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On June 7, 1968, the following signed statement was made by KARL UECKER, maitre d', Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

"I, Karl Uecker, make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I presently reside at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, and am employed by the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, as Assistant Maitre D'.

"On the evening of June 4, 1968, I was assigned to assist Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I attended him during the course of his victory speech in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. After the speech, I took his hand and led him through the passage way behind the stage, leading to the kitchen.

"Pass the kitchen doorway, Kennedy stopped to shake hands with two of the kitchen help. While Kennedy was still observing the last individual he shook hands with, I took his hand to lead him along. As I took his hand to lead him along, somebody reached around me and before I knew what happened two shots were fired and the Senator fell to the ground. I immediately grabbed the gun hand of the assailant and pushed him onto the steam-table. During this time he, the assailant, continued to fire the gun. I grabbed him around the neck in an effort to hold him down, continuing to hold down the hand with the weapon in it. Shortly thereafter, I recall someone behind me saying let him go. On turning around, I observed it was the police. I"

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"released the assailant to the police and they lead him away.

"The assailant is the individual who has been subsequently identified as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. To my knowledge I have never seen this man before.

"Karl A. Uecker"

"Witnessed:

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