

Cooper / gun

Is Cooper kidding? A different gun was @ the trial + Tit's OK?

Captain G. Campbell

MR. GRANT COOPER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, BUSINESS ADDRESS: 3910 OAKWOOD, LOS ANGELES; BUSINESS PHONE: 665-1291

Mr. Cooper was telephonically interviewed on June 8, 1971 at 1430 hours. Cooper declined to be personally interviewed, stating that he was opposed to giving a formal statement, and he would not want to testify in any type of hearing regarding challenges to DeWayne Wolfer's competency.

Note: The issue of Mr. Cooper testifying was not proposed by Lt. Booth. Cooper was only asked to be personally interviewed.

Cooper stated that sometime prior to the Sirhan trial he received a telephone call from Bill Harper. Harper stated that he had no confidence in DeWayne Wolfer because Wolfer did not always testify accurately. Cooper told Harper that the apprehensions expressed by Harper made no difference in the Sirhan case as the issues to which Wolfer would testify in light of the numerous witnesses at the scene of Sirhan's crime would not be the critical issues.

Cooper stated that to the best of his recollection the gun used by Sirhan to commit his crime was not produced during Wolfer's testimony in the trial; however, Cooper believes that the reason for this was explained by Wolfer at the time he testified.

Sometime after the Sirhan trial, Theodore Charach, 4131 Laurel Grove Avenue, Studio City, phone 876-5568, went to Cooper's office and informed him that Wolfer had "messed up" by giving erroneous testimony regarding the testing of certain guns critical to the case against Sirhan. Charach had allegedly conducted an investigation into the Sirhan case and arrived at the expressed opinion that someone other than Sirhan had fired the fatal shot at Senator Kennedy.

Cooper expressed disbelief to Charach, in Charach's alleged evidence; however, he referred Charach to Bill Harper for Harper to use the information as he saw fit. Cooper stated he has a "great deal" of confidence in Bill Harper. Bill Harper apparently conducted an investigation into the Sirhan case, incorporating the information from Charach.

Cooper stated he was not satisfied with the weapon test conducted by Wolfer in the Sirhan case; however, he did not believe that Wolfer's testimony "made any difference to the case."

Cooper believes that Charach is represented by an attorney from Beverly Hills. He does not know the name of Charach's attorney.

my visit w/ Charach and my complaint abt Cooper defense + evidence

re. Balliscon Camera photo of P... 36
investigator's personal notes
abt Balliscon Camera 1974 photo of K. ^{mark} _{bullet}

4.19.74
10:00

ARR 0930 by NJANU
MEET WITH MR.
Sup. MR. WARD
Dep. MR. HOFFMAN
MR. W. EDISON

Proc to John Deere Dep. Cont.

SET UP BALLISCON TO
TAKE PHOTOS OF BULLETS

HAD A ^{problem} QUESTION WITH
LOADING MR. TONK

MR. WARD ON TOUR

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AS IN STATED BY MR. WARD

MR. HOFFMAN REQUESTED AT THAT

TIME FOR COPY OF NEG & PRINTS

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TIM UNK

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TO TAKE NOTES.

① (R. NOLUCHI & J. KONO / DRIVER).

TIM UNK.

TTN EXAM. EX # 47.

WENT ON TOUR. & EXAM. # 47

MR. J. NJANU

6.24.74 (WED) 4/1 Y 11N 12:20
TO DO 8x10j # 54?

Spoke with Jim for 30min

CALL BY 11N 1320 TO
PROCEED TO B. WARD'S OFFICE
FOR 1000 AM MEETING WITH
J. HOFFMAN.

ALL 1350-55!

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ADVANCED TO ~~THE~~ PHOTO
6-26-74 10:00 AM OFFICE

6.26.74 MEET AT QC OFFICE 1000
MR. HOFFMAN DEP FROM
B. WARD'S OFFICE =
MR. DON COLEMAN QC OFFICE

PHOTO EX =

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& by W. AMAX 1300
MR HOFFMAN ASKED HE
COULD BE AROUND AT TIME
OF PROCESSING & PRINTING
FOR CONTINUITY

ARRANGING TO MEET MR
HOFFMAN 1500 AMFC
FOR PROCESSING & PRINTING AS
WAS PRESENT AT TIME

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Charach compromised - played both sides

Charach - a Canary for S.S. [unclear]
in other words Charach played both sides

EMPLOYEE'S REPORT

SUBJECT: THEODORE CHARACH INVESTIGATIONS

DATE & TIME REPORTED: July 31, 1968 9PM

TO: Lt. C. Higbie, PM Watch Supervisor, SUS

Theodore Charach, allegedly, knew the name of a photographer who had motion picture film depicting one or more of Sirhan's brothers at the Coconut Grove, on June 2 and at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4/5, 1968. This film was obtained, viewed, and due to its poor quality, classified "of no value".

On July 31, 1968 at 4:30PM, Charach telephonically contacted the SUS Unit and alleged that he had been contacted by Steve Jaffe, 1806 Bluesail Drive, Pacific Palisades, phone 4040600. Jaffe indicated to Charach that he was either working for, attempting to make a deal with "Rampart Magazine" for a story regarding the Robert F. Kennedy assassination. Jaffe indicated that he follows Mark Lane, who is presently in the Los Angeles area, periodically displaying a badge, identifying himself as an investigator for Jim Garrison. He requested that Charach obtain a Los Angeles Police Press Pass for his investigative endeavors.

It has been determined that the photographer referred to by Charach is Alvin Tokunow. Jaffe indicated that he had viewed the film, and was interested. Jaffe allegedly, offered Charach Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the film. Jaffe also included, in his proposition, that Charach was to locate and identify each person depicted in the film.

Charach volunteered the names of the below individuals, as members of the Garrison investigation.

1. Fred Newcomb 4040 Noble Avenue, phone #7818032
2. Al Schwartz Unknown address and phone

Charach also indicated that both Schwartz and Newcomb were associated with Stan Boreman, controversial type TV personality on "Tempo 9".

Charach has also indicated that he has been offered an expense paid trip to New Orleans, to confer with Garrison.

An extensive interview with the photographer, Tokunow, revealed that Charach has attempted to sell the film to Life and Time Magazines, with no success. Tokunow is of the opinion that the film is of little value.

It would appear that Theodore Charach is attempting to create a market for this film by having members of the SUS Unit attempt to verify his allegations and informants.

There will be no individual investigations conducted by this unit, acting solely on information from an informant through Charach.

7-31-68 945PM SUS 1b

Sgt. D. Varney 410815

Charach *Compromised - played both sides*

Theodore Charach - Background

Theodore Charach is a free lance news reporter who has described himself as an investigative documentarian. He was present at the Ambassador Hotel outside the pantry door when Robert Kennedy was shot. Interviewed by L.A.P.D. on July 12, 1968, Charach said he was the agent for a news cameraman who had shot some film on June 2, 1968, at a Kennedy campaign function at the Coconut Grove Room at the Ambassador Hotel. Charach had said that the film showed an Arab present during Kennedy's speech. Charach refused to disclose the name of the cameraman and said the film was to be used in a documentary. After being told that he could be the subject of a court order to produce the film, Charach arranged for the film to be brought to the Los Angeles Police Department, July 22, 1968. The Police Department reported that the film turned out to be of poor quality and of no value. Charach reportedly attempted to sell the film to a representative of Jim Garrison. After realizing that his film was of little value, Charach offered to work for Special Unit Senator of the L.A.P.D, saying he already had much time and money invested in his effort. Charach offered to get himself into the Garrison Organization and to keep the L.A.P.D. informed. Charach was advised that the L.A.P.D. would pay only for good, solid, useable information, and only after the information was received and evaluated.

Charach enlisted the support of William Harper, the criminalist, long before the Blehr letter was published. Harper's affidavit, prepared for Charach, concluded that two .22 caliber guns were involved in the assassination, and that Senator Kennedy was killed by one of the shots fired by a second gunman.

1971 Affidavit of William Harper

In his 1971 affidavit, filed in conjunction with the Barbara Blehr accusations against Wolfer, and incorporated in the Isaac-Charach complaint for disclosure of information, Harper made reference to his 1970 examination of the bullets and his photographs of the same. Harper suggested that there had been two different firing positions in the pantry. He drew inferences from the physical evidence to support his theory that two guns had been fired in the pantry.

Harper's basic premise was that "the position of Sirhan was located directly in front of the Senator, with Sirhan face to face with the Senator." However, the 1971 investigation, as well as trial testimony, showed that this premise was an error. The testimony at the Grand Jury and trial places Senator Kennedy looking slightly to his left which accounts for the first bullet striking the Senator behind the right ear and the bullet traveling from right to left. The upward angle of the bullet is logical from the height of the Senator contrasted with the height and position of Sirhan.

An examination of the coat worn by Senator Kennedy at the time of the shooting showed that a shot went through the right shoulder pad of the Senator's coat from back to front. Harper felt this showed a second firing position.

note collect dest. return date of ape Williams gun

MAR 17 1967

Los Angeles Police Department
PROPERTY REPORT

CHECK ONE
TYPE ONLY

Evidence Found Evidence Found Property Safekeeping

RESIDENCE ADDRESS:
7201 So. Broadway

IN WHOM PROPERTY KEPT TO BE KEPT:
Williams, Dale

RESIDENCE ADDRESS:
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APPELLATE NAME:
VICTIM OR OWNER'S NAME:
PERSON REPORTING TO:

DATE & TIME THIS REPORT MADE:
3-18-67 5:30 AM Unit 10

DATE & TIME PROPERTY RECEIVED:
3-18-67 12:00 PM

Evidence: BOOK TO ARRESTEE IF NONE BOOK TO VICTIM

Found Evidence: BOOK TO VICTIM IF NO ARRESTEE OR VICTIM

Found Property: BOOK TO APPELLATE

Safekeeping: BOOK TO PERSON OR COURT OR PERSON IN LAWFUL POSSESSION

TYPE OF PROPERTY:
Street
DIV. OR CHIEF'S DATE CRIM. FILED:
Unit - 3-18-67

(Separate reports are required for each different classification of property)

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Below case number located in the area of the web back where the case was removed. Property located by the #1180, (2) 22 Cal. Bullets in cylinder. Booked at Unit 10. Call has records of work on the case.

- 1. Revolver - 7 inch. Johnson and Cal. 12.5
- 10. Box Plastic 900
- 2. 2. Bullets - 22 Cal long. (Mentioned)

DESTROYED
Important

Supervisor: [Signature]
Reporting Officer: [Signature]
Date & Time Reported: 3-18-67 6:30 AM
Division: 10

more gun questions

RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION

INTERVIEWS - JUNE 5, 1968 KENNEDY SHOOTING DR 68-521 466

INTERVIEWED BY M.J. MC GANN
R. L. CLAKINS HOMICIDE DIV.

STATEMENT OF RAFER JOHNSON
5470 West Blvd.
90043
Ph: 294-1270

Can I.D. susp. and gun. (Heard one shot, Kennedy entered door. Then heard several more, by the time 2nd shot fired, he was at door.) Susp. pacing Kennedy who was walking eastbound surrounded by newsmen. When Johnson entered through door, he saw Rosey Grier heading toward susp. who was holding the gun. Grier got to the susp. and grabbed him before Johnson did. Susp. was still waving gun out in front of him. Johnson thought it was held in his left hand. Johnson took possession of the gun. Susp. was held by Grier, Johnson, and other unk persons. Susp. turned over to uniform officer at scene. Susp. taken out through main lobby. Susp. described as Male Latin, 25/26, short, thin, dark curly hair, med. length, blue denim pants, jacket unk color, blk socks Johnson asked, "Why did you do it" Susp stated in English, "I'll explaint it." As Johnson passed Kennedy, he noted Kennedy, an aide, and possibly a woman down.

STATEMENT OF DICK AUBRY
3627 Chesapeake Ave.
L.A. 90016
Ph: 292 6504 (Home)
Ph: 233-8757 (Bus.) Negro Press Bur.

DATE 6-5-68 2:04 AM

Susp. described as M Latin, 26/27, 5-2 (short) med. wt. Kennedy walking through door after giving speech. Aubry approx. 6 to 7 feet ahead of Kennedy party. Heard reports from gun, looked around and saw above described susp. to his rt. rear. The susp.

** Sirhan's left index finger was broken*