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LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS TODAY ADVISED THAT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER REQUESTED A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DETERMINE GROUND RULES FOR PROCEDURES WHEN TRIAL STARTS JANUARY SEVEN NEXT. AT THAT TIME COOPER ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A MOTION TO HAVE ONE JURY DETERMINE GUILT OR INNOCENCE; A SEPARATE JURY TO DETERMINE PENALTY AND A MOTION TO VACATE THE COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN STATING THAT THE GRAND JURY AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS IS IMPROPERLY PANELED.

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JUDGE WALKER REFUSED TO HEAR THESE MOTIONS TODAY STATING THAT IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP PRIOR TO SELECTION OF A JURY.

GRANT B. COOPER ONE OF THREE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING SIRHAN APPEARED IN USDC, LOS ANGELES TODAY BEFORE USDJ FRANCIS WHELAN WITH RESPECT TO HIS ~~ALLEGATION OF NOT~~ ^{INVOLVEMENT} ^{IN} ^{RECEIVING} OBTAINING FGJ TRANSCRIPTS OF RECENTLY COMPLETED FRIARS CLUB PROSECUTION.

BUREAU HAS BEEN KEPT ADVISED OF THESE PROCEEDINGS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS.

AS OF FOUR FIFTEEN P.M. PST, JANUARY SIX INSTANT, TRIAL OF SIRHAN TO COMMENCE (AS) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE BUREAU ON JANUARY SEVEN NEXT AT NINE THIRTY A.M. PST.

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REMYTEL ONE SIX LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN COMMENCED TODAY, DEPARTMENT
ONE ZERO SEVEN, LA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. DEFENSE
ATTORNEYS FOR SIRHAN MADE MOTIONS TO COURT MENTIONED IN
RETEL. JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER ^{*Recessed*} ~~PRECEDING~~ UNTIL ONE EIGHT
NEXT FOR PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A MOTION WHICH DEFENSE
HAS MADE CONCERNING SELECTION OF PETIT JURY MEMBERS.

GRANT B. COOPER, ONE OF ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING SIRHAN,
APPEARED IN USDC, LA, TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION
REGARDING SCRIBE REPORTING CASE. BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED
SEPARATELY OF ACTIVITIES IN USDC.

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REMYTEL ONE SEVEN LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN RECONVENED AT TWO PM TODAY,
DEPARTMENT ONE ZERO SEVEN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR
COURT. DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER AGAIN DISCUSSED
HIS DESIRES FOR A SEPARATE JURY TO DECIDE GUILT OR
INNOCENCE AND SEPARATE JURY TO DECIDE DEGREE OF PENALTY.
IN ADDITION, COOPER ATTACKED CURRENT SYSTEM OF SELECTING
PETIT JURY AND GRAND JURY MEMBERS.

JURY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM A. GOODWIN, LOS ANGELES
SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM, TESTIFIED AS TO MECHANICS OF
SELECTING PETIT JURY MEMBERS. COOPER AGAIN RENEWED
MOTION FOR THIRTY DAY DELAY, WHICH MOTION WAS DENIED BY COURT.

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PROCEEDINGS ADJOINED AT THREE TEN PM TO PERMIT
ATTORNEYS TO DISCUSS FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE'S
CHAMBERS. IT IS ANTICIPATED SELECTION OF JURY WILL
PROBABLY COMMENCE ONE THIRTEEN SIXTY NINE. COURT TO
RECONVENE NINE THIRTY AM ONE NINE NEXT.

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REMYTEL JANUARY EIGHT LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN RECONVENED TODAY AT WHICH TIME DEFENSE ADVISED COURT IT DESIRED TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR OBJECTION TO ^{the}SELECTION ^fPETIT JURY. INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO COURT FOR CONSIDERATION CONSISTS OF ONE THOUSAND TEN PAGES. COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL NINE THIRTY AM JANUARY THIRTEEN NEXT, TO AFFORD DEFENSE OPPORTUNITY TO DELINEATE THOSE POINTS IT INTENDS TO UTILIZE; TO ENABLE PROSECUTION TO FORMULATE OBJECTIONS; AND TO ENABLE COURT TO STUDY ~~THE~~ ARGUMENTS SUBMITTED.

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TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN RECONVENED TODAY AND COMMENCED WITH PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS. FOLLOWING CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS ACTIVITIES TO SELECT JURY COMMENCED WHICH TOOK UP REMAINDER OF DAY AND NO JUROR SEATED WHEN COURT ADJOURNED. PRIOR TO ACTIVITIES TOWARDS SELECTING JURY, JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER DENIED DEFENSE MOTION PREVIOUSLY MADE TO TEST UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF SELECTING PETIT JURY.

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REMYTEL DATED JANUARY THIRTEEN, LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
 SUPERIOR COURT, CONTINUED TODAY. ATTORNEYS FOR PROSECUTION
 AND DEFENSE CONTINUED EXAMINING PROSPECTIVE JURORS. QUESTION-
 ING ON PART OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS' CENTERS AROUND PROSPECTIVE
 JURORS' OPINIONS REGARDING SCIENCE OF ^{psychology} ~~PHILOSOPHY~~ AND PSYCHIATRY
 AND THEIR FEELINGS FOR "TOOLS" USED IN THOSE PROFESSIONS SUCH
 AS HYPNOSIS, SODIUM PENTOTHAL, RORSCHACH TESTS, ETC. PRO-
 SPECTIVE JURORS ALSO CLOSELY QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS
 REGARDING THEIR ABILITY TO DETERMINE LEGALITY ^{of} ~~of~~ REDUCED AWARE-
 NESS DEFENSE, WHICH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO
 PURSUE.

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~~PREVIOUS~~ PANEL OF TWENTY FIVE PROSPECTIVE JURORS
EXHAUSTED ^{IN} ~~AND~~ PROCEEDINGS DURING AFTERNOON SESSION TODAY, *there was*
~~INCLUDED~~ SELECTION OF FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL PROSPECTIVE JURORS:
TO THIS DATE, NO JUROR HAS BEEN SEATED AS JURY MEMBER. ALL
PROSPECTIVE JURORS THUS FAR ELIMINATED HAVE BEEN FOR CAUSE,
PERSONAL SITUATIONS, OR POSSIBLE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.

ONE ASPECT OF EXAMINATION OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS
CENTERS AROUND THEIR APPARENT FEELINGS CONCERNING CASE
AS BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION BY VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA SINCE
ASSASSINATION. EACH INDIVIDUAL JUROR IS EXAMINED IN
CHAMBERS BY ATTORNEYS, NOT IN OPEN COURT WITH RESPECT *Publicity*
~~PUBLIC~~ MAY HAVE HAD UPON EACH OF THEM.

PROCEDURE IN DAILY COURT SESSIONS COMMENCES WITH
COURT CONVENING AT NINE THIRTY A.M. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER,
APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE MINUTES ~~ARE~~ SPENT IN JUDGES CHAMBERS
WITH ATTORNEYS FOR PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE PRESENT. FURTHER
PROCEEDINGS ~~THE~~ CONTINUE IN OPEN COURT UNTIL NOON, WHEN THE
LUNCH RECESS IS TAKEN. HERBERT V. WALKER, PRESIDING JUDGE,
GRANTED BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE TO MEMBERS OF NEWS MEDIA WHO
HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO INTERVIEW HIM REGARDING CASE. HE HAS

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PREVIOUSLY STATED ~~THAT~~ TIME WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO
GRANT ALL INTERVIEWS REQUESTED, ~~AND~~ HE PROPOSES TO DO SO
ON BASIS OF TIME AVAILABLE.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED JANUARY FIFTEEN, LAST.

SIRHAN TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY AND EFFORTS BY DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS STILL BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS SELECTING JURY.

AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS, ~~TWELVE~~ PROSPECTIVE JURORS HAVE BEEN SEATED. OF THE TWELVE, ONE, ALVINA ALVIDREZ, WHILE SEATED TENTATIVELY HAS NOT BEEN RULED UPON ^{for} CAUSE. DEFENSE DESIRES TO RETAIN HER AS JUROR WHILE PROSECUTION WISHES TO HAVE HER DISMISSED FOR CAUSE. HERBERT V. WALKER, PRESIDING JUDGE IS TAKING MATTER UNDER FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND WILL POSSIBLY RULE, REGARDING ALVIDREZ, JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NEXT.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THERE WILL BE NO TRIAL ACTIVITY ON JANUARY TWENTY, NEXT, SINCE DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER

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IS SCHEDULED FOR APPEARANCE IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT, LOS ANGELES,
WITH RESPECT TO ACTIVITY ATTENDANT TO RECENTLY COMPLETED FRIARS
CLUB PROSECUTION.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN, LAST.
ACTIVITY IN SIRHAN TRIAL, LOS ANGELES, COUNTY SUPERIOR
COURT, CONTINUED TODAY WITH EFFORTS ON PART OF BOTH DEFENSE
AND PROSECUTION DIRECTED TOWARD SELECTING JURY. AT CLOSE OF
COURT TODAY, TWELVE PROSPECTIVE JURORS SELECTED.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY, GRANT B. COOPER, REQUESTED ADJOURNMENT
ON JANUARY TWENTY, ~~XXXX~~ NEXT, AND GAVE AS REASON DEFENSE DESIRES
TO CONSIDER JURY AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED PRIOR TO EXERCISING
PREEMPTORY DISMISSALS.

IN ADDITION, COOPER IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR, U. S. DISTRICT
COURT, JANUARY TWENTY, NEXT, IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES
ATTENDANT TO RECENTLY COMPLETED FRIAR'S CLUB CONVICTIONS.

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SINCE NO SIRHAN TRIAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY
TWENTY, NEXT, NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THAT DATE.

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RE MY TELETYPE DATED JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

PROCEEDINGS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT IN
 TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN RECONVINED TODAY. ENTIRE
 DAY SPENT IN MECHANICS OF CONTINUING TO SELECT JURY.

ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST PROSECUTION ADVISED COURT
 THEY WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT JURY AS THEN CONSTITUTED.
 TODAY, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE TENTATIVE JUROR MEMBERS SEATED
 JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST WAS DISMISSED. PROSECUTION THEN
 ENTERED MOTION TO WITHDRAW THEIR MOTION OF JANUARY SEVENTEEN
 LAST, WHICH WAS GRANTED BY COURT. THUS FAR PROSECUTION HAS
 EXERCISED ^{ONE} ~~TWO~~ ^{PREMPTORY} ~~PREENTRY~~ CHALLENGES AND ^{Defense} ~~PROSECUTION~~ HAS
 EXERCISED ^{two} ~~ONE~~ SUCH CHALLENGES

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FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TOWARDS SELECTING JURY TO CONTINUE
JANUARY TWENTY-TWO NEXT.

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RE ^{*LA*} ~~BY~~ TEL JANUARY TWENTY ONE LAST.

PROCEEDINGS IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT CONTINUED AGAIN TODAY. EFFORTS DURING
ENTIRE DAY CONSISTED OF ATTEMPTS TO SEAT JURY. AS OF
CLOSE OF COURT TODAY, JURY NOT YET SELECTED. FURTHER
ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE JANUARY TWENTY THREE NEXT.

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REMYTEL, JANUARY TWENTY TWO LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CONTINUED TODAY WITH EFFORTS ON PART OF BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE DIRECTED AT SELECTING JURY?

IT WAS CONFIDENTIALLY LEARNED TODAY THAT, WHEN EACH PROSPECTIVE JUROR IS EXAMINED IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS, AS OPPOSED TO OPEN COURT, THEY ARE ASKED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHETHER THEY KNOW ANYONE WHO WAS PRESENT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR AND FIVE LAST. ~~THEY~~ ALSO ASKED IF ANY PUBLICITY COMING TO THEIR ATTENTION REGARDING DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER'S INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT FRIARS CLUB INVESTIGATION HAS PREJUDICED THEM IN ANY MANNER.

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OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE BUREAU, THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND A JUSTICE OF THE URUGUAY SUPREME COURT WERE PRESENT
IN COURT TODAY DURING PROCEEDINGS.

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~~RECEIVED~~ JANUARY TWENTY THREE LAST.

DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION AGREED ON JURY TODAY. CASE
CONTINUED TO JANUARY TWENTY NINE NEXT IN ORDER TO RULE ON
VARIOUS DEFENSE MOTIONS. JURY INSTRUCTED TO RETURN JANUARY
THIRTY NEXT.

NO FURTHER TELETYPES CONCERNING TRIAL WILL BE SENT UNTIL
JANUARY TWENTY NINE NEXT.

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REMYTEL JANUARY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY AND CONSISTED OF EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE TO DISCREDIT GRAND JURY INDICTMENT OF SIRHAN. DEFENSE MAINTAINS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYSTEM OF SELECTING GRAND JURORS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN THAT JURORS SELECTED FOR GRAND JURY DUTY DO NOT CONSIST CROSS SECTION OF COMMUNITY.

SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES ALONG WITH QUESTIONNAIRES TO OBTAIN EXPLANATIONS FOR ~~SELECTED~~ ^{SELECTING} GRAND JURY MEMBERS. JUDGES RECEIVING SAME WILL HAVE OPTION TO TESTIFY IN COURT OR COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRES.

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JOHN HOWARD, ONE OF THREE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS PROSECUTING SIRHAN, ADVISED FOREGOING EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE AND OBJECTIONS BY PROSECUTION WILL PROBABLY TAKE UP REMAINDER OF THIS WEEK. ~~FOREGOING~~ ^{The} ACTIVITIES WHILE IN OPEN COURT WAS NOT IN PRESENCE OF TWELVE JURY MEMBERS SELECTED. IT IS EXCEPTED ~~THAT~~ AFTER ~~FOREGOING~~ ^{this} GRAND JURY ISSUE IS RESOLVED, PRESENT JURY WILL BE SWORN IN AND SIX ALTERNATE JURORS WILL ~~THEN~~ BE SELECTED. ~~FURTHER~~ ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THIS ASPECT ~~OF THIS~~ ^{of} PROCEEDINGS^s TO CONTINUE TOMORROW.

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REMI TEL JANUARY TWENTY NINE LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. EFFORTS ON PART OF
DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AGAIN DIRECTED AT ATTEMPTS TO QUASH
GRAND JURY INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST SIRHAN. THREE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES APPEARED AND
GAVE TESTIMONY REGARDING PROCEDURES THEY ADHERE TO IN
~~selecting~~ ~~REGARDING~~ INDIVIDUALS FOR SERVICE WITH GRAND JURY.
TESTIMONY OF JUDGES ALSO INCLUDED *STATEMENTS REGARDING* OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES
OF GRAND ~~JURY~~ *JURY* MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

TWELVE MEMBERS SELECTED FOR JURY WERE EXCUSED BY
COURT TODAY AND ORDERED TO RETURN ON FEBRUARY FIVE NEXT.

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FURTHER PROCEEDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THIS TRIAL
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RE MY TELETYPE DATED JANUARY THIRTY-ONE LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY AT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. ACTIVITIES CONSISTED
OF EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE TO SUPPORT THEIR MOTION
FOR DISMISSAL OF GRAND JURY INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN.
THOSE EFFORTS CONSISTED OF TESTIMONY ON PART OF SIRHAN
AND MOTHER, MARY SIRHAN, BOTH OF WHOM TESTIFIED AS TO
THEIR ECONOMIC STATUS.

AFTER HEARING TESTIMONY, JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER
DENIED DEFENSE MOTION.

FURTHER ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY FIVE NEXT
WHEN TWELVE JURORS ALREADY SELECTED WILL BE SWORN

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PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED ~~AMERICAN~~ TODAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF EFFORTS ON PART OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION TO SELECT SIX ALTERNATE JURORS TO SERVE.

TWELVE JURORS PREVIOUSLY SEATED WERE SWORN IN BUT WILL NOT BE SEQUESTED UNTIL SIX ALTERNATES ARE SELECTED. ESTIMATES ON PART OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS IS THAT ALTERNATES WILL NOT BE SELECTED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY TWELVE NEXT.

HAROLD FREDIANI, COORDINATOR FOR LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM, ADVISED IN EXTREME CONFIDENCE THAT YURI ZHUKOV AND BORIS OREKHOV WILL VISIT TRIAL ACTIVITIES TEN A.M. FEBRUARY SEVEN NEXT. ZHUKOV IS MEMBER OF SUPREME SOVIET AND POLITICAL

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COMMENTATOR FOR PRAVDA. OREKHOV IS CHARACTERIZED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT, STATIONED IN NEW YORK AND AFFILIATED WITH PRAVDA. BOTH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT GIBSON, FOREIGN EDITOR FOR LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER, WHO WILL BE SERVING AS THEIR GUIDE WHILE THEY ARE IN LOS ANGELES. REPRESENTATIVE OF LOS ANGELES TIMES, ACCORDING TO FREDIANI, HAVE REQUESTED THAT NO INFORMATION CONCERNING AFOREGOING BE FURNISHED TO ANYONE SINCE RUSSIANS DESIROUS OF RECEIVING NO PRESS ATTENTION.

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REMYTEL DATED FEBRUARY FIVE LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TODAY CONSISTED OF FURTHER EFFORTS TO SEAT SIX PROSPECTIVE ALTERNATE JURORS. THOSE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE AGAIN TOMORROW.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT B. WALKER, PRESIDING, ANNOUNCED IN OPEN COURT THAT JURORS WILL BE SEQUESTERED IN THE BILTMORE HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, WHEN TRIAL COMMENCES.

HAROLD FREDIANI, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, COORDINATOR, AGAIN ADVISED IN EXTREME CONFIDENCE THAT ROBERT GIBSON, LOS ANGELES TIMES, FOREIGN EDITOR, WILL NOT ACCOMPANY GEORGIY ZHUKOV AND BORIS OREKHOV, MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE TO COURT ON FEBRUARY SEVEN NEXT. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM J. FOX, PRESUMABLY AFFILIATED WITH

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LOS ANGELES TIMES. ACCORDING TO FREDIANI, JUDGE WALKER WILL PROBABLY MEET PERSONALLY WITH RUSSIANS. FREDIANI WAS FURNISHED, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, INFORMATION REGARDING SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ABOVE THREE MEN.

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REMYTELS FEBRUARY FIVE AND SIX LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY
WITH EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD SELECTING SIX ALTERNATE
JURORS.

BORIS OREKHOV MENTIONED IN RE TEL OF FEBRUARY FIVE
LAST, WAS PRESENT IN COURT DURING MORNING SESSION, ACCOMPANIED
BY A WILLIAM J. FOX, LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER. GEORGIY
ZHUKOV NOT PRESENT IN COURT.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY
 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. EFFORTS STILL
 BEING DIRECTED TO SELECTING SIX ALTERNATE JURORS.

ON FEBRUARY ELEVEN NEXT LOS ANGELES POLICE
 DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WILL DELIVER TO COURT ROOM, UPON
 COMPLETION, OF 30 DAYS ACTIVITIES, MOCK-UP OF AMBASSADOR
 HOTEL AREA. MOCK-UP TO BE USED, PRESUMABLY, FEBRUARY
 THIRTEEN NEXT, WHEN IT IS ANTICIPATED TESTIMONY^{NY} OF
 WITNESSES WILL COMMENCE.

FOR THE EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF
 THE BUREAU, DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 JOHN HOWARD, ONE OF THREE PROSECUTORS, TODAY CONFIDENTIALLY

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ADVISED THAT THE NEW MEDIA IS PLAYING UP A "MYSTERY" DEVELOPMENT IN THE SIRHAN CASE. THIS PERTAINS TO AN APPROACH MADE BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVELLE YOUNGER AND HIS PROSECUTIVE STAFF TO PRESIDING JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER. APPROACH BY YOUNGER WAS REQUESTED FOR ~~THE~~ JUDGE TO CONSIDER PERMITTING SIRHAND TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE MURDER WITH A GUARANTEED LIFE SENTENCE. JUDGE WALKER ABSOLUTELY AND ADAMANTLY DECLINED TO PERMIT SUCH A PLEA. HOWARD, IN STRESSING THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOREGOING, EXPLAINED THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED TO ANY ~~OTHER~~ SOURCE OTHER THAN THE BUREAU. HOWARD ALSO OF OPINION THERE REMAINS POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ABOVE APPROACH SINCE PROSECUTION HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS CONDUCTED ON SIRHAN BY PROSECUTION MEDICAL STAFF. THESE REPORTS INDICATE SIRHAND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A GOOD