

Sirhan talked with Chief Redden

*140 Traced gun to brother - brother did not come forward

149 Newsclipping - Anti Kennedy & clipping where RFK would speak

Redden -

*150 Joe " Sirhan - owner of gun real name Minan Sirhan
3rd brother Adel Sirhan
Sirhan ^{attended} John Muir HS in Pasadena

* Action Comm on Nat-Am Relations $\Rightarrow$ RFK's pro
Israeli stance - motive
for Sirhan

*203

Obvious
set up of
the phony
motive

John Widner employed Sirhan, 9/67 to 3/68
runs health food stores in LA

"Sirhan bitter against Israel"

"Sirhan believed Russia & China better than US"

Charles Quinn - Eyewitness

sign on wall ^{in Pantry} "the once & future king"

RFK died 4.44 am EDT 6/6/68

1232 LAPD looking for ♀ 23 to 27 yrs old
accompanied by man

* 1585 Gerty - Sirhan commie
car parked in front of W E Du Bois
society

Sirhan told LAPD "I did it for my country"

* 1721 Girl in polka-dot dress reported seen with
Sirhan - possible belly dancer in nightclub
which Sirhan frequented.
Man who was exercise boy & member of
orgs with Sirhan

1785 Noguera's decision to have forensic pathologist
witness autopsy of chief pathologist
Col. Fink Army Forces Pathology
Commander Stahl ~~Chief~~
Dr Ken Earle Chief neural pathology

1850 Woman white dress w/ black polka dots

Younger wanted to have a quick trial

* 2144 More than one person responsible - Young white woman
& tall ^{young} white man
Booker Griffin - saw two people with
assassin - Ran down corridor
from table where Sirhan stood

~24/10 Nogueira Press Conf -

Autopsy at Good Samaritan Hospital

Nogueira's idea to call in consultants

2' bullet just beneath skin in neck

6 hr autopsy

2470 * Asked which bullet struck first - would not say

2885 Cathy Fulmer - polka dot dress - turned herself in
said "They've shot him"

(IV)

Badallos 2nd tape

55 Yaflo Kardar - Sirhan 5 or 6 shots, wouldn't
let go of gun

160 Sarg. MacArthur - charged invest. Interview

* 205 "Other from Scientific Div checking for bullet
holes." Sarg refuses to say if yes or no

305 Found few scraps of paper on Sirhan but wouldn't
indicate what they were

420 Eyewitness - directly behind RFK (about 3 or 4 people)
heard shot. Saw Rosy grab shoulders
I grab man by legs. Took gun
out of Rosy's hand & handed it
to Rader. Didn't say a word.

* 480 Both Miller with RFK at Hotel & at arrival of ^{actual} C R Hospital
RFK ^{had} good pulse rate

535 George S - cameraman.

Side two

198 ^{some} witnesses - Sirhan said "I did it for my country"

Special Hearing of Barker War

Mon May 13, 1974

Convened as Coroner's Comm of LA Bdd
Supervisors

① First conflict concerning handling of evidence
by County Clerk in report to Bd 1971
from Chief Admin Officer

Summer 1971 County Grand Jury invest into
handling of evidence in Sirhan case
Chief Admin Officer directed by Supervisor
to invest charge made by Grand Jury (8/19/71)

CAO's report submitted 12/8/71

6/7/68 Judge Arthur Alarcon order #111
5/20/69 Judge Herbert V. Walker order that
original exhibits could be viewed with
only a court order (not applicable to
attorneys of record)

Charge 1:

~~DA~~ complained CC prevented Chief DeWolfe
from ~~exp~~ examining evidence but allowed
a private individual to photo (Wm Harper)

Harper examined evidence May 1971

DeWolfe states he examined test bullets
June 71

Charge 2:

CAO had transcripts of conferences in Judges chambers wth packaging of bullets - such instructions were not received by CC until after furor over bullet identity - court order received two years later

Bullets

Crime lab → Grand Jury or Prelim. hearing →
CC → court room for trial → CC ✓

Charge 3:

Other evidence ^(bullet) handled by unauth persons

Wm Harper auth from Shibley - mem of defense counsel

Exhibits in trial court handled by Alice
Nishikawa - Judge Walkers clerk deputy

State Supreme Court in 71 had custody of
bullet^s due to review of case

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Charge 4:

Issue of stealing doc'ts from CC

301 Exhibits

Original notebook intact
Photo stats stolen

CAO agrees no original doc^s stolen

Charge 5: Quis about state of ballistic evidence

CAO - no evidence to indicate mishandling

Roy Ito - CAO organizer of task force ^{of Supervisor}

No lack of concern for the integrity of exhibits

p28 Judge hearing - appt special comm of Judge to make indep study of Grand Jury charges into CC office
 Found - nothing to indicate mishandling of Sirhan exhibits
 In agreement w/ CAO study

② ~~Conflicting~~ Evidence contradicting Lone Assassin Theory

Bullet can also be marked by dust, powder etc.

Wm Lystrup - w/Lt Coroner's Office - medical photo for C. Med

Photos of RFK & Wessel bullet plus of test fired bullets

Apr 26, 74 took photo of bullets in evidence of RFK Assassin.

CC employs large envelope within
small envelope used by LAPD

Controversy involving bullets developed
in May 1971 by Wm Harper's sworn
affidavit prepared ~~prior to 5/71~~ Dec 28, 70

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" over 7 months reviewed evidence in RFK case
concludes:

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1. No test bullets from Sirhan gun in evidence
2. Never^{sci} id as having fired any of bullets
removed from victims
3. H 53725 not connect by micro exam &
sci testing to shooting 23 minutes
4. bullet (xhit 47) rifling 14° > bullet
xhit 54 ⇒ 47 & 54 not fired from
same gun

Lowell Bradford - 31 W. Carolyn Ave
Campbell, Cal.

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concludes:

1. photo of 47 RFK's neck - 1 knurled cannulure
(placed on slug by manufacturer)
photo 54 Wm Weisels stomach - 2 knurled
cannulures
2. Aging may cause lead oxide (white)
3. Expert could determ if bullets damaged
subsequent to firing

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4. In comparing photos of Dec 16, 1970 & photo of Apr 26, 1974 - no significant Δ in markings, no consequential deterioration
 5. In comparing test bullets photo 5545B to 47454 could not find sufficient characteristics to conclude bullets were fired from same gun.

Fuels thro invest into evidence should be conducted

a) Sirhans guns should be refire'd

(forensic firearms id)

Herbert Mac Donald (recides in NY)

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Bullets can used for class characteristics but can show individual charact

concludes:

1. 47 one cannellure knurled } class char
54 two " " } diff
2. Oxide formation a rarity - not under normal cond of evidence storage
3. No diff between Harper photo & Hearing Photos
4. Expert can detect damage to slug
Abrasion most likely doesn't occur in normal handling
5. If ques about damage to bullet - mandatory that expert examine it.

- p63 6. Fine no A in gross or individ charact of bullets between 70 & 741 photo
7. 417 diff from 54 by ~~30 minutes~~ rifling
Thinks add measurements should be made by test firing Sirhan gun.
- p64 8. Couldnot find suff agreement in individual chara between 417 & 54 ie suggesting bullets not fired from same gun
- p65 9. Improbable that Omark purchased 1 cannalure slugs & only one of this type was in Sirhans gun

Recommends consulting Am Assoc of Firearms & Tool Marks Examiners

Dr Vincent P. Guina: 1141 Murlands
Vista Way
La Jolla, Cal.

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Spectrography - electronic excitation by returning to original energy level emit ~~light~~ ^{waves} photons of specific energy. determines components of material & quantity thereby which manufacture or particular batch of lead

NAT - bombard sample with neutrons causing radioactivity

Such use both to determ bullets from single source, lead source, batch of manufacture

Resort to XAT in bullets similar
w/nt spectrography

10 mgs plenty for sample

p 74 Contacted by Noguchi's office to
possible use XAT on all bullets in RFK
(including those ~~that~~ from walls?)

Used particularly with badly damaged
bullets where microscopic analysis worthless

9/23/68 ^{Dr. T. Holloway} Noguchi stated decision to go ahead

? p 76 samples all 8 bullets

passage of time has no effect on chemical content
of bullet

V. S. Chute's G.I. Testimony - gun 3 fts from RFK

V. D. P. erro G.I. Test - 4 to 6 ft

Ed. Minahan G.I. Test - 3 ft

Gen Info -

DeWayne Wolter handled preparation of ballistic
evidence

Trial Early 1969

Harper - test fired bullet did not match
either 417 or 541

over up
begins

DA Busch convened Grand Jury to
examine CC handling of RPR evidence
in summer of 1971 after Harper
released affidavit.

Busch declared shock at G-I finding
& stated evidence had lost its integrity
∴ gun would not be fired since
it would serve no practical purpose

LAPD Chief Davis used character as against Ward

Thomas Noguchi

2 p 87 Noguchi counted grooves after he removed
no. 417 bullet read 5 lands & grooves

p 90 Apr 19, 74 6 ~~lands~~ grooves one was deformed

Noguchi uses
number diagrams

exits from shoulder
Ground shots 2 & 3 caused only when arm extended
↓
bk neck

p 93 All bullets fired from rear

Powder ~~tattooing~~ tattooing on back of ear
none on front

Distances

- 1 - 3 inches from rt ear 1 in to it
- 2 - nearly a contact wound
- 3 - "

p96 NAT most important according to
Academy of Forensic Scis guidelines
for medicolegal invest of national
concern

something
funny

Noguchi felt NAT out of his territory
d best to consult with DeWayne
Wolter who advised not to have test
done

Noguchi now feels test should be done

p101 Deputy DA offered Noguchi "chance" to
A testimony on distance

Newspaper Clippings

NY Times 5/15/74 p12

Schrade - "Thane Caesar admitted to G.I.
that he pulled his gun that a.d."

Schulman - "Guard fired gun 3 times"

NY Times 12/26/74

Sirhan "If I had any consciousness of
the events of June 68 it would not
have taken this long to develop
evidence pointing towards my innocence"

Testified at Trial as not having remembered
firing bullets

Had several drinks & was looking into
mirror when he went into trance
next thing RFK on floor

People 6/30/74

Bullet from Caesar's stomach analyzed
by D. Wolfer

NY Times 12/15/74

Wolfer conducted chemical tests on RFK's
Jacket

Thane Eugene Caesar standing next behind
RFK. Stationed in parking to keep out
~~strangers~~ trespassers
Bullets produced by Cascade Corp of
Lewiston, Idaho

Tattler 6/16/74

Chief Davis LAPD issued order that
no cops were to talk about case

Wolter's qualifications challenged by
Atty Barbara Warner Blehr

Schulman goes once (briefly) and
never called as witness

Mahe'd - Karl Uecker took RPK's
hand after he ~~shook~~^{shook} hand with people
Uecker grabbed Siskin when he was
2nd from RPK - he got no closer

Nogueira fired by Bd. of Supervisors but
reinstated

Cesar said he was knocked down backward
against ice machine, plumber by name
1969 - living & working in San Fernando
valley - seeing RPK holding onto
his arm, RPK turned to shake hand
with bus boy, shaking hands then shot
"knocked down ^{into floor} when shot fired"
"sold gun to Tim Yoder, Blue Mt, Arkansas"
Yoder bought Cesar's gun for his gun
collection"

Dr. Simson of Monterey ^{shrink} examined Siskin
~ 204 times

Dr. D.B. Schmidt San Quentin chief
shrink concerned