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VINCENT THOMAS DI PIERRO, [REDACTED]
 Los Angeles, California, an employee of the Ambassador Hotel,
 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, furnished the following
 signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
 June 7, 1968

"I, Vincent Thomas Di Pierro, born 2/5/49, and
 residing at [REDACTED] Los Angeles
 Calif. home phone number [REDACTED] furnished the following
 voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who has
 identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the
 Federal Bureau of Investigation. [REDACTED] has
 advised me that I may be required to testify in
 Federal Court regarding this statement.

"I am employed as a waiter at the Ambassador
 Hotel and although I was not working in that
 capacity at the hotel on June 5 1968, I was present
 at the hotel to observe Senator Robert Kennedy's
 victory speech. I arrived at the Ambassador Hotel
 after leaving my home at approx. 11:35 pm and went
 to the Ambassador Room which is below the Embassy
 Room. I then left the Ambassador Room and went upstairs
 to the kitchen via back stairs to avoid hotel security
 guards. I arrived in the kitchen and then went to
 the pantry area. My reason for doing this was to
 shake hands with Senator Kennedy. Shortly after
 this Senator Kennedy entered this room and then exited
 to the Embassy Room. As he went out the door to the
 Embassy Room Senator Kennedy shook hands with me and
 then went out into the Embassy Room. As I entered in
 this small room I was challenged by a hotel security
 guard but Martin Patrusky, a hotel employee, told him
 I worked for the hotel.

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VINCENT THOMAS DIPIERRO, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, telephone number [redacted] was recontacted and furnished the following information:

VINCENT DI PIERRO stated that he is employed by the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and was employed at that hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, and early morning of June 5, 1968. DI PIERRO stated that on the early morning of June 5, 1968, he was a witness to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. DI PIERRO stated that he was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI relative to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on June 7, 1968, and furnished a statement relative to the shooting.

DI PIERRO was asked how many people were in the area of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on June 5, 1968. DI PIERRO stated that approximately 20 to 25 people were in the immediate vicinity where Senator KENNEDY was shot, and approximately 40 to 50 people were in the general area.

DIPIERRO was asked did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting, and if so where. DI PIERRO stated that he first saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN approximately one minute before the shooting standing on a tray holder six inches high located approximately 30 feet from where he was standing.

DI PIERRO was asked if SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was with anyone. DI PIERRO stated that when he first saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN he was standing next to a girl. DI PIERRO furnished the following description of the girl:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	21 to 25 years of age

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Height	Approximately 5'4"
Weight	100 to 105 pounds
Build	"Shapely and attractive"
Hair	Dark brown or black, shoulder length
Characteristics	"Pudgy nose"
Clothing	White dress with black or purple polka dots on it.

DI PIERRO stated that when he saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN standing next to the above-described girl, she was leaning over SIRHAN standing next to him, and SIRHAN was smiling at her.

DI PIERRO was asked if he saw any objects in the hands of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. DI PIERRO stated that he did not see any objects in SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's hands, but he could not see his hands clearly. DI PIERRO stated that SIRHAN was holding on to the tray holder with his left hand and his right hand was across his body.

"I remained by the door leading to the Embassy Room and shortly thereafter, Eddie Manasian, another hotel employee, told me that Senator Kennedy was finished his speech and that he was going to the Colonial Room for a press conference and that I was to make an aisle for him. Senator Kennedy, after his speech, then left the stage in the Embassy Room and went through a door at the rear of the stage. He then turned to his right, walked down a ramp and was then in the same room as I was. As Senator Kennedy walked through this room I began walking next (approx. 3 feet) to him. Senator Kennedy walked through the swinging door on the left side and I went through the swinging door on the right side. At this time we were both (Senator Kennedy and I) in the kitchen.

"There were approx. 40-50 people were in this pantry room including hotel employees and spectators. I was walking next to Senator Kennedy while in the pantry area and at that time another unknown individual walked between myself and Senator Kennedy. At that time I was then walking approx. 5 feet away and slightly behind Senator Kennedy.

"I was stopped at the ice machine when Senator Kennedy stopped, shook hands with Martin Patrusky, turned and shook my hand as I was standing on the Senator's right, then turned to his left and went to shake hands with a busboy. Senator Kennedy then moved to his right and toward the heating cabinets to shake hands with a hotel cook and a female Caucasian standing next to the cook. At this time I stopped to observe Senator Kennedy as did the others in the room.

"Prior to this occurrence and the time that Senator Kennedy shook my hand I observed a white male and a white female standing on a tray holder at the opposite end of the ice machine which is approx. 12 - 15 feet away. This white male turned toward the white female

"and appeared to converse with her very briefly. He then dismounted from the tray holder went into the crowd and I did not observe him until shortly thereafter when I then saw him standing at the heating cabinet behind Mr. Karl Uecker, another hotel employee. I did not see this white female again after this time.

"As Senator Kennedy shook the hand of the hotel cook he then turned to his right in the direction of the heating cabinet and at that time I saw the white male who was previously standing on the tray holder now standing behind Mr. Uecker at the heating cabinet. I saw this individual reach his right arm around Mr. Uecker and in his hand he had a revolver which was pointed directly at Senator Kennedy's head. The revolver was about 3 - 5 feet from Senator Kennedy's head. This individual then shot Senator Kennedy in the head. Senator Kennedy at this time threw his hands and arms up, reeled backwards and fell to the floor. During this period of time and after the first shot was fired I heard 3 more rapidly fired shots.

"At this time the individual standing next to me on my left fell into my arms and I saw that he had been shot in the forehead. I eased this person to the floor, then went to the aid of Senator Kennedy who was on the floor and being helped by the bus boy. Senator Kennedy was dazed and said "Is everybody alright?" Senator Kennedy said "I'm alright" then mumbled something else.

"I then observed the individual who shot Senator Kennedy being subdued by Rafer Johnson, Karl Uecker and Roosevelt Grier. I saw someone hand Senator Kennedy a rosary and was then asked

"to leave by Mr. Unruh who is a State Senator.

"The same white male that I saw standing on the tray holder is the same person who stood behind Mr. Uecker and shot Senator Kennedy and was later taken away by Los Angeles Police Officers after being captured by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Grier and Mr. Uecker.

"I have read the foregoing statement, consisting of this page and four (4) additional pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Vincent Di Pierro

"Witnessed:

b7c [REDACTED] SA, FBI, Los Angeles,
[REDACTED] 6/7/68
[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Los
Angeles, 6/7/68"

In addition to the above signed statement, DI PIERRO furnished the following information:

He stated that both of the individuals described in the signed statement, who were standing on the tray holder, one of whom was the gunman who shot Senator KENNEDY, were not seen by him in the hotel at any time prior to the above described incident. He stated the gunman was dressed in what appeared to be a powder blue sport coat and white shirt and wearing what appeared to be blue pants with a small white check in them. He stated that the white female standing on the tray holder with the gunman would be described as follows: