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Dr. MARCUS S. MC BROOM, Ph. D., was contacted at his office, 706 East Manchester, Los Angeles concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He advised that he was a KENNEDY supporter and member of Senator KENNEDY's Local Speaker's Bureau and he was present at the Ambassador Hotel on the night KENNEDY was shot. He provided the following observations which occurred at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

He arrived at the Ambassador about 10:30 PM on June 4, 1968. The guards at the door of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador would not let him enter the room. He was told that because of fire regulations they were unable to allow anyone else to enter the room. He then went through the kitchen in order to enter the Embassy Room. While he was going through the kitchen he stated that he observed SIRHAN sitting on a table in the kitchen. He stated he thought it was odd that SIRHAN was in the kitchen because he was not dressed as a kitchen employee and he was dressed in "dirty" clothing. He did not speak to SIRHAN but remembered seeing him in passing through the kitchen about 10:30 PM, June 4, 1968.

MC BROOM stated he had been an active worker for the KENNEDY campaign in the Los Angeles area. He was with the KENNEDY party on the Senator's visit to Watts and at the Greek Theater and acted as a security man at the Greek Theater.

After he arrived in the Embassy Room he saw Mrs. JEAN SMITH who invited him to join the private after-victory party, which was for the campaign workers. About mid-night, Senator KENNEDY came into the Embassy Room to make a short speech. It was his understanding that the Senator would leave through the crowd. Someone told him that Mrs. KENNEDY was feeling faint, so KENNEDY decided to leave through the back entrance and through the kitchen.

He joined the KENNEDY group and was following them through the "pantry door" which led to the kitchen. Just before he went through the door, he saw many balloons floating in the air.

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Just as he entered the door, he heard what he assumed later to be the first of several gun shots fired. At first, he thought the noise he heard was caused by the exploding of the balloons. When he realized that the noises he heard were gun shots, he recalled hearing six (6) shots. He did not see any person firing the shots. The last thing he remembered of seeing Senator KENNEDY was his apparent efforts to protect himself by throwing up his hands. His next recollection was of ROOSEVELT GRIER and others trying to take a gun away from SIRHAN.

An unidentified woman shouted to him to "get a doctor, the Senator has been shot." At this point, MC BROOM ran from the kitchen into the Embassy Room searching for a doctor. While running in the Embassy Room, he stated he remembered seeing a caucasian female about twenty-five, 5'4", 126 pounds, moving toward the exit. This woman was wearing a white dress with black polka dots and definitely had dark hair. He did not say anything to this woman, nor did he hear her say anything. He stated the only unusual thing he noticed about this woman was the fact that she appeared much calmer than anyone else in the room, and appeared to be trying to leave the room as soon as possible.

While in the Embassy Room, searching for a doctor, a man hurried past him in a furtive manner. He could not describe this man, but believed he was caucasian and carried a notebook. As he left the Embassy room into the hall, he saw Mr. SAMUEL A. STRAIN, who is an insurance broker with an office on Crenshaw Boulevard. STRAIN said to him, "My God--he run right through our fingers." MC BROOM stated that the man to whom STRAIN was referring was the same man who ran past him mentioned above. MC BROOM said his impression at the time that this man ran past him was that he was a newspaper reporter. He did not give this man any additional thought, since he was sure that the assassin was being subdued in the kitchen.

Just outside the Embassy Room entrance, he found Doctor FRED PARROTT, who is a Medical Doctor, and Doctor ROSS MILLER, whom he said is a surgeon. He attempted to lead them back

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to the kitchen where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. At this time security was extremely tight, and the guards at the Embassy Room entrance would not let them into the room. After proper identification, indicating that the three were doctors, the guards let them into the Embassy Room. The three of them then rushed back to the kitchen.

When they reached the kitchen, the ambulance was already there taking care of Senator KENNEDY. The first thing he saw was Mrs. EVANS lying against the wall with blood coming from her head. He advised that he is not a medical doctor, but a clinical psychologist, therefore, he did not administer first aid to Mrs. EVANS or anyone else. He did what he could to help Doctor MILLER in administering emergency treatment to the other victims of the assassin's bullets. As additional ambulances arrived the various victims were taken from the kitchen.

Shortly after he arrived back in the kitchen with the doctors, the police had SIRHAN in their physical custody. As they were taking him out of the kitchen into the main hall, he heard SIRHAN say, "I did it, but I can explain. I did it for my country."

After all the victims had been taken away in ambulances, there was still mass confusion in the kitchen and the Embassy Room. He stated ABC and CBS reporters wanted him to make a statement which he did. At this point, he advised that he became extremely exhausted and wanted to go home. He went into the Embassy Room and discovered that the police would not let anyone leave. He went back to the kitchen and had one of the kitchen employees lead him out the back way. He went to his car and went home.

In reflection, he remembered that every person he thought to be an employee in the kitchen was dressed in white. This is another reason he thought it strange to see SIRHAN in the kitchen area earlier in the evening.

He estimated that the lapse of time from the shooting until he left the hotel to go home was about thirty (30) minutes. He arrived home between 1:30 and 2:00 AM.

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MC BROOM stated that he resides at [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California, [REDACTED] and has telephone number
[REDACTED]

He advised that he had been interviewed by [REDACTED]
(phonetic) of the Los Angeles Police Department. He said he
told BOLES everything he had just stated. [REDACTED] showed him many
photographs of both males and females. From the photographs
shown to him, he was unable to identify the woman in the polka
dot dress or the man who ran past him in the Embassy Room whom
STRAIN thought was involved.

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