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Mr. UNO TIMANSON, Vice President, Banquet and Sales, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the hotel and furnished the following information:

Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY arrived back at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, and went immediately to the Royal Suite. At approximately 11:45 p.m., he instructed EDDIE MANASIAN, one of the assistant maitre d's, to hold the north elevator so that Senator KENNEDY could go down to the Embassy Room to make his victory statement.

He was escorting the Senator to the elevator and when they were only two or three feet from the elevator, the Senator decided not to go through the crowds that were in the hallways but to use the service elevator.

They took the service elevator to the kitchen level and he, TIMANSON, led the way for the Senator into the Embassy Room.

The Embassy Room was completely crowded at the time and he, TIMANSON, was concerned that too many people might get up on the platform and cause it to collapse.

After the Senator had completed his victory speech in the Embassy Room, he was preparing to lead the Senator down to the Ambassador Room through the enclosed stairway. Just before the Senator's speech was completed, FRED DUTTON, one of the Senator's aides, asked TIMANSON if there were television sets in the Ambassador Room, and TIMANSON told him there were. It was then decided that the Senator would visit the Press Room to make a press release. TIMANSON escorted the Senator and his party through the hallway behind the Embassy Room and into the pantry area.

TIMANSON stated that he was approximately six feet ahead of the Senator when he heard what sounded like a fire cracker. He heard the sound three or four times in quick order and he thought it was some sort of celebration.

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Immediately, however, TIMANSON observed that Senator KENNEDY was down on the floor in front of the big ice machine located in the pantry. At this time, there were numerous screams and pandemonium broke out in the immediate area.

Mr. MURPHY, one of the hotel security guards, told TIMANSON that he had called an ambulance but TIMANSON wanted to make sure and he ran into the Colonial Room in an effort to contact the operator but was unsuccessful. He was assured by the people present that an ambulance had been called and was on the way. Mr. TIMANSON stated that from the time of the shots to this time when he was inquiring about an ambulance was just a matter of seconds.

He ran immediately to the kitchen steps and took the steps down to the Casino level and out to the back ramp to the outside of the hotel to await the arrival of the ambulance. The ambulance arrived in a very few minutes and he escorted the ambulance attendants to the area where Senator KENNEDY was lying.

Senator KENNEDY was taken by the ambulance attendants to the ambulance almost immediately. TIMANSON attempted to ride in the ambulance but was not allowed. He rode on the back of a motorcycle following the ambulance to the hospital.

Mr. TIMANSON advised that he did not see the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and he did not observe the individual holding the gun at the time of the shooting.

He did observe the individual who was being held down by several people following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and has seen photographs in the newspapers and appearances on television of the individual accused of the crime. The individual he observed in the newspapers and on television is the same individual he observed being held down following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.