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He set up hearing

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The Bullet Question in Sirhan Case

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Reopening an old controversy, a criminologist said yesterday the bullet which killed Senator Robert F. Kennedy had different characteristics from a bullet taken from the body of another man injured in a volley of shots at the assassination scene.

Herbert MacDonell, director of the Laboratory of Forensic Science in New York, testified at a hearing into the "second gun theory," that more than one gun was fired in the Ambassador Hotel kitchen where Kennedy was killed.

The hearing was organized by Los Angeles Supervisor Baxter Ward.

Police and District Attorney Joseph Busch have said the bullets used in the shooting were mislabeled and that Sirhan was the only

gunman.

Referring to photographs of the spent bullets, MacDonell noted that there was an apparent difference between the angle of the rifling groove on a bullet taken from Kennedy's neck and one taken from the stomach of a television newsman, William Weisel, wounded in the shooting.

MacDonell also said markings on both bullets left by the manufacturer do not match and he suggested there is "a strong possibility" the bullets were made by different firms.

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