ALTFILLISCH was able to convince him and the others that if they did not do their work as directed, they would

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all be fired immediately. After this they all returned to work including SIRHAN and no more was heard regarding this matter.

It is noted that this farm is a large thoroughbred horse racing raising and training farm and as many as five to ten exercise boys and girls are hired at one time. Mr. ALTFILLISCH said he did not recall exactly who SIRHAN resided with at the time he was working at the farm. He believed he resided with one TERRY M. WELCH and possibly with a RICK VALDIZ who is presently at the Descancio Farms near San Diego, California, and possibly with STEVE GUERRERO, who he believes is working for RON MC MALLY at the Santa Anita Race Track. He has no idea where TERRY M. WELCH might be as he understood the Riverside Sheriff's Office was seeking his whereabouts at one time. He advised that SIRHAN may have lived with these people and may not. He believes he stayed somewhere in the vicinity of Norco during the week and traveled home to Pasadena on weekends. He was not particularly close to anyone at the farms and did not form a buddy relationship with any one particular person as is usually the habit of people working in this type of work. Mr. ALTFILLISCH said the only person working here at the present who would have had any contact with SIRHAN would be GARY NORRIS, the present trainer. He advised that GARY NORRIS took over the training work from one ROBERT LYNN WHEELER, who is presently a trainer at the Santa Anita or Hollywood Park Race Track.

Mr. ALTFILLISCH does not recall any mail coming in for SIRHAN. He never heard of SIRHAN being a member of any type of organization or attending any type meetings of any kind. He again pointed out that he had a number of employees and they were engaged in a busy type operation and although he had heard several comments concerning SIRHAN he did not have personal contact with him over a very few times.

Mr. ALTFILLISCH said that his records show that TERRY M. WELCH resided at 392 North Cota, Corona, California, in 1966.

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Mr. ALTFILLISCH advised that while employed here SIRHAN was thrown from a horse on September 25, 1966. He advised that this happened in the morning hours and SIRHAN was immediately taken to the Corona Community Hospital in Corona, California. Mr. ALTFILLISCH made available copies of his information furnished by the doctor, the insurance company and his own report of this incident. He recalled that SIRHAN came back to work within a very few days after this incident and that he did not appear to be injured seriously. He was scratched up considerably and was uncomfortable for a few days. He worked for about two months after this and then later brought an action to obtain money from the insurance company for his injury.

Mr. ALTFILLISCH advised that during the summer, besides TERRY WELCH he had employed at the time three local girls as in the exercise area. One was PEGGY OSTERKAMP, the other was LINDA SEABOLT and JANICE LUCY.

Xerox copies of the reports furnished by Mr. ALTFILLISCH are attached.

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MILTON A. MILLER, Medical Doctor, Optometrist, 824 South Main, Corona, California, advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN had been first seen at his office on November 8, 1966, for [redacted] and gave the history of being thrown from a horse while working as an exercise boy.

SIRHAN gave the history of being thrown from a horse while working at one of the local farms. He was referred to Doctor MILLER by a General Practitioner, Doctor RICHARD A. NELSON. He examined [redacted] SIRHAN and noted in his records that SIRHAN seemed to exaggerate his injuries. [redacted] He saw him again on November 14, 1966, November 22, 1966, and December 20, 1966. Doctor MILLER noted in his records on December 20, 1966, that he believes that SIRHAN was a malingerer. When he last saw SIRHAN on December 20, 1966, SIRHAN told him he was no longer employed in this area and was living in Pasadena. Doctor MILLER referred him to a Doctor KOEHN in Pasadena and stated that he was glad that he was no longer in this area. He said he told SIRHAN that he could not write a letter to his insurance company, stating that his injury was not of a nature wherein he should collect compensation. He advised that SIRHAN appeared very angry and nervous, but that he had no discussions with him and recalled no conversations in the office with SIRHAN. He does recall that after he had seen him on the last occasion, December 20, 1966, at approximately two hours later, he received a telephone call from SIRHAN. SIRHAN told him something to the effect that if he did not do what he wanted him to, he would "get him". SIRHAN did not say how he would get him and did not give Doctor MILLER time to answer him but hung up the telephone. Doctor MILLER said he did not make a report of this to the police department as he merely passed it off as an angry young man and besides, he noted that SIRHAN did not say how he would get him.

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E. GORDON KIEHN, M.D., [redacted] Suite 203, 48 North El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, was interviewed concerning his knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN. KIEHN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and he stated that he had treated SIRHAN for a work [redacted] injury sustained on or about September 24, 1966.

SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, telephone No. SY 8-2136, Social Security No. [redacted] came to his office on February 21, 1967, having been referred by Dr. MILTON A. MILLER of Ontario, California. SIRHAN exercised horses at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch (Affillisch Construction Company), 13200 Citrus, Corona, California, and on or about September 24, 1966, he was thrown from his horse and suffered injuries [redacted] and he was treated at the Corona Community Hospital by a [redacted] wounds around the eye and chin were sutured. Four days later the sutures were removed.

SIRHAN reportedly suffered a brief injury again a few days after the initial injury [redacted] SIRHAN was unaware [redacted] until he began exercising the horses again at which time he had to move [redacted] This was especially noticeable [redacted]

Because of his [redacted] he was referred to Dr. NELSON of Corona, California, and following this to Dr. MILTON A. MILLER of Ontario, California.

SIRHAN complained of [redacted]

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Dr. KIEHN stated that he found SIRHAN's [redacted]

He stated that he regarded the injury as having [redacted] as the injury was not as serious as SIRHAN* believed.

He described SIRHAN as fairly neat and clean in appearance and the aesthetic type with frail features.

He said that SIRHAN at times was very affable and pleasant but he could also be very disturbed at times. He stated that he saw SIRHAN twice a month after February 1967 through April and then SIRHAN did not show up for about six months. He stated that in the meantime SIRHAN had seen Dr. FORREST L. JOHNSON and Dr. ALBERT TASHMA.

He stated that from October through December he saw SIRHAN about once a week [redacted]

He stated that SIRHAN never discussed politics with him and he knew little of his background.

Dr. KIEHN advised that as a result of his contact with SIRHAN he did not consider him a stable person and believes that he could be influenced by others.

He stated that Dr. MILLER told him that SIRHAN had made some type of threat over an insurance report for the [redacted] He stated that he believes SIRHAN mentioned that he "would take care of him"(Dr. MILLER) if he did not write a favorable report.

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TRULA MERRIMAN, Stenographer, California Horse Racing Board, 205 South Broadway, furnished the following:

She made available an application for license as a hot walker completed by SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. The license was issued on January 1, 1966, at the Santa Anita, California Race Track.

The application indicated that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, was born on March 19, 1944 in Jerusalem, Jordan. His employer was listed as GORDON BOWSHER. A previous employer of SIRHAN was listed as CLARENCE COPPING, 2529 Foothill, Pasadena, California. Three names were listed on the form as persons who have known SIRHAN well for the past ten years. These individuals were furnished as: WALTER CROWE, 1700 Topeka Street, Pasadena, California; TOM GOOD, 1743 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, California; JOHN STRATHMANN, 1760 North Oxford Avenue, Pasadena, California. The form was signed "SIRHAN SIRHAN".

Mrs. MERRIMAN advised that she was furnishing this original form for the use of the FBI. She stated it is signed by SIRHAN and was probably executed by him as these forms are normally filled out by the applicant.

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Date June 7, 1968

On June 5, 1968, JAMES EDWARD BURN, Associate Pastor, Community Methodist Church, 918 West Avenue J, Lancaster, California, telephone number 942-0419, stated he presently resides at 214 East Nugent, Lancaster, telephone 942-4050.

BURN said he was formerly a Baptist Pastor and served as Associate Pastor under Pastor CHARLES BELL, First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 North Morengo Avenue, Pasadena. He resided at 743 East Howard Street, Pasadena, from about 1960 - 1965, during which time he was acquainted with the SIRHAN family.

BURN stated to the best of his recollection, Mrs. MARY SIRHAN and her children came to the United States from Jerusalem in about 1960. The father, name unknown, remained in Jerusalem as he and MARY apparently had marital problems. BURN said the only sons he can recall were named SAIDALLAH, SHARIF, and the younger son SIRHAN. He said he believes there was a daughter who came to the United States with them but he is not certain of her name. It may have been MARY, however, she did not reside with the family in Pasadena.

BURN said he knew the family through his church, as the mother was a member and faithful in church attendance. He also saw them in the neighborhood as the SIRHAN family resided at 1647 North Lake and later at 696 East Howard, which was near his own residence.

During the time he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN, he had several talks with him regarding belief in God. SIRHAN appeared to be a very intense atheist and could see no logical reason to believe in God. BURN stated SIRHAN also attended John Muir High School, Pasadena, during that period and was about a sophomore. He appeared to be very close to one of the high school teachers who furnished him with a great deal of literature to substantiate his beliefs in atheism. BURN said he does not know the name of this teacher but recalls that SIRHAN considered him an authority on almost all subjects

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and perhaps associated with him as a substitute for his father. He said at the time he attempted to communicate with SIRHAN, he felt SIRHAN was receiving adult orientation, as many of his arguments were those used by adults.

BURN said the boys all seem to have a bitter attitude toward life, with the feeling that the world owed them a living. This was due in part to the resentment they had for their father who did not come with them to the United States.

He advised further that he did not recall any of the boys belonging to any organizations in the community. SIRHAN may have been a member of some club, but it would have been connected with John Muir High School.

BURN said the mother was employed by the Westminster Presbyterian Church near their residence. She worked in child care with the pre-school children. SHARIF SIRHAN was employed off and on as a painter and he said he cannot recall where SAIDALLAH was employed.

The SIRHAN family were close friends with the (First name unknown) MOKHTARIAN family who resided near them on Elizabeth Street in Pasadena. BURN said he believes the two families were related in some manner.

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Date June 7, 1968

Dr. CHARLES R. BELL, JR., Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 North Marengo Avenue, telephone SY 3-7164, home telephone SY 4-4441, was contacted at the Church where he advised the following:

He recalled the SIRHAN family as having attended his church in the early 1960s. He could not recall exactly when the family started to attend church, but stated that the mother and three or four of the children then appealed to the Church to bring two other children to the United States from their home country. The other two children were SHARIF and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN. He thought that the other members of the family had been brought to the United States by a Seventh Day Adventist group. The family attended church regularly including various club functions of the Church, but the family never officially joined the Church.

BELL got SHARIF SIRHAN an accounting job with the Southern California Baptist Convention in Los Angeles and SHARIF was employed there for over a year when he was dismissed due to his allegedly placing a bomb in his girl friend's car. The SIRHAN family felt that Pastor BELL had SHARIF dismissed from his job when, in fact, BELL had no connection with the dismissal. He stated he tried to reason with the family to no avail and shortly thereafter the family stopped coming to church.

Of all the members in the SIRHAN family BELL had the least contact with SIRHAN SIRHAN and believes when SIRHAN SIRHAN was coming to the Church he was in his mid-teens. BELL personally believed the entire family was unstable probably due to the fact that the father more or less cut all ties with the family and the youngsters had no fatherly guidance. BELL stated he knew of no present or past member of the Church who was close to the SIRHAN family and who could offer any information concerning them.

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When asked concerning a family by the name of MOKHTARIAN, BELL advised there was an ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN who attended the Church around the same time as the SIRHAN family. He said he was not familiar with anyone by the name of HECTOR MOKHTARIAN nor did he know if the MOKHTARIAN family lived on Elizabeth Street in Pasadena. He said that approximately five years ago one of the sons of ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN, who was an alcoholic, took his own life. Shortly after this ALEX and DEBORAH MOKHTARIAN were divorced and he believes that neither one still lives in the Pasadena area. He said there is a large clan of this family, but he believed that the children were by another man and, therefore, have another name which he could not recall.

BELL added that when hearing on the radio that SIRHAN SIRHAN was possibly involved with the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he immediately telephoned Captain CARL LINDHOLM, a personal friend who is a member of the Pasadena Police Department and told LINDHOLM that he knew the SIRHAN family in the event he could be of any help in dealing with members of the family.

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On June 6, 1968, a neighborhood investigation was conducted on Hamner Avenue in Norco, California, in an effort to locate the prior residence of SIRHAN SIRHAN. The only motel located in that area is the Highlander Motel operated by a Mrs. VALENTINE. She made available the records for June through December of 1966. She stated she was not at this motel at that time. There was no registration shown for a SIRHAN SIRHAN. It was noted that in Apartment 3 (someone had commented they believed that SIRHAN stayed in Apartment 3) an EDWARD VAN ANTWERP resided here during June and part of July, 1966. Thereafter, it was occupied by PAUL PALOUS.

On June 6, 1968, Mrs. IDA ROWND at 1880 West Fifth Street, Norco, California, advised that she believed that SIRHAN SIRHAN had resided for about four or five months in one of the small houses that she rents at 1850 West Fifth Street in Norco. She advised that he had never paid the rent or rented this place in his name, but she believed that he lived there with EDWARD VAN ANTWERP who was the brother of Mrs. TAYLOR of Taylor Rentals, which was located on Hamner Avenue. Mrs. ROWND said she did not recall anything about SIRHAN.

On June 6, 1968, ORA TAYLOR of Taylor Rentals, 3336 Hamner Avenue in Norco, advised that his wife's brother was EDWARD VAN ANTWERP and that he had recently been residing at 1184 Fourth Street in Norco. He lives there with a JEANNE GREEN who is now using the last name of VAN ANTWERP. He advised that EDWARD was an alcoholic and that he had helped him on many occasions. He said he recalled that in the fall of 1966 and also in the late summer of 1966, EDWARD had lived in the small house owned by Mrs. ROWND. Just prior to that he had lived in the Highlander Motel. He said he did recall a young man known as SAUL, and he believes his last name was SIRHAN, living with EDWARD. He advised that EDWARD has been working for Thermal Chemergy in the Chino area for about six months. He advised that EDWARD had been "dry" for about six months, but that on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, after EDWARD had reported for work, that he had disappeared and his wife, Mrs. TAYLOR, and EDWARD's wife,

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Mrs. VAN ANTWERP were both of the opinion that he was probably beginning a week or month long drunk. He advised that his wife could be contacted at 2591 Hamner. He stated that he did not recall this SAUL SIRMAN and had no conversations with him.

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On June 6, 1968, ANNA JEANNE VAN ANTWERP was contacted at her home, 1184 Fourth Street in Norco, California. She advised that she and EDWARD VAN ANTWERP had been together since about February of 1967. She said he had never mentioned a SAUL SIRHAN or a SIRHAN SIRHAN. She advised that EDWARD was an alcoholic and had been "dry" for about six months. He had been working at Thermal Chemergy, phone number 628-1813, an Ontario number, and had gone to work on the morning of June 4, 1968. He worked for a Mr. DINWITTY and a BERT RILEY. He ran a skiploader and handled general repair work.

Mrs. VAN ANTWERP advised that she had called friends and relatives in the entire area and that she had not been able to locate EDWARD. She said she had called his employment and talked extensively to BERT RILEY who told her he had appeared for work on the morning of June 4, 1968, and that about nine or ten o'clock, he had sent him from one area of work to another and that he never showed up at the other place. He was driving his 1957 blue pickup with California license number unknown. She advised that he had been dry since December of 1967, and that she was afraid that he was starting on a drunk. She said that sometimes his drunken bouts lasted for as much as a month and that he ordinarily ended up in the hospital. She said that there was a trailer owned by some friends of theirs in the desert near Joshua Tree, California, and she would check this trailer out late this afternoon and tonight. She advised that if and when she located EDWARD, she would immediately contact the FBI.

She advised that EDWARD had never mentioned any type of politics and that he was not registered to vote. She advised that he had not been arrested at any time to her knowledge, and that he had never attended any meetings or organizations of any kind. She said that he probably did not even give it a thought that the liquor stores and bars would be closed on Election Day. She advised that he had not even had a drink of liquor of any kind since December and that he could not take one drink or he continued on and on.

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Mrs. GENEVIEVE TAYLOR, 2591 Hamner, Norco, California, advised that she was the sister of EDWARD VAN ANTWERP. She advised that in the summer of 1966, she had rented a motel room for her brother EDWARD at the Highlander Motel on Hamner. She advised that this was about May or the first of June, 1966. She said that he told her he was sitting on the front porch and SAUL SIRHAN came to the motel looking for a room as he had just begun work in this area. No rooms were available and as SIRHAN was leaving the motel, EDWARD invited him to stay with him as EDWARD was lonesome. Mrs. TAYLOR said EDWARD and SIRHAN lived at the motel for approximately six weeks then stayed at a small house rented from Mrs. ROWNDS. She said that SIRHAN continued to live with EDWARD until sometime about December of 1966. She said that SIRHAN was very polite and acted a complete gentleman at all times. She said that he was practically a nursemaid for EDWARD and would take care of him during his drunks and would call her whenever EDWARD became ill from his drinking or if he was in some place and could not get home. She said the only meetings or organizations that she recalls SIRHAN ever attending was when he took EDWARD to a couple of Alcoholic Anonymous meetings and attempted to get EDWARD straightened out regarding his drinking. She said she never had any political discussions and never heard him mention any particular gripes about any part of the Government or any part of the country.

Mrs. TAYLOR said that she had been calling various places and friends in an effort to locate EDWARD. She said that EDWARD went to work on the morning of June 4, 1968, but that a short time after being at work, he had disappeared and his wife, JEANNE GREEN VAN ANTWERP had not been able to locate him. She said that he had been working for Thermal Chemergy located on Helman Road just south of Chino, California. She said she did not know the address, but this place was located near what was known as the Chino Dung Farm.

She gave the full name of EDWARD as EDWARD SHIRLEY VAN ANTWERP. He is white, male, 5'6" or 5'7", 135 pounds, born [redacted]. Last known to be driving a 1956 or 1957 blue

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Chevrolet pickup. She advised that EDWARD had never been a member of any organization and had never had any political ideas or entered into any discussions of a political nature whatsoever. She said that he had never been arrested to her knowledge.

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ARTHUR N. LILLENAS telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from his place of employment with North American Aircraft Corporation, Downey, California, telephone number 923-8111, extension 2545. ARTHUR LILLENAS stated that he resides at 9939 South Larrylyn Drive, Whittier, California, telephone number OW 7-8577.

ARTHUR LILLENAS stated that his uncle, HALDOR LILLENAS, died in 1959. ARTHUR LILLENAS stated that he did recall that his uncle, HALDOR LILLENAS, had sponsored a family with the name of SIRHAN into the United States from Jordan, a number of years ago, but he did not recall the details. ARTHUR LILLENAS further stated that he did not personally know any members of the SIRHAN family, and was not acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. ARTHUR LILLENAS stated that HALDOR LILLENAS' widow, LOLA LILLENAS, presently resides in Mission, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, Kansas, but he does not know the exact address.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
Alien Registration No. A10 711 881
Son

He was born on March 19, 1944, at Jerusalem, Palestine (Israel). By nationality he is a Jordanian. He was included on Jordanian passport No. 142026, which is the passport issued to his mother, MARY SIRHAN. He held non-quota visa No. 1669 issued under Public Law 203-4(a)(14) on September 24, 1956, by the American Embassy at Amman. He was admitted to the United States at New York, New York, on January 12, 1957. It is noted that on his application for immigrant visa his name was carried as SARHAN BISHARA SARHAN.

An I-53 filed on January 15, 1968, indicated that he resided at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California 91104. His employment was given as a store clerk for Organic Pasadena, 1300 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California. His Social Security number is [redacted].

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Mr. GEORGE K. ROSENBERG, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, California, furnished the following:

He furnished five Immigration and Naturalization Form I-53s, which were filed with the Los Angeles Office of INS in 1968. The five INS forms concerned the following individuals: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. A10 711 881; MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. A10 711 879; ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. A10 711 877; MARY BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. A10 711 880; SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN, INS No. A12 249 228.

ROSENBERG stated that the INS forms, commonly called registration cards, show that all of the SIRHANs were residing at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, as of January 1, 1968, with the exception of SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN, who was residing at 1659 North Lake Avenue, Apartment 7, Pasadena, California. ROSENBERG noted that all of the INS registration cards appeared to have been executed by the same person with the exception of the signatures on the cards. ROSENBERG stated that, according to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's registration card, he was employed as a store clerk at the Organic Pasadena Company, 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, as of January 15, 1968.

ROSENBERG stated that additional registration cards for previous years regarding SIRHAN SIRHAN could be located at the Federal Records Center, 4747 South Eastern Avenue, Bell, California.

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Mr. GILBERT DORAME, Chief, Reference Service Branch, Federal Records Center, Bell, California, furnished the following:

He caused a search of Immigration and Naturalization Registration Card files for the years 1966 and 1967 and a registration card (Form I-53) for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Immigration and Naturalization Service No. A10 711 881, was located for the year 1966. The registration card revealed SIRHAN resided as of January 1966 at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. His employment was shown as student.

DORAME made the registration card available to the FBI.

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1966 ALIEN ADDRESS REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS

PRINT OR TYPE ALL ITEMS. PRINT OR TYPE ANSWERS.

ITEM (1) - LOOK AT THE PREPRINTED YOUR ALIEN CARD. THE NUMBER MAY BEGIN WITH THE LETTER A FOLLOWED BY SEVEN OR EIGHT DIGITS. IT MAY BE FOUND ON THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF YOUR ALIEN CARD.

ITEM (2) - IF YOU ARE A NONIMMIGRANT STUDENT OR EXCHANGE VISITOR, WRITE YOUR PRESENT ADDRESS IN THE UNITED STATES. IF YOU ARE NOT A NONIMMIGRANT STUDENT OR EXCHANGE VISITOR IN THE UNITED STATES NOW, USE CARE LAST FILED.

ITEMS (10) AND (11) - IF NOT EMPLOYED, TO GIVE UNITED STATES, WRITE NONE IN ITEMS FOLLOWING.

SIGN (3) AND MAIL THIS CARD TO CLERK IN CHARGE OF POST OFFICE DO NOT MAIL DO NOT FOLD OR TEAR

(1) MY NAME IS: Stefan Stanko Bashara (FAMILY) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

(2) MY ADDRESS IN THE UNITED STATES IS (FILL IN ALL APPROPRIATE ITEMS): 696 E Bonita St Pasadena, Calif 91101 (IN CARE OF) (HOTEL OR ROOMING HOUSE) (STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) (CITY) (ZONE) (STATE)

(3) MY SEX IS: ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

(4) MY NATIONALITY AT BIRTH WAS: Yugoslavia

(5) I WAS BORN IN THE CITY OF: Tuzla

(6) THE DATE OF MY BIRTH IS: 17 (DAY) 3 (MONTH) 44 (YEAR)

(7) I AM MARRIED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

(8) MY WIFE'S PLACE OF BIRTH IS: Yugoslavia

(9) I LAST ENTERED THE UNITED STATES AT: New York (PLACE OF ENTRY)

(10) I ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ON (DATE) AS A/N: 12 (MONTH) 1 (DAY) 57 (YEAR)

☒ LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT ☐ STUDENT ☐ VISITOR ☐ EXCHANGE ALIEN ☐ CREWMAN ☐ OTHER

(11) I WAS EMPLOYED IN THE UNITED STATES AS: Student

(12) MY PRESENT OR MOST RECENT EMPLOYER IN THE UNITED STATES IS: N/A (NAME OF FIRM OR COMPANY) (STREET ADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE)

(13) IF I AM A MALE BETWEEN 18 AND 26 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES AS A NONIMMIGRANT RESIDENT FOR OVER 5 YEARS, CHECK OR ANSWER BELOW:

(A) ☐ I HAVE

(B) ☐ I HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP

(14) I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Stefan Bashara Apr. 25 (SIGNATURE OF ALIEN) (DATE)

(SIGN IN INK) DO NOT TYPE NAME AND RECEIPT NO. FROM CARD YOU FILLED OUT THIS CARD.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CITIZEN?

IF YOU DO, FILL OUT THIS CARD AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO DO IT.

IF ANY INFORMATION ABOUT YOU CHANGES, YOU MUST REPORT THE CHANGE AT ONCE.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

1985 ALIEN ADDRESS REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS CARD. COMPLETE ALL ENTRIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD.

PRINT OR TYPE ANSWERS

ITEM (4): LOOK AT THE NUMBER ON YOUR ALIEN CARD. THE NUMBER MAY BEGIN WITH A LETTER. IF IT DOES, COPY ON THIS CARD THE LETTER AND NUMBER EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR ALIEN CARD.

ITEM (5): IF YOU ARE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, STATE YOUR PERMANENT ADDRESS. IF JUST ENTERED YOUR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES AS OF THE DATE OF THIS REPORT.

WHEN COMPLETED, MAIL THIS CARD TO CLERK IN ANY U.S. POST OFFICE.

DO NOT MAIL

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN?

IF SO, YOU CAN OBTAIN AN APPLICATION AT ANY IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICE.

FORM G-325 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

(1) MY NAME IS:
SIRAG SIRAG ASSARA
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

(2) REGISTRATION NO.:
A10 [illegible]

(3) MY ADDRESS IN THE UNITED STATES (FILL IN APPROPRIATE ITEMS)

(3a) CARE OF:

[illegible] HOWARD STREET
(APARTMENT OR WHERE MAIL IS KEPT) (NUMBER AND STREET OR RURAL ROUTE)

PHILADELPHIA, [illegible] PENNSYLVANIA [illegible]
(CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

(4) MY SEX: (CHECK ONE)
1. ☒ MALE 2. ☐ FEMALE

(5) I WAS BORN IN:
JORDAN
(COUNTRY)

(6) MY DATE OF BIRTH IS:
[illegible] 12 [illegible]
(DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

(7) I AM A CITIZEN OF:
JORDAN
(COUNTRY)

(8) I ENTERED THE UNITED STATES:
AT NEW YORK ON [illegible] / [illegible] / 77
(PLACE OF ENTRY) (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

(9) I AM IN THE UNITED STATES AS: (CHECK ONLY)
1. ☐ PERMANENT RESIDENT
2. ☐ VISITOR
3. ☐ CREWMAN
4. ☐ STUDENT
5. ☐ EXCHANGE ALIEN
6. ☐ CONDITIONAL ENTRANT
7. ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE ALSO. DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.

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(10) EMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED STATES (CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

1 ☐ I HAVE NEVER BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE UNITED STATES. (SKIP TO ITEM 13)

2 ☒ I AM OR HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE UNITED STATES AND

MY OCCUPATION IN THE UNITED STATES IS → STORE CLERK

(11) (CHECK ONE)

1 ☐ MY PRESENT EMPLOYER IS →

OR

2 ☐ MY MOST RECENT EMPLOYER WAS
(IF NOT NOW EMPLOYED)

(12) (FILL IN COMPLETELY)

ARBONNE INTERNATIONAL
(EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS)

1251 - NORTH LAKE BLVD. MAHOPAC
(CITY)

CALIF.
(STATE)

(13) SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (IF ANY) (S)

(14) IF YOU ARE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT FOR OVER FIVE (5) YEARS, CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX.

1 ☐ I HAVE APPLIED FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP.

2 ☒ I HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP.

(15) I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

[illegible]
(YOUR SIGNATURE OR IF UNDER 14 YEARS O.D. SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

JAN 13 1976
(DATE)

BE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE OTHER SIDE.

FORM I-9 (REV. 11-1-75) (PRINTED)

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Mrs. MARY SIRHAN was interviewed and furnished the following information:

She is the mother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, resides at 639 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, with three sons, SIRHAN, 24 years of age, ADEL, 29 years of age, and MUNIR, 19 years of age. She is employed as a nursery school caretaker at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena.

MARY SIRHAN has two other sons, namely SAID, age 35, who resides at 1659 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, and SHARIEF, age 36, who is employed by Cannon Electric Company in Los Angeles, California, and resides in a room near his employment, exact address unknown.

Her husband is BISHARA SIRHAN who resides in either Jordan or Israel. She stated she also had a daughter AIDA who died about three years ago. She stated none of her sons are married.

MARY SIRHAN stated she lived with her husband and family in the New City of Jerusalem, Palestine, until 1948 when they became refugees and moved to the Old City of Jerusalem. In 1956 arrangements were made for her to emigrate from Jerusalem to the United States. She arrived in New York in 1957 and immediately came to Pasadena, where she has resided continuously. MARY SIRHAN immigrated to the United States with three sons, SIRHAN, ADEL, and MUNIR, and her daughter AIDA. In 1960 her sons SAID and SHARIEF immigrated to the United States.

MARY SIRHAN stated her son SIRHAN attended Eliot Jr. High School and John Muir High School in Pasadena and was a good student. He then attended Pasadena City College for two years. He studied languages, including German, Arabic, Russian, and English, although he was not very successful in these studies. He had ambition to be

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successful and had indicated the desire to be a teacher but failed in his ambition.

MARY SIRHAN said SIRHAN worked at a ranch near Corona, California, in 1966 and during the course of this employment he fell from a horse, sustained injuries to the left side of his head, left eye, and left hip. He was hospitalized near Corona for six days before returning home. She did not know of this accident until he returned home. During 1967 and until about March 1968 he was employed at Organic - Pasadena, 1380 Lake Avenue, Pasadena. He left this employment because he could not get along with his employer. During the past two months he was unemployed and was at home most of the time.

MARY SIRHAN stated SIRHAN had an old car, the description of which she could not furnish as she is not familiar with the various makes and models of cars, which was broken down and he could not use. Recently, SIRHAN received an insurance claim check for injuries sustained from a fall from a horse while working on a ranch in 1966. She did not know the exact amount of the check. With this money SIRHAN purchased necessary parts to repair his car and purchased clothing. She did not know how much money he spent or how much money he had. She stated that she knew of no debts her son had, if he did have any.

She stated that she returned home each day about 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 noon from the nursery school. On days SIRHAN was not home she was of the opinion that he had just recently left the house since his coffee cup was usually still warm. It was SIRHAN's custom to return home during the period of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and would remain home for the evening. SIRHAN would watch television but was not too communicative. MARY SIRHAN continued that when SIRHAN would leave home he would say he was going to the library or would purchase newspapers and return home.

MARY SIRHAN stated her son SIRHAN did not smoke, did not drink alcoholic beverages, did not have any female associates, and to her knowledge did not have any male companions. SIRHAN stayed much to himself, did not engage in conversations with other members of the family. She stated she did not know her son to use drugs of any nature.

MARY SIRHAN stated she did not know her son SIRHAN to own a gun of any description and did not know if he knew how to use such a weapon.

She related that SIRHAN favored the Arab position in the Arab - Israeli conflicts. When he would watch programs on television and comments would be made favorable to Israel, he would either leave the room or turn off the television. She stated she never heard her son make any statements revealing a dislike of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY or any other political figure or to make any threat to Senator KENNEDY. MARY SIRHAN stated she could not believe her son could have committed such a terrible deed as shooting Senator KENNEDY or any person. She stated that she could think of no reason which would motivate her son to commit such a crime.

MARY SIRHAN stated she last saw her son at about 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, when she left the residence at 639 East Howard Street, Pasadena, to go to work.

MARY SIRHAN advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN had never to their knowledge within the past year been away from home any length of time and had never during that time spent a night away from home until he was arrested after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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ADEL SIRHAN was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He advised he resides with his mother MARY SIRHAN and two brothers, SIRHAN SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. ADEL SIRHAN is described as follows:

Birth Data	Born [redacted] in Jerusalem, Palestine
Height	5' 6"
Weight	138 pounds
Hair	Black, wavy
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Musician and plays the Oud at the Shaker's Oasis Restaurant, 6756 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, two nights a week
Former Employment	Oud player at the Fez, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles (he is also a picture framer but is unemployed in this occupation)

He stated he last saw his brother SIRHAN SIRHAN at about noon June 4, 1968, when SIRHAN had awakened him for a telephone call. SIRHAN left the home in his car while he was still talking on the telephone. He described SIRHAN's car as a 1956 De Soto, two door, three tone, white pink white.

ADEL described SIRHAN as being kind, helpful, moody, but was of a nervous disposition since he was involved in an accident about two years ago. He stated his brother was employed at a horse ranch near Corona,

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California, and fell from a horse causing injury [redacted] SIRHAN had a mind of his own and not easily persuaded.

ADEL SIRHAN stated SIRHAN had filed an insurance claim because of these injuries and had recently, exact date unknown, received a check from the Argonaut Insurance Company for these injuries. ADEL stated he did not know the exact amount of the check but thought it would probably have been between $1,200 and $1,500. ADEL stated he did not know how much money SIRHAN had or how he spent his money although he did buy parts to repair his 1956 De Soto car. He stated his brother to his knowledge was not in debt to anyone as he was not in the habit of borrowing.

ADEL stated he did not know if SIRHAN had a gun or any type weapon and can't imagine his brother owning or knowing how to use a gun. He said he never saw a gun at the family home.

ADEL SIRHAN said he never saw his brother have any political type literature at home. He stated he never heard his brother express any hatred or dislike toward Senator KENNEDY or any other political figure or to have made any threats to harm anyone either in political or private life. He stated he did not know what would motivate his brother to commit such a crime and could not conceive of his brother shooting anyone.

ADEL stated SIRHAN favored the Arabs in the Arab-Israeli conflicts and did not like to hear any opposition to the Arabs. He was opposed to the United States support to Israel.

ADEL SIRHAN stated SIRHAN did not smoke, use alcoholic beverages, or drugs. ADEL said SIRHAN did not date girls and he did not know any of his brother's friends or associates. ADEL did not know his brother to belong to any organization. He stated he did observe his brother to have literature published by "The Rosecrucians" but did not know if he was a member of the society or if he attended meetings of it.

ADEL SIRHAN advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN had never to his knowledge within the past year been away from home any length of time and had never during that time spent a night away from home until he was arrested after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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MUNIR BISHARA SALAMEH SIRHAN, who resides at 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California, telephone number 793 2136, advised that he is the brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

MUNIR SIRHAN was interviewed at the home of a friend of his mother at 326 East Mendocino, Altadena, California.

SIRHAN advised that he had resided at the Howard Street address for approximately five to six years and lived there with his mother, MARY SIRHAN, and his brothers, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN

SIRHAN stated that his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, had graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena, California, and had attended Pasadena City College for approximately two years. He stated that he did not know exactly what subjects his brother studied but that he did study languages, and he knew that his brother was fluent in several languages, including Russian, German, and Arabic. He considered his brother to be "rather intelligent in an intellectual sort of way."

He continued that approximately three months ago he had a personal dispute with his brother, SIRHAN, and for the past three months they have not spoken, although they reside in the same house.

Further, he stated that for approximately the last six months his brother, SIRHAN, has been unemployed and that the last job he had, which was about five or six months ago, was for a health store known as the Pasadena Organic located on Lake Street in Pasadena near Washington Street. He

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continued that the proprietor of this store was either a German or Dutchman whose name was WIDNER (phonetic). This individual, he stated, had written a book setting forth how he had helped Jewish people during the war. MUNIR SIRHAN stated that his brother, SIRHAN, had taken exception to the publication written by WIDNER and that this had caused a disagreement between them, and as a result, SIRHAN terminated his employment at this location. MUNIR stated that SIRHAN's objection to this book was based on his, SIRHAN's, feeling against the Jewish people.

MUNIR stated that his brother, SIRHAN, although living at home with his mother and other brother, had little communication with the rest of the family which was a cause of friction between his mother and his brother, SIRHAN.

Further, he stated that to the extent of his knowledge, his brother, SIRHAN, had no close male associates, no female associates, and his brother did not drink or smoke. His brother was a member of the Amroc Rosicrucians, a religious society, and was also interested and had taken instruction in the Seventh-Day Adventist religion. An individual representing this latter faith used to come to the house once a week and would discuss the bible with SIRHAN. SIRHAN was introduced to this religion through his former employer at the health food store.

Before their recent fight of about three months ago, MUNIR stated that he and his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, would go out occasionally and play a game of pool or sit and watch television at the house. The only topics that SIRHAN would discuss were usually thoroughbred horses or his membership in the Rosicrucians. Approximately a year ago, MUNIR stated that his brother had tried to be an exercise boy and worked at a ranch in Corona, California. While so employed, he fell off a horse [redacted] as a result of which he was hospitalized in Corona, and later, for a period of [redacted] He filed a suit over this injury, but MUNIR did not know whether or not his brother had ever collected any money as a result of this legal action. To the extent of his knowledge, MUNIR

stated his brother, SIRHAN, did not belong to any racial, social, or political organizations, and never engaged with him in any political discussions, particularly concerning the current primaries in which KENNEDY and other candidates were engaged. He stated that his brother did read a great deal, usually books on history or politics and did watch television, but he had no idea of what his brother's preference on television programs was. He stated that his brother usually returned to the home late at night, and he would observe him walk through the house usually with some newspapers in his arm. He would normally go straight to his room and spend most of the time when he was at home in his own room.

MUNIR stated that he knew that his brother, SIRHAN, had a handgun as several months ago his brother was reading a rifle magazine of some type and asked him if he knew anybody who knew about guns. MUNIR stated that he told SIRHAN that a friend of his who worked at the same location knew about guns. MUNIR said that SIRHAN had taken ROTC training at John Muir High School and said that he knew about guns and wanted a gun to shoot on the pistol range. MUNIR disclaimed that he had purchased this gun but stated that SIRHAN had actually bought the gun from "GEORGE", whose last name he did not know who worked at the Nash Department Store in Pasadena. MUNIR stated that he only saw this gun on the day that "GEORGE" sold it to SIRHAN and claims not to have seen it since that date. In fact, MUNIR stated, he made SIRHAN swear on the grave of their dead sister that he would only use the gun on the pistol range and would then get rid of it.

MUNIR advised that his brother drove a 1957 De Soto, which was pink and white in color, and that on the morning of June 4, 1968, he saw his brother at approximately 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Lake and Washington in Pasadena where his brother was buying a newspaper. This was the last time he saw his brother before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. MUNIR stated that if his brother did commit this act, he does not believe he would have done it for any group or individual as his brother had too determined a nature to do something such as this for some other person or group.

MUNIR advised that he was born in Jerusalem on [redacted], that he was 5'6" in height, weighed approximately 120 pounds; had brown hair, brown eyes and wore glasses at all times. He indicated that he was not married; that he lived at home with his mother and brother and that his Social Security Number was [redacted]. He stated that he was not a citizen of the United States; had been in this country for about twelve years, and was a stock clerk at the F. C. Nash Department Store at 141 East Colorado, Pasadena, California.

MUNIR advised that he saw his brother usually late in the evening when he would return to the house and has no knowledge that his brother had ever been away from the house except on the night of the shooting.

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SAIDALLAH SIRHAN was interviewed at his residence at 1559 North Lake Street, Apartment Number 7, Pasadena, California, telephone number 797-8[illegible], in the presence of Inspector PAUL H. LINDSEY, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California.

Prior to the interview of SAIDALLAH SIRHAN was furnished a Waiver of Rights form, which he read, indicated he understood, but declined to sign the form. At the onset of the interview SAIDALLAH SIRHAN refused to answer any questions asked by Special Agent MYRON M. HITCH without a lawyer being present. However, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN indicated he would answer questions furnished to him by Inspector PAUL H. LINDSEY of Immigration and Naturalization Service.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his father is BISHARA SIRHAN, who is presently residing in Israel. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his sister AYDA SIRHAN, whose married name was MANEL (phonetic) or MANELA (phonetic), is deceased and her body is buried in one of the Forest Lawn Cemeteries in the Los Angeles area. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, SHARIEF SIRHAN, resides in the Los Angeles area, but he did not have the exact address.

At this point in the interview SAIDALLAH SIRHAN was advised by Inspector PAUL H. LINDSEY that his scheduled appearance on June 7, 1968, for his final United States citizenship papers had been postponed, and a date would be set in the future for another appearance.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN then advised that he would reconsider his decision not to answer any questions furnished to him by Special Agent MYRON M. HITCH. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN was again furnished the Waiver of Rights form and he read the form, indicating he understood, and would answer questions, but declined to sign the form.

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SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he had last heard from his father approximately one month ago in a letter from Israel. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his father, BISHARA SIRHAN, had gone to Israel a number of years ago, but he could not recall exactly when and did not desire to answer a question unless he could furnish the specific answer. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his mother is MARY SIRHAN and she resides at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, with his brothers, SIRHAN SIRHAN, MUNIR SIRHAN, and ADEL SIRHAN. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN also stated that he has another brother SHARIEF SIRHAN, who lives in the Los Angeles area, but he does not know exactly where, and he can not recall when he last saw his brother, SHARIEF SIRHAN.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN was then asked specifically about SIRHAN SIRHAN, and he stated he last saw him approximately one month ago at his mother's house on Howard Street in Pasadena, California. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, had never mentioned to him any political activity he was involved in, and had never mentioned Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to him. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he considers his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, to be an "intellectual person" with a good education, and a young man who is of "good morals." SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, was educated in American schools in the Pasadena area, and attended Pasadena City College, and he believed John Muir High School, also in Pasadena. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not have a police record and had never been involved in any violence, and had never mentioned any violence toward anyone. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he does not believe his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, was capable of shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and he does not believe, in fact, that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, shot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN was shown photographs taken of SIRHAN SIRHAN immediately after he was taken into custody at the Ambassador Hotel, and he was also shown Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, Booking Number #95 139; and after viewing the photographs, he stated that the photographs resembled his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, but he could not say for sure the individual in the photographs was, in fact, his brother.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN repeated that he could not believe that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, could have shot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and he repeated that he was not convinced that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN had, in fact, shot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he had never heard his brother express any opinions which would indicate he had any hatred toward Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY or any other political figure. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN also stated that to his knowledge his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not own a gun and had never owned a gun. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated also that he does not know if his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, uses drugs or narcotics.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his mother had mentioned to him in the past that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, had fallen while exercising a horse, and his mother had told him that SIRHAN SIRHAN did not feel "quite right" after that accident. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he understood his mother to mean that she was referring to SIRHAN SIRHAN's mental condition. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he did not remember how long ago this accident occurred, and stated it could have been months ago or even years ago.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, came to the United States in 1957 with his mother; sister, AYDA, since deceased; and his brothers, ADEL and MUNIR. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that when they first came to the United States, his brother resided with his mother at 1547 North Lake Street, Pasadena, California, and then they moved to a house at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated he does not remember how long his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, and family resided at each of the above two addresses. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he came to the United States on June 27, 1960, and when he first came to the United States he resided at 1547 North Lake Street in Pasadena, California. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he is the eldest brother in the SIRHAN family, and has more or less, maintained

a father image in the family, and did not associate closely with his younger brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that this has been particularly true in the past few years. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN also stated that he does not know any of his brother's, SIRHAN SIRHAN, associates.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that the first information he heard relative to his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, possibly being the assailant who shot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, was when his mother telephoned him on the morning of June 5, 1968, and told him that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, had been arrested for shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he personally does not think SIRHAN SIRHAN shot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and he stated that he is loyal to the United States of America, and he believes the rest of his family is loyal to the United States of America.

SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN, had been employed as a groom at one of the race tracks in the Los Angeles area, but he did not know which one. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that the last employment he knew for SIRHAN SIRHAN was at a health food store, but he could furnish no specific details. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, ADEL SIRHAN is a musician, and his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN, is employed at Nash's Store in Pasadena, California. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that his brother, SHARIEF SIRHAN, works for ITT Cannon Company in Los Angeles, California. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he is presently unemployed and he formerly worked at the Michel Ganguin Company at 53 West Union, Pasadena, California, as a machinist for over two years. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN stated that he is not married, and that none of his brothers are married.

In connection with the interview of SAIDALLAH SIRHAN the following descriptive data was obtained:

Full name	SAIDALLAH BISHARA SALAMEH SIRHAN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	

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Place of Birth	Jerusalem, Palestine
Height	5'10"
Weight	127-133 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
California driver's license number	K 62508
Selective Service Number	2-90-32-531
Local Board Number	90 553 South Lake Street Pasadena, California
Alien Registration Number	A12 249 228

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SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN, currently at 1398 North Chester Street, Pasadena, California, phone number 797-0738, after being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents, stated that he considers his permanent residence to be 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, phone number Sycamore 8-2136. He is employed as a machinist at ITT Cannon Electric, 3208 Humboldt Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He stated that he works the night shift, and when working unusually late, rather than staying at his regular residence he stays at the Metropole Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

SHARIF is described as a male of Palestinian descent, born [redacted], in Jerusalem. He is 5'3" tall, 110 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, olive complexion. He attended two years college in Jerusalem before coming to the United States in 1960 with his brother, SAIDALLAH.

SHARIF's parents and other brothers and sisters came to the United States in 1957.

SHARIF has not been in the military service and has not become a citizen of the United States.

SHARIF gave as a previous residence 1647 North Lake Street, Pasadena, California, from 1960 to 1963.

SHARIF believes he last saw his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, in the evening of Sunday, June 2, 1968, at the family residence at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. SHARIF stated that a strained relationship has existed between him and SIRHAN since SIRHAN's fall from a horse on September 25, 1966. Since that incident, SIRHAN seems to have withdrawn from the rest of his family. Prior to the fall, SIRHAN's relationship with his mother and brothers and sisters was considered normal by SHARIF; however, subsequent to the accident SIRHAN became a loner and conversed very

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little with his family, least of all SHARIF, to the extent that he became temperamental, stubborn, and independent.

To SHARIF's knowledge, SIRHAN had no female acquaintances and associated with only one individual, that being BOBBY (LNU), who works for RX Delivery Service on Green Street in Pasadena, and is described as a white male American, age approximately 35 and wears a hearing aid. BOBBY (LNU) was not a close friend of SIRHAN's but just an acquaintance of the family.

SIRHAN never expressed any political ideals or feelings about politics or individuals. To SHARIF's knowledge, SIRHAN did not belong to any organizations, religious, political or otherwise.

Prior to his accident, SIRHAN occasionally attended services at the First Baptist Church in Pasadena, however, not as regular as the rest of the family. After the accident, SIRHAN infrequently attended St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

SHARIF was unaware of SIRHAN owning a gun of any kind or having any training in the use of firearms.

SIRHAN graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena and attended two years of college at Pasadena City College. SIRHAN received good grades, was considered intelligent by SHARIF and could speak several languages including English, Arabic, German, Spanish and possibly Russian.

Prior to SIRHAN's accident, he was employed as a horse exercise boy in Corona, California, and during that time had expressed a desire to become a United States citizen. SIRHAN also worked for three or four months at the Health Food Store on North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California.

SHARIF advised that he was not aware of SIRHAN being away from home for an extended period during the week of May 26 through June 1, 1968.

SHARIF advised that his father currently lives in Palestine, which is presently under the control of Israel. SIRHAN never expressed to SHARIF any desire to return to the Mid East.

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WILLIAM DUANE ALLEN, Director, Vocational Business and Industrial Education, Pasadena Unified School District, 351 South Hudson, advised that he had been a counselor at John Muir High School in Pasadena, from 1960 to 1966. He stated that he had been counselor to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during SIRHAN's junior and senior years, this being September 1961 to June 1963. ALLEN advised that when SIRHAN's identity was made public, ALLEN had reviewed some old records he maintained to see if he had counseled SIRHAN. ALLEN advised that SIRHAN was not the kind of student who frequented his office as either a very good student or a very bad student. ALLEN advised that he remembered SIRHAN because of SIRHAN's insistence upon taking basic courses in high school with no industrial or business courses in his schedule. ALLEN stated that he had advised SIRHAN to take one easier course each semester so SIRHAN could get better grades, but that SIRHAN had remained insistent on taking basic education courses. ALLEN advised that SIRHAN had a language problem in school which hindered him on testing, and that SIRHAN's test scores did not reflect his ability.

ALLEN stated that he did not recall any conversations with SIRHAN which might have reflected SIRHAN's political beliefs or about his family background. ALLEN advised that he could only recall the context of one conversation and that was in regard to SIRHAN's first and last name being the same. ALLEN advised that SIRHAN never discussed anything of a personal nature and that all counseling sessions were academically oriented.

ALLEN furnished a form which he called a "Senior Data Sheet." ALLEN advised that this form had been furnished to SIRHAN to list interests, school activities, honors, positions held and any other noteworthy high school accomplishments. ALLEN displayed the form which had nothing listed on it and was unsigned. ALLEN advised that this form was for the counselor's benefit so that he could provide background information to interested colleges that would inquire about

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a particular student. ALLEN advised that SIRHAN's record shows that he did not participate in any high school extra-curricular activities. ALLEN further advised that it was not uncommon that an academically average student would not participate in any activities. ALLEN further advised that he was the sponsor for numerous activities at John Muir High School and that he could not recall SIRHAN at any function, social or otherwise, or participating in any class project. ALLEN advised that SIRHAN was definitely not a class leader.

ALLEN advised that his record shows that SIRHAN received several deficiency notices, which are a note to the student's parents that the student is doing below "C" average work in a particular course. ALLEN advised that according to his record and the high school transcription, SIRHAN usually was able to do at least "C" average work, which indicated to him that SIRHAN had not been a lazy student and could respond to suggestion.

ALLEN advised that SIRHAN had taken the California Cadet Corps course all three years in high school. ALLEN advised that this was almost identical to the high school Reserve Officers' Training Corps sponsored by the Federal Government, also known as ROTC. ALLEN advised that the California Cadet Corps is sponsored by the State of California at the John Muir High School to provide the same type of curriculum as Pasadena High School, which has an ROTC program. ALLEN advised that the California Cadet Corps is a military science course, which would include military history, drill and some rifle range practice. ALLEN advised that Major MARCUS L. YOUNG, who teaches the course at John Muir High School could provide more detailed information and may have roll books reflecting SIRHAN's attendance. ALLEN advised that Major YOUNG is commissioned by the California Cadet Corps and did not know exactly what military standing his rank of Major possessed.

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JOHN E. DICKERHOFF, 3211 Rubio Canyon Road, Altadena, California, advised that he is the Assistant Chairman of the Art Department at Pasadena, City College, Pasadena, California. He had previously been employed as a teacher at Muir High School, Pasadena, California. He recalled having had SIRHAN SIRHAN as a pupil in his crafts class about 1960, at Muir High School. He recalled SIRHAN only as a quiet, mediocre student, who did not associate with the other students at the school. He did not recall that SIRHAN had any close friends or associates.

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CLARENCE COPPING, 2747 Morningside, Pasadena, California, furnished the following information:

COPPING advised that he operated the Elite Motor Service, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, for twenty-nine years prior to selling out his business to JACK DAVIES in September 1964. COPPING advised that he is presently retired.

COPPING went on to say that on March 30, 1964, he employed one SIRHAN SIRHAN who worked for him at the Elite Motor Service until September 14, 1964. COPPING advised that SIRHAN was an outstanding employee, excellent worker, and never had any friends hanging around the station. He advised that during the time SIRHAN was employed by him, he worked the 4:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. shift alone and that none of the other employees would have known anything about SIRHAN. He advised that during his association with SIRHAN at no time did SIRHAN ever express any of his political views or nationalistic leanings or for that matter, any of his views. He advised that while SIRHAN was employed at his station, he resided with a family by the name of WILLIAM BEVERIDGE who resided at 167 North Sierra Madre, Pasadena, California. COPPING advised that SIRHAN stayed with the BEVERIDGEs and that this family would probably know him better than anyone else. He advised that before SIRHAN terminated employment with him, he had moved from the BEVERIDGE residence to him mother's address at 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California.

COPPING further advised that he could not furnish anything derogatory concerning SIRHAN and that when he was notified that SIRHAN was the person suspected of shooting Senator KENNEDY, it was very hard for him to believe.

COPPING then furnished the following individuals who might have known or been associated with SIRHAN:

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167 North Sierra Madre
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WAYNE J. BRANTLEY
Monrovia, California

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Mr. WILLIAM BEVERIDGE, 167 North Sierra Madre Boulevard, advised that he is self-employed doing garden jobbing work. He became acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in 1961 or 1962. He stated that he does not recall how SIRHAN came to him, but that during this period he was using young boys in connection with his gardening work and SIRHAN did come to him for such employment. During the next three years, SIRHAN worked for him on a part-time basis, as work was available, and as SIRHAN wanted work. During the first part of this period, it was BEVERIDGE's understanding that SIRHAN was attending Muir High School in Pasadena, and was living with his mother at some address on East Howard Street. He subsequently left Muir High School and did some studying at Pasadena High School located on Sierra Madre Boulevard. It was BEVERIDGE's belief that this was high school study rather than on a college level.

BEVERIDGE advised that it was his understanding that SIRHAN's father had originally been in this country, but had returned to Palestine by himself. SIRHAN's mother stayed in this country, and in addition he had two brothers and possibly one sister in this country. One brother was a painter by the name of JOE. The other brother was a musician; however, BEVERIDGE did not know his name. It was also his impression that the sister may have died sometime during the time he knew SIRHAN.

In about 1963, SIRHAN had some type of difficulty with his family. It was BEVERIDGE's impression that this arose from a fight between SIRHAN and his brother, JOE, which resulted in the Pasadena Police Department being called because of the disturbance. Because of this fight, SIRHAN left his family's residence and lived for several weeks in a camper owned by BEVERIDGE and parked at his residence. After BEVERIDGE found out that it was illegal to have someone stay in the camper, SIRHAN moved to a house owned by BEVERIDGE at 234 North Carmello, Pasadena. BEVERIDGE was in the process of renovating

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this house and SIRHAN stayed there by himself. This house has subsequently been torn down.

In early 1964, SIRHAN started work at the gas station located at the intersection of Foothill and Altadena Drive. BEVERIDGE last saw him during the period he was working at this gas station and estimated that this would have been three to four years ago.

BEVERIDGE advised that he does not have any information concerning any associates of SIRHAN other than he was friendly with one of the employees of the above service station who left this area to enter military service.

BEVERIDGE described SIRHAN as a quiet boy, who talked very little about his past or his family. He was quiet, well mannered, and studied very hard. He did not discuss politics and did not in any way express resentment toward any individual or any group. He appeared to like the United States and enjoyed living in this country. At no time did he display any temperament or show violence.

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WAYNE J. BRANTLEY, 319 South Violet Street, Apartment E, Monrovia, California, advised that he is employed by the Bertea Corporation, Irvine Ranch, California.

BRANTLEY stated that he was acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN for approximately a six month period in 1963, during which time they became close friends. At that time, BRANTLEY was 17 years old and was employed at the service station located at the intersection of Foothill and Altadena Drive, owned by CLARENCE COPPING. BRANTLEY worked during the late evening and early morning hours at this station. Sometime during the middle of 1963, possibly in June or July, COPPING introduced him to SIRHAN. BRANTLEY stated that he does not know how COPPING and SIRHAN became acquainted, or what connection they have with each other. At the time this occurred, it was BRANTLEY's understanding that SIRHAN was attending Pasadena City College, and was doing part-time evening work at Peak's Hamburger House (now known as Taco Treat), located near the intersection of Halstead and Foothill Boulevard in Pasadena. It was BRANTLEY's belief that at this time SIRHAN was probably about 19 years old. From the time that he met him, until the time that BRANTLEY left the service station in December 1963, to enter the Armed Services, SIRHAN made it a practice to come to the service station and stay with BRANTLEY for several hours each evening.

BRANTLEY stated that he left the service station in December 1963, and did not return to the California area until December 1966. At that time, he asked COPPING if he knew where SIRHAN was, and COPPING stated that he did not know what SIRHAN was doing but had heard that he had gotten a job at the Santa Anita Race Track as a jockey or horse trainer. BRANTLEY made no other effort to contact SIRHAN and consequently has not seen him or heard from him since December 1963.

BRANTLEY stated that during the period he knew SIRHAN, SIRHAN was living in a camper located at the

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residence of Mr. BEVERIDGE, on North Sierra Madre Boulevard. SIRHAN indicated that he was living apart from his family because of some family trouble, but he did not discuss this any further.

BRANTLEY stated that he did not meet any of the SIRHAN family, but recalls SIRHAN talking about his parents so he assumed that both his father and mother were living in this area. He also made passing reference to a brother by the name of JOE; however, BRANTLEY did not recall anything specifically said about JOE. There was no reference made about SIRHAN having a sister. SIRHAN did talk about an uncle who still lived in Jerusalem. In this connection, BRANTLEY stated that SIRHAN told him that he came to this country with his family from Jerusalem several years ago. He claimed to be Arabian, but did not make reference to any Arabic nationality.

BRANTLEY advised that he considered SIRHAN to be a very intelligent individual. He spoke English with a slight accent and indicated a knowledge of Arabic. He also could at least read German, since on one occasion he interpreted a letter written in German which BRANTLEY's brother had received from a girl friend in Germany.

BRANTLEY stated that throughout his contact with SIRHAN, they did not discuss politics or involvement of this country in other parts of the world. Their topics of conversation were limited to normal interests of young teenagers, including talk about girls; however, at no time did SIRHAN indicate that he had a particular girl friend. SIRHAN did not indicate any emotional disturbance over the situation in Israel, and no particular animosity toward any individual or group. When he did talk about Jerusalem, it was related to graphic description of the physical lay out of the country and the customs of the people. SIRHAN appeared to be very satisfied with his life in this country and appreciative of the manner of living and his acceptance in this country.

BRANTLEY stated that he has seen recent pictures of SIRHAN. The only difference noticed was that during the period BRANTLEY knew SIRHAN, he wore a thick, dark mustache.

BRANTLEY stated that he cannot suggest anyone else who would have further knowledge of SIRHAN, adding that he did not meet any of SIRHAN's friends or introduce him to anyone to whom SIRHAN became friendly.

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JACK DAVIES, owner Jack Davies Richfield Service Station, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, furnished the following information:

DAVIES advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN began working for him at the station on September 28, 1964, and terminated this employment on June 7, 1965. DAVIES advised that SIRHAN worked at this same Richfield Station for one CLARENCE COPPING, who had previously owned the service station prior to DAVIES purchasing this station.

DAVIES advised that SIRHAN was an excellent worker and never caused any trouble around the station, was friendly to the customers, and seemed dedicated to his work.

DAVIES advised that during the time SIRHAN was employed at his station, he worked the night shift alone and was an excellent employee due to the fact that he was a loner and never had any friends; therefore, there were never groups of boys hanging around the service station while SIRHAN was on duty. He advised that SIRHAN never made friends with anyone at the service station and never expressed any of his political views or nationalistic beliefs to him.

DAVIES advised that he never saw SIRHAN with any girls and the only thing he recalls about SIRHAN was that he enjoyed going to the horse races at Santa Anita and he always got the impression that SIRHAN bet most of his salary on the horses. He advised that SIRHAN once mentioned that he would like to become a jockey and if he ever started any type of conversation at the station, it was concerning horses that were running at Santa Anita.

He advised that SIRHAN was very polite to the customers, attentive, showed an outstanding personality, and one of the best employees that has worked for him since he took over the Richfield Station.

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He advised that approximately two months ago, SIRHAN came by his station on a Sunday and he helped SIRHAN tune up his 1956 DeSoto. He advised at this time he noticed no change in SIRHAN. He advised that during this time while SIRHAN was at the station, no conversation developed other thaf SIRHAN mentioned to him that his automobile had not been running for the past couple of months and that he had not purchased license plates for this automobile and that license plates currently on the automobile belong to his brother.

DAVIES advised that he never met any of SIRHAN's relatives nor at anytime while SIRHAN was employed by him did any of his friends come to the station.

DAVIES advised that IVAN MILICIC, who runs the Chevron Station across the street from his business, once needed some help in 1965 and SIRHAN worked for MILICIC approximately two weeks.

DAVIES advised that the last time he saw SIRHAN was on June 3, 1968, at approximately 11:00 a.m. when SIRHAN drove into his station to get gas. He advised that at this time, he was talking on the telephone and he noticed that SIRHAN had waved to him. He advised that SIRHAN waited on himself by putting the gasoline into his car and gave the money to SIDNEY MC DANIEL, an employee of the service station and SIRHAN drove off before DAVIES could speak to him.

DAVIES advised that although several of his customers may have known SIRHAN to see him, he is certain no one knew him well. DAVIES advised that he did not notice any difference in SIRHAN the past few months and he did not seem to change any since he was employed at the Richfield Service Station.

DAVIES went on to say that when he saw the picture of the suspected assassin of Senator KENNEDY on television, he immediately identified this individual as SIRHAN, who was employed by him and he further stated that it was hard for him to believe that SIRHAN could do this type of thing.

DAVIES then furnished the following names of individuals who might have known SIRHAN:

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SIDNEY MC DANIEL
91 Eloise
Pasadena, California

CLARENCE COPPING
2747 Morningside
Pasadena, California

TOM BLESSING
12700 Elliot
El Monte, California

ROGER MOORE
Duarte, California

CHESTER ADAM YASHUK
2450 White Street
Pasadena, California

CAROL LAMBRECHT
Exact address unknown
Telephone 966-1867

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SIDNEY MC DANIEL, home address 91 Eloise, Pasadena, California, employee Jack Davies Richfield Service Station, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, furnished the following information:

MC DANIEL advised that he first met SIRHAN SIRHAN in 1965 when he started working for JACK DAVIES at the Richfield Station. He advised that he knew SIRHAN to speak to him and that he would usually speak to SIRHAN when he came by the station for gasoline but never knew SIRHAN socially. MC DANIEL advised that he never at anytime saw SIRHAN with anyone and when he did see SIRHAN, he would always be alone. He went on to say that SIRHAN seemed to have a fine personality, was a good worker, was quite friendly and polite, but appeared to be a loner and a person who appeared to want to be left alone.

MC DANIEL advised that he never met any of SIRHAN's family and he always felt that SIRHAN was a foreigner but he never knew what country he was from. He advised that SIRHAN once mentioned to him that he liked to play the horses and his ambition was to work at a race track and maybe even become a jockey. He advised that SIRHAN once fell from a horse and was injured but he does not recall where the incident occurred or the exact date. He advised at no time during any conversations with SIRHAN did SIRHAN ever express any of his views. He advised that SIRHAN never spoke politically and at no time did he ever talk of violence or for that matter seem to be a violent person.

MC DANIEL went on to say that on June 3, 1968, at approximately 10:30 a.m., SIRHAN came into the Richfield Station and purchased gas for his 1956 De Soto, SIRHAN spoke briefly to him just to say hello and waved to Mr. DAVIES and then drove off.

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MC DANIEL advised that SIRHAN did not seem any different to him on June 3, 1968, than he had in the past. MC DANIEL further advised that when he saw SIRHAN's picture on the television as being the man who had shot Senator KENNEDY, it was hard for him to believe that SIRHAN could do this.

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Date 6/12/63

JOHN H. WEIDNER, residence, 933 Country Road, Monterey Park, California, 573-4947, business, Organic-Pasadena, 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California (SY 4-3349), was interviewed at his place of employment and furnished the following information:

He is the owner of Organic-Pasadena, a health food store, as well as owner of two other health food stores, namely Monterey Nutrition, 105 North Garfield, Monterey Park, California, and Nutriville, 7322 East Florence, Downey, California.

He employed SIRHAN SIRHAN, Social Security Number [redacted] as a stock boy at the Organic-Pasadena store from September 24, 1967, through March 7, 1968. During this time, SIRHAN resided with his mother, at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, which residence is located several blocks from the Organic-Pasadena store.

SIRHAN's work as a stock boy consisted of stacking shelves, handling fresh vegetables as they arrived daily at the store, make deliveries to WEIDNER's store in Monterey Park and Downey, California, and occasionally taking money to the bank. WEIDNER indicated that SIRHAN's mother was a regular customer at the Organic-Pasadena store, as was SIRHAN's sister (whose name he believes is ADIA SIRHAN). SIRHAN's younger brother, MUNIR SIRHAN, worked as a stock boy at the Organic-Pasadena store for one or two weeks approximately three years ago.

Two or three months prior to September 1967, SIRHAN's mother asked WEIDNER if he could get a job for her son, SIRHAN SIRHAN. In mid September 1967, WEIDNER had an opening for a stock boy at the Pasadena store, and on September 24, 1967, SIRHAN SIRHAN came to work at this location. SIRHAN worked from Sunday through Friday

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and was paid $2.00 an hour by WEIDNER. WEIDNER stated that he felt SIRHAN was completely honest, and he believes that SIRHAN may have at one time had a key to the Organic-Pasadena store for the purpose of opening the store early on Sunday mornings to prepare a fresh fruit and vegetable stand.

WEIDNER described SIRHAN as a capable employee who got along well with the other employees, and who always presented a neat appearance and was courteous to the customers. WEIDNER noted, however, that SIRHAN seemed to resent being told what to do, and on occasion became aggressive and bad tempered with WEIDNER. In this respect, WEIDNER received the impression that SIRHAN resented authority and discipline, and had an "inferiority complex" resulting from his being physically small.

WEIDNER advised that the following employees at the Organic-Pasadena store and his stores in Monterey Park and Downey, California, would have been acquainted with SIRHAN:

RETTA DRAKE, 2516 Strethmore, Rosemead, California, who managed the Organic-Pasadena store for WEIDNER from February 25, 1963, through March 7, 1963, quitting on the same date as SIRHAN.

WEIDNER described DRAKE as approximately 35 years of age and noted that both DRAKE and SIRHAN filed a petition for wages due against WEIDNER with the Labor Commissioner, Division of Labor Law Enforcement, Room 5015, Los Angeles State Office Building, 107 South Broadway, Los Angeles, in mid March 1963.

CAROL BURGESS (formerly known as CAROL STAGNER) who now resides with her husband who is in the Army and residing at NAD Quarters, JJ, Bangor, Washington, worked for WEIDNER at the Organic-Pasadena store in December and January 1963. WEIDNER believes BURGESS became quite friendly with SIRHAN. BURGESS is approximately 35 years of age.

CHERYL PIERCE, 3757 East Guess, Rosemead, California, 17 or 18 years of age, worked approximately one month for WEIDNER in January 1963.

LOIS PALMER, 7347 East Blaudwood Road, Downey, California, who is still employed at WEIDNER's Downey store, namely Nutriville, 7822 Florence Avenue, Downey, California, would have had some contact with SIRHAN.

MARCIA GIROUARD, 73½ Fairview, Arcadia, California, who terminated her employed with WEIDNER in March 1963, worked at WEIDNER's stores in Pasadena and Downey, California, and would be acquainted with SIRHAN.

Other persons employed by WEIDNER who would be acquainted with SIRHAN include MARGARET V. ROLEN, 11005 Stockwell Drive, Lynwood, California, who now works at WEIDNER's Downey store; VIRGINIA LYTTLE, 11703 Samolini, Downey, California, who also works at Downey store; and ELSIE BOYKO, 1545 East Mountain Street, Pasadena, California, who works at the Pasadena store and who has been interviewed by the FBI.

SIRHAN never discussed his personal activities with WEIDNER and WEIDNER was not acquainted with any of SIRHAN's associates.

WEIDNER noted that SIRHAN would occasionally discuss politics in general, without ever referring to any particular politician or official. WEIDNER stated that from time to time SIRHAN would discuss Middle East affairs and would express a strong dislike for the State of Israel and Jewish people in general. According to WEIDNER, SIRHAN was exceptionally bitter about the United States support of the State of Israel during the hostilities between Israel and the Arab nations, as well as about Jordan's loss of territory to Israel. WEIDNER further recalled that SIRHAN once told him that when he (SIRHAN) was young he saw some Israelis killing Arab children; and that SIRHAN once told WEIDNER's wife, NAOMI WEIDNER, that he (SIRHAN) once witnessed several Israeli soldiers killing a defenseless Jordanian woman with a knife.

WEIDNER continued that SIRHAN was very sympathetic to the poor people and appeared to resent affluence. According to WEIDNER, SIRHAN was also very sympathetic to the Negro race, and on one occasion when he (SIRHAN) and WEIDNER were discussing rioting in the Negro communities, SIRHAN indicated that he felt that violence was the only way Negroes could obtain their rights.

WEIDNER further recalled that on one occasion he asked SIRHAN if he were a United States citizen, and SIRHAN replied that he had not become an American citizen because there was no "liberty" in this country. On still another occasion, SIRHAN indicated to WEIDNER that he did not believe in God.

WEIDNER stated that on February 23, 1968, he told SIRHAN to make deliveries at the Downey and Monterey Park stores and to stop at one of the stores before the other. SIRHAN made the deliveries in reverse order, and when WEIDNER mentioned this to SIRHAN, SIRHAN became very angry and belligerent; called WEIDNER a liar and stalked out of the store, indicating that he was quitting the job. According to WEIDNER, SIRHAN re-appeared at the store several minutes after this incident and told WEIDNER that his (SIRHAN's) "conscience" would not let him continue his employment with WEIDNER, but that he would stay for two more weeks as per a prior oral notice of termination of employment agreement with WEIDNER.

WEIDNER and SIRHAN had another disagreement on or shortly before March 7, 1968, which disagreement arose when SIRHAN failed to cover the vegetable stand with paper bags as was customary at closing time. WEIDNER said that when he mentioned this incident to SIRHAN, SIRHAN again became extremely angry and defensive, accused WEIDNER of firing him, and again left the store in an angry mood. WEIDNER believes that during this argument with SIRHAN, he, (WEIDNER) called the Pasadena Police Department and that several police officers arrived and talked briefly with SIRHAN in the store parking lot before SIRHAN left by himself.

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In mid March 1963, WEIDNER received a notice to appear before the Labor Commissioner, Division of Labor, Law Enforcement, Los Angeles, regarding a petition filed by SIRHAN for unpaid wages. On March 20, 1963, WEIDNER and SIRHAN appeared before this Commissioner and a settlement was reached whereby WEIDNER was required to pay SIRHAN approximately $150.00 for wages due and severance pay. WEIDNER noted, as previously mentioned, that RETTA DRAKE, a former store manager for WEIDNER at the Organic-Pasadena store, also filed a petition for unpaid wages with the Labor Commissioner and appeared at this location at the same time as SIRHAN. WEIDNER does not know whether SIRHAN and DRAKE previously agreed to petition the Labor Commissioner at the same time.

WEIDNER has not seen SIRHAN since March 20, 1963, the date of the above appearance before the Labor Commissioner.

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Date 6/11/68

Mr. ERNEST A. LACKMANN, Referee, Department of Industrial Relations Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board, State of California, Los Angeles, made available a copy of that agency's records pertaining to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN under case number 67LA312-144.

These records reflect that ERNEST A. LACKMANN was the referee for the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board, and that ANN TOOMAR of Palmer and Toomar, Attorneys At Law, represented SIRHAN.

This file reflects that the following doctors examined SIRHAN in connection with his claim:

LEONARD H. YAMSHON, M.D.
224 North Serrano Avenue
Los Angeles, California

MARTIN ALBORI, M.D.
739 Highland Avenue
Los Angeles, California

ROBERT E. LEVIS
Good Samaritan Radiological Department
Hospital of the Good Samaritan
1212 Shatto Street
Los Angeles, California

FORREST L. JOHNSON
1052 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California

LACKMANN advised and these records reflect that a compromise was reached on this claim awarding SIRHAN $2,000 less $50 payable to Dr. MAURICE W. NUGENT, $45 payable to Dr. YAMSHON, and $200 attorney's fees.

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by SA JAMES A. MILLS and
SA RICHARD C. BURRIS/JAM/alm Date dictated 6/11/68

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LACKMANN advised that he met SIRHAN on one occasion in connection with this claim but in view of the fact there was a settlement, he did not know him having only this one contact with him.

Copies of the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board records in this matter are attached.

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Date 6/12/68

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JOSEPH GEORGE TABELLO, 236 South Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, California, phone 272-5900, born [redacted] in Palestine, was interviewed regarding possible meetings which he attended with Arabic type persons at the Green Hotel, Pasadena, California during May, 1967, through January, 1968. He was part-owner of the hotel during this time.

TABELLO denied having any knowledge of such meetings which might be construed as "underground" or political in nature. He could only recall once when he mentioned to his brother that they might have their church meetings at the hotel, but they never did. Every so often his family would visit him at the hotel.

TABELLO said because he was born in Palestine he could not deny he is pro-Arab. His home was the first home to be bombed by Israel in 1948. He lived across the street from the SIRHAN family in Jerusalem and worked with ADEL SIRHAN as a carpenter from 1951 to 1953. In fact he can recall some of his younger brothers playing with SIRHAN SIRHAN, who was about three or four years old at the time. TABELLO said he would classify the SIRHAN family as "low class".

TABELLO arrived in the United States on November 15, 1956, going directly to his brother's house in Sheyboygan, Wisconsin, then to Pasadena, California, in the early 1960's.

After arriving in Pasadena, he renewed his acquaintance with ADEL SIRHAN and saw him quite frequently at the Fez Night Club where ADEL was playing as a musician. However, he has not seen ADEL in about a year. He last saw SIRHAN SIRHAN approximately three years ago and has only visited the SIRHAN home once.

To his knowledge, SIRHAN SIRHAN never stated overtly to him his anti-Jewish beliefs, but most Arabs feel this way

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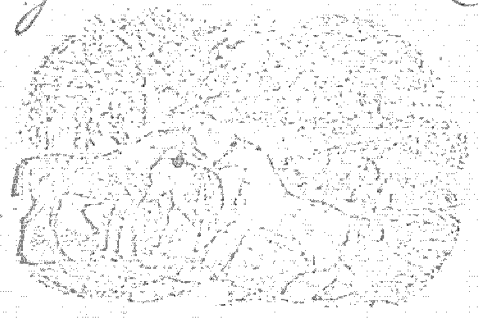
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and it would not be unusual. TABELLO could only conjecture as to what might have motivated SIRHAN SIRHAN to commit an act of murder. TABELLO said SIRHAN's motive may have been his feeling that the United States was deserting the Arab people, especially if an individual such as Senator KENNEDY indicated he would help Israel in building up their military arms. TABELLO also stated SIRHAN SIRHAN reportedly as a young child saw an Israeli soldier kill an Arab in front of his home.

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July 21, 1967

R. J. Robbins, Claims Examiner
Argonaut Insurance Co,
443 Shatto Place
Los Angeles, California 90005

Dear Mr. Robbins:

In answer to your letter, July 20th, we submit the following:

Re/ Claim # 02X 203445
Claimant Sirhan Sirhan
Date of Injury 9/25/66

The Claimant was hired 6/2/66 @ $250.00 per mo.
Raises: 6/26 @ $275.00 " "
7/31 @ $300.00 " "
8/21 @ $350.00 " "
9/18 @ $375.00 " "

Total Wages Paid $1797.56

Left employ 11/13/66 voluntarily for other employment.

Returned to work 12/1/66 voluntarily @ $375.00
Left employ 12/10/66 voluntarily for other employment.

We have no knowledge of previous injuries.

Sincerely yours,

Altfillisch Construction Co.
DBA/ Granja Vista Del Rio
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Date 6/6/68

A copy of the Identification Record of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was obtained from the Pasadena, California, Police Department.

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by SA JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL/sro Date dictated 6/5/68

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MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENT OR CRIME REPORT

1 WILLIAMS, John No. 1779

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Classification: PD 445

Physical Evidence by (Inv's. Name)
N/A

LOCATION
1380 North Lake Ave., Pasadena

Victim or Complainant's Condition (Hbd, Coop., etc.)
Co-operative

Date - Time - Day Occurred
3-7-68 10:50AM Thursday

Date - Time - Day Reported to P. D.
3-7-68 10:50AM Thurs

Vehicle Used by Suspects (Year - Make - Body Type - Color - License and I.D. Nos.)
NONE

Trade Mark of Suspects (Actions - Conversations)
N/A

Location where victim can be contacted by day inv. if no phone indicate
1380 N. Lake Ave. Pasadena 794 8849

List Any Connecting Reports by Type and Case No.
NONE

Victim's or Complainant's Occupation
store keeper

Residence Address - City - Phone

Business Address - City - Phone - Occupation
1380 N. Lake Ave.
Pasadena 794 8849

Second Victim's Occupation

Witnesses - Name - Sex - Race - Age
1 NONE

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Suspects Name (Last - First - Middle, Address, Sex, Race - Age - Booking Charge and No. - If Not Booked - Ht. - Wt. - Hair - Eyes - Complx. - Other I.D. Characteristics)
1 SIRHAN, Sirhan Bishara M Arab, 22 (DOB 3-19-44) 696 E. Howard St. Pasadena 798 2135

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LOSS Item No.	(1) Itemize Loss (One Article to a line - List and Describe Fully - Serial Numbers and Values in Columns) (2) Identify Additional Suspects (3) Reconstruct the Crime (No Duplication of Prior Itemized Information) (4) Summarize Other Details Relating to the Crime	Serial Numbers	VALUE

The complainant was the suspects employer. After the complainant terminated the suspects employement, the suspect refused to go. When the suspect was asked to leave by the undersigned, he agreed to do so. No further police action was required.

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PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Pasadena, California

CRIMINAL HISTORY PPD Form 136
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Classification	Date of this report	Case number
Outside Assist UNFOUNDED	8/10/65	454 022

Location of occurrence (Street address)	Date and time occurred
Lake Ave. and Rio Grande St. Pasadena	8/10/65 approx. 10:00AM

Victim or Complainant (Show name, address, phone. If a firm, show firm name and address in addition to name and address of owner or agent)

Informant (Show name, address, phone of person reporting if other than victim. Show date and time reported)

Off. Ross PPD 8/10/65 10:00AM

Witnesses or persons interviewed other than Victim or Informant (Show name, address, phone, and nature of testimony)

Persons arrested or suspected (Show name, address, sex, race, age, charge, booking number)

Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN MW/19
696 E. Howard St.
Pasadena SY 82136

Further Details (Identify property stolen or lost. Show make, model, serial numbers, and value of each article. Tell how crime was committed)

Approx. above time this date I had occasion to stop above suspect on a routine traffic stop. The name was familiar so I ran a local record check on the suspect. I ran him under the name give above which is his true name.

The record check came back that suspect had a Los Angeles PD traffic warrant outstanding. Suspect protested that it was not he, but his brother who had the warrant.

Offs. Bear and Cauchon arrived and suspect was transported to the city jail. On checking the abstract of the warrant, I found it was for a MUNIR B. SIRHAN and not the suspect I had in custody. Suspect was immediately released from custody and shown to Lt. Olsen's office where he wanted to register a complaint. After registering his complaint, suspect was transported back to Rio Grande and Lake by Offs. Bear and Cauchon.

Cadet BLUMENTHAL was contacted and advised of the mix-up and to cancel the abstract with Los Angeles.

Assisted by Lt. Olsen and Offs. Bear/Cauchon.

PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Pasadena, California

GENERAL REPORT PPD Form 1-1
10m 2-6-62 CT

Classification	Date of this report	Case number
PC 415 FAMILY	8-4-63	301 645

Location of occurrence (street address)	Date and time occurred
696 E. HOWARD ST.	8-4-63 10:AM

Victim or Complainant (Show name, address, phone. If a firm, show firm name and address in addition to name and address of owner or agent)

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN MW-19
696 E. HOWARD ST.
PASADENA, SY 8-2136

Informant (Show name, address, phone of person reporting if other than victim. Show date and time reported)

SAME AS ABOVE 8-4-63 10:05AM

Witnesses or persons interviewed other than Victim or Informant (Show name, address, phone, and nature of testimony)

MRS MARY B. SIRHAN FW-49, 696 E. HOWARD ST. PASADENA, SY 8-2136
MR. SAIDALLAH B. SIRHAN MW-51, 696 E. HOWARD ST. PASADENA, SY 8-2136

Persons arrested or suspected (Show name, address, sex, race, age, charge, booking number)

NONE

Further Details (Itemize property stolen or lost. Show make, model, serial numbers, and value of each article. Tell how crime was committed)

ABOVE COMPLAINANT STOPPED THIS OFFICER AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAKE AND WASHINGTON AND STATED THAT HE HAD AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS FAMILY AND WAS AFRAID TO GO HOME. THE UNDERSIGNED TRANSPORTED THE COMPLAINANT TO HIS HOME WHERE CONTACT WAS MADE WITH HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER.

IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE COMPLAINANT IS AT THE STAGE WHERE HE DOES NOT WANT ADVISE OR WILL NOT LISTEN TO HIS ELDERS AND WHEN SPOKEN TO, HE FLIES OFF THE HANDLE AND AN ARGUMENT STARTS.

THE COMPLAINANT WOULD NOT LISTEN TO THE UNDERSIGNED FOR ADVISE AND KEPT ARGUING WITH HIS FAMILY SO HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD A FRIEND HE COULD VISIT UNTIL HE CALMED DOWN. THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT HE WOULD GO AND STAY WITH HIS FRIEND, BILL BEVERIDGE 167 N. SIERRA MADRE BL. PASADENA, SY 3-0829, AND THINK THINGS OVER.

THE MOTHER OF THE COMPLAINANT FELT THAT HIS LEAVING AT THIS TIME WOULD BE BEST FOR ALL CONCERNED AND THAT MAYBE IT WOULD GIVE HIM TIME TO REALIZE THAT HE IS NOT ALWAYS RIGHT.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

Copies To	Copies Made	Approved	Officer — P. No.
NONE	By		R. D. O'CONNOW P-675 8-4-63 12:35PM

PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Pasadena 12, Calif.

BICYCLE REPORT, P.D. Form [illegible]

BICYCLE: STOLEN [X] RECOVERED [ ] CASE No. 302200

DESCRIPTION: Make Schwinn Continental 27" BSB X BDD Girls

License Number P.B.L. 799 (1960) Issued by Pasadena

Frame number C 020099 Color Gold

Other description Ten speed racer type bicycle

OWNER Sirhen SIRHAN Sex M Race W Age 17

Address & phone 1647 N. Lake Ave. Pasadena SY 82136 School John Muir

STOLEN: Location 1905 Lincoln Ave. (John Muir High School) Dist. School

Date and time stolen 2-28-61 8:30AM to 3:15PM Was bicycle locked? No

Circumstances Bicycle parked in the bicycle rack at John Muir High School at 8:30AM

Bicycle noticed missing at 3:15PM.

REPORTED BY (If other than owner shown above)

Address and phone

Date and time reported 2-28-61 3:30PM Report received by L.A. Reynolds P-589

RECOVERED: Location

Date and time recovered

Circumstances

RECOVERED OR FOUND BY

Address and phone

Date and time reported Report received by

DISPOSITION (For bicycle detail use only)

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PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Pasadena 10, Calif.

BICYCLE REPORT, PPD Form 50-1
Rev 7-1-54-GE

BICYCLE: STOLEN ☐ RECOVERED ☒ CASE No. 302 200 ADD

DESCRIPTION: Make Schwinn Continental BSB X DDB Girls

License Number PBL 1960 799 Issued by PPD

Frame number C 020099 Color GOLD

Other description - - -

OWNER Sirhan B SIRHAN Sex M Race ARAB Age 16

Address & phone 1647 N Lake Ave. Pasadena School John Muir

STOLEN: Location 1905 Lincoln Ave. John Muir Dist. School

Date and time stolen 2-28-61 Bet. 8:30am & 3:15pm Was bicycle locked? no

Circumstances

REPORTED BY (If other than owner shown above)

Address and phone

Date and time reported 2-28-61 3:30pm Report received by

RECOVERED: Location Pasadena High School Construction area.

Date and time recovered 3-7-61 3:12pm

Circumstances Reported abanded by John Doe. Returned to owner.

RECOVERED OR FOUND BY R Stone P-604

Address and phone PPD

Date and time reported 3-7-61 3:12pm Report received by R Stone P-604

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/10/68

Mrs. HALDOR LILLENAS (LOLA), age 74, 5232 Roe Avenue, Mission, Kansas, advised she and her late husband were sponsors for BISHARA SIRHAN and family. Two oldest children of SIRHAN family remained in Jordan because LILLENAS refused to sponsor them as they were of legal age.

LILLENAS stated she and her husband, who was an ordained minister of the Church of the Nazarene, went on a European vacation in 1955. While visiting in Jordan, BISHARA SIRHAN contacted LILLENAS and inquired as to the possibility of coming to the United States. LILLENAS decided to sponsor the SIRHAN family as their inquiries reflected the SIRHAN family to be a worthy christian family.

Mr. LILLENAS, working through Church World Service and the Friends Organization, became the sponsor of the SIRHAN family and in November, 1957, SIRHAN came to Pasadena, California, and lived in the LILLENAS home for about three months until suitable housing and employment could be obtained.

BISHARA SIRHAN left his family in 1958 and returned to Jordan because he felt living in the United States did not allow him to control his family as in the past. BISHARA SIRHAN wrote letters to his wife requesting her to return to Jordan and if she refused he would obtain a divorce. Mrs. SIRHAN refused to return to Jordan and told LILLENAS since she had been married in the Greek Orthodox Church, no divorce would be granted to her husband.

LILLENAS advised her husband had handled all the responsibilities pertaining to the SIRHAN family and after Mr. LILLENAS died in 1959, she has had only one contact with the SIRHAN family which was in about 1963 when AYDA SIRHAN, a daughter, died. At this time, LILLENAS saw only Mrs. SIRHAN and she visited for only fifteen minutes. LILLENAS moved from Pasadena, California, to Mission, Kansas, about three years ago and has had no contact with the SIRHAN family since moving to Mission, Kansas.

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During the time LILLENAS knew SIRHAN, politics were never discussed and they always appeared to be a devout christian family. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was recalled as a well-behaved, industrious, and obedient child.

LILLENAS stated her contact with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was only at the time when they resided for the three month period in her home in Pasadena, California, at which time SIRHAN was a child approximately thirteen years of age.

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1 Date 6/6/68

Miss ANN SYLVAN, 688 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that for the past 40 years she and Mrs. OLIVE YOUNGS BLAKESLEE have resided at this residence. She noted that approximately six or seven years ago SIRHAN SIRHAN moved into the house next door at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. She stated that also at this time his mother, MARY SIRHAN and brothers, ADEL and MUNIR (JOE) and a sister ANITA moved in. She stated that ANITA died approximately three years ago from leukemia. She never saw SIRHAN's father. She stated that prior to the time they moved in on Howard Street she believed that they lived on North Lake Street in Pasadena, California.

She stated that SIRHAN graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena, California and also attended Pasadena City College. She stated that SIRHAN in her opinion was the brains of the family inasmuch as he was a good student and a deep thinker. She stated his mother MARY was a very refined person who was always clean and very nice. She stated that for the past six or seven years his mother has been helping out at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on North Lake Street near Woodbury in Pasadena, California. She stated further that Reverend WARNIE T. TIPPITT, 1130 Daveric Drive, Pasadena, California, who is the minister of the First Church of the Nazarene, 2495 East Mountain Street, Pasadena, California, had told her that SIRHAN SIRHAN and his family lived with him for a while, approximately nine years ago. She noted that SIRHAN has worked for the past five or six months at the Natural Food Company on North Lake Street in Pasadena, California.

She advised that she thought very highly of SIRHAN, even though she is a woman well up in years and SIRHAN is only a young man, he would frequently stop by her house and play Chinese Checkers with her and Mrs. BLAKESLEE. However, she noted that he has only been over to her house once in the past two months. She stated that this was two weeks ago and he came by and played a game of Chinese Checkers and also returned a book she had lent him entitled "By These Things Men Live", which is authored by RUBY M. APPELL. She stated that this is

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a religious inspirational type book. She said, "SIRHAN impressed us as being very intelligent because he expressed himself very well and he always beat us in Chinese Checkers." However, she stated he never talked about politics, religion, philosophy or like subjects; nor did he ever talk to her about Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Jews, Arabs, Jordan or any other current events. She stated that he was very observant and when he came into her house he would notice any changes she had made in her interior decoration.

He was very helpful to her in assisting her in making small repairs around the house. She stated that SIRHAN frequently went to the Pasadena City Library to read books but he never discussed what he had read. She stated that he did not drink alcoholic beverages and she only saw him smoke on one or two occasions. As far as she knew he did not date or have any girl friends and she did not know any of his friends. He was a polite young man of good habits.

She stated that SIRHAN had a 1957 pink and white De Soto which he did quite a bit of mechanical work. When he came over on visits he would laugh a lot. He told them that he liked to play checkers with them because he learned a lot from older people. She stated that in her estimation he had an excellent reputation in the neighborhood. She never heard him discuss guns nor did she know he had one in his possession. He never talked about his father, who she understands lives in a village near Jerusalem.

Miss SYLVAN advised that she thought very highly of SIRHAN because he was so polite and helpful to her and seemed like such a very nice intelligent young man. She encouraged him to return to college. She advised that she had no reason to believe that SIRHAN would have committed any act of violence. She continued that his mother, MARY, has not been over to her house in over a year but that sometimes she would stop by the door and give us some bread that she had baked. She stated that MARY went to church every Sunday but she did not know about SIRHAN.

She stated that all members of the SIRHAN family usually remained at home and were quiet and never caused any disturbance. She could not say anything bad about anyone of them.

She stated that two years ago SIRHAN [redacted] in an accident involving a horse. She stated that he complained to her about this injury and she knew he frequently went to doctors concerning it. She stated that she could not say whether this injury had any change [redacted] inasmuch as she was not very well acquainted with him prior to this injury. His mother occasionally had friends over to the house and they sometimes talked in a language she did not understand. She stated that she did not know any of these visitors nor did she know any of SIRHAN's associates or friends.

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Mr. ROCCO ROPPO, 1647 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information in broken English and Italian, with the assistance of LOUIS ROPPO, age 14, grandson, as a partial interpreter:

Mr. and Mrs. ROPPO immediately recognized a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mrs. ROPPO grabbed picture out of Agent's hand, immediately covered it with spittle and broke into tears. Mr. ROPPO on seeing the picture of SIRHAN started speaking in Italian loudly and was calmed down by his grandson, LOUIS, who told him that "wasn't nice." Mrs. ROPPO pulled from under the table cloth a picture of ETHEL KENNEDY and the KENNEDY children which was on a magazine cover that had been torn off, and a large newspaper picture of ROBERT KENNEDY and hugged them to her bosom. Both were emotional and visibly touched.

Mr. ROPPO stated the SIRHAN family were living in the house when he purchased it, and continued to live there for another year. He stated this was about five or six years ago. SIRHAN SIRHAN was about sixteen to eighteen years old at the time. He did not know them well.

He stated that the mother's name was MARY SIRHAN. She had one son in San Francisco, who plays a guitar for a living, and one son lives in the court adjacent to his house, name unknown. One son was named MUNIR SIRHAN. He does not know how long the SIRHANs lived in the house before he purchased it. He never heard the SIRHANs speak of politics or of Jordan. He could furnish no other information.

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Mr. T.E. DORAN, Salesman, King Robey Company, Realtors, 1300 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He first met SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in approximately 1960, when he was trying to sell SIRHAN's mother, MARY SIRHAN, a house. To the best of his knowledge, the SIRHAN family was living in a house just north of Elizabeth Street on Lake Avenue in Pasadena, California, which is a few blocks north of the King Robey Company. He stated their home was located on the west side of Lake Avenue, about three or four houses north of Elizabeth Street. Mr. DORAN stated that King Robey Company is located one lot due west and one lot south of 1321 North Mentor Avenue. He stated the lot had been a parking lot owned by the City of Pasadena for several years.

In dealing with MARY SIRHAN, he learned that she had an account with Pomona Federal Savings in Pasadena. SIRHAN was about 15 years old at this time and although Mr. DORAN talked with SIRHAN several times, he never heard SIRHAN speak of politics or bitterness against this country. He (DORAN) stated that SIRHAN had a sister, AIDA SIRHAN, now deceased, who married a candy maker in Palm Springs, California. He believes that SIRHAN attended Longfellow Elementary School in Pasadena.

He stated that when he first tried to sell the SIRHANs a house that they stated to him in general terms that they did not want to be around Negroes. He considers SIRHAN at that time to have been emotionally stable and a normal boy. Mr. DORAN advised that MARY SIRHAN told him one time that the boys would work, but that they did not want to contribute to the upkeep of the family. He advised he could furnish no other information.

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Mr. KING ROBEY, King Robey Company, Realtors, 1300 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN personally. He stated that a bank purchased the old house at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, and tore the house down in 1960 or 1961. He stated the City of Pasadena purchased the lot and made a parking lot out of it. He could furnish no other information.

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Mr. HENRIE VARTANIAN, 1312 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He is the owner of Henrie's Toys, a toy store at the above location. He has known SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN since about 1958 on a limited basis. He stated that he knows MUNIR SIRHAN better than SIRHAN SIRHAN, and that MUNIR had a nickname of "Sunshine." He knew SIRHAN SIRHAN very casually. He stated that the SIRHANs lived in the house on the lot immediately to the rear of his store on Mentor Avenue, when they first came from Jordan. He believes that SIRHAN lived there until the house was torn down in 1960 or 1961. He stated that SIRHAN was very polite and never caused any trouble to his knowledge. He never heard SIRHAN or MUNIR speak of politics. He could furnish no other information.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN (ADEL), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

ADEL said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

ADEL has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. ADEL noted that this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. ADEL said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

ADEL said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and ADEL has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. ADEL noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

ADEL said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, advised he has lived at this address on a continuous basis with his family which included his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He said there is no such address as 696½ East Howard Street and to his knowledge his brother, SIRHAN, was not interested in or active in any type of an anti-draft movement. He said he is sure that no anti-draft meetings have been held at this residence.

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MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN (MUNIR), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

MUNIR said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

MUNIR has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. MUNIR noted this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. MUNIR said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

MUNIR said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and MUNIR has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. MUNIR noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

MUNIR said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN (SAIDALLAH), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

SAIDALLAH said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1968, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

SAIDALLAH has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. SAIDALLAH noted that this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. SAIDALLAH said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

SAIDALLAH said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and SAIDALLAH has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. SAIDALLAH noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

SAIDALLAH said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN (SHARIF), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

SHARIF said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

SHARIF has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. SHARIF noted this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. SHARIF said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

SHARIF said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and SHARIF has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. SHARIF noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

SHARIF said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

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Mr DON PAUL STAFFORD, 960 East Washington Boulevard, furnished the following information:

He operates the Johnson Motors Service at above address. He has known the SIRHAN family since they first came here from Jordan, and moved into their first home at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, which has since been torn down and is now operated as a parking lot by the City of Pasadena. He believes the SIRHANs arrived in Pasadena in 1957 or 1958. The father, whose name he does not recall, only stayed here for about three months and then returned to Jordan. He believes the father was not in favor of coming to this country to begin with and did not like it here.

He stated the children of the SIRHAN family spoke very good English, which he considered surprising. SIRHAN SIRHAN was about 12 or 13 years old. He stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN had a brother named MUNIR, who had a nickname of "Manure;" another brother who was an assistant to a carpenter; and a sister who was about fifteen at the time. He advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN would come across the street to the service station he operated and visit with him. He stated that SIRHAN had no bitterness at all towards anyone or anything. SIRHAN SIRHAN was interested in becoming a mineralogist or a geologist. SIRHAN SIRHAN was always by himself; was not interested in politics; expressed no discontent with this country; and was "just happy to be here" in this country.

He stated the SIRHANs moved to Lexington Street in Pasadena after the city purchased the house and lot for a parking lot. SIRHAN attended the John Muir High School in Pasadena. He stated that after the SIRHANs moved to Lexington Street, a fourth brother appeared. He did not know his name. The SIRHANs were not an ideal family. The mother had no control over the children.

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SIRHAN's sister, name unknown, married a wealthy candy man in Palm Springs, California. Although she lived with him, the man did not recognize her as his wife. The sister became sick with leukemia, and came home to die. The girl told her mother that the husband promised to send the family $250.00 per month for life. The man actually paid the girl's funeral expenses and sent the family a couple of payments of $250.00. He believes it highly possible that the family held a grudge against the girl's husband because of the way he treated her. SIRHAN may have been influenced by this. He could furnish no other information.

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Reverend WARNIE T. TIPPETT, 1130 Daverle Drive, was contacted at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2495 East Mountain Pass, where he is pastor. Reverend TIPPETT advised that he had heard rumors from unrecalled individuals that he had been in touch with SIRHAN SIRHAN and his family possibly nine years ago. He stated that he did not know how this story had gotten started, but that it was totally untrue. He said that he has only been pastor of this church for the past two years and prior to that time he had resided in the State of Idaho. However, he stated that he had checked into this matter of SIRHAN's being connected with the First Church of the Nazarene and found out the following:

Possibly nine or ten years ago, Mr. HALDON LILLENAS (who has been deceased five or six years) had traveled to Jordan and had helped SIRHAN SIRHAN's father transport his family to the United States. He stated that after they arrived in Pasadena, California, about nine years ago, they attended this church for about four Sundays, and then they transferred to another church. The only other information he could furnish was that he had heard SIRHAN SIRHAN's father had a quick temper.

Reverend TIPPETT advised that the above information is all he could furnish concerning this matter.

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On June 11, 1968, Mr. RALPH W. HORNBECK, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Pasadena Unified School District, stated he was the principal at Longfellow Elementary School, 1065 East Washington Street, Pasadena, in 1958 and 1959.

He recalled at this time, SIRHAN SIRHAN was in the seventh or eighth grade at Marshall Jr. High School in Pasadena, and his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN, was a student at Longfellow School. Mr. HORNBECK recalled SIRHAN transferred from Marshall to Eliot Jr. High School later on because his family had moved. MUNIR would get into trouble from time to time, mainly for fighting with other students who teased him about his name, and the fact that he was foreign. At this time, Mrs. MARY SIRHAN spoke very little English, according to SIRHAN, who took it upon himself to visit Mr. HORNBECK on several occasions to discuss his brother. He stated SIRHAN continually emphasized the honor of his family and stated it was important to preserve this, which he felt MUNIR was threatening by his actions. Mr. HORNBECK recalled SIRHAN as very intense and said SIRHAN would visit him from time to time without any particular incident having occurred in which MUNIR was involved. Mr. HORNBECK could not recall whether SIRHAN visited him during more than one school year, but stated he had never seen SIRHAN after MUNIR left the school in which he was the principal.

Mr. HORNBECK did not recall ever talking to Mrs. SIRHAN and said if he did, it was very briefly.

Mr. HORNBECK stated it was possible, concerning SIRHAN's alleged shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, that in SIRHAN's mind, his action was a matter of honor regarding his people or his beliefs, and would be the type who would totally ignore the opinion of the millions who would condemn his act, if he felt he was acting honorably.

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Mr. MARCUS LE GRAND YOUNG, who resides at 11062 East Andrews Street, South El Monte, California, was interviewed at the John Muir High School in Pasadena, California. Mr. YOUNG advised that he is a teacher in history at that high school and that he is also the Commander of the Cadet Corps. He explained that the Cadet Corps at John Muir High School is similar to a high school ROTC program, except that it is run and financed by the state instead of the Federal Government. He also stated that the Cadet Corps is under the direction of the California State Adjutant General and receives the money for equipment and uniforms and supplies through the State National Guard and Adjutant General's Office. He further stated that in this Cadet Corps, the boys receive basic military training in such fields as drill; including the Manual of Arms, military courtesy, first aid, camouflage, map reading and a brief explanation of firearm safety.

YOUNG advised that he could remember that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had been a member of this Cadet Corps for the three years that he had attended John Muir High School, and he remembered him as a better than average cadet with a good attitude who accepted discipline well and showed potential and ability in administrative positions. He said that SIRHAN was probably a sergeant in the Cadet Corps at the time of his graduation. He stated that he remembered SIRHAN to be a serious individual but did not consider him to be sullen or moody and he certainly would not have thought him to be an individual of a violent nature. He said that he could not remember any display of temper on the part of SIRHAN towards any other student and, to his knowledge, SIRHAN got along well with his fellow corps members and other students and appeared to be a very nice person.

YOUNG advised that in connection with the Cadet Corps, some of the boys who were chosen to be on the Rifle Team were afforded the opportunity for training and practice with the .22 caliber rifle, however, he advised that SIRHAN

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had not been a member of this Rifle Team and, therefore, did not receive any training whatsoever in the use of firearms, with the exception of possibly a trip once or twice a year to the National Guard Armory where all of the cadets were permitted to fire a few rounds with the .22 caliber rifle. He added that none of the cadets were given any training whatsoever in the use of pistols of any type.

YOUNG advised that he could not recall ever having had a conversation with SIRHAN in which politics or ideologies were discussed and he stated that he had never heard SIRHAN make any violent or inflammatory comments directed towards any group or any individual.

YOUNG advised that should any pertinent information come to his recollection, he would immediately contact the Los Angeles FBI Office and furnish this information to them.

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On June 14, 1968, Miss NINA TIHOMIROV, Russian teacher at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised she recalled teaching Russian to SIRHAN SIRHAN in the fall of 1964 and the spring of 1965. She stated SIRHAN was not a very good student, although he appeared to have a natural ear for languages. She said he was frequently absent from class, and always had an excuse relating to working too hard, and part of the time because his sister was dying. She did not recall what his employment was. She stated she gave SIRHAN a grade of D in his first semester of work, and in the second semester, finally dismissed him from class due to lack of attendance. She recalled that as she was dismissing him, she learned he was being dismissed from school for general non-attendance. She stated she had never had any discussions with SIRHAN regarding his political or social ideas. She said he was a very nice, friendly person who was always polite, who sat in the front row in her class and was attentive. She had no further information concerning SIRHAN or why he might have been involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Mrs. DONALD BOYKO (ELSIE) resides with her family at 1545 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, California. She is 42 years of age. She is nominal Vice President of D.B. Electronics Company, a firm which her husband previously owned and now manages. Mrs. BOYKO was born in Lodi, California, attended College of the Pacific and Walla Walla College in that city. She is active in the affairs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and has been a member of this church since childhood. Mrs. BOYKO has lived at the above address for six years, and previously resided at 15½ El Dorado Place in Arcadia, California.

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. BOYKO met a Jordanian student named ABDUL MJED DOBASS, a visitor to the United States who was sponsored for study here by some neighbors. She had known DOBASS as a student, but has not seen him during the past four or five years. He has remained in the United States, married, and become a United States citizen. She does not know his present whereabouts.

Mrs. BOYKO first met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN shortly after Christmas of 1967, when she went to work as a saleslady in a health foods store owned by JOHN WEIDNER at 1380 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena. SIRHAN, whom she referred to as SAUL, was already working in the store as stock clerk and delivery boy. WEIDNER owns two other health food stores, one in Monterey Park which is known as "Monterey Nutrition" and another in Downey, California, on Florence Avenue (name unrecalled). In addition to his duties as a store clerk, SAUL would drive WEIDNER's station wagon to make deliveries between the stores. She knew SIRHAN from December 1967 to March 1968, when he left WEIDNER's employ because of daily differences between them. When he was at the store, she would talk to him during slack business times and found him to be a serious, sensitive person and one with strong feelings. From the beginning of their association, she made it clear that she would not and could not discuss the politics of his country and

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that of the Near East because she did not wish to and was not sufficiently versed in this subject, but told him that she would talk to him about religion and he very eagerly accepted this arrangement. He told her that he was very much interested in religion - all religions and was making a comparative study of religion. In this connection, Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN's mother had been attending her church (Seventh Day Adventist) in Pasadena for a couple of months prior to her meeting SIRHAN, but she did not know her until some time later when SIRHAN attended this church with his mother. He did not attend often, perhaps three or four times, then dropped out. His mother ceased attendance about a month after (February 1968). Mrs. BOYKO has never met any other members of the SIRHAN family.

Mrs. BOYKO said she understood that during part of the time that SIRHAN worked for WEIDNER, he took some religious instruction from a relative of WEIDNER's who was living in Pasadena at the time with his wife and was visiting the West Coast. This person's name was _____ PETERS, an older man who originally came out to California from Wisconsin and has since returned. The instruction Mr. PETERS gave to SIRHAN was in Bible Study. Mr. PETERS is a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wisconsin (place unrecalled).

It is Mrs. BOYKO's further reflection that Mr. PETERS was highly incensed at JOHN WEIDNER's alleged harsh treatment of SIRHAN. He indicated to Mrs. BOYKO that WEIDNER's treatment of SIRHAN was undoing any good effort he could make with the boy, from the standpoint of religious instruction

Mrs. BOYKO feels she had a good relationship with SIRHAN and he seemed to like her. They talked of many things - nothing of a serious nature - none of a political nature. Through these conversations and other events that transpired in the store (his relationship with WEIDNER), Mrs. BOYKO gained something of an insight into his character. For example, she soon learned that he harbored a great envy for the good fortunes of others. He said he did not like wealthy people. She cited as an example of his dislike NELSON ROCKEFELLER who he said had too much wealth. He did not mention ROBERT KENNEDY in this connection and never mentioned his name to Mrs. BOYKO's knowledge. It was in this connection - in his comments about wealth and his dislike for

wealthy people-that he mentioned, inferentially, his dislike for Jews. He did not mention these things with any discernible emotion, but she remembers them from parts of his conversations.

SIRHAN's relationship with JOHN WEIDNER, in Mrs. BOYKO's opinion, was never good, and as nearly as she and others in the store could judge, SIRHAN was really not at fault in this. WEIDNER is domineering, harsh and rude with his employees, she said. He seemed particularly harsh with SIRHAN at times. He insisted on strict compliance with his orders, i.e. "SAUL come here at once!" SIRHAN might have had a box of groceries in his arms and would deposit them in a car or whatever before complying. This would infuriate WEIDNER. He would regard this as a challenge to his authority. He would berate SIRHAN and accuse him of laziness and insubordination. SIRHAN would defend himself shouting as loud "You just don't talk to me like that" "You have to treat me like a man", and he would stand his ground; then walk away in desperation and frustration. Mrs. BOYKO tried to be the mediator, but the arguments and flashes of temper on both sides became an almost daily occurrence. SIRHAN wanted WEIDNER to fire him so he could get some severance pay, but WEIDNER sensed this and would not fire him.

After these outbursts, SIRHAN would calm down and talk to Mrs. BOYKO about his abiding interests. He indicated he was interested in spiritual things. He definitely was interested in horses. He spoke about his desire to be a jockey and talked about his weight problems. He was also interested in the gambling aspect. He went to the track frequently; every Saturday (at Santa Anita) and apparently was a consistent loser. This bothered him because he was interested in money and wanted money. He was very conscious of his size. Being a little person, he felt disadvantaged. He felt this very strongly and had a defensive complex about it. He felt it was a handicap, even though he had aspirations to be a jockey.

He showed no interest in, or interest in talking about, girls. He indicated that dating girls was a waste of time, and did not wish to discuss the subject. Mrs. BOYKO doubts that he did date girls during this time.

Finally SIRHAN left the shop, sometime in March 1968, and subsequently either sued or filed charges against WEIDNER for back pay. Mrs. BOYKO does not know the particulars about this.

Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN was strong in his beliefs - strong in his convictions. With regard to other aspects of his activity as known to her, Mrs. BOYKO said no one ever came to the shop to visit him. He received no mail at the shop. He received no telephone calls at the shop. He never waited on customers except to carry groceries to waiting cars. He was polite. He was respectful. He never expressed any strong hatred even after his heated exchanges with WEIDNER.

He never came back to the store after he left and Mrs. BOYKO last talked to him sometime in March.

He did complain about the poor condition of WEIDNER's delivery station wagon.

Mrs. BOYKO said she has seen newspaper accounts datelined Washington, D.C. which have quoted her as saying, "SIRHAN was a religious fanatic." Mrs. BOYKO said she never said any such thing.

Mrs. BOYKO said the only Jordanians she has ever met were ABDUL DOBASS (mentioned initially), SIRHAN and a local barber named SIMON SHARU. Mrs. BOYKO recalls asking SIRHAN if he knew DOBASS (above) and he acknowledged that he did, but said no more, so that Mrs. BOYKO could not determine what the degree of association was.

After the news of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and SIRHAN's picture was published in the morning newspaper, all the persons at the store knew who it was, but could not believe it. Mr. WEIDNER's reaction was electric. He walked around the store beating his fists to his head saying, "it's him, it's him - it's got to be him;" and then to a customer who had been friendly to SIRHAN in the past, he said "you see I was right about him. I don't know why he didn't kill me - he hated me so."

Mrs. BOYKO said she has no explanation for SIRHAN's terrible act. She is shocked and unable to fit it with her recollection of him. It is her opinion that she never did see him except for some surface manifestations, and these were, to say the least, contradictory.

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RETTA DRAKE 2516 Strathmore, Rosemead, California, telephone 573-3897, advised that she was employed at the Organic-Pasadena Health Food Store, 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, as manager from December 15, 1967 until March 7, 1968, when she resigned. During this period of time SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was also employed at this store as a general stock clerk and delivery boy. He had been so employed both part time and full time since prior to Mrs. DRAKE beginning her employment. She advised that she did not know him and had never seen him prior to her employment at this store.

Approximately one and one-half weeks prior to her quitting on March 7, 1968, she submitted her letter of resignation to the owner of the health food store, JOHN WEIDNER. She advised that she left the employment at the above store on the same date that SIRHAN was fired. On the morning of March 7, 1968, she overheard WEIDNER tell SIRHAN that he may leave the store, meaning that he was fired. SIRHAN then proceeded to sit down in the store waiting to be paid his wages due. Mrs. DRAKE said the situation at the store at this time was tense after WEIDNER had fired SIRHAN, and to ease this situation she made a statement to SIRHAN just in general conversation. When she spoke to him WEIDNER then came up to her and told her that she was not to speak to SIRHAN since he was no longer working there. Mrs. DRAKE advised that this infuriated her to the extent that she quit her job on the spot.

WEIDNER eventually called the police on SIRHAN to evict him from the store since SIRHAN would not leave until he was paid.

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WEIDNER refused to pay either SIRHAN or Mrs. DRAKE and they both eventually filed claims for wages due before the Industrial Relations Board. She advised that they did not file these claims together but the cases were held together on the same date before the Industrial Relations Board, 107 South Broadway, Room 5015, Los Angeles, California, on or about April 23, 1968. Her claim was eventually honored but she has no idea whether SIRHAN received his money or not.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she saw SIRHAN twice after they terminated their employment at the health food store. She once went over to his house to receive his help in filling out her claim for wages due, and she met his mother. She also saw SIRHAN on the date of his being fired from the health food store in Katies Place Restaurant just down from the health food store. She advised she was in there having coffee on this date and he came in and joined her.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she never saw SIRHAN either before or after working hours while they were employed. The last she saw of him was on the date that the claims were held before the Industrial Relations Board.

In addition she did talk with him once or twice over the telephone after leaving the health food store's employment and prior to the claims being submitted before the Industrial Relations Board.

She stated that SIRHAN never did talk very much and what little conversation they did have at the store was just general conversation. They never had any political conversations and she cannot recall him talking of any of his personal interests. On the one occasion that she was at SIRHAN's house they talked only of Mr. WEIDNER and his health food store.

Other than his mother, Mrs. DRAKE never met any of his friends or relatives, and has no idea what he did on his off hours. It was her understanding, however, that SIRHAN was taking Bible lessons from Mr. WEIDNER's uncle.

She advised she has not seen nor heard from SIRHAN since the claims were presented before the Industrial Relations Board on April 23, 1968.

Her opinion of SIRHAN is that he was an extremely nice person and that he did not seem bitter over being fired by Mr. WEIDNER.

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Mrs. CAROL BURGESS, wife of Lance Corporal BERNARD BURGESS, U. S. Marine Corps (USMC) USMC Quarters, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot Bangor, Washington an employee of the restaurant at the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, advised on June 14, 1968, that she had known SIRHAN SIRHAN while she was employed from about November 1967 to about January 1968 at the Organic-Pacific Health Food Store owned by Mr. JOHN WIEDNER, Pasadena, California. She said SIRHAN, known generally by the nickname "SOL" told her he had changed his name to SIRHAN SIRHAN so he could have two similar names, however, he did not say what his name had been before the change.

She said SIRHAN was a produce boy and took produce from the above store to the Monterey Park store and the Downey store. She said SIRHAN lived about a block and one-half to two blocks from the store and that she had dropped him off at his residence in her car a few times. She said this residence was one block off Lake Avenue, but she did not know the address. She said she understood SIRHAN lived with his mother and brother but she had not met them. She said SIRHAN stated he was "close" to his brother and he had "nice" parents. She said she believed SIRHAN had an automobile at home, but it was not in running condition.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN told her he was attending night school at Pasadena City College and that he liked history. She said one day SIRHAN came back from lunch with whiskey on his breath and made some remark that he would have to stay away from the boss that afternoon. She said she therefore assumed he drank a little.

She said SIRHAN was always by himself, that he came to work and left by himself and he had lunch by himself. She said he never spoke of having a girl friend and said at one time he had "bad luck" with girls, which remark he did not explain. She said no one visited him at the store.

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She said SIRHAN believed in what he called "Witchcraft" and believed he had power to do greater things than did others. She said he had indicated in words not now recalled, that he "could do anything that God could do". She said he seemed not to "understand our religion", however he never explained what his religion was. She added he said, "There are lots of things you can do if you put your mind to it."

Mrs. BURGESS said that Mr. WIEDNER had been in the "Underground" in France and had helped Jews escape from Germany and SIRHAN could not understand why he would help the Jews escape. She said SIRHAN and Mr. WIEDNER had some discussions concerning Jews but she could not recall the details of these conversations except that SIRHAN and WIEDNER argued about Jews. She said SIRHAN sometimes waved his hands when he got somewhat excited in these conversations.

She said SIRHAN did not smoke and she assumed he did not use drugs or narcotics. She did not know him to have a gun and never talked about guns. She said he did not seem to be the violent type and although he occasionally got mad - usually at the boss who expected his employees to work diligently he "cooled off" quickly.

She said SIRHAN never talked about politics and he was generally very quiet, polite, and likeable. She said he appeared to be quite intelligent and had an extensive vocabulary, often using words she did not understand. She said SIRHAN also spoke "some other language" besides English and would interject some foreign phrases into conversation. She added he was a good worker.

She said SIRHAN was interested in horses and had been an exercise boy. She said he used to go to horse races on weekends and that he "loved horses". She said he had [redacted] in a fall falling off a filly and was going to a doctor about his [redacted] She said SIRHAN a small individual wanted people to think he was strong but he complained [redacted]

boxes. She said SIRHAN would also bet on horses at the track and would win and lose bets based on information given him by jockeys. She remembers on one occasion he won $36. She said he wanted to be a jockey some day.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN had once given her a paperback book, title and author not recalled, concerning "Witchcraft", for her to read. She said she took it home, did not read it and brought back the book the next day. She said SIRHAN had said he read by candlelight from candles on a table. She said she asked him in connection with his Witchcraft, what he did would he lift tables by Witchcraft.

SIRHAN said he did. She said she told him he could not be serious and SIRHAN remarked that he was. She said he came back from lunch one day with two red candles and two blue candles apparently to read by or to use in his "Witchcraft".

Mrs. BURGESS said she was training one RITA or RETA to be manager at the store about a month before she, Mrs. BURGESS left and RITA or RETA would also know SIRHAN.

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Mr. GORDON BOWSHER, Horse Owner and Trainer, 13505 Oaks, advised that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had been employed by him from October 15, 1965, to March 31, 1966, when he quit on his own volition. He stated he hired SIRHAN as a stable hand at Santa Anita where SIRHAN walked hot horses for him. After the Santa Anita season was over, SIRHAN worked a little while for him at the Pomona Fair Grounds. SIRHAN resided at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and commuted to the tracks from that address in a pink DeSoto.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only thing he knew regarding SIRHAN was that he came from Jordan but that he had had no conversations with SIRHAN and knew nothing whatsoever regarding his background.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only other person who worked for him who would know SIRHAN and who probably had conversations with him is a TOM RATHKE, who resides at 8372 Stansbury Avenue, in Panorama City, California, but who is presently at the race track in Pleasanton, California.

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ALBERT C. BEESON, Director, Industrial Relations, State of California, San Francisco, telephonically advised that his department handled an accident involving one SIRHAN B. SIRHAN of 696 Howard Street, West Pasadena, California, in which SIRHAN, while employed by the Altfillisch Construction Company, working as an exercise boy on the Grand Vista Alta Rio Ranch, Corona, California, on September 25, 1966 was thrown from a horse and [redacted] As a result of this accident SIRHAN, on March 27, 1968, was paid about $2,000 by the Argonaut Insurance Company of Menlo Park, California. The Referee who handled this matter was ERNEST A. LACKMANN, Referee in Industrial Relations, State of California, Los Angeles, telephone 620-4471.

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Date 6/18/68

MARY SIRHAN (MARY) 1696 East Howard Street, advised that she never observed a gun or ammunition in the possession of her son SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN).

MARY related that she doubts very seriously if any of her other sons socialized with SIRHAN or were seen in SIRHAN's company during recent months. She explained that SIRHAN was a boy that kept to himself and did not talk to his brothers other than ADEL. She said that SIRHAN has not said more than hello to his brothers SAIDALLAH and SHARIF in over three years, and she is positive that during the last three years SIRHAN did not see either SAIDALLAH or SHARIF away from her residence at 1696 East Howard Street.

MARY related that several months ago SIRHAN and his brother MUNIR had a violent argument and during the last several months were barely on speaking terms.

She said the only brother that SIRHAN was on speaking terms during recent months was ADEL.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL and - 603 -
SA(A) ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/AAH/vaa Date dictated 6/17/68

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6/19/68

EDWARD VAN ANTWERP was located at the home of EARL COBB, Route 1, Box 409, Eureka, and furnished the following information:

He has been on a severe alcoholic drunk during the past weeks and has returned to a rational condition. He is aware of the death of Senator KENNEDY and has read in the newspaper of the arrest of SIRHAN SIRHAN. This is the first information that he has ever had of SIRHAN SIRHAN. VAN ANTWERP has never worked on a horse ranch in Norco, California, and has never lived or worked with SIRHAN.

VAN ANTWERP claims his wife is a mental case and probably told the FBI that he knew SIRHAN in order to get them to locate him as he has run away from her. VAN ANTWERP was employed during the general period of 1966-67 at Thermo Chemagee (phonetic) Company, a fertilizer processing plant at Chino, California, and after that time for Taylor Rentals Company, a rental agency at Norco, California.

On 6/16/68 at Eureka, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481

by RICHARD G. MILLER / ER - 708 - Date dictated 6/17/68

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EDWARD VAN ANTWERP, Route 1, Box 409, Eureka, California, was reinterviewed. The information furnished by his relatives at Norco, California regarding VAN ANTWERP living with SIRHAN SIRHAN, whom they knew as "SOL" was discussed with him.

After considerable conversation and viewing of published photograph of SIRHAN, VAN ANTWERP became fully convinced that "SOL" and SIRHAN are identical, that this is the young man with whom he lived for about 5 months in late 1966 at the Highlander Motel and another address in Norco, California. VAN ANTWERP gave the appearance of total amazement when this realization came upon him. He stated "Why would 'SOL' do a thing like that."

VAN ANTWERP met SIRHAN totally by chance at the Highlander Motel, when SIRHAN came there looking for a place to stay. VAN ANTWERP was drinking that day and they got into a conversation which resulted in SIRHAN moving into his motel room with him. Although they occupied the same room for about 5 months, they did not associate much elsewhere. SIRHAN worked at Corona Del Mar Horse Boarding Stables as an exercise boy. VAN ANTWERP was working for Taylor Rentals in Norco. SIRHAN said his home was in Pasadena, and he went there frequently on weekends to visit his family. During the week, SIRHAN went to work at the horse stables each morning, returning in the evening in a routine fashion. About all he did at the motel was sit around quietly drinking tea in great quantities. The only thing out of the ordinary that VAN ANTWERP noticed about SIRHAN was that he did seem to have a feeling that he was getting an unfair deal in life mainly because he was economically poor. SIRHAN did not set forth any radical political views or make comments indicating any thing extraordinary in his personality.

VAN ANTWERP has no knowledge of SIRHAN's associates, social organization affiliations, political beliefs, ethnic background, family, or any thing else of a personal nature.

VAN ANTVERP did not meet SIRHAN's family or friends. He did not go to Pasadena with him on weekends. To his knowledge, SIRHAN did not own a firearm. He never heard SIRHAN discuss Senator ROBERT KENNEDY or any other major political figures that he can now recall.

VAN ANTVERP repeatedly stated that it was difficult for him to believe that "SOL" could have committed such a crime and that nothing occurred during his association with SIRHAN which would have given any indication of such violence being in his nature.

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6/14/68

RALPH LEWIS, Executive Officer and CECIL POOLE, Vice President, Rosicrucian Order, Ancient Mystical Order of the Rosy Cross (AMORC), Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, furnished a copy of the membership application of SIRHAN SIRHAN which application indicates it was received June 23, 1966 showing date of birth for SIRHAN as March 19, 1944, Jerusalem, Jordan, and residence of 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. A copy of the application was furnished. LEWIS and POOLE both advised that in April 1965 SIRHAN became inactive due to his failure to pay dues and was stopped as a member. On February 5, 1968 a money order was received from the Republic Money Orders of California, Incorporated, #2241838 in the amount of $16 for back dues. A second money order was received March 26, 1968 from the same company, #2313409 in the amount of $20 also for dues. Dues are $4 per month. LEWIS advised that the recipient of the above dues made SIRHAN an active member of the order and he now receives all literature and magazines from this organization.

LEWIS and POOLE both advised that to the best of their knowledge and from talking with others in the organization in San Jose, SIRHAN was not affiliated with a lodge in Pasadena. They advised that he may have visited the Pasadena Lodge. They further advised that Mrs. FRANCES HOLLAND of Escondido, California, telephone 745-1364 had furnished additional information concerning his contacts in the Pasadena area. The name E. MARTINEZ on the application is a clerk in San Jose and is not associated with SIRHAN.

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by SA ERVIN THIBAULT, JR:dp Date dictated 6/12/68

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

(Please Write or Typewrite Answers Plainly)

(ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED)

Full Name Sirhan Sirhan

Date of Birth 3 19 44 Sex Male

(Month) (Date) (Year)

Applicant must be over eighteen years of age. If applicant is not of legal age, the consent of parent or guardian must accompany application.

Place of Birth Jerusalem, Jordan

Race (color) White Nationality Arab

(The Order observes no racial restrictions)

Religion in which you were born Christianity

recent church affiliation if any None

Married? No Number of children

Your Occupation Farm Training to become a Jockey

What is the extent of your education? 2 years

Pasadena College

Have you any Academic or Honorary Degrees? No

(If you answer "yes," please list degrees)

Have you been a student of Metaphysics, Psychology, or Philosophy, if how long? Yes - 3 years

Have you previously been a member of AMORC? No

Are you a member of any Secret, Fraternal, or Philosophical organization? No

(If you answer "yes," please list organizations)

Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, Infinite Mind, or God? Yes

Do you try to practice good citizenship and respect the laws of the country in which you live? Yes

Will you consider with an open mind new ideas regarding life and

A Little Over A Penny A Day

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THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER

Rosicrucian Park (AMORC) San Jose, California 95114

THE INSTITUTION BEHIND THE ORGANIZATION

monthly, beginning with the first month after my membership has been accepted and continuing as long as I express a desire for membership as an Active Student.

It is understood that if my membership is accepted, I shall receive two monographs biweekly (every two weeks), the monthly magazine, the *Rosicrucian Digest*, and enjoy all the benefits and privileges of membership without payment of any fee or charges except the dues as stated above. If my application is not accepted, I will be confidentially notified by the Membership Committee, and my Registration Fee will be refunded.

Fee $4.13—2.77

Contributions to the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC in excess of dues are deductible on U. S. Federal Income Tax Returns, to the extent provided by law.

(Make checks or money orders payable only to "AMORC Funds")

(Do not send currency in unregistered letters.)

(Signature) Sirhan Sirhan

(Signature must be handwritten—Do not print or typewrite.)

Name Sirhan Sirhan

(Print or typewrite your name and address for use on all mail.)

Address 694 E. Howard St.

(Give Street or P. O. Box)

Pasadena Calif. 91104

(Give City, State or Province, and Country. Include Zip Code if in U.S.A.)



Application for

Rosicrucian Membership

The Rosicrucians invite you to unite with them in their fascinating researches, investigations, and studies of the universal laws of nature and the mysteries of life in every branch of human improvement and development.

THEREFORE . . .

You are cordially requested to submit this Questionnaire, with your personal answers, so that the Directors of Instruction may take the proper steps to admit you to Student Membership and prepare The Way for your proper place in the Rosicrucian System of personal progress and attainments.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

OF

AMORC

KINDLY STATE YOUR MOTIVE

(Use this space to state your reason or purpose in petitioning for membership in AMORC.)

By reading your book, *Mastery of Life*, I have discovered how much I do not know about myself despite all the philosophical works that I have been reading. I sincerely want to better myself, and on that basis I submit my application.

Be Sure to Send Your Remittance with This Application

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RECORDING NOTATIONS

Rec'd JUN 23 1963 Approved E. Hurley

Membership Entry

REMARKS

(DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING IN THIS MARGIN)

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Date 6/12/68

VAN R. DOWNIE, Detective, Pasadena, California, Police Department, 142 North Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and that he was being interviewed concerning his knowledge of information contained in notebooks (evidence Q1 and Q2) of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Q1, Page 71	DOWNIE advised that the name "JOHN DAYS" is unknown to him and a review of the arrest records of the Pasadena Police Department reflects no information identifiable with DAYS.
Q2, Page 1	DOWNIE advised that "HOLLOPETER, 234 E. Colorado, Pasadena" is CHARLES HOLLOPETER, an attorney, and the name "MARCOS, 215 W. 5th, L.A." is unknown to him.
Q2, Page 3	He stated that "Mrs. THURBER" could be associated with Pasadena City College.
Q2, Page 3	He advised that the notation "Make appointment with PERON" is referring to Lieutenant EUGENE PERON who is in charge of the Vice Bureau, Pasadena Police Department.
Q2, Page 3	The notation, "See JOHN" could mean State Narcotic Agent JOHN THOMPSON.

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by SA WILLIAM G. ATHERTON/elm - 740 - Date dictated 6/12/68

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Q2, Page 3	The notation, "See E. LEWIS" must refer to EVAN LEWIS, Pasadena District Attorney
Q2, Page 3	The notation, "Check date on police offs., Room 116 - City Hall" may have been to determine at the Pasadena Personnel Office, Room 116, Pasadena City Hall, the identities of the arresting officers of MUNIR SIRHAN for a narcotic violation.
Q2, Page 5	The notations, "GILBERT vs HOLLOPETER" and "VAN DOWNIE's testimony" could refer to the trial of JESSE JAMES GILBERT for killing a policeman during the robbery of an Alhambra, California, bank. DOWNIE stated that he does not know what the reference to the testimony means.

DOWNIE furnished the following information concerning the above referenced arrest for narcotics violation of MUNIR SIRHAN.

He stated that MUNIR SIRHAN was arrested on June 10, 1966, by Pasadena Vice Squad Detectives and State Narcotics Agents for "selling weed to a Federal Agent". SIRHAN was described as follows:

Name	MUNIR BISHARA SALAMEH SIRHAN
Sex	Male
Nationality	Arabian
Date of Birth	July 17, 1947
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	120 pounds
Hair	Black

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Eyes	Brown
Address	596 East Howard Street Pasadena, California

MUNIR SIRHAN and a friend, CARLOS A. GONZALES DEL VALLE, A Peruvian, were arrested at 185 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, as a result of information received from a confidential informant of the Pasadena Police Department. JOHN THOMPSON, a State Narcotic Agent, assisted on the arrest and DOWNIE recalls that MUNIR offered his assistance as an informant to THOMPSON in consideration for receiving a lesser sentence on the narcotic arrest.

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8/2/68

THEODORA VAN AMERSSOORT, 416 West Poppyfields, advised that she has known MARY SIRHAN for about three years. Mrs. SIRHAN was working at the Westminster Nursery School on Lake Street when she joined the faculty there. She came to know Mrs. SIRHAN well. Mrs. SIRHAN was classified as a housekeeper but her position actually was to assist teachers at this school in preparing snacks, cleaning toys, and other jobs around the school.

Mrs. SIRHAN seldom ever mentioned her family, and although they were friendly with each other, Mrs. VAN AMERSSOORT and Mrs. SIRHAN never had any lengthy discussions.

Mrs. VAN AMERSSOORT only saw the SIRHAN boys when they waited in the car outside of the school for their mother. She knows that one of the boys is a musician but does not know his name.

Mrs. VON AMERSSOORT has visited MARY SIRHAN in her home twice since June 4, 1968. On her first visit they mostly discussed items of mutual interest concerning the operation of the nursery school.

Mrs. VON AMERSSOORT visited the SIRHAN home the second time on the Friday when SIRHAN SIRHAN made his first appearance in court. At that time, MARY SIRHAN told her that she knew why SIRHAN SIRHAN did what he did but stated that she was under a court order not to talk with anyone.

On the same occasion, MARY SIRHAN pointed out to her that a picture of the SIRHAN family in "Life Magazine" improperly identified members of the family. SIRHAN is actually the boy who is sitting in her lap in the photograph. MUNIR was not yet born at the time the photograph was taken. The boy named MUNIR who is shown in the photograph died as an infant but because he was such a pleasant child his mother named her last born son MUNIR after him.

On 7/26/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

SA M. JON KOLOMITZ/yfs - 111 -

by Date dictated 8/1/68

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Form 4000 Rev. 9-65

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MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS SPACE

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	MAIDEN NAME, IF MARRIED *
SIRHAN	SIRHAN		

PRESENT ADDRESS — STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE	YEARS IN RESIDENCE
696 E HOWARD ST	PASADENA	CALIF	91104	7982136	5
PREVIOUS ADDRESS — STREET	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**	**TELEPHONE**	**YEARS IN RESIDENCE**
1647 N LAKE AVE	PASADENA	CALIF		7982136	4
PERMANENT ADDRESS — STREET	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**	**TELEPHONE**	**YEARS IN RESIDENCE**
696 E HOWARD ST	PASADENA	CALIF	91104	7982136	5

POSITION OR TYPE OF WORK DESIRED	SALARY DESIRED	REFERRED TO BURROUGHS BY					
Assembler Trainee	$	ADVERTISEMENT		RELATIVE		SCHOOL	
		EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	X	EMPLOYEE		OTHER	

GENERAL INFORMATION

Expires Sept 2

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	U. S. CITIZEN?	MARITAL STATUS	MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IF EMPLOYED
	3-19-44	M	5'4	115	No	Single	CAR

DEPENDENTS				DO YOU				ARE YOU					
HUSBAND		CHILDREN UNDER 18		OWN HOME		RENT		FREE TO TRAVEL IF REQUIRED	YES		ABLE TO WORK ANY SHIFT	YES	
WIFE		OTHERS		LIVE WITH PARENTS		ROOM			NO			NO	

NAME RELATIVES OR FRIENDS EMPLOYED BY BURROUGHS: None

HAVE YOU ANY RELATIVES WITH OTHER FIRMS IN THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY? YES / NO X

DESCRIBE ANY PHYSICAL HANDICAP, SERIOUS INJURY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS: None

ARE YOU: RIGHTHANDED X / LEFTHANDED

HAVE YOU RECEIVED WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR ANY INJURY SUSTAINED IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT? YES / NO X

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED (EXCLUDE MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)? YES / NO X — IF YES, FOR WHAT OFFENSE, DATE, PLACE AND DISPOSITION

HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED TO BURROUGHS BEFORE? YES / NO X — IF YES, WHERE

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN EMPLOYED BY BURROUGHS? YES / NO X — IF YES, WHERE

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GRANTED A SECURITY CLEARANCE? YES / NO X — IF YES, TYPE - DATE GRANTED - GRANTOR

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A SECURITY CLEARANCE OR FIDELITY BOND DENIED, SUSPENDED OR REVOKED? YES / NO X — IF YES, ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET WITH DETAILED INFORMATION.

PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
	MARY SIRHAN	696 E. HOWARD ST PASA.	7982136

EDUCATION

	NAME AND LOCATION	COURSE OF STUDY	FROM MO. / YR.	TO MO. / YR.	GRADUATED MO. / YR.	YEARS COMPLETED	GRADES YOUR AVERAGE	GRADES PERFECT SCORE
HIGH SCHOOL	John Muir	General	9/60	6/63	6/63	3	B	
COLLEGE	PASADENA CITY College	DEGREE AND MAJOR: Political Science	9/63	6/65	June 65			

OTHER — LIST COMPLETED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL TRAINING, INCLUDING TECHNICAL AND SERVICE SCHOOLS

U. S. MILITARY SERVICE

BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATE ENTERED	DATE SEPARATED	RANK AT SEPARATION	TYPE OF DISCHARGE	PRESENT DRAFT STATUS *
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DESCRIBE DUTIES WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE

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* LEAVE BLANK IF NOT APPLICABLE

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NAME OF COMPANY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Bahia Vista del Rio	1955 Box 159 B, C. NA, CALIF.	

DATE STOPPED	WEEKLY SALARY	STARTING POSITION AND DUTIES
11/66		Oversized race horses
DATE STARTED	WEEKLY SALARY	
Nov- 1965	10-.00	

REASON FOR LEAVING	LAST POSITION AND DUTIES
NAME OF LAST SUPERVISOR	

NAME OF COMPANY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE

DATE STOPPED	WEEKLY SALARY	STARTING POSITION AND DUTIES
DATE STARTED	WEEKLY SALARY	

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DATE STARTED	WEEKLY SALARY	

REASON FOR LEAVING	LAST POSITION AND DUTIES
NAME OF LAST SUPERVISOR	

REFERENCES

List three references other than employers and relatives who have known you for more than one year.

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION OR BUSINESS	YRS. KNOWN

DECLARATION & CERTIFICATION

I DECLARE THAT I am not now, nor have I ever been connected in any manner with any group or organization which believes in or advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force, or by any illegal or unconstitutional means. • I do not have any reason to believe that any member of my immediate family or any other person residing with me is now, or ever has been, connected in any manner with any group or organization which believes in or advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force, or by any illegal or unconstitutional means. • I have never been arrested (other than for a minor traffic violation) or charged with or convicted of a felony except as explained hereon. • I CERTIFY THAT the information on this application is accurate and complete and subject to verification by Burroughs Corporation. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts or circumstances that would be detrimental to this application is sufficient cause for dismissal. • I understand that employment is contingent upon my passing a physical examination, and that all new employees are on a 90-day probation period.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE
Barbara Durham	138	Nov 7-67

CITIZEN OF U. S. AMERICA

Social Security Number 6

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Date 9/13/68

RENE JUAREZ, 227 North Raymond, Apartment 15, Pasadena, California, advises as follows:

From 1963 to 1967 he was the manager of an establishment known as Peak's Hamburger House, 3325 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California. The business was owned by DAVID ALVAREZ, who resides at 1615 El Sereno, Pasadena, California. ALVAREZ no longer owns the business and it is known as the Taco Treat.

From about 1963 through 1964, SIRHAN SIRHAN worked at the business. SIRHAN quit just before the school year of 1964. SIRHAN was a student at Pasadena City College and worked at the business during odd hours and on weekends and on holidays. He worked as waiter and sometimes assisted as short order cook.

JUAREZ described SIRHAN as a good worker with whom he never had any problems. SIRHAN always got along with other employees and was well liked by the others. JUAREZ recalls that two or three times he saw SIRHAN lose his temper and become quite visibly disturbed because of his anger. JUAREZ does not recall the specific incidents or what triggered them. None of the incidents resulted in any violence or anything other than strong words.

He does not recall any political comments or observations ever being made by SIRHAN.

JUAREZ has not seen SIRHAN since he left his employment at the hamburger stand. He has seen SIRHAN's photograph in newspapers and magazines and knows it is the same individual who worked for him at the hamburger stand several years ago.

JUAREZ stated that the former owner of the establishment, who sold it in July of 1967, would be the only one who might still have records of the other employees.

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by SA JON KOLOMITZ/dag Date dictated 9/12/68

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ASSOCIATES

VAN ANTWERP, Edward

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SBS assoc. of E.V.

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VAN ANTWERP did not meet Sirhan's family or friends.

RELATIVES: (See separate section for details)

As far as is known, there are no relatives in the U. S. other than Subject's mother and four brothers. No relatives are known to be living in Israel (but see father). Relatives abroad are as follows:

Father: Bishara Salameh Ghattas SIRHAN is residing in Taybeh, which has been under Israeli occupation since the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Paternal Uncles:

SIRHAN, Habib, a farmer in Taybeh.

SIRHAN, Hanna Ghattis, believed to have died in US many years ago.

Maternal Uncles:

MUZHIR, Shukri, age about 55, has long been in an Amman hospital with a chest ailment.

MUZHIR, Theodore, age about 53, lives Amman and works at British Embassy as a driver. (He is SMOTH Chief's personal driver.)

Maternal Aunts:

NASIR, Victoria, nee MUZHIR, Married to:

NASIR, Salim, a grocer in Amman.

HADDAWAR, Elen, nee MUZHIR, married to:

HADDAWAR, Hanna, a carpenter living Old City Jerusalem.

DAHDEL, Julia, nee MUZHIR, a widow, living in Beit Jala.

AWAD, Naifa, nee MUZHIR, died two years ago. Was married to:

AWAD, Ibrahim, a driver, living in Beit Safafa.

Cousin:

ODE, Helen, Mrs. - her mother was a sister of Mary Sirhan's mother - NYTimes 7 June 1968. She recalled her cousin's dominance over her fourth son, Sirhan.

NU - a son and a nephew of Victoria Nasir.

Paternal Grandmother: NU. Lives with Bishara. About 90 years old.

Other: ZAHARAN family in Jordan is closely related to the Ghattis-SIRHAN family per NOHEART/2 & /1. Per Amman 6289, 6 June 1968, the elder ZAHARAN males were being queried re any knowledge of Sirhan B. Sirhan.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY: (See separate sections for details)

Father: Bishara Salameh Ghattas SIRHAN
Born 1913, Taybeh, a village near Ramallah, Jordan - age 55)

Mother: Mary Bishara SIRHAN
neé Mary Yaqub MUZHIR
Born: _____

Sister: Ayda, age about 30, died of cancer. (last year?)

Brothers:

Sharif	- Born 1932, Jerusalem	- age 36
Saidallah	- Born 1934, Jerusalem	- age 34
Adel	- Born 1940, Jerusalem	- age 28
Munir (aka Joe)	- Born 1948, Jerusalem	- age 20

(It is not known whether the brothers are married)

According to Wash. Post 6 June, a fifth brother is believed to exist, but has not been identified so far. In a NYTimes interview with the father on 6 June 68, the father stated that they have five boys. Theodore MUZHIR, maternal uncle of Sirhan, reported to his employer at the British Embassy in Amman that Sirhan had a fifth brother who died at an unspecified age and time (Amman-6296, 8 June).

NOMEART/2 is investigating radio reports that about one year ago, the Iraqis arrested "Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN's brother Sulayman" as an Israeli spy when he was caught at H-3 (an airfield in Iraq) with Iraqi military maps. The Iraqis allege they turned Sulayman over to Jordan. N/2 does not remember any such case and notes that Sirhan has no brother named Sulayman. (Amman 6305, 10 June 68.

10 June Cairo press review carried brief story attributed "all papers" claiming that Iraqi security authorities several months ago arrested a brother of Kennedy's assassin who is called Soliman Bishara SIRHAN, on charges of spying for Israel and have handed him over to Jordanian authorities because of connection with espionage network uncovered in Jordan (Cair-0769, 11 June).

Al Ahram 11 June ran front page UPI and AP story Amman dateline 10 June quoting Jordanian government spokesman denial of Subj's espionage role and relation to Kennedy alleged assassin. (Cair-0770, 11 June)

The story outlined above broke in Jordan 9 June, attributed to Iraqi news services. Jordan General Intelligence Directorate investigated 10 June and determined story without foundation. Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN has no brother named Sulayman, and no alleged Israeli agent named Sulaymen Sirhan was ever turned over to Jordanians by Iraqis. Jordanians received private official apology from Iraqis 11 June, along with promise of public retraction by Iraqi news media. (Amman 6314, 11 June)

Reuters, Amman. Bishara SIRHAN, who arrived here today from the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan, told reporters he had a son killed in Jerusalem in 1964. "I was very angry when the incident occured but after thinking about the matter for a while, I forgave those responsible.", he said. He said that there was no personal animosity between his own and the Kennedy family and that "only patriotic" reasons were behind Sirhan's assassination of Sen. Kennedy." 16 Jun 68.

Police Record.
~~PRIOR ARRESTS~~

The Pasadena police kept a "red flag file" on SIRHAN. All it meant was that if he ever got into trouble, they had a file they could pull out which listed every contact he had with the Law. We have seen the file and all it proves is that Sirhan was a boy who was quarrelsome and had been on the edge of trouble a few times without really getting into hot water. There are no criminal charges, only a dreary catalogue of trivial entries. Twice he reported a bicycle stolen: once when he was 14 and once when he was 18. Twice there were complaints that he was causing a disturbance - the last time on March 7 this year, the day he was sacked from his last job. Once he lodged a complaint himself. (Wash. Post. 9 June 68)

Wash. Post 7 June 68.

None of the legions of journalists and policemen looking into the background of the accused has been able to unearth close friends or associates. Apart from Sirhan's immediate family, WEIDNER (his former employer) is - to date- the best disinterested witness. He said Sirhan hated Jews, an apparentx legacy from the 1948 Palestine war when Sirhan said he saw Arabs killed by Israelis. Weidner said Sirhan "liked the law - and the courts." He gave this account of a dispute with Sirhan, which ended in termination of employment. The dispute arose over a delivery schedule. Weidner had one opinion, Sirhan another, and it ended when Sirhan called his boss a "liar". Then he quit. Shortly thereafter, Sirhen demanded $300 severance pay, which Weidner refused. Sirhan insisted on taking the matter before a California labor commissioner. Weidner agreed and on April 24 Los Angeles Labor Commissioner heard the case. He found for Weidner.

Sirhan's Police Record

AUTOMOBILE:

When Sirhan was arrested, he had a key to a Chrysler automobile. Police said the auto key fit the ignition of a car that belonged to an employee in the Ambassador Hotel kitchen. But, police said, the employee was at a hospital with his wife when the shooting took place. Chief Hedding said the employee had been eliminated as a suspect. Another police official said the key may actually belong to another automobile. (NYTimes ?) 7 June 68. The police said it was apparently a case of a worn key that just happened to fit the hotel worker's car.

NYTimes 8 June. The police reported today that they had discovered a car belonging to Sirhan only about a block away from the Ambassador Hotel, where it had apparently been since Tuesday night. The car is a 1956 DeSoto painted pink and white.

CURRICULUM VITAE:

24 Sept 1956 - Immigration visa issued in Amman, Jordan

12 Jan 1957 - Entered the US at the Port of New York. Subject was 12 years old (lacking 2 months of 13th birth date) and was entered on his mother's passport, Jordanian No. 142-026, issued 2 July 1956.

The family had quickly broken up in discord, the father staying in N. Y. to work as a plumber and then going back to their Palestinian home, the mother taking five children to California, where a sixth child immigrated later.

1964 - Graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena.

1964-1966 - Attended Pasadena City College.

* Oct. 15, 1965 – March 31, 1966 – Sirhan Employed as Stable Hand at Santa Anita →

16 May 1966 - In Flagstaff, Arizona, Police Capt. Jean Slayton said a Sirhan Munir Bishara SIRHAN, 18, of Pasadena, Calif. pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge May 16, 1966 and served 15 days in jail. When arrested, Sirhan was accompanied by another man. They were driving a 1957 automobile with Indiana license plates. At the time, he was penniless. /Note: This is very likely the younger brother, Munir (aka Joe) who was 18 in 1966./

2 June 1966-
10 Dec 1966- Exercise jockey at a California race track. Fingerprints were taken and filed as juvenile and were the basis for positive identification of Subject.

* LATE 1966 – For 5 months lived with Edward Von Astrange at Tower →

25 Sept 66 - Sirhan won a $2,000 settlement four months ago /Feb. 68?/ [redacted] injuries he received in a fall off a horse. Sirhan was working as an exercise boy at the Granja Vista Del Rio Rach near Corona, Calif., owned by Bert ALTFILLISCH when the fall occurred Sept. 25, 1966, according to records of the State Industrial Accidents Commission. Dr. Milton Miller, [redacted] who examined Sirhan in his office

8 Nov. 66 & 20 Dec 66 November 8 and December 20, 1966, said Sirhan complained of [redacted] Miller said when he refused to write a letter verifying [redacted] Sirhan telephoned him and threatened the doctor had "better do what he told me to or he was 'gonna git' me, or I 'would be sorry' or something to that effect."

[redacted]

6/17/68 - Interview with Gordon BOWSHER, horse owner and trainer - advised that SBS had been employed by him from Oct. 15, 1965 to March 31, 1966, when he quit on his own volition. He stated he hired S as a stable hand at Santa Anita when S. walked hot horses for him. After the Santa Anita season was over, S worked a little while for him at the Pomona Fair Grounds.

[redacted]

6/17/68 - Edward Van ANTWERP, Eureka, Calif. was reinterviewed. After considerable conversation and viewing of published photo of Sirhan, VAN ANTWERP became fully convinced that "Sol" and SIRHAN are identical, that this is the young man with whom he lived for about 5 months in late 1966 at the Highlander Motel and another address in Norco, Calif.

VAN ANTWERP met SIRHAN totally by chance at the Highlander Motel, when Sirhan came there looking for a place to stay. VAN ANTWERP was drinking that day /note: he is an alcoholic/ and they got into a conversation which resulted in Sirhan moving into his motel room with him. Although they occupied the same room for about 5 months, they did not associate much elsewhere. Sirhan worked at Corona Del Mar Horse Boarding Stables as an exercise boy. VAN ANTWERP was working for Taylor Rentals in Norco. Sirhan said his home was in Pasadena, and he went there frequently on weekends to visit his family. During the week, Sirhan went to work at the horse stables each morning, returning in the evening in a routine fashion. About all he did at the motel was sit around quietly drinking tea in great quantitites. The only thing out of the ordinary that VAN ANTWERP noticed about Sirhan was that he did seem to have a feeling that he was getting an unfair deal in life mainly because he was economically poor. Sirhan did not set forth any radical political views or make comments indicating anything extradordinary in his personality.

VAN ANTWERP has no knowledge of Sirhan's associates, social organization affiliation, political beliefs, ethnic background, family or anything else of a personal nature.

VAN ANTWERP did not meet Sirhan's family or friends.

[redacted]

CURRICULUM VITAE:

10 July 1967 - 2 Oct 1967 & - 8 Feb 1968

Sirhan subsequently filed a disability complaint for workments compensation on July 10, 1967 and hearings were held Oct. 2, 1967 and Feb. 8, 1968. However, [redacted] Dr. Forrest Johnson, indicated there was no way to tell if a man's [redacted] were bona fide. He said a doctor really can't discount a man's complaints [redacted] so the claim was settled for $2,000. (Wash. Post 8 June 68)

24 Sept 1967 - 7 Mar 1968 -

Employed as a $2.00 an hour stock clerk at Organic-Pasadena, 1380 North Lake Avenue, a health food store. WEIDNER, the owner of Organic, gave an account of a dispute with Sirhan, which ended in termination of employment. The dispute arose over a delivery schedule. WEIDNER had one opinion, Sirhan another, and it ended when Sirhan called his boss a "liar". Then he quit. Shortly thereafter, Sirhan demanded $300 severance pay, which Weidner refused. Sirhan insisted on taking the matter before a California labor commissioner. Weidner agreed and an April 24 Los Angeles Labor Commissioner heard the case. He found for Weidner. (Wash Post 7 June 68)

TRAVEL:

12 January 1957 - Arrived at New York City at age of 12 with mother, father, three of his four brothers, Adel, Sharif, and Munir, and a sister, Ayda. A fourth brother, Saidallah, arrived in June 1960. (According to Israeli report JX-44306, 6 June 1968, Sadallah and Adel joined the family in the US at a later date.)

Per INS, 5 June 1968, there was no record of issuance of US passport to Subject or any of his family in US, implying he had not left the US since original entry in 1957. This record check, however, was not yet considered conclusive. (Note: INS apparently believed on 5 June that Sirhan was a naturalized citizen.)

NOHEART/1 and /2 interviewed a son and nephew of Sirhan's Aunt Victoria in Jordan 7 June 1968. Sources believed Sharif and Sa'dallah went to US four or five years ago.

Accordigg to Wash. Post 9 June 68, Sirhan arrived with his mother, his sister Aida - who died of cancer last year - and three brothers: Sharif, Adel and Munier (the fourth, Said Allah, arrived in 1960). The father, who joined them a few months later, stayed in New York where he found work as a plumber and the mother took the children to California where she got a job as children's nurse.

Per Jon KIMCHE article in London Evening Standard, Sirhan ABU-KHATAR was first brought to the US as a four year old child in 1948, not in 1957. He returned to Jordan in 1957 and the records show that he was married on 27 June 1957 at Es Salt when he was only 13, to Leila Yussef MIKHAEL. Later that year /1957/ Sirhan returned to the US and three months later his wife was brought to him. Three later journeys were made in 1964 and 1966. In 1964, Sirhan returned to the Middle East for seven months, four of which he spent in Damascus. Where he was for the rest of the time is not stated.

In 1966, he is said to have spent an even longer period in the M.E., including a stretch of five months in Cairo. He returned to the US according to this report, at the beginning of 1967.

An AP account of the above story states: The story was written by Jon KIMCHE, a free-lance journalist and former editor of the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review, a weekly published in London. He did not give his source. (London EMBTEL 9869, 13 June.)

Bishara SIRHAN told NOHEART/2 that while sons had attended Lutheran schools in Jerusalem, it was UNRWA which had sponsored emigration to US. UNRWA got family tickets and took away UNRWA ration card.

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6/13/68 - Abdallah replied the same as Adel to above questions.

6/13/68 - Sharif replied the same as Adel to above questions.

SIRHAN PERSONALITY REPORT

NAME: Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN
(The name was first reported by Immigration & Naturalization Service as Sharif Bishary SIRHAN. This was later corrected to the above.)
Jo Kimche (see under Min. Pers.) reported this name actually Sirhan Bishara Sirhan ABU KHATAR. In separate interviews with FBI on 13/6/68, Adel, Munir, Saidallah and Sharif state that info officially received. Latter stated he has never known the

DPOB: 19 March 1944, Jerusalem, Jordan

CITIZENSHIP: Jordanian. INS File # A-10-711-881. Although SIRHAN was brought to the U. S. when he was 12 years old, he has not applied for U. S. citizenship, nor has his family. However, according to Wash. Post 17 June, Sirhan's brother Saidallah had an appointment with INS the day following the Kennedy assassination, but the appointment was cancelled by INS (see details under Saidallah).

Marital Status: Single. Separate FBI interviews on 13/6/68 with Adel, Munir, Sharif and Saidallah, all state to their knowledge, Sirhan has never married and have never heard of Lida Azar Michael.

RESIDENCES: At time of issuance of visa in Amman on 24 September 1956, Subject 's father's address was given as P. O. Box 4079, Jerusalem.
At time of shooting, 5 June 1968, he was reported as residing at 696 E. Howard St., Pasadena, California with his mother and two brothers, Munir (aka Joe) and Adel. Sharif's and Saidallah's address or addresses are not given.
According to another news report, Sirhan lived with his mother and three of his brothers, names not given.
According to NY Times 7 June, Sirhan lived with his mother, Adel and Munir. The house is estimated to be worth about $15,000.

1957- 1960/1961 - Immigrated to Calif. in 1957, lived at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, L. A. This house was torn down in 1960 or 1961 and area is now a parking lot. (FBI interview with Henric Vartanian, owner of Henric's Toys, [redacted] was known Sirhan's when they lived at above address.).

Sirhan to see the name S B S a h n K. and notes that this is a Muslim name and it literally means S B S, father of K h a t a r - Abdel said Sirhan is a Christian and would not have such a Muslim name.

FBI Report

Immigrant visa application dated 22 Sept. 1956 is in name of Sarhan, Sarhan Bishara, Sirhan but signature of father for son is Sirhan Sirhan.

Philosophy/Persuasion

RELIGION/~~BELIEFS~~: Christian. Greek Orthodox Church. Comment from CNE: As a rule, Christian Arabs have not been active in Arab terroritst organizations such as the Palestine Liberation Organization. Jordanian authorities state family is Christian, not Muslim and with no record of ties with Palestine terrorists.

Sirhan received at his request - but barely read - two theosophical books - "The Secret Doctrine" by H. P. Blavatsky, and "Talks at the Feet of the Master" by C. W. Leadbetter. The booksaare the works of leaders in the theosophical movement - a body of thought claiming special knowledge of divine wisdom. Some theosophists looked on India as the source of all wisdom and most espoused the Indian doctrine of reincarnation.

Pasadena. The SIRHAN family led a checkered religious life from the time it arrived here in late 1957. Having been brought to this country under the auspices of two families who were members of the First Nazarene Church here, Mrs. Sirhan, three of her sons and a daughter, attended that church only briefly. Mrs. Sirhan then took her four children to the First Baptist Church here. The suspect attended Sunday school and youth meetings there and the church in 1961 sponsored the immigration of his two elder brothers Saidallah and Sharief. Some acquaintances said Sirhan was a Rosicrucian, a mail-order mysticism based in San Jose. Yesterday in jail Sirhan asked for two books on theosophy, a religious association with mystical overtones whose current leader is J. Krishnamurti. NYTimes, 8 June 1968.

...Other friends claim that the passage, also, was assisted by the Jehovah's Witnesses. The father's present relationship with the sect is unclear. The Jehovah's Witnesses have been banned in Jordan for nine years, but they still proselytise fiercely. According to the Mukhtar of Taibeh, the father is supported by the sect - though why, is unknown. According to Mukhtar Muaddi, it was money from the sect that helped the father build his new ten-room stone villa in Taibeh overlooking groves of almond and olive trees - a house that must have cost around $12,000. All this, the father denies. Wash.Post 9 June 68.

RELIGION/BELIEFS:

NOHEART/2 is investigating press reports that Bishara involved somehow with Jehovah's Witnesses. ADOMITUS received report from Jordanian contact confirming press story and adding that Bishara was leader of Jehovah's Witnesses in Ramallah in 1957 when sect was investigated by GOJ and then banned. ADOMITUS' source added that Jehovah's Witnesses again allowed operate in Jordan in 1960 because of LNHARP pressure, but in 1963 they were banned again apparently as a result of the Arab League allegation of secret ties to World Zionist movement. AMMAN 6305, 10 June.

NOHEART/2 interviewed Bishara SIRHAN morning 17 June, unfortunately after Bishara had given interviews to both Amman newspapers. NOHEART/2 advised Bishara "as fellow Jordanian and lawyer" not to make any public statements, at least until he consulted son's lawyer. Bishara stated he never member Jehovah's Witnesses. Curiosity led him attend five or six meetings in 1950-52 period but he had dropped witnesses because their beliefs incompatible with his Greek Orthodox beliefs. AMMAN 6338, 17 June

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Height 5'5" Weight about 120 lbs. Swarthy complexion and wiry or bushy hair.

HABITS: According to his last employer, Subject did not smoke or drink.

EDUCATION: 1951-52- Was in 6th grade at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Schbol.

- - 56 - Studied in small school run by the Lutheran Church of the Savior, Old City, Jerusalem.

21 Jan 1957 - Elementary school registration (FBI)

- 63 - Graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena. Described as an A-1 student by classmates. A member of both the junior and senior councils, and a member of the ROTC.

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Records of the Veterans Admin. reflected that Sirhan Selim Sirhan was given a physical exam on July 9, 1957 while in the U. S. Army. Birthdate [redacted] Jeru. Served in U. S. Army from Aug 9, 1954 to July 26, 1957. Upon discharge he listed his home as Detroit, Michigan and his father was Salim SIHHAN and his mother was Marion M. SIHHAN. His wife, Nelly was born at Salt, Jordan, whom he married on May 57, 1957 at Salt.

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ENCLOSURE 40-A

LONDON 568

13 - Apparently reacting to EMBTEL 9621 and KIMCHE's article 13 June, FBI Hqs phoned local FBI rep late evening 13 June asking he check all appropriate Embassy sources re origin KIMCHE info and identify Arab government. He checked Station and we indicated our ignorance.

Early 14 June Emb political section, believing KIMCHE unlikely come clean to Emb political officer, asked Station whether we could go to British services and ask them if they in position to question KIMCHE on origins and details his story. If British services answer affirmatively, then Emb via State channel would ask State Dept to go ahead have us ask British interview Kimche. Emb and local FBI very sensitive not take any way which could conceivably prejudice legal proceeding against SIRHAN, hence their emphasis on obtaining clearances each step of the way from Washington.

Our preliminary check with LCBEFORE indicates KIMCHE not in good repute as responsible journalist and unlikely disclose his sources if, in fact, he had any. LCBEFORE currently considers KIMCHE "casual agent" of ISRAELI I.S.

Station has slim file on KIMCHE (201-800700) which indicates he has in past published articles harmful USG intersts. JAGUAR traces 1966 assert KIMCHE was in touch with number Israeli officials including members Israeli IS (See London 4049 dated 7 June 66). Also refers to 1966 investigation to determine whether KIMCHE related RIS via his business connections. OELA-45,449 dated 29 June 66 reports LCBEFORE "verbal slip" identifying KIMCHE's brother as head Israeli I.S. presumably at that time.

Meanwhile, would appreciate your guidance what if anything we may impart to local FBI reps. Have told Embassy our British liaison (LCBEFORE) dubious their ability effect meaningful interview with KIMCHE.

Embassy Tel Aviv 4128, just received here via State channel, indicated UPI has filed story shooting down KIMCHE article. No London press pick up on KIMCHE story as of noon 14 June.

HQS 444 - Orig: IC/CI:Hunt. REF London 568. Advise local FBI reps headquarters
14 June 68 providing FBI headquarters bio data on KIMCHE.

Local press stories have shot down his article. Seems to us most logical course of action is for some element of British govt. to go to the Evening Standard and get all background.

HQS 445 - REF HQS 444. FBI Hqs have just advised that there is an individual who
14 Jun 68 has Sirhan among his names who has travelled but is not identical with Sirhan SIRHAN. Immigration and FBI are trying to sort it out.

HQS 446 - REF HQS 444. FBI advises that Embassy officer who knows KIMCHE is asking
14 Jun 68 him about his source but doubtful re positive results. Please let us know. FBI have asked our help in trying to pin these down.

LONDON 569 - REF HQS 446 and DIR 06261. For results Embassy officer interview with
17 Jun 68 KIMCHE 15 June see LONDON EMBTEL 9945 to DEPARTMENT 4207. Para 8 refers Station check with LCBEFORE per para 3 London 568.

Misc. Personalities

Sikhad / Walid Khan — Detroit - Jackson, Michigan

AMMAN-6266 - 5 Jun 68 — To Dir, info Beirut, Jerusalem, Teheran. Ref DIR-05543. No Station traces Sirhan SIRHAN (aka Sherif Bishara SIRHAN). No Consulate records subject issued visa Amman. Liaison alerted and investigating. Initial liaison records check negative, but one knowledgeable source in local service recalls members family with same name, from Sulwan, Jerusalem District, emigrated to US 8 to 10 years ago. Checks continuing.

Detroit - Sirhan

SPEED LETTER from CNE 6 June 68 — To Chief, CI; info: Director of Security. A recent Jerusalem refugee now living near Amman, Jordan has reported that one Walid Muhammed Ahmad SIRHAN from the village of SULWAN near Jerusalem went to USA in early 1968, possibly in March, and is now studying mechanics. Present residence 508 West Franklin, Jackson, Michigan 49201. Since arrival in Jackson has been writing his sister regularly. Has met one Sirhan SIRHAN with whom he has developed a "close brotherly relationship."

Misc. Pers.

CNE Comment: This seems to me to be an important lead. That Sirhan SIRHAN in Pasadena could in three months develop a close relationship with Walid SIRHAN in Jackson, Michigan is an unusual element of this report. I would urge that the FBI be given this and given our rationale as to why it should be pursued. We would of course like to have any material they turn up. /CNE reports info reported in Amman cable, to be abstracted later/

Jordan authorities state family is Christian, not Muslim and with no record of ties with Palestinian terrorists. There is no record that Sirhan SIRHAN has been back in the Middle east since departing as a child of 11 years of age. Comment: As a rule, Christian Arabs have not been active in Arab terrorist organizations such as those of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Thus, there is a point to clarifying this with whatever investigation is being carried out by the FBI and the LA police.

Cable passed to LA Police by Chief of Security

Amman 6388 17/6

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Re AMMAN-6287, Muhammad Itsaq SIRHAN returned NOBASS headquarters morning 6 June and asked see NOHEART/2. Told he was out and would be back about noon. Muhammad left saying would see no one else. NOHEART/2 will recontact Muhammad, but doubts he will shed much light on investigation since it has been established that Muslim Sirhan and Christian Sirhan families not directly related and know little of each other.

Amman 6294 7/6

Misc. Rec.

NOTE: The above was dissem'd to community as DIR-06330, 7 June 1968

~~SECRET~~ RYBAT

AMMAN 6287 - 6 Jun 68

Ref DIR 05729. During night 5-6 May NOPICE/1 and NOHEART/2 began interviews all Palestinians living Amman names SIRHAN in effort develop info. One lead was Itsaq SIRHAN and son Muhammad who from Sulwan village near Jerusalem and presently living Jebel Ashrafiya in Amman. Itsaq first stated his family and that of Subj ref not directly related but he knew of Subj in following manner.

Misc. Rec.

Itsaq's nephew Walid Muhammad Ahmad SIRHAN, from Sulwan, age 23, went US about three months ago and presently studying auto mechanics at school in Jackson, Michigan. Walid address 508 West Franklin, Jackson, Michigan 49201. Walid writes his sister in Amman often, and since arrival in US wrote that he had made friends with Sirhan SIRHAN. Friendship had ripened into close and brotherly relationship.

Having heard news bulletins re Subj, Itsaq offered suggestion LNHARP might find interview with Walid helpful. Later in night, when NOPICE/1 returned to Itsaq to find Walid's sister and get letters, Itsaq and son obviously having second thoughs on getting involved this matter and began change story by saying actually they knew of no contact between Walid and Subject. Finally, in whispered aside to NOHEART/2, Muhammad Itsaq SIRHAN said he would canvass all relatives, try find letters, and report back to NOHEART/2 at noon 6 June.

Other leads being pursued include Ahmad SIRHAN, age about 60, originally from Algeria but long-time resident Jerusalem who presently Amman. Ahmad had record as guerrilla fighter against Israelis 1948 and had home in section near wailing wall which Israelis levelled after June 1967 to make assembly square. Ahmad in brief interview told NOPICE/1 he had no relatives in US and did not know Subj family.

NOTE: Above dissemed to community as DIR-05851, 6 June 1968.
NOTE 2. Per Mrs. Homan 17 June, FBI interviewed Walid in Jackson; he denied knowing Sirhan SIRHAN.

Misc. Rec.

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EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED THROUGH JORDANIAN SECURITY OFFICIALS INFORMATION WHICH EFFECTIVELY REFUTES INFORMATION IN KIMCHE ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT ACCUSED ASSASSIN'S FAMILY NAME WAS ABU KHADER AND THAT HE WAS MARRIED IN SALT. LIKEWISE, JORDANIANS HAVE NO RPT NO INFO THAT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN VISITED JORDAN AFTER 1957 EMIGRATION TO US. ACCORDING THIS INFO KIMCHE SOURCE HAS CONFUSED SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN WITH ONE SIRHAN SALIM SIRHAN ABU KHADER. LATTER, AT AGE 22, MARRIED IN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN SALT ON MAY 27, 1957 LILLY YUSSUF MIKHAIL ABU KHADER. LILLY WAS THEN ATTENDING ORTODOX CHURCH SCHOOL IN SALT. HER MOTHER IS HILLALA AWAD SIRHAN. HILLALA AND HER HUSBAND, YUSSUF, PRESENTLY LIVE IN ZERKA, TOWN 15 KILOMETERS NORTH OF AMMAN WHERE HE WORKS IN STONE QUARRY. SIRHAN SALIM AND WIFE LILLY ARE BELIEVED NOW LIVING IN DETROIT. THE ABU KHADER FAMILY WAS ORIGIONALLY FROM TAIBEH IN PALESTINE, BUT, UNTIL RECENT MOVE TO ZERKA, HAD LIVED IN SALT FOR LAST SIXTY YEARS. THERE IS APPARENTLY

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DISTANT FAMILY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAMILY OF SIRHAN BISHARA IBIRHAN AND FAMILY OF SIRHAN SALIM SIRHAN ABU KHADER.
EMBASSY HAS CLASSIFIED THIS MESSAGE BUT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE AS DEPARTMENT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.
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FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY JON KIMCHE QUOTED IN TOTO FROM JUNE 17 EVENING STANDARD. ENTITLED FBI PROBE MIDDLE EAST TRAVELS.

QUOTE: THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AT HOME AND UNITED STATES OFFICIALS ABROAD HAVE BEEN ACTIVE OVER THE WEEKEND IN SEEKING TO PENETRATE THE SICKENING SMOKE SCREEN WHICH IS SETTLING ON THE ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION--ESPEICALLY OVER SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN'S IMMEDIATE PAST. THEY HAVE BEEN PROBING NEW INFORMATION COVERING AT LEAST FOUR FOREIGN COUNTRIES CONCERNING SIRHAN'S MOVEMENTS. IN DOING SO THEY ARE SATISFIED THAT SIRHAN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR A FAIR TRIAL WILL NOT BE JEOPARDISED. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS THOUGHT THAT TIMELY ACTION AND REVELATION MAY PROTECT HIS LIFE MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN FORMALISTIC SILENCE--ESPECIALLY IF SIRHAN SHOWS ANY INCLINATION TO TALK FREELY. NEW INFORMATION WHICH HAS REACHED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CLAIMS TO GIVE DETAILS OF SIRHAN'S JOURNEY TO SYRIA IN 1964, THE TIME HE WENT, WHERE HE WENT, HOW HE WENT, AND WHAT HE DID. UNQUOTE.

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Put this under Misc. Personalities —

ABU KHADIR —

Jon Kimche, in an article in the London Evening Standard 13 June, purport to discuss the "last part" regarding Sirhan's travels abroad. He states that Sirhan's real name is Sirhan Bishara Sirhan ABU KHATAR — He offers the following account of Sirhan's ~~[illegible]~~ travels —

1948 — Emigrated to the U.S. — not in 1957

1957 — Returned to Jordan and married in the Orthodox Church at Es Salt, June 27-1957 — 15 miles east of Amman on June 27, 1957, (often be seen only 13, to Leila Yusef MIKHAIL from Es Salt.

Later that year-1957 — — Sirhan returned to the U.S. and three months later his wife came [illegible] to him —

1964 — Returned to the Middle East for seven months, four of which he spent in Jordan, last stated where he was for the other 3 months —

of five months in Cairo —

Beginning of 1967 — Returned to the U.S.
Entitled to 7869 — 13 Jan.

(Note — FBI says there is a Sirhan with similar name but travelled — not identical with our Sirhan, but may be the subject of Kramer's article. FBI flying to Israel to interview Tel Aviv, UPI correspondent talked to Sirhan's father and a former school teacher and both deny Sirhan ever married and state other details very improbable. The State Dept. stated that there is no information that Sirhan either left or returned to the U.S. after his original arrival in 1957. According to Coast Post, however, resident aliens such as Sirhan, are given the Form 151 "green card" for identification and can remain at home the U.S. for periods up to a year without need of a re-entry permit. The INS says returning resident aliens are listed on ship and plane passenger [illegible]

Jerusalem (5)

familiar with the Immigration Service's paper work say the file often lacks something to be desired — (Wash Post 14 Jun)

The Los Angeles Times said the London paper story is refuted by personnel files at Granja Vista del Rio Ranch in Corona, Calif., where Sirhan was employed from June 2, 1966 to the week ending Dec. 10, 1966. On Sept 25, 1966, he fell from a horse he was exercising and sustained a head injury which later was the subject of court litigation in which he was awarded $2,000. Sirhan first sought medical treatment for the injury in early February 1967.

Wash. Post 14 June 68.

Subcat/2 determined 15-16 June that Kennedy assassin and Sirhan Abu KHADIR of Jordanian origin are two different persons.

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RE DEPTEL 176785

PERSON IN CUSTODY LOS ANGELES POLICE NOW FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN BORN MARCH 19, 1944 JERUSALEM. VISAS

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ISSUED ANNAR SEPTEMBER 24, 1956. APPLICATION NUMBER I-1130886. VISAS NUMBER 1669. NON-QUOTA UNDER PL 203-4-(A)(14). CAME TO US ON MOTHER'S PASSPORT. MOTHER'S NAME MARY BISHARA SARHAN NPI SARHAN. MOTHER'S PASSPORT ISSUED BY JORDAN GOVERNMENT JULY 2, 1956, NUMBER 144426. FATHER'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS BISHARA SARHAN, P.O. 4079, JERUSALEM. SIRHAN BELIEVED TO HAVE AUNT NAMED ALEN HADAWWAR WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS CAS CARE HOUSE OF SHAIKH YASIN, JERUSALEM. THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC RELEASE OF FOREGOING INFO UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. USIA CABLE FOLLOWING WITH PUBLICLY RELEASABLE BIOGRAPHIC DATA. GP-3. RUSK

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SUBJ: KENNEDY SHOOTING SUSPECT

REF: JERUSALEM 1360

1. WISH MAKE IT CLEAR WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHETHER SNBZ FBJ KWOY NAMES SUBMITTED REFTEL ARE RELATED TO SUSPECT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

2. JERUSALEM POST JUNE 6 NOTED THERE ARE TWO LARGE SIRHAN FAMILIES IN JERUSALEM AREA, BUT BOTH ARE MOSLEM WHEREAS NAME OF SUSPECTS FATHER (BISHARA) WOULD INDICATE HE CHRISTIAN. ARTICLE SAID LOCAL WAITER KNEW OF SNBZ FBJ KWBY LIVING IN SILWA, (SUBURB OF JERUSALEM) AND "IN TWO SMALL VILLAGES NEAR NEBI SAMWIL" (FEW MILES NORTHWEST OF CITY). RADIO REPORTS SPECIFY VILLAGES OF BEIT IKSA AND BEIT DUQQU.

3. PRESS AND TV REPORTERS SEEKING SILWAN FAMILY FOUND ONE ARAFAT SIRHAN WHO WAS SHOWN RADIOPHOTO OF SUSPECT BUT "DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM."

4. TOWN OF TAYBEH WHERE AMCIT REGISTRANTS WERE FROM (REFTEL) IS NORTHEAST OF JERUSALEM, DOZEN MILES FROM BOTH LOCATIONS MENTIONED IN PRESS.

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JOINT USIS-EMBASSY MESSAGE

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVING PRESS INQUIRIES WHETHER AMMAN ISSUED VISA TO SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. (SINCE JERUSALEM NOT VISA ISSUING OFFICE PRIOR JUNE WAR IT LOGICAL FOR PRESS TO CONCLUDE VISA WAS ISSUED IN AMMAN.) HOWEVER, SINCE 1956 VISA RECORDS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, WE IN FACT HAVE NO RECORD HERE OF ISSUANCE OF VISA TO SIRHAN. THEREFORE, WE ARE PLANNING TO RESPOND TO PRESS AS FOLLOWS/ " SINCE NO VISA FACILITIES IN ARAB JERUSALEM AT TIME SIRHAN WENT TO U.S., IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED VISA IN AMMAN. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN SINCE LOCAL VISA RECORDS ARE NOT RETAINED BEYOND FOUR YEARS."

2. ASSUMING INS RECORDS CONFIRM VISA ISSUED AMMAN (STATE 177068) WE SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES.

3. REQUEST DEPT' S CONCURRENCE IN OUR SO USING VISA ISSUANCE INFORMATION IN STATE 177068. SYMMES

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2.				NOTE: Reference JX-44306, dated 6 June 1968, same subject.
3.				FYI: Your comments would be appreciated especially on item 5a. JLH
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5.				There is no evidence or indication that Siban ever left the State after his arrival in 1957 —
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6 August 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/OPS/NE

SUBJECT : Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN

1. A usually reliable source has reported the following information on Subject, which he obtained from a subsource of unknown reliability. Source expresses considerable reservations about the veracity of the information.

a. In June 1965, under the assumed name of John Conestan (Conestnan?) DAVID, Subject arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, aboard a Soviet (?) vessel "Sofia," in cabin No. 13. He was met at the port by Kamal MIRWEH (owner of the Beirut newspaper "Al Hayat", since murdered), and Philippe Bustrus AKRAH, director of an import-export company in Beirut, who has much influence in ruling circles and good connections with Kamil SHAMOUN, former Lebanese President.

b. In September 1965, again under the name of DAVID, Subject was in Adana, Turkey.

c. In June 1967, Subject was in Amman, where he visited the office of Yassir AMURI, officer in charge of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Amman. Here Subject revealed his real name, Sirhan Bishara SIRHAN.

d. In July 1967, Subject was seen at Al Hama, the Fatah training camp near Damascus, in the company of two negroes speaking English with an American accent. One of them was named COLE. Also in Subject's company was one Muhammed Abd Al RAHIM, in charge of the guard at the Al Hama camp.

e. A few days later an Arab lieutenant named Muhi Al Din QOQASH travelled to Amman and from there to Beyt Shaur near Jerusalem. Here he met an American by the name of Batchko FOUSKE (phonetic spelling) living in Beyt Sahur, who handled YMCA affairs and was in charge of the "Hakal Al Ruat" Hotel. This meeting was connected with Subject (the subsource would not give any details on the connection).

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f. Later on Subject again visited Amman, this time in the company of a Palestinian, one Ahmed KILIANI, employed by the Jordanian broadcasting service. During this visit Subject photographed archeological and military sites in Jordan, and either the Jordanian Intelligence Service (I.S.) (or Secret Service) got on his trail. Subject left by ship from Aqaba, after leaving his hired car with Hanna Elias ZAKHRIYA of Al Salt St, Amman. According to subsource, the Jordanian I.S. opened a file on Conestan DAVID.

2. According to source, a check conducted at Beyt Sahur revealed that a 55-year old Pole (present nationality not known) by the name of BATCHOVSKY (phonetic spelling), a director of International YMCA, used to visit Beyt Sahur annually during May-August and organize youth camps. About a year ago he stayed there at the YMCA house known as "Hakel Al Ruah", but he left for Beirut prior to the War on 5 June 1967. He is presently in Amman where he is organizing youth camps for the children of refugees.

3. Source said that the names Marof Ahmed BADRAN, Ghaleb Ahmed BADRAN, Abdo Jabra MALKI, and Anwar Musa SAYEGH were not listed in available books of the Jordanian registrar; however, the following information came to light in the course of investigations in Kafr Silwan:

a. Marof Ahmed BADRAN, born in Silwan, about 22 years old, is in the United States.

b. Ghaleb Ahmed BADRAN, born Silwan, about 23 years old. After graduating from high school in Jerusalem he travelled to the United States to his uncle Mustafa Daud SULIMAN, his mother's brother. Family: The father Muhammed Ahmed BADRAN is a retired school teacher. A few days after the June War he and his family left for the East Bank. He is now in Amman, together with his wife Lutfiya Daud SULIMAN and their other children. In Silwan he has the reputation of a quiet, introverted man, well respected, and devoted to his family.

JOHN L. HADDEN
CHIEF, CI/SPG

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I advocate the overthrow of the current president of the fucken United States of america, I have no absolute plans yet - but soon will compose some I am poor — This country's propoganda says that she is the best country on the world - I have not experienced this yet - the U.S - Says that life in Russia is bad — why — ~~so~~ supposedly No average american has ever lived in a slavic society so how can he tell if it is good or bad — cuz his goat putting words in his mouth.

Anyway — I believe that the U.S is ready ~~to~~ to start decling, not that it hasn't - it began in ~~the~~ 23, 63 — but it should decline at a ~~fast~~ faster rate so that the real Utopia will not ~~be~~ be so far from being realized during the early 700 in this country.

I strictly support the communist ~~party~~ party — in the Russian Chinese

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For a person to put his thoughts into words is a difficult task if you were to remember that that person is a teacher & who is therefore more psychically inclined than the urban contemporary.

America will soon face a downfall, or a turmoil that she will never recover from it. This statement is based on several observations and incident that I've had the experienced

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The American politician leads his people through any course that he wants them to - this is possible because the people ~~to~~ lack the initiative, ~~are~~ or are indifferent to the actions of their leaders. Then leaders say: "you have the right to speak against your govt, & and support its changes" - but remember, — ~~that~~ Democrats means Only — if otherwise we will blast the bottom of you - and besides, you wouldn't want to do anything like that it is stupid costly and wasteful - just let us run the country there are ~~to~~ to this it work for us - and I am for elected -

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the from what we are doing in viet Nam — tried keeping the economy going through out war spending — we will keep taxes — here working on Diagnosis matters — to impeach you — all what we really want to do is fuck you up — get fat and lazy quit

WOT my solution to this type of government that is to do away with its leaders — and declare ourselves the best form of govt — or no govt

~~I learned that you get to get the ... Now is the time for freedom~~

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the President is your best friend until he gets in power then he is your worst enemy — one drop of blood out of you — and I am up he doesn't like you — you're dead

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my dear mr. [illegible]

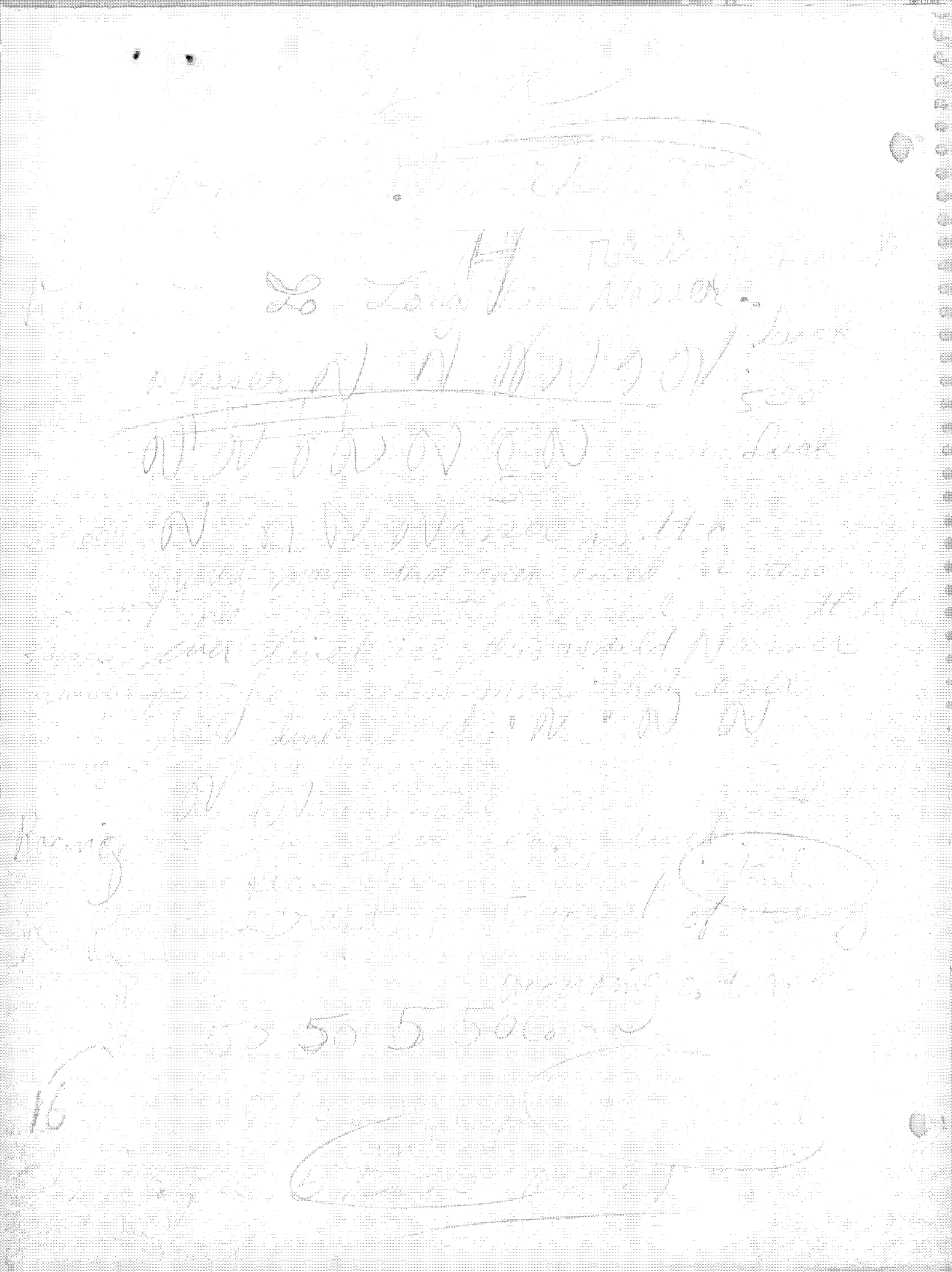
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Following Arab names were written in English letters. Explanation is given below as to their significance:

Al-Hilal: An Egyptian monthly magazine similar to the Readers Digest.

Um Kulthoum: Famous Egyptian female singer

Abdel (Wa) Wahab: Famous Egyptian male singer

(Sout) Sawtushark: Voice of the East

Waheeduddeen; Hasan; Majiedduddien are Arabian names which could be family names or first names.

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Ambassador Stone
Dolton— Would you Stone
Dolton— Would like to come
Ambassador Goldberg Stone—
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due the at me Washington—
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The era, the new era (Long live Nasser live) remember the era and wake up and if there is no era era era era era (live N N Nasser is not truly tahoman) and the old era old era (physical acceptable acceptable) --- era (tell a dream Long Live N Nasser) the era (Long Live Nasser Nasser) the new era (Long Live Nasser) Abdel - Nasser and if luck, luck, luck wishes it will not be less important (Long Live Nasser) and I here affix my thumb print (Gamal Abdel - Nasser) the new and renewed thumb. Gamal Abdel-Nasser was the one who crushed it Sirhan Sirhan crushed it in our world (standpoint) Sirhan Sirhan in the fabric is a small piece of the thumb. The universe the universe (order of) Sirhan Sirhan in the dreams of the universe (please pay to the) universe (physical standpoint) and if the world as we know it (Sirhan) know it (Gamal Abdel-Nasser is not altogether) and if the world as we know it and if the world as we know it. The dear, and if the world and if the world as we know it Abd Abdallah the thumb the thumb the President Gamal Abdel-Nasser the President Gamal Abdel-Nasser esquire the brother Abdel-Nasser Abd Abdel-Mejid the unworthy the thumb the President Gamal Abdel-Nasser Abd Abd that is the esquire Abu-Eid and AL-Motarer, His Royal Highness, the teacher Mister the one responsible for (Darling June) Life is beautiful beautiful beautiful Abdel-Kerim and everyone went about after his own badness, no to to to, Mr. Abd Abdel-Kerim can you say we chose. Luck chosee choses.

To Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Hakim Abdallah Hassenein the shameful one. Be sure of his intention Abdel-Hakim AL-Malek and if the esquire Abdel-Hakim Abdel-Majid and if the world as we know it Mr. Esquire.

* Translator's Note: All portions enclosed in parentheses appear in English on original).

Kennedy must fall Kennedy must fall
please pay to the order of Satan Satan

the account of Satan Satan and do not
forget to become very aware of the
~~he~~ Senator R Kennedy
Second group of American Satans.
must must be disposed of
we believe that Robert F. Kenedy must
be sacrificed for the cause of the
~~poo~~ poor exploited people

we believe that we can effect
such action and produce such results
the hand that is writing doing this
writing is going to do the slaying of
the afore mentioned victim
One wonders what it feels like to do any
assassination that might do some
illegal work ~~I don't pay~~ to

I believe that I can effect the
death of Robt. F. Kennedy

Kennedy must die | Kennedy must fall
Kennedy must fall Kennedy must fall
Kennedy must fall Kennedy must
fall Kennedy must fall