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SUBJECT: Polygraph Examination of Walter M. Crowe

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

Walter M. Crowe was administered a polygraph examination on July 8, 1968, in the polygraph facilities of the Scientific Investigation Division. The examiner was Lt. E. Hernandez #7101, who utilized a three-channel Stoelting instrumentation. The purpose of the examination was to determine any possible implication of Crowe with the assassination of Senator Kennedy or his possible knowledge of Sirhan's intention to shoot the Senator.

It has been established that Crowe and Sirhan met at Bob's Restaurant in Pasadena on the evening of May 2, 1968. Whether at that time and place Sirhan discussed his intention to shoot Senator Kennedy had to be resolved. Considerable time was spent with Crowe discussing the events and the conversation that took place on that evening. He recalled that they discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict and Sirhan asked questions about his political activities. Crowe informed him that during the years of 1966 and 1967 he became an active member of the Communist Party. He believes that he may have tried to interest Sirhan in the Party, but it appeared to him that Sirhan was "turned off" and the subject was later dropped.

Sirhan also mentioned that he wanted to become a millionaire and discussed horse racing. He related a fall that he had suffered while riding a horse in Corona, California.

Crowe described Sirhan as having racist attitudes. He was strongly anti-Jewish and made statements about considering Hitler a hero. He started discussing politics, saying that politics was part of his whole commitment in life and explained that Israel could not be defeated militarily in the Middle East. Crowe stated that he told Sirhan that in his mind Al Fatah had created a political movement among the Arab people in Israel giving them a political voice in their move to deZionize the Israeli state.

Much of this information was vague in Crowe's mind, but when he was specifically asked whether Sirhan mentioned Senator Kennedy on that evening, Crowe replied that it was possible Kennedy could have been mentioned, but he could not honestly remember. Crowe was then asked if he remembered Sirhan making any statement about eradicating, assassinating, shooting, bombing, or in any way eliminating anyone in political office in this country. Crowe responded in the negative. He said that to the best of his knowledge, Sirhan made no mention of eliminating anyone.

In reviewing with Crowe, he again stated that he could not remember, but that it was possible that Kennedy could have been mentioned, but definitely there was no mention by Sirhan about shooting Kennedy or assassinating Kennedy on that evening.

The instrument, theory and procedures to be followed during the course of the examination were reviewed with Crowe. He was given an opportunity to ask questions concerning the testing technique and then two polygrams were obtained to determine whether Crowe was a proper subject capable of being examined instrumentally. These control tests indicated that Crowe was responding physiologically to the controlled stimuli and that he was a proper subject fit for examination. Crowe was very cooperative, he followed instructions, and his attitude and demeanor were good. One zone control test was administered. This test contained the following 12 questions, seven of which were irrelevant questions and five of which were relevant to the issue of Senator Kennedy's assassination:

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>ANSWER</u>
1. Is your true first name Walter?	Yes
2. Is your true last name Crowe?	Yes
3. If I ask you questions about Sirhan, will you tell me the truth?	Yes, sir.
4. Do you believe that I will be completely fair with you throughout this examination?	Yes
5. Between the ages of 20 and 21, do you remember lying to anyone about something very serious?	Delayed response. Answered, "It is possible."
6. When you talked with Sirhan, did he tell you he was planning to shoot Senator Kennedy?	No

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>ANSWER</u>
7. Do you remember lying to a police officer about something important?	No
8. Did Sirhan ever tell you he was planning to shoot Kennedy?	No
9. Is there some other question that you are afraid I will ask you during this test?	Delayed answer. Yes
10. Are you withholding information about any pills or medicine that you have taken in the past eight hours?	Vodka
11. Do you know why Kennedy was shot?	No
12. To your knowledge was Sirhan a member of the Communist Party?	No

During the course of the examination, Crowe emitted deceptive physiological responses at points where Questions 3, 6 & 8, the crucial key questions, were asked. These responses are consistent with deception but could also be attributed to the psychological involvement of the subject. Specifically, such indices appeared when Crowe answered that Sirhan had never told him that he was planning to shoot Kennedy.

Upon conclusion of this series of questions, it was evident that the test would not continue satisfactorily until these issues were discussed with Crowe.

Crowe was advised that his responses to the key questions thus far, were indicative of either deception or guilty knowledge on his part. He expressed great concern over his feelings and admitted that he firmly believed he had cast a strong impression over Sirhan. His influence had, in Crowe's opinion, been a determining factor in Sirhan's decision to commit the assassination. Crowe was reminded that prior to being examined instrumentally on the polygraph he had stated that it was possible, but that he did not recall whether he and Sirhan had discussed Senator Kennedy on the evening of May 2, 1968. However, he was told that his responses definitely indicated that he did remember discussing Kennedy with Sirhan. Crowe replied by saying "Yes, there was conversation about Kennedy. God, I mean, he could have said something, you know 'Well, Walt, you know, 'Walter, if somebody should shoot that bastard', and I'm afraid that you will ask me to what degree did I influence him." Crowe was questioned additionally concerning his acknowledged guilt feelings and other conversation that he may have had with Sirhan.