

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/7/68

JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO, [REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the Ambassador  
Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a busboy.

He furnished the following information, including  
the signed statement set out below:

"Los Angeles, California  
June 6, 1968

"I, JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO, hereby furnish the  
following voluntary statement to [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves  
to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation. I have been advised that I could be  
required to testify in court regarding this matter

"I was born June 24, 1950, at Masatan, Mexico.  
I entered the United States approximately 1962. I  
reside with my stepfather, FLAVIANO ROMERO, and my  
mother, ANTONIA ROMERO, at [REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California. I am in grade A-11 at  
Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles, California.  
I am employed as a room service busboy at the  
Ambassador Hotel and have been so employed for  
approximately 2 1/2 years.

"On June 4, 1968, I arrived at the hotel  
at approximately 3:30 p.m. and was assigned to  
room service as a busboy. I assisted the waiters  
with the deliveries to the various rooms. These  
duties took me to the kitchen on several occasions.  
There were eight or ten waiters assigned to room  
service and two busboys including myself. Because  
there were so many waiters assigned I had freedom  
to move around.

"At approximately midnight I was in the Embassy  
Room with JOSE CARDENAS and NICOLAS VALENZUELA. I

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SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
by [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/7/68

"observed Senator KENNEDY completing his talk to the people in the Embassy Room and noticed him shaking hands with the people.

"I knew he was about to leave the Embassy Room and that he would pass through the hallway near the kitchen. My companions and I rushed over to the hallway to await Mr. KENNEDY so that we could shake his hand. I had shaken hands with Senator KENNEDY on two previous occasions.

"I took a position in the hallway just in front of the opening that leads to the kitchen. There were approximately 15 to 20 people in the hallway.

"Senator KENNEDY came through the door accompanied by approximately five men. He seemed to recognize me. I was smiling and Senator KENNEDY was smiling. He held out his hand and I shook it. Senator KENNEDY kept walking for approximately one or two steps.

"I continued to observe him and I noticed a man who was to my left and who was smiling and who appeared to be reaching over someone in an effort to shake Senator KENNEDY's hand.

"At about the same time I heard gunfire and I noticed that this individual was holding a gun in his hand, which hand not recalled, and that the gun was approximately one yard from Senator KENNEDY's head.

"I observed Senator KENNEDY placing his hands to his face and he staggered backwards a few steps and slumped to the floor.

"I immediately turned my attention completely to Senator KENNEDY and I ignored the gunman. I knelt on the floor at Senator KENNEDY's left side and I placed my right hand behind his head and slightly lifted his head. At this time I felt blood in my right hand.

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"I said, "Come on Mr KENNEDY you can make it " His lips moved and he seemed to say, "Is everybody all right?" I heard someone say, "Throw that gum away Mr. KENNEDY," and I noticed he was chewing gum I started to reach for the gum but did not as I did not want to put my fingers in his mouth. His right eye was wide open and his left eye was opening and closing

"A white man, age not known, handed me a rosary and said, "Keep this Mr. KENNEDY " This man said something else which I could not understand. I placed the rosary around Senator KENNEDY's thumb and folded it in his left hand. He moved the hand with the rosary up to his chest

"I looked up and I noticed that several people were taking pictures of Senator KENNEDY with cameras and TV cameras. I shouted for a doctor and a tall white man, approximately 30 - 35 years old, approached Senator KENNEDY, took off his coat and folded it and placed the coat under Senator KENNEDY's head.

"I got up from the floor and I noticed another man who was on the floor and who had blood on his forehead. This individual was very still

"At about the time I got up, Mrs KENNEDY came rushing up and pushed me out of the way

"I went to see if the gunman was in custody I saw a man who was being held down on the heating table by at least four men. I noticed that ROOSEVELT GRIER was one of the men and he was holding part of the man. GRIER had the gun away from the man at the time. I saw RAUER JOHNSON take the gun from GRIER. CARL, one of the headwaiters, was holding the man's head and a small Japanese cook was holding down the man's right arm.



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STATEMENT OF DONALD L. RENKIE  
1853 Cherokee St. #203  
L.A. - PH: DU-77011, Front Office

Old man entered hotel, asked where Embassy Rm was, short time later  
returned to desk with diagram. (ITEM #13, DIAGRAM)

STATEMENT OF MICHAEL L. WAYNE  
1430 So. Hi-Point  
L.A. 35 - PH: WE-49851  
Pickwick Bookstore, HWD Blvd.

Saw susp. being taken to ground by several males. Had gun in  
hand. Can ID susp and gun. Male Latin, young, 5-8, light, blk  
curly hair.

STATEMENT OF KRANT, Maurice (17 yr)  
942 S. Cochran  
Ph: WE-67707

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"Big Pop!" "Loud Ballon!" "Heard Screaming!" "Everyone went  
bezerk!" Didn't see susp! Didn't see gun!

STATEMENT OF YOSHIO, NIWA  
2877 Edgemoor Dr.  
PH: 293-0298  
Cook at Ambassador

DATE 6-5-68

Didn't see suspect until after shooting, saw suspect disarmed by  
Johnson and Grier. Can ID gun and suspect. He was smiling!

STATEMENT OF ROMERO, Juan (17)  
475 S. McDonald  
No Phone  
Room Ser. Bus Boy

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Last person to shake Kennedy's hand took 2 steps and suspect  
reached over someone and heard shots. Can ID suspect probably  
not gun. May have rec powder burns left side of face.

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