

Lawyer Revives Issue of 2d Gun In '68 Killing of Robert Kennedy

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4 (UPI)—The question of whether a second gun was involved in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was raised again today by a lawyer, Vincent Bugliosi, on the basis of information from a former restaurant employee at the Ambassador Hotel, where the New York Democrat was slain.

Mr. Bugliosi said he had a sworn statement from Angelo Di Piero, who was in the pantry at the time Mr. Kennedy was fatally wounded on June 6, 1968, saying that Mr. Di Piero noticed a small-caliber bullet embedded in a door panel.

Mr. Bugliosi, who prosecuted Charles Manson, the convicted mass murderer, and is now in private practice representing parties calling for a complete reopening of the assassination investigation, said that Mr. Di Piero's statement indicated that as many as 10 bullets had been fired in the pantry.

The gun wrested from Sirhan B. Sirhan, who was convicted of Senator Kennedy's murder and is serving a life term, had a cartridge chamber containing only eight bullets.

Mr. Bugliosi previously said that two police officers who

were in the Ambassador the evening Mr. Kennedy was killed had told him they observed a hole in another door-jamb that appeared to have a bullet lodged in it.

A panel of seven independent experts who re-fired Mr. Sirhan's weapon reported last month that on the basis of examination of bullets there was no evidence to support a theory that a second gun had been fired.

The experts also said, however, that there was no positive proof on the basis of firearms tests that the bullets that killed Mr. Kennedy and wounded five other persons had come from Mr. Sirhan's gun.