



**KENNEDY:** Slaying files include 4,000 interviews.

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# Files' release doesn't end RRFK case

Mysteries remain about Robert Kennedy's 1968 slaying, despite the release Tuesday of previously secret Los Angeles Police Department files on its probe. California Secretary of State March Fong Eu acknowledged that "numerous questions remain in the minds of many about possible conspiracy theories."

But now that the 50,000 pages of documents have been opened, she said, people "can draw their own conclusions."

Kennedy, a U.S. senator from New York, had just won the Democratic presi-

dential primary in California when he was killed June 5, 1968, while walking through the kitchen in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Sirhan Sirhan admitted killing him, and is serving life in prison. Police and an investigation ruled he acted alone; others argued it was a conspiracy.

Among the material put on display:

- ▶ Sirhan's diary open at an entry that said: "RRFK must die."
- ▶ Sirhan's .22-caliber pistol.
- ▶ A photograph of Kennedy's suit coat with bullet hole in shoulder. The family has asked for his clothes, still held by the district attorney.

- ▶ A black-and-white polka-dot dress purchased by police trying to jog the memories of witnesses on one point: that a girl in such a dress was seen running from the hotel shouting "We shot him." That report was never verified.

The investigation files indicated that more than 2,400 unidentified photographs and other probe materials were destroyed, for no known reason.

California's chief archivist, John Burris, said he was surprised so much was destroyed.

"I'm not absolutely satisfied," he said, "that any questions are answered" by the volume of information that is available.