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More importantly, the D.A.'s investigation left unanswered the charge that the ballistics markings on the bullet removed from Senator Kennedy's neck and those on a bullet taken from victim William Weisel do not match up, thus indicating that the two bullets were fired by two different guns. Retired criminalist William Harper, who has studied these bullets through photomicrographs, states that: "I can find no individual characteristics in common between these two bullets."

Harper also examined one of the three bullets in the envelope which the D.A. now says was mislabeled as a result of a clerical error by DeWayne Wolford. According to the D.A., this bullet (trial Exhibit No. 55-3) was test fired "from the gun wrenched from Sirhan's hand." However, Harper claims that bullet 55-3 matches neither the Kennedy nor Weisel bullets: "I can find no individual characteristics that would convince me that the bullet from Kennedy's neck was from the same gun that fired this Exhibit 55-3."

The obvious practical way to try and resolve these conflicts would be to test fire Sirhan's gun now and see what matches and what doesn't. But according to Ivan Dryer of the Los Angeles Star, District Attorney Busch admits that would settle the two gun theory once and for all but refuses to do it on the grounds that ".... this presumes that there is credible evidence that would require us reopening an investigation."

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