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REMYTEL MARCH TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

DR. BERNARD L. ~~DIAMOND~~, M.D., UNDER ^{CROSS}~~CLOSE~~ EXAMINATION
BY PROSECUTION FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY. DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS ATTEMPTED TO HAVE DIAMOND
QUALIFY FOR PSYCHIATRIC OPINION OF SIRHAN THROUGH QUESTIONING
CONCERNING SIRHAN'S BACKGROUND, HIS VISIT TO AMBASSADOR HOTEL
ON JUNE TWO LAST, WRITINGS IN HIS NOTEBOOK, HIS ACTIONS IN
THE GUN RANGE ON JUNE FOUR LAST AND HIS ACTIVITIES AT THE
HOTEL ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST. ^{CROSS}~~CLOSE~~ EXAMINATION CONCLUDED.
DEFENSE WILL BEGIN REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF DIAMOND AT COURT
SESSION TOMORROW.

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DOCTOR BERNARD L. DIAMOND, M. D., RESUMED STAND TODAY FOR REDIRECT EXAMINATION. DEFENSE THEN CALLED TWO PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO HAD BEEN RETAINED BY PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SEYMOUR POLLOCK, TO EVALUATE TEST RESULTS GIVEN BY PSYCHOLOGISTS DR. MARTIN SCHORR AND DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON. BOTH WITNESSES, DR. GEORGINE SEWARD AND DR. GEORGE DE VOS, CONCURRED WITH EVALUATION OF SCHORR AND RICHARDSON.

DEFENSE THEN READ INTO COURT RECORDS FOR BENEFIT OF JURY THE TRANSCRIPT OF AN OUTBURST BY SIRHAN IN THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE LAST. SIRHAN AT THIS TIME TOLD JUDGE THAT IF HIS NOTEBOOK WERE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE IN OPEN COURT THAT HE WOULD CHANGE PLEA TO GUILTY AND REQUEST DEATH PENALTY.

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WITH JURY ABSENT, PROSECUTION REQUESTED COURT PERMISSION TO SHOW FILM OF KENNEDY VICTORY SPEECH AT AMBASSADOR BALLROOM IN OPEN COURT. DEFENSE OBJECTED AND JUDGE DENIED PERMISSION ON BASIS THAT IT WAS IMMATERIAL TO THE CASE AND COULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE ~~INFLAMMATORY~~ ^{INFLAMMATORY}.

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REMYTEL MARCH TWENTY SEVENTH LAST.

REGULAR JUROR LAWRENCE K. MORGAN BECAME ILL LAST NIGHT AND WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. ALTERNATE JUROR MISS RUTH STILLMAN ~~SENT AS~~ REPLACEMENT.

PROSECUTION BEGAN REBUTTAL AND DA'S INVESTIGATOR GEORGE MURPHY AND LAPD OFFICERS ADOLPH MELENDRES AND FRANK J. PATCHETT TESTIFIED THAT THEY HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SIRHAN EARLY MORNING OF JUNE FIFTH, SIXTY EIGHT AND DID NOT BELIEVE THAT HE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR NARCOTICS. LAURENCE W. SLOAN, FORMER LAPD HANDWRITING EXPERT, NOW EMPLOYED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TESTIFIED TO COMPARISON OF WRITING IN SIRHAN'S NOTE BOOK AGAINST "AUTOMATIC WRITING" MADE BY SIRHAN WHILE IN CUSTODY AND UNDER HYPNOSIS BY DEFENSE PSYCHIATRIST DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND. SLOAN GAVE CONCLUSION THAT WRITING IN NOTE BOOK NOT MADE WHILE SIRHAN WAS UNDER A STATE OF HYPNOSIS.

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PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SYMORE ~~POLLACK~~, M.D. BEGAN TESTIMONY RE HIS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OF SIRHAN. POLLACK NOT COMPLETED READING HIS REPORT WHEN COURT ADJOURNED.

CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF SIRHAN. SAIDALLAH, BROTHER OF SIRHAN WAS MOVED FROM ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, PASADENA, TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY IN WARD FIVE FOUR ZERO ZERO. SAIDALLAH WAS MOVED IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRES AND DUE TO DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY SHARIF THE OTHER BROTHER OF SIRHAN AT ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

ON EARLY MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, INSTANT, SHARIF ~~SIRHAN~~ WAS ARRESTED BY THE PASADENA PD IN THE INTENSIVE CARE WARD OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, PASADENA. HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND DISTURBING THE PEACE, DUE TO DISTURBANCE AT BEDSIDE OF HIS BROTHER SAIDALLAH AND HIS ATTEMPT TO STRIKE THE NURSE ON DUTY. PASADENA PD FILED DISTURBING THE PEACE COMPLAINT AGAINST SHARIF AND DROPPED ASSAULT CHARGE. SHARIF WILL BE ARRAIGNED ON APRIL THIRD AT TWO P.M., DEPARTMENT TWO, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. SHARIF WAS RELEASED ON BAIL.

THERE WILL BE NO COURT SESSION ON MONDAY MARCH THIRTY FIRST NEXT AND NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M.D., PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST, TESTIFIED ON REBUTTAL FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY. MORNING SESSION INTERRUPTED BY OUT BURST OF SIRHAN, WHO OBJECTED TO TESTIMONY OF POLLACK. SIRHAN WAS CALMED BY HIS ATTORNEYS AND ADMONISHED BY JUDGE RE ANY FURTHER OUT-BURSTS. DEFENSE ATTORNEY PARSONS APOLOGIZED TO COURT FOR BEHAVIOR OF SIRHAN.

POLLACK TESTIFIED THAT ON JUNE FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, SIRHAN HAD MENTAL CAPACITY TO HARBOR MALICE AND A FORETHOUGHT, TO MATURELY AND MEANINGFULLY HAVE INTENT TO KILL AND TO PREMEDITATE THE ACT OF KILLING SENATOR KENNEDY.

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POLLACK OF OPINION THAT IF SIRHAN IS SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA, IT IS RETROGRADE AMNESIA, WHICH WOULD NEVER HAVE DEVELOPED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AFTER THE ACT OF KILLING KENNEDY AND WOULD DEVELOP AS A DEFENSE AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACT. POLLACK WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY TOMORROW, APRIL TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE.

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DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M. D., PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST, RESUMED STAND TODAY AS REBUTTAL WITNESS. PROSECUTION CONCLUDED DIRECT EXAMINATION JUST BEFORE NOON RECESS AND DEFENSE CROSS-EXAMINED POLLACK FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION TODAY.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CENTERED ON POSSIBLE DISCREPANCY IN TERMS USED BY POLLACK IN CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AS OPPOSED TO HIS FINAL PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN. POLLACK ALSO QUESTIONED AS TO WHY FURTHER PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION NOT MADE OF SIRHAN. POLLACK WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION ON FOUR THREE NEXT.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER CROSS EXAMINED FOR
ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST
DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M. D.

COOPER REPEATED QUESTIONING CONCERNING SEVERAL AREAS
BROUGHT OUT IN TESTIMONY ON FOUR TWO LAST, INCLUDING
SIRHAN'S WRITINGS, CONFIDENTIAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY POLLACK
ON FEBRUARY FIVE ^{LAST} ~~SIXTY-NINE~~, AND HIS FINAL EVALUATION OF
SIRHAN USED AS THE BASIS OF DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE.
POLLACK DID STATE THAT HE WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT BUT THAT HE TRIED NOT TO LET THIS FEELING
INTERFERE WITH HIS OBJECTIVITY IN HIS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION
OF SIRHAN. POLLACK WILL CONTINUE UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION
ON FOUR FOUR NEXT. COURT SESSION TOMORROW WILL BE FOR ONLY
ONE HALF DAY.

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REMYTEL, APRIL THIRD LAST.

PROSECUTION PSYCHIATRIST DR. SEYMOUR POLLACK, M.D.,
FINISHED TESTIMONY TODAY AS REBUTTAL WITNESS. NO FURTHER
WITNESSES CALLED AS NO AFTERNOON SESSION OF COURT SCHEDULED.
PROSECUTION ATTORNEY ADVISED INTENDED TO CALL ONE MORE
REBUTTAL WITNESS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY ADVISED OF INTENTION TO
CALL ONE SIR REBUTTAL WITNESS. CASE RECESSED UNTIL APRIL
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REMYTEL APRIL FOUR LAST.

PROSECUTION REBUTTAL WITNESS DR. LEONARD OLINGER,
INSTRUCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA, TESTIFIED FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION TODAY.

OLINGER TESTIFIED IN GENERAL CONCERNING PSYCHOLOGICAL
TESTING AND THEN TESTIFIED SPECIFICALLY AS TO THE CONCLUSIONS
REACHED BY DR. MARTIN SCHORR AND DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON
WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED FOR THE DEFENSE.

OLINGER WAS CRITICAL OF SEVERAL OF THE CONCLUSIONS
OF SCHORR AND RICHARDSON AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT HIS
EVALUATION OF THEIR RESULTS WOULD INDICATE THAT SIRHAN

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COULD PREMEDITATE, COMMIT, AND HAVE SUFFICIENT MALICE
TO CONSUMMATE THE ACT HE COMMITTED IN KILLING KENNEDY.

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REMYTEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE RESTED THEIR CASES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY. REMAINDER OF ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF REVIEW ON PART OF DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION OF ITEMS OF EVIDENCE ENTERED DURING TRIAL.

OPENING ARGUMENTS TO JURY WILL COMMENCE APRIL NINE NEXT WITH DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITZ LEADING OFF FOR PROSECUTION. THREE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL ALSO BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALLY PRESENT ARGUMENTS TO JURY.

PROSECUTION STILL INTENDS TO REQUEST DEATH PENALTY FOR SIRHAN IF JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

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REMYTEL, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY CONSISTED OF CLOSING ARGUMENTS TO JURY BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS. ENTIRE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS DEVOTED TO FITTS' PRESENTATION.

ON APRIL TEN NEXT DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER WILL LEAD OFF IN BEHALF OF DEFENSE WITH CLOSING ARGUMENT TO JURY IN BEHALF OF SIRHAN.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY RUSSELL PARSONS LED OFF DEFENSE
ATTORNEY'S CLOSING ARGUMENTS OF SIRHAN'S FAMILY LIFE
PRIOR TO COMING TO UNITED STATES.

PARSONS FOLLOWED BY EMILE ZOLA BERMAN, ANOTHER DEFENSE
ATTORNEY, WHO PRESENTED TO THE JURY ACTIVITIES OF SIRHAN
SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES. BERMAN ALSO
EMPHASIZED THE DETERIORATING MENTAL CONDITION OF SIRHAN.

REMAINDER OF COURT SESSION TODAY CONSUMED BY DEFENSE
ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER WHO EXPLAINED LAWS OF MURDER TO
JURY. COOPER INDICATED THAT DEFENSE WAS NOT SEEKING A

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VERDICT OF LESS THAN MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE AND
EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT SIRHAN DUE TO MENTAL
CONDITION SHOULD BE INCARCERATED FOR LIFE. COOPER WILL
CONTINUE WITH ARGUMENTS TO THE JURY ON APRIL ELEVEN NEXT.

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REMYTL APRIL TEN LAST AND APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY
CONSISTED OF PRESENTATION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER
SUMMING UP IN BEHALF OF DEFENSE AND REQUESTING JURY TO
RETURN VERDICT OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

AT CONCLUSION OF COOPER'S PRESENTATION, CHIEF DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON PRESENTED BRIEF FINAL
ARGUMENT IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION. CONCLUSION OF FINAL
ARGUMENT IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION WILL BE COMPLETED APRIL
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~~REMYTEL~~ APRIL ELEVEN LAST. ALTERNATE JUROR, GEORGE
STITZEL SELECTED THIS MORNING TO REPLACE REGULAR JUROR
RELEASED BECAUSE OF DEATH IN FAMILY.

Ronald G. Evans

CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON, COMPLETED
ARGUMENTS TO JURY FOR PROSECUTION.

JUDGE READ INSTRUCTIONS TO JURY AND CASE SENT TO
JURY FOR DELIBERATION AT THREE P.M. TODAY.

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WILL BE SENT UNTIL JURY RETURNS A VERDICT.

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REMYTEL APRIL FOURTEEN LAST.

JURY DID NOT REACH VERDICT AS OF CLOSE OF COURT
TODAY. DURING COURSE OF AFTERNOON, JURY RETURNED TO
COURTROOM FOR CLARIFICATION OF JUDGE'S INSTRUCTIONS
ON SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

JURY WILL CONTINUE DELIBERATION APRIL SEVENTEEN
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REMYTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

DEFENSE AT AFTERNOON COURT SESSION, WITH JURY
EXCLUDED, PRESENTED THREE MOTIONS FOR OFFERS OF PROOF
FOR PENALTY TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL TWENTY ONE NEXT.

FIRST OFFER OF PROOF WAS TO PRODUCE EXPERTS ON
ARAB DASH ISRAELI SITUATION IN ISRAEL FROM TIME SIRHAN
WAS FOUR YEARS OF AGE TO TIME SIRHAN'S FAMILY CAME TO
THE UNITED STATES.

SECOND WAS TO CALL LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY
EVELLE J. YOUNGER TO TESTIFY TO PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, MADE
IN JUDGE'S CHAMBERS THAT PROSECUTION WAS SATISFIED WITH
TERM OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT IF SIRHAN PLEADED GUILTY
TO MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

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THIRD OFFER OF PROOF WAS TO PRODUCE CLINTON DUFFY,
FORMER WARDEN OF SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY TO TESTIFY THAT
DEATH PENALTY WAS NOT A DETERRENT TO CRIME.

PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ESTIMATED THAT PENALTY
TRIAL SHOULD BE CONCLUDED IN ONE DAY BUT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT
EXCEED ONE AND ONE HALF DAYS. COURT RECESSED UNTIL APRIL
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REMYTEL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

JURY AT TEN FORTY SEVEN AM TODAY RETURNED VERDICT ON
COUNT ONE OF GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE. ON REMAINDER
OF FIVE COUNTS SIRHAN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT WITH DANGEROUS
WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER.

PENALTY TRIAL TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE DEATH SENTENCE WILL
BEGIN MONDAY APRIL TWENTY ONE NEXT.

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 REMYTEL APRIL SEVENTH LAST.

ACTIVITIES IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN CONTINUED TODAY. DEPUTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN HOWARD PRESENTED ARGUMENTS TO JURY IN BEHALF OF PROSECUTION WITH RESPECT TO PENALTY PHASE OF THIS TRIAL. IN PRESENTATION HOWARD REMINDED JURY THEY FOUND SIRHAN "GUILTY OF WILLFUL DELIBERATE MURDER" AND FURTHER CHARACTERIZED HIS ACT AS A "POLITICAL ASSASSINATION". WHILE PROSECUTION DID NOT SPECIFICALLY DEMAND DEATH PENALTY, HOWARD ADVISED JURY THAT LIFE SENTENCE WOULD PERMIT SIRHAN TO CONSIDER HIS ACTIONS A FURTHER TRIUMPH.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS RUSSELL PARSONS AND GRANT COOPER THEN ADDRESSED JURY BOTH PLEADING FOR VERDICT OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

JURY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDING JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER AT ELEVEN FIFTY A.M. TODAY AND RETIRED TO

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DELIBERATE. AT FOUR P.M. UNABLE TO REACH VERDICT AND
FURTHER PROCEEDINGS RECESSED UNTIL NINE THIRTY A.M.
APRIL TWENTY SECOND NEXT.

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JURY FAILED TO REACH VERDICT RE LIFE IMPRISONMENT OR
DEATH BY END OF COURT SESSION THIS DATE. JURY WILL RE-
CONVENE AT EIGHT A.M. APRIL TWENTY-THIRD NEXT TO FURTHER
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REMYTEL APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST.

JURY IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, TODAY RETURNED DEATH VERDICT FOR
SIRHAN.

FURTHER ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE MAY FOURTEEN NEXT,
AT WHICH TIME MOTIONS FOR NEW TRIAL WILL BE MADE AND SENTENCES
WILL BE IMPOSED BY COURT *Concerning five additional counts*
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REMYTEL APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

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SIRHAN WAS TO BE MAY FOURTEEN NEXT.

ATTORNEYS FOR SIRHAN APPEARED BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER TODAY AND REQUESTED CONTINUANCE UNTIL
MAY TWENTY ONE NEXT. REQUEST WAS GRANTED AT WHICH TIME
SENTENCING OF SIRHAN WILL TAKE PLACE.

LOS ANGELES WILL FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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KENSALT. OO: LOS ^{LA} ANGELES.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY *X* GRANT C. COOPER *X* PRESENTED ARGUMENTS TODAY IN DEPARTMENT ONE ZERO SEVEN, LOS ^{LA} ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, BEFORE JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER FOR MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL FOR SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL BASED ON THIRTEEN POINTS OF ALLEGED COURT ERRORS IN TRIAL OF SIRHAN. COOPER ARGUED ON TWO POINTS TODAY AS REMAINDER OF POINTS WERE PREVIOUSLY ARGUED PRIOR TO AND DURING TRIAL. ARGUMENTS TODAY CONCERNED RECEIVING IN EVIDENCE NOTEBOOKS AND PAPERS OF SIRHAN'S. DEFENSE CONTENDED NOTEBOOKS WERE ILLEGALLY SEIZED. SECOND ARGUMENT CONCERNED CONTENTMENT BY DEFENSE THAT PROSECUTION CLAIMED IT WOULD NOT RECOMMEND DEATH PENALTY TO JURY IF SIRHAND CONVICTED OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE BUT IMPLIED⁰ RECOMMENDED IN ARGUMENTS TO JURY. MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED BY JUDGE ON ALL THIRTEEN POINTS SPECIFIED BY DEFENSE.

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PRIOR TO ARGUMENTS RE MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL, ^{LA}LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVELLE J. YOUNGER PRESENTED A LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY REQUESTING CLEMENCY FOR SIRHAN.

AFTER MOTION DENIED JUDGE FORMERLY SENTENCED SIRHAN TO DEATH AND ORDERED HIM REMANDED TO SAN ^{QUENTIN}QUINTON PRISON WITHIN TEN DAYS. THE JUDGE PRONOUNCED THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE JURY WERE CORRECT IN THIS CASE. SIRHAN WAS ALSO SENTENCED TO THE TERM PRESCRIBED BY LAW ON EACH OF THE FIVE COUNTS OF ASSAULT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE WOUNDED AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON THE NIGHT THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SHOT.

LOS ANGELES WILL SUBMIT REPORT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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