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DEFENSE, HENCE THE APPROACH BY YOUNGER AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

IN FURNISHING FOREGOING, HOWARD REQUESTED AND REITERATED IT NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE OF BUREAU, AND ONLY WITH THOSE OFFICIALS OF THE FBI ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS. HE ADVISED THAT THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT AS YET BEEN INFORMED OF THIS INFORMATION.



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RE ~~LA~~ TEL FEBRUARY TEN LAST.

~~ACTIVITIES~~ TRIAL OF SIRHAN TODAY RESULTED IN  
COMPLETION OF SELECTION OF SIX ALTERNATE JURORS. FURTHER  
ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY THIRTEEN NEXT, WHEN  
OPENING ARGUMENTS WILL COMMENCE.

NO TEL TO BE SUBMITTED FEBRUARY TWELVE NEXT, SINCE  
COURT WILL NOT BE IN SESSION DUE TO LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. P

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL FEBRUARY ELEVEN LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY WHEN DEFENSE ATTORNEY  
GRANT B. COOPER MADE MOTION FOR MISTRIAL BASED ON RECENT NEWS  
MEDIA ARTICLES AND BROADCASTS SUGGESTING SIRHAN MIGHT BE  
CONSIDERING CHANGE OF PLEA TO GUILTY. AFTER DEFENSE SUBMITTED  
EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION, PROSECUTION ATTORNEY LYNN B.  
COMPTON OPPOSED MOTION.

ALL MEMBERS OF JURY, INCLUDING SIX ALTERNATES, EXAMINED  
INDIVIDUALLY IN CHAMBERS RELATIVE TO EFFECT PUBLICITY HAD  
ON THEM. FOLLOWING EXAMINATION OF JURORS, JUDGE HERBERT V.  
WALKER DENIED MOTION FOR MISTRIAL.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS  
MADE OPENING STATEMENTS TO JURY AND COURT RECESSED UNTIL  
NINE THIRTY A.M. FEBRUARY FOURTEEN NEXT WHEN IT IS EXPECTED  
THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEY EMIL ZOLA BERMAN WILL MAKE OPENING  
STATEMENTS TO JURY ON BEHALF OF SIRHAN.

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REMYTEL DATED FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST.

TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY EMILE  
ZOLA BERMAN PRESENTING OPENING DEFENSE ARGUEMENTS.BERMAN TOUCHED ON SIRHAN'S CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AND  
AN ACCIDENT OF FALLING FROM A HORSE IN NINETEEN SIXTY  
SIX. THE FIRST WITNESS WAS LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICER WHO TESTIFIED TO CONSTRUCTION OF MOCK UP OF  
AMBASSADOR HOTEL AREA WHERE KENNEDY WAS ASSINATED.FOUR OTHER PROSECUTION WITNESSES WHO WERE HOTEL  
EMPLOYEES TESTIFIED FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION CONCERNING  
SHOOTING OF KENNEDY.

TRIAL TO BE CONTINUED FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN NEXT.

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TRIAL OF SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT AND CONSISTED OF TESTIMONY BY WITNESSES WHO  
ARE MEMBERS OF KENNEDY OFFICIAL ENTOURAGE, AND WHO WERE  
PRESENT WHEN SIRHAN SHOT THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. TRIAL  
TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NEXT WITH PROSECUTION WITNESSES  
WHO WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY CONCERNING EVENTS SURROUNDING  
SHOOTING. - P -

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY WITH THREE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES  
TO SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL.

LOCAL PRESS REFERRED TO FIRST WITNESS VALERIE SCHULTE  
AS GIRL IN POLKA DOT DRESS. SCHULTE DISPLAYED GREEN DRESS WITH  
LARGE YELLOW POLKA DOTS SHE WORE NIGHT OF SHOOTING.

SCHULTE TESTIFIED SHE WAS IN PANTRY AREA AT TIME OF  
SHOOTING AND WAS USING ONE STEEL CRUTCH DUE TO LEG INJURY FROM  
SKIING ACCIDENT. SHE COULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF  
SIRHAN AS INDIVIDUAL WHO DID THE SHOOTING.

WILLIAM BARRY, BODYGUARD OF LATE SENATOR KENNEDY,

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TESTIFIED RE CHANGE OF DIRECTION TAKEN BY KENNEDY AND PARTY  
OFF STAGE IN EMBASSY BALLROOM.

ONE OF THE LAPD OFFICERS WHO TOOK SIRHAN INTO CUSTODY  
AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND TRANSPORTED HIM TO RAMPART DIVISION,  
LAPD, TESTIFIED FOLLOWED BY RANGE MASTER AND PATRON OF FISH  
CANYON GUN RANGE WHERE SIRHAN PRACTICED FIRING ON JUNE FOUR  
LAST.

TRIAL CONTINUES FEBRUARY NINETEEN NEXT.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST.

TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY WITH FOUR ADDITIONAL WITNESSES WHO PLACE SIRHAN B. SIRHAN AT SAN GABRIEL GUN RANGE ON JUNE FOUR LAST, FOR A PERIOD OF SEVERAL HOURS. ALL RANGE WITNESSES IDENTIFIED SIRHAN AND TESTIFIED TO HAVING SPOKEN WITH HIM AT THE GUN RANGE.

SALE OF GUN USED BY SIRHAN IN SHOOTING OF KENNEDY WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH CLERK AT GUN STORE WHO ORIGINALLY SOLD GUN TO ALBERT HERTZ AND THROUGH CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVE WHO PRODUCED RECORD OF GUN SALE. FURTHER TRACING OF GUN COMPLETED BY TESTIMONY OF WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF ALBERT HERTZ, ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF WEAPON.

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GUN TRACED TO FORMER <sup>COWORKER</sup> ~~CO-OWNER~~ OF MUNIR AT PASADENA DEPARTMENT STORE WHO, IN COMPANY OF MALE ASSOCIATE, SOLD GUN TO MUNIR AND HIS BROTHER, SIRHAN, ON PASADENA STREET CORNER IN FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT.

CONTINUITY OF MURDER WEAPON AFTER ASSASSINATION ESTABLISHED THROUGH TESTIMONY OF LAPD HOMICIDE OFFICER WHO RECEIVED GUN FROM RAEFER JOHNSON.

PAUL SCHRADER, WOUNDED IN SHOOTING BY SIRHAN AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, WHICH CONSTITUTES SECOND COUNT OF INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN, TESTIFIED TODAY AS WELL AS GEORGE PLIMPTON WHO ASSISTED IN SUBDUING SIRHAN.

WITNESS TESTIFIED TO SALE OF AMMUNITION TO SIRHAN ON JUNE ONE LAST AT LOCK STOCK AND BARREL GUN SHOP. LAPD OFFICER WHO WAS PARTNER OF OFFICER WHO TESTIFIED FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST CONCERNING APPREHENSION OF SIRHAN BEGAN, BUT DID NOT COMPLETE TESTIMONY BEFORE COURT ADJOURNED.

TRIAL CONTINUES FEBRUARY TWENTY NEXT, THE LAPD OFFICER APPEARING AS FIRST WITNESS.

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REMYTEL DATED FEBRUARY NINETEEN LAST.

OPENING OF TRIAL TODAY DELAYED UNTIL TEN TEN A.M. DUE  
TO CONFERENCE IN CHAMBERS.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS MOVED FOR MISTRIAL BASED ON LOCAL  
PRESS ACCOUNTS OF SIRHAN'S WILLINGNESS TO PLEAD GUILTY TO  
FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IF ASSURED OF SENTENCE OF LIFE  
IMPRISONMENT <sup>RATHER</sup> ~~RATHER~~ THAN DEATH. PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATED  
THAT TRIAL JUDGE WILLING TO ACCEPT GUILTY PLEA, BUT INSISTS  
JURY MAKE DECISION RE SENTENCE. JUDGE ADMITTED IN CHAMBERS  
THAT HE FURNISHED PORTION OF THIS INFORMATION TO PRESS TO  
CLARIFY EARLIER PRESS RELEASES RE THIS SAME MATTER.

PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS THIS MORNING WERE TO BE  
KEPT FROM PRESS, BUT STORY LEAKED OUT AND AT AFTERNOON RECESS  
JUDGE MADE AVAILABLE COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS CONCERNING PROCEEDINGS

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IN CHAMBER SO THAT ALL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD HAVE SAME INFORMATION.

TRIAL CONTINUED AND POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER WHO BEGAN TESTIMONY YESTERDAY CONTINUED CONCERNING APPREHENSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SIRHAN TO RAMPART DIVISION, LAPD, ON NIGHT OF SHOOTING. DEFENSE, IN STRONG CROSS-EXAMINATION, ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT TESTIMONY OF OFFICER CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED EXAMINATION OF SIRHAN'S EYE PUPILS FOR POSSIBLE USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

LAPD LATENT PRINT EXAMINER TESTIFIED TO PROCESSING OF SIRHAN VEHICLE IN VICINITY OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND LIFTING PRINTS FROM GLOVE COMPARTMENT.

ANOTHER LAPD LATENT PRINT EXAMINER TESTIFIED THAT PRINT FROM GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF SIRHAN VEHICLE AND PRINT FROM RECEIPT FOR SALE OF AMMUNITION FOUND IN SIRHAN'S VEHICLE WAS FINGERPRINT OF SIRHAN.

KENNEDY VOLUNTEER WORKER, JUDY ROYER, TESTIFIED TO SEEING SIRHAN IN AREA OF EMBASSY BALLROOM ONE TO TWO HOURS PRIOR TO SHOOTING.

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TWO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS OF SHOOTING, ELIZABETH EVANS  
AND IRA GOLDSTEIN, GAVE ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT. NEITHER IDENTIFIED  
SIRHAN. BOTH INDIVIDUALS ARE VICTIMS IN ~~4~~ COUNTS OF INDICTMENT  
AGAINST SIRHAN.

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REMYTEL, FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST.

OPENING OF TRIAL DELAYED AGAIN TODAY UNTIL TEN A.M. DUE  
TO CONFERENCE IN CHAMBERS.

TRIAL CONTINUED AND TESTIMONY TAKEN FROM ERWIN STROL AND  
WILLIAM WEISEL, BOTH OF WHOM WERE SHOT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL  
BY SIRHAN WHEN SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS KILLED.

*(C)* ELVIN CLARK, PASADENA CITY SANITATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE,  
TESTIFIED ABOUT HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH SIRHAN AND DISCUSSION  
HE HAD WITH SIRHAN FOLLOWING KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
IN TESTIMONY, CLARK STATED SIRHAN TOLD HIM HE INTENDED TO  
KILL KENNEDY.

ANGELO DI PIERRO, MAITRE D' AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, AGAIN  
TESTIFIED CONCERNING APPEARANCE OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT  
COCOANUT GROVE ON JUNE TWO LAST.

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WILLIAM BLUME, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF LIQUOR STORE ADJACENT TO ORGANIC HEALTH FOODS STORE IN PASADENA WHERE SIRHAN WAS EMPLOYED, TESTIFIED HE OBSERVED SIRHAN PRESENT AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE TWO LAST, WHEN KENNEDY APPEARED THERE TO MAKE BRIEF TALK IN PALM TERRACE AREA OF HOTEL.

MARIAM DAVIS LIKEWISE TESTIFIED HAVING OBSERVED SIRHAN IN KITCHEN AREA OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL, JUNE TWO LAST.

LIEUTENANT ALVIN HEGGE, LAPD, TESTIFIED REGARDING OBTAINING OF SEARCH WARRANT AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S CAR. SOME ITEMS LOCATED IN CAR WERE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE AND OTHERS AS PROSECUTION EXHIBITS.

DR. STANLEY ABO TESTIFIED REGARDING HIS BEING SUMMONED FROM BALLROOM IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL WHEN SHOTS WERE FIRED. HIS TESTIMONY INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF EXAMINATION HE GAVE TO PAUL SCHRADER, ONE OF THE SHOOTING VICTIMS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION ADMINISTERED TO KENNEDY IN PANTRY FOLLOWING SHOOTING. PROSECUTION ATTEMPTS TO HAVE ABO TESTIFY AS TO CONVERSATION BETWEEN KENNEDY AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL WHEN DEFENSE OBJECTED TO THEM.

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RICHARD KLEIN, A PRESS MAN FOR KENNEDY'S CAMPAIGN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TESTIFIED REGARDING PLANS OF KENNEDY TO GO TO COL~~ON~~IAL ROOM TO SPEAK TO NEWSMEN GATHERED THERE FOLLOWING HIS VICTORY SPEECH. KLEIN ALSO BUTTRESSED TESTIMONY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY JUDY ROYER REGARDING KENNEDY'S DEPARTURE FROM SPEAKING PLATFORM PRIOR TO SHOOTING IN PANTRY.

TRIAL TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR NEXT WITH OPENING TESTIMONY BY MEMBERS OF LAPD.

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RE MY TELETYPE, FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE LAST.

START OF TRIAL OF SIRHAN DELAYED AGAIN TODAY DUE TO  
MEETING IN CHAMBERS.

OFFICER DE WAYNE WOLFER, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION SECTION (SIS), TESTIFIED AS TO  
BALLISTICS EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY HIM IN THE ASSASSINATION  
OF THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. INCLUDED IN BALLISTICS TESTIMONY  
WAS THAT PERTAINING TO KENNEDY'S SUIT COAT WORN BY HIM AT TIME  
OF SHOOTING. TESTIMONY INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF THREE ENTRY  
BULLET HOLES AND TWO EXIT HOLES IN SUIT COAT.

DR. HENRY M. CUMEO, NEURO-SURGEON ON STAFF OF GOOD  
SAMARITAN HOSPITAL WHO PARTICIPATED IN NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY UPON

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KENNEDY FOLLOWING SHOOTING TESTIFIED AS TO HIS FINDINGS AND INTRODUCED MEDICAL RECORD OF PROCEDURE.

OFFICER HARRY C. STARR, CORONA, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO IS ASSISTANT RANGE MASTER, CORONA POLICE PISTOL RANGE, TESTIFIED RELATIVE TO SIRHAN'S APPEARANCE AT RANGE ON JUNE ONE LAST. STARR IDENTIFIED AND INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE THE SIGN-IN REGISTER UTILIZED IN RANGE WHICH REFLECTS SIRHAN APPEARED AT RANGE AT TWELVE FIFTY PM ABOVE DATE COMPLETING SHOOTING AT THREE PM SAME DATE.

SERGEANT WILLIAM E. BRANDT, RAMPART DIVISION, DETECTIVES, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, LAST WITNESS ON STAND. HIS TESTIMONY DEALT WITH APPROACH TO SEARCHING OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE WHERE NOTEBOOKS WERE OBTAINED.

COURT ADJOURNED FOUR PM AND FURTHER TESTIMONY FROM BRANDT WILL BE TAKEN FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE NEXT WHEN COURT RECONVENES AT NINE FIFTEEN AM. PENDING.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

TRIAL OF SIRHAN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
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[REDACTED] TODAY WITH [REDACTED] TESTIMONY OF SGT. WILLIAM BRANDT,  
LAPD, WHO PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE WHICH  
RESULTED IN LOCATION OF HIS PERSONAL DIARIES.

BRANDT FOLLOWED BY OFFICER JAMES D. EVANS, LAPD,  
HOMICIDE DIVISION OFFICER, WHO ACCOMPANIED BRANDT ON SEARCH OF  
SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE.

TESTIMONY OF EVANS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS THAT OF  
BRANDT.

PASADENA PD OFFICER THOMAS R. YOUNG WAS THIRD WITNESS  
WHO TESTIFIED TO LOCATING ENVELOP FROM ARGONAUT INSURANCE  
COMPANY, IN TRASH CONTAINER AT REAR OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE ON  
JUNE FIVE LAST.

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LAURENCE SLOAN, EXAMINER OF QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS,  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TESTIFIED AS  
TO COMPARISON OF HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING IN NOTEBOOKS AS  
COMPARED TO HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING OF SIGNATURE OF SIRHAN  
ON CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT PISTOL RANGE WHERE SIRHAN PRACTICED  
FIRING JUNE ONE LAST. FOLLOWING TESTIMONY OF <sup>SLOAN</sup>~~SIRHAN~~, PROSECUTION  
MOVED TO ADMIT AS EVIDENCE DIARIES AND OTHER PAPERS OBTAINED  
IN SEARCH OF SIRHAN'S RESIDENCE. <sup>Defense</sup>~~PROSECUTION~~ OBJECTED TO  
ADMISSION INTO EVIDENCE AND JUDGE WALKER OVERRULED OBJECTION <sup>and</sup>  
~~PERMITTED~~ <sup>PERMITTED</sup> THEIR ENTRY. JUST PRIOR TO LUNCH RECESS, SIRHAN  
STOOD UP IN COURT AND STATED, "YOUR HONOR ITS NOT ADMITTED INTO  
EVIDENCE YET." SIRHAN'S OUTBURST WAS RELATED TO TESTIMONY THEN  
BEING GIVEN BY SLOAN AND COURT RECESSED FOR LUNCH. FOLLOWING  
LUNCH RECESS, COURT AGAIN CONVENED AT WHICH TIME SIRHAN ROSE TO  
HIS FEET ADVISING COURT HE DESIRED TO SPEAK WITH JUDGE. JUDGE  
WALKER DIRECTED SIRHAN TO ADDRESS COURT THROUGH HIS <sup>ATTORNEYS</sup>~~ATTORNEYS~~  
AND COURT AGAIN RECESSED. DURING RECESS, SIRHAN'S MOTHER,  
MARY SIRHAN, SPOKE WITH HIM IN PRIVATE IN EFFORT TO CALM  
HIM DOWN.

<sup>Defense</sup>  
FOLLOWING RECESS ~~RECESS~~ ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER  
MADE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL NINE THIRTY AM FEBRUARY  
TWENTY SIX NEXT, TO AFFORD SIRHAN OPPORTUNITY TO REGAIN  
COMPOSURE. MOTION WAS GRANTED.

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IT WAS CONFIDENTIALLY LEARNED FROM PROSECUTION TEAM THAT FOLLOWING POST LUNCH OUTBREAK IN COURT BY SIRHAN AND DURING CHAMBERS DISCUSSIONS, SIRHAN INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO ENTER FIRST DEGREE MURDER PLEA WITH DEATH PENALTY SINCE HE WAS TIRED OF TRIAL PROCEEDINGS. THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION.

TRIAL WILL CONVENE FEBRUARY TWENTY SIX NEXT.

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 RE ~~LA~~ TEL, FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN COMMENCED AT TEN TWENTY  
 A.M. TODAY FOLLOWING A SESSION IN CHAMBERS.

ACTIVITIES OPENED WITH JURY BEING GIVEN SIRHAN NOTEBOOKS,  
 WHICH WERE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE, TO EXAMINE. LIEUTENANT  
WILLIAM JORDAN, RAMPART DIVISION, DETECTIVE, LAPD GAVE  
 TESTIMONY REGARDING ARREST OF SIRHAN AND RESULTS OF INITIAL  
 INTERVIEW WITH HIM.

ONLY OTHER PROSECUTIVE WITNESS WAS *Thomas* DR. NOGUCHI, LOS  
 ANGELES COUNTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, WHO TESTIFIED AS TO  
 CAUSE OF DEATH OF KENNEDY. ACCORDING TO NOGUCHI, CAUSE OF  
 DEATH WAS DUE TO <sup>IN RIGHT</sup> GUNSHOT WOUND <sup>RESTED</sup> MASTOID AREA.

PROSECUTION ~~REST~~ THEIR CASE AND FURTHER PROCEEDINGS  
*deferred*  
~~CONDUCTED~~ UNTIL NINE FIFTEEN A.M., FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

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FOLLOWING CONSISTS OF ACTIVITIES IN SIRHAN TRIAL  
 FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT:

PROSECUTION RESTED CASE AND DEFENSE OPENED. FIRST  
 WITNESS WAS BARON SARKEES NAHAS, A WRITER, BORN IN  
 JERUSALEM AND COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THAT COUNTRY. NAHAS,  
 USING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY MAP OF JERUSALEM, TESTIFIED AS TO  
 CONDITIONS EXISTING DURING PERIOD OF CONFLICT BETWEEN  
 ISRAELIS AND ARABS IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT.

SECOND DEFENSE WITNESS WAS SAID HASHIMAH, A BOYFRIEND OF  
 SIRHAN WHOSE FAMILY RESIDED IN SAME BUILDING AS DID SIRHAN  
 FAMILY IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. HASHIMAH PLAYED AS CHILD  
 WITH SIRHAN UNTIL SIRHAN FAMILY LEFT FOR UNITED STATES IN

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NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HASHIMAH TESTIFIED TO CONDITIONS EXISTING IN PALESTINE DASH ISRAELI WAR; ABJECT POVERTY OF SIRHAN AND OTHER FAMILIES AND CRUELTY ON PART OF SIRHAN'S FATHER TOWARD SIRHAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

AFTERNOON SESSION CONTINUED WITH WITNESS FROM PASADENA SCHOOL SYSTEM OUTLINING ACADEMIC RECORD OF SIRHAN. DURING THIS TESTIMONY, SIRHAN STOOD UP TO ADDRESS JUDGE. HIS ATTORNEYS SEATED HIM AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO APPROACH BENCH AND THE JURY WAS EXCLUDED.

SIRHAN REQUESTED PERMISSION TO MAKE STATEMENT AND INDICATED DESIRE TO CHANGE PLEA TO GUILTY TO MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE. SIRHAN ALSO REQUESTED TO BE EXECUTED AND TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHY FROM JUDGE, SIRHAN ANSWERED THAT HE HAD WILLFULLY KILLED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF PREMEDITATED MALICE A.D.AFORETHOUGHT.

SIRHAN INSISTED HE REPRESENT HIMSELF AND JUDGE ASKED HIM TWO SIMPLE LEGAL QUESTIONS WHICH HE COULD NOT ANSWER AND JUDGE DECLARED HIM INCOMPETENT TO DEFEND SELF.

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JUDGE RULED THAT TRIAL WOULD CONTINUE AND ADMONISHED SIRHAN THAT IF THERE WERE FURTHER OUTBURST, HE WOULD BE PHYSICALLY RESTRAINED IN COURT BY BEING STRAPPED TO HIS CHAIR AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO WEAR A FACE MASK TO PREVENT HIM FROM TALKING. COURT TEMPORARILY RECESSED.

WHEN COURT RECONVENED, DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF AND THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, MADE A MOTION TO THE COURT THAT ALL DEFENSE COUNSELS BE DISASSOCIATED FROM THE CASE DUE TO DIVERSIONS OF OPINION BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND SIRHAN AS TO PROPER CONDUCT OF THE TRIAL. MOTION WAS DENIED BY JUDGE AND TRIAL ORDERED TO PROCEED.

JURY WAS RECALLED AND MARY SIRHAN, MOTHER OF SIRHAN, WAS CALLED TO STAND. AFTER A FEW QUESTIONS BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY PARSONS CONCERNING BIRTH PLACE OF SIRHAN AND EARLY RESIDENCE OF FAMILY, SHE BECAME EMOTIONALLY UPSET. ATTORNEYS APPROACHED BENCH AND THE JUDGE RECESSED THE TRIAL TO MONDAY, MARCH THIRD NEXT, DUE TO EMOTIONAL STATE OF MARY SIRHAN.

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RE MY TELETYPE, FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

BEFORE MARY SIRHAN RESUMED TESTIMONY TODAY, DEFENSE  
 ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER MADE MOTION WHICH JUDGE GRANTED TO  
 INCLUDE ISSA MAKLEH AS ADVISOR TO DEFENSE.

MAKLEH IS DIRECTOR OF PALESTINIAN-ARAB DELEGATION  
TO UNITED NATIONS, IS MEMBER OF ENGLISH BAR AND IS A LAWYER  
 IN PALESTINE. MAKLEH PLANS TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES  
 FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK.

MARY SIRHAN CONTINUED TESTIMONY REGARDING HARDSHIPS OF  
 THEIR FAMILY LIFE IN PALESTINE AND OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM  
 AND DESCRIBED SCENES OF VIOLENCE AND RELATED THEIR EFFECT  
 ON THE YOUTHFUL SIRHAN. MARY SIRHAN ~~PLANNED~~ <sup>Blamed</sup> HARDSHIPS ON

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AFTER MORNING RECESS, DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER SPEAKING FOR SIRHAN, APOLOGIZED TO THE JUDGE FOR OUTBURSTS OF SIRHAN ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

MARY SIRHAN WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY PROSECUTION ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON AND WAS FOLLOWED ON THE WITNESS STAND BY HER SON ADEL SIRHAN.

ADEL SIRHAN ALSO TESTIFIED TO HARDSHIPS OF FAMILY LIFE IN PALESTINE AND IN OLD WALLED CITY OF JERUSALEM UNTIL FAMILY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. ADEL ALSO TESTIFIED TO PERSONALITY OF SIRHAN BEFORE AND AFTER HIS ACCIDENT OF FALLING FROM HORSE IN CORONA, CALIFORNIA IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. ADEL ALSO TESTIFIED TO GENERAL TEMPERAMENT OF HIS BROTHER, SIRHAN.

IRVING LEWIS, ADMINISTRATIVE DEAN OF PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, OUTLINED COURSES AND GRADES OF SIRHAN AT THIS JUNIOR COLLEGE FROM NINETEEN SIXTY THREE THROUGH SIXTY FIVE WHEN SIRHAN WAS DISQUALIFIED AND LATER DISMISSED FROM THE SCHOOL DUE TO ACADEMIC INAPTITUDE.

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SIRHAN WAS THEN CALLED TO STAND AND TESTIFIED FOR REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON SESSION. UNDER QUESTIONING OF HIS ATTORNEY, GRANT COOPER, SIRHAN ADMITTED KILLING SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY ON THE EARLY MORNING OF JUNE FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND OF SHOOTING THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN THE SIX COUNTY INDICTMENT. SIRHAN TESTIFIED THAT HE WROTE ENTRIES OF MAY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT IN HIS NOTEBOOK INDICATING THAT RFK MUST BE KILLED BEFORE JUNE FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. DEFENSE ATTORNEY READ ENTIRE PAGE OF NOTEBOOK UNDER DATE OF MAY EIGHTEEN AND SIRHAN ADMITTED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN ENTIRE PAGE. SIRHAN THEN RECOUNTED RECOLLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE IN PALESTINE AND WHEN FAMILY LIVED IN THE OLD WALL CITY OF JERUSALEM BEFORE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES. SIRHAN TESTIFIED CALMLY AND THERE WERE NO EMOTIONAL OUTBURSTS. TRIAL TO BE CONTINUED MARCH FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE WITH SIRHAN ~~STILL~~ ON STAND.

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED MARCH THREE LAST.

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN CONTINUED TESTIMONY TODAY FOR ENTIRE  
COURT SESSION.

UNDER QUESTIONING BY HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER,  
SIRHAN RECOUNTED LIFE IN JERUSALEM AND HIS MOVE TO THE  
UNITED STATES IN NINETEEN FIFTY SIX.

HE CONTINUED TESTIFYING CONCERNING HIS EDUCATION,  
EMPLOYMENTS, AND HIS ACCIDENT IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX AT  
CORONA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE FELL FROM A HORSE WHILE WORKING  
AS AN EXERCISE BOY.

HIS STUDY OF THE OCCULT AND THE METAPHYSICAL AND HIS  
ENROLIMENT IN THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY WAS DEVELOPED AS WELL  
AS HIS INTENSE POLITICAL FEELING CONCERNING THE ARAB ISRAELI  
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SEVERAL BOOKS THAT SIRHAN HAD READ DEALING WITH THE OCCULT WERE INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE.

THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS UTILIZED WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY COOPER READING THE PAGES OF SIRHAN'S NOTEBOOK. SIRHAN WAS UNABLE TO RECALL HAVING WRITTEN MOST OF THE MATERIAL APPEARING THEREIN, BUT DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS HIS HAND-WRITING AND THAT HE OBVIOUSLY HAD WRITTEN IT. SIRHAN INDICATED THAT SEVERAL EFFORTS IN RELATION TO THE ARAB ISRAELI SITUATION SO ANGERED HIM THAT AT THOSE MOMENTS HE COULD HAVE KILLED THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE.

SIRHAN WILL CONTINUE HIS TESTIMONY TOMORROW AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL BE ON THE WITNESS STAND FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.



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REMYTEL, MARCH FOUR LAST.

SIRHAN CONTINUED ON STAND TODAY AND IN QUESTIONING  
BY HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY, TESTIFIED HE ACTED COMPLETELY ALONE  
IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

DEFENSE CONTINUED READING FROM NOTEBOOKS AND PAPERS  
OF SIRHAN. SIRHAN ADMITTED ALL WRITING WAS HIS HANDWRITING  
BUT CLAIMED COULD NOT RECALL HAVING WRITTEN MATERIAL IN  
NOTEBOOKS. AT ONE POINT IN REGARD TO HIS NOTATION ~~REGARDING~~ <sup>CONCERNING</sup>  
COMMUNISM, HE TESTIFIED THAT AT THE TIME HE WROTE IT HE  
FIRMLY SUPPORTED THE COMMUNIST CAUSE AND ITS PEOPLE. SIRHAN  
TESTIFIED HE WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.  
SIRHAN CLAIMED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO READ PORTION OF WRITINGS

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