

Experts Rule Out 2d Gun In Robert Kennedy Death

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 6—Seven top firearms experts ruled out today the possibility of a second gun's having been used at the scene of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassination here in 1968.

The seven experts, working on the evidence independently at the request of Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert A. Wenke, said in their joint report that there was "no substantive or demonstrable evidence" that a second person had fired a gun.

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The panel began testing the evidence in secret in a jury room filled with scientific

equipment. Each expert conducted a separate series of tests and on Saturday turned over his sealed report to Judge Wenke.

The primary goal of the limited court-ordered investigation was to determine whether a second gun, in addition to the .22-caliber Iver-Johnson pistol wrestled from the hands of Sirhan Sirhan, had been fired in the hotel pantry.

The re-examination was ordered by Judge Wenke on Aug. 14 at the request of Paul Schrade, a former United Auto Workers official injured in the shooting, and the CBS television network, which is planning a documentary on the assassination investigation.

The petition of Mr. Schrade and CBS challenged the ballistics investigation performed by DeWayne Wolfer, the chief technical investigator in the case, who is now the head of the Los Angeles Police Department's crime laboratory.

Much of the controversy surrounding the investigation centered on what appeared to be microscopic differences between the bullets retrieved from the body of Senator Kennedy and those from William Weisel, who was also injured in the shooting.

Another controversy was an apparent mix-up in the serial numbers. An envelope containing bullets allegedly fired from Mr. Sirhan's pistol was marked with the serial number of a similar weapon used for test purposes by Mr. Wolfer. The police have shrugged off the discrepancy as a "clerical error."