

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN E. HOWARD
Chief Deputy District Attorney

FROM: SIDNEY D. TRAPP, JR.
Deputy District Attorney

SUBJECT: DESCRIPTION OF SIRHAN CASE EXHIBITS

DATE: JUNE 7, 1971

On June 2, 1971, the undersigned accompanied by John Howard visited the Supreme Court Clerk's Office, Old State Building, Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of viewing several Sirhan exhibits which had been delivered to that office from San Francisco at the request of attorney George Shibley. *on May 25/71*

The following exhibits were present and were examined in the presence of the Supreme Court clerk:

Exhibit 6

Iver-Johnson .22 caliber revolver, serial number H-53725. This was contained within one large manila envelope which bore the inscription on the outside "Number 6 and 7." It is presumed that since the transcript indicates that the gun was numbered "6" that this is its present number. No exhibit 7 appeared within the envelope.

note - there is no exhibit 7 it should be correctly read as 7

Exhibit 47

A bullet, .22 caliber long rifle. This was old Grand Jury exhibit number 5-A. The envelope in which the bullet was found bears Coroner's remarks and DeWayne Wolfer's initials "DW".

And number "6" should be read as 6

Exhibit 48

Contains SUS items number 26 and 27. There was an envelope within an envelope. Contained therein was one vial with a two gram item (believed to be the same as in the photograph number 24), one vial with a black top containing gauze and

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People's Exhibit No.	Panel ID No.	Description
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5B (Grand Jury)
 Tagged envelope, Case # A 233 421
 Envelope marked: Victim: Robert Kennedy
 Los Angeles Police Dept. Crime Lab Test Shot
 Name: Doe, John Date 6-5-68
 Address:
 Make: Iver Johnson Cal. .22 Type: Rev.
 No. H53725 DR# 68-521466
 Crime: 217 P.C. Officer: Melendez
 Signed: DeWayne A. Wolfer

Contents:

- D .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "D" on nose.
- E .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "E" on nose.
- F .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "F" on nose.
- G .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "G" on nose.

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 Tagged Envelope, Case # A 233 421
 Envelope Marked: Evidence
 Date: 6-5-68 Div: H.D. DR# 68-521 466
 Name: Doe, John Booking # 495 139
 Location: Rampart Charge: 217 P.C.
 Officer: Calkins 7237 Div: HD
 1-Revolver Cal. .22

← no gun ID # on ^{evidence} envelope

Contents:

Revolver, Iver Johnson "Cadet", caliber .22 LR.
 eight shot, blued steel, serial number: H53725,
 top strap marked: Iver Johnson Cadet Mod. 55-SA Pat. Pend.
 I. J. A. & C. Wks.
 Fitchburg, Mass. U.S.A.

A form was designed so that each panel member could record data, based on his personal observation of the evidence. This form, when completed by all examiners, was used as a basis for the first joint report, as authorized by paragraph 1, Court Order #4, which reads:

"The panel of firearms examiners shall file joint reports as to:

(a) their determination whether or not the condition of any of the exhibits is such that at the present time a reliable firearms identification can be made, and

(b) their determination of the characteristics specified on page 8, lines 1 through 8, of the Order for Retesting of Exhibits dated September 18, 1975."

The joint report with a sampling of the individual worksheets follows.

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PEO. V. SIRHAN


Dear Ms. Mangan:

I have reviewed your investigative report concerning the Los Angeles Police Department Evidence Item 24, which purports to be the fatal bullet in this matter, including the copies of police evidence identification records and related documentation.

I agree with your conclusion that the chain of possession information concerning Evidence Item 24 is subject to question in that the records do not show an intact chain of custody of the item that was introduced into evidence and examined by the Wenke Panel as items #3 and #3-A. The normal procedure for evidence collection, in addition to other procedures, requires a tag on the item or enclosure in a sealed envelope that is treated as a journal record. On this record, the date and name (signature or initials) of the custodian should be recorded as the item is transferred from one custodian to another. This record should accompany the evidence item from its source to its final destination.

If you are successful in discovering any photographs or other items that are suitable for examination, I would be pleased to examine and evaluate them as to correspondence with photographs recording Panel Items #3 and #3-A that were made during the examination of the firearms evidence, at which time I was a Member of the Wenke Panel.

Sincerely yours,


LOWELL W. BRADFORD

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