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Mr. GEORGE PLIMPTON was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] New York, New York.

He stated that he was in California for approximately the week prior to June 4, 1968, making speeches in behalf of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

On the night of June 4-5, 1968, prior to Senator KENNEDY's speech, he was in Senator KENNEDY's suite at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

He left the suite with Senator KENNEDY's party and went down a back elevator, by the kitchen and on to the podium in the ballroom where Senator KENNEDY made his speech. During the speech, PLIMPTON was on the stage and stood to the rear and to the left of Senator KENNEDY.

PLIMPTON was not part of the planning as to the route to take to or from the ballroom and just "tagged along" therefore he did not know if the plan, if there was one, of departure was changed.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, he turned to the rear of the stage and started that way in the general direction of PLIMPTON. PLIMPTON, anticipating that Senator KENNEDY was going out the back of the stage, preceded Senator KENNEDY and went to the right after leaving the stage. PLIMPTON was walking along about 12 feet in front of Senator KENNEDY and would look back to see that he (PLIMPTON) was going in the correct direction.

Evidently as he was walking along he walked by SIRHAN SIRHAN but did not notice him.

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At one point he looked back as was his practice and saw that he was going in the correct direction and Senator KENNEDY was about 12 feet behind him and was shaking hands with one of the kitchen employees. He then looked forward and at that moment he heard very sharp shots. He knew they were shots and thinks that there were five of them in very rapid succession.

He turned his head and saw people reacting, shouting and screaming.

There was a crowd around Senator KENNEDY and PLIMPTON could not see everything clearly but he thinks that BILL BARRY of Senator KENNEDY's staff, may have knocked down SIRHAN SIRHAN once or twice. Out of the great crowd around Senator KENNEDY came another smaller crowd. In this latter group was JACK, a red-headed male member of Senator KENNEDY's staff, SIRHAN SIRHAN and maybe BILL BARRY. JACK, the red-head, and maybe BARRY had SIRHAN. BARRY then turned back to Senator KENNEDY who was lying on the floor.

PLIMPTON grabbed for SIRHAN who still had the gun. At this point, JACK, the red-head, and PLIMPTON had SIRHAN by the arm and had him over a steam table trying to get the gun from his hand. There may have been a third party holding SIRHAN. At about this time, PLIMPTON thinks the gun came loose from SIRHAN's hand but SIRHAN recovered it immediately. There were no shots fired. Things happened very fast and others were helping to subdue SIRHAN. A man wearing a seer sucker jacket had hold of SIRHAN's leg and ROSIE GRIER had hold of SIRHAN.

The struggle for the gun took a long time as SIRHAN had a firm grip on it. With JACK the red-head and PLIMPTON holding SIRHAN's wrist, a person who PLIMPTON thinks was GRIER got the gun out of SIRHAN's hand.



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At one point SIRHAN said something such as "You're hurting my leg." PLIMPTON did not hear SIRHAN say anything else.

SIRHAN was now subdued and being held by JACK, the red-head, ROSIE GRIER, the male in the seer sucker jacket who had SIRHAN by the leg and PLIMPTON who had SIRHAN by the wrist. They held him until the police arrived and SIRHAN was turned over to the custody of the police. JESSIE JNRUH was present and did most of the talking to the police and went with the police and SIRHAN.

PLIMPTON did not go to see Senator KENNEDY as he, PLIMPTON, was holding SIRHAN. PLIMPTON thinks that Senator KENNEDY was taken out before SIRHAN was but is not sure of this as his attention was on SIRHAN.

After SIRHAN was turned over to the police, PLIMPTON went to the Good Samaritan Hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken.

While SIRHAN was being held, people asked him why he did it and PLIMPTON asked him why he did it. SIRHAN did not answer any of these people.

PLIMPTON had never seen SIRHAN prior to the shooting and PLIMPTON noticed nothing undue prior to the shooting.

PLIMPTON did not see the other shooting incidents.

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Mrs. FREDDY PLIMPTON was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED] New York, New York.

She stated that her husband is GEORGE PLIMPTON and that she was in California with him for approximately the week prior to June 4, 1968 as her husband was making speeches in California in behalf of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

On the night of June 4-5, 1968, prior to Senator KENNEDY's speech, she was in Senator KENNEDY's suite at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

She left the suite with Senator KENNEDY's party and down a back elevator, by the kitchen and on to the podium in the ballroom where Senator KENNEDY made his speech. During the speech, Mrs. PLIMPTON was on the stage to the rear and left of Senator KENNEDY.

She was standing in front of the stage curtain and near some stairs that went down. She was standing with RAFFER JOHNSON who was possibly standing on the stairs. Because she is short, she could not see much but noticed nothing undue.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, she followed Mr. JOHNSON down the stairs and thought that Senator KENNEDY followed behind them. She later learned that Senator KENNEDY did not come down these stairs.

She was then in a corridor and thinks she waited with Mr. JOHNSON for Senator KENNEDY to "catch up". She then continued walking assuming that Mr. JOHNSON was near her.

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As she was walking along she was about four or five feet in front of Senator KENNEDY and about three feet to his right.

As she was walking along she was looking back at Senator KENNEDY and saw him turn to his left to shake hands with a male kitchen employee.

At this moment, Senator KENNEDY gave a slight jump and his hands went up to the side of his face in a motion as if to push something away. She then saw an arm go up towards Senator KENNEDY's head, but did not see a gun, heard shots and it was obvious to her that Senator had been shot.

All of this happened very quickly and some of it almost simultaneously.

She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN very clearly. She saw his arm up toward Senator KENNEDY's head but did not see the gun. She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN's arm working and his eyes were narrow, the lines on his face were heavy and set and he was completely concentrated on what he was doing.

In view of the fact that Mrs. PLEMPTON considers herself short and that she could see SIRHAN SIRHAN very clearly she is of the opinion that he was raised in some way. That is, he may have been sitting on a table or the crowd which was very thick, may have pushed him on to or against a table. This would have been before the shooting.

Mrs. PLEMPTON is of the opinion that Senator KENNEDY, in turning to his left to shake hands, put himself in close range of SIRHAN SIRHAN and that when Senator KENNEDY gave a slight jump, he was being shot in the arm.



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Mrs. PLIMPTON is of the opinion that there were about five shots in very rapid succession and two or three scattered shots after that.

Mrs. PLIMPTON went out a door by the press room for a doctor. On her way out she went by a group of people where SIRHAN SIRHAN was, but did not see him. She learned later that her husband was also in this group but she did not see him.

When she got out the door, she saw a girl standing there and told this girl to get a doctor.

Mrs. PLIMPTON then went back in through the door. The door was blocked by someone but she pushed her way in.

She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN lying on a table, ROSIE GRIER lying on his legs and Mr. PLIMPTON standing or kneeling on the table.

She went to ROSIE GRIER as he was "broken-up".

She saw SIRHAN SIRHAN released to the police and then she and Mr. PLIMPTON took Mr. GRIER to the kitchen and gave him some water, then she and Mr. PLIMPTON took Mr. GRIER to Senator KENNEDY's suite and "put him in bed".

Mr. and Mrs. PLIMPTON then went to the Good Samaritan Hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken. Mr. GRIER appeared at the hospital later.

Mrs. PLIMPTON had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to the shooting and she heard him say nothing.

Mrs. PLIMPTON is of the impression that SIRHAN SIRHAN was removed before Senator KENNEDY was taken out.