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The newspaper continued that Sirhan, his mother, brother, Munir, will testify and that the defense is "expected" to call at least six psychologists and psychiatrists in its attempt to show Sirhan acted under diminished mental capacity in the shooting.

Another Los Angeles newspaper (Times) reported that Sirhan, uneasy about his defense strategy and unruly at his murder trial this week, is 'going to have to calm down or get another lawyer,' one of his defense attorneys warned him . . .

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Two other warnings came from Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker:

1. If Sirhan should lose or fire his three-man defense team and then undertake his own defense, the jurists said, 'There is one thing I have always told all (defendants acting as their own counsel): when they are being tried for murder in a case before me they usually go to the gas chamber.'

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 -- Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, on trial for the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and injuring five other persons, today in court tried to fire his defense counsel and demanded to change his plea to guilty and be executed.

According to a Los Angeles newspaper (Times), Sirhan was "infuriated at disclosure of his school grades and his IQ of 89." At the time of the outburst, John T. Harris, Pasadena school official, was on the witness stand, describing grades and test evaluations of Sirhan.

The newspaper reported that Sirhan, "in a firm but angry voice" said: "I killed Robert F. Kennedy willfully, premeditatedly and with 20 years of malice aforethought . . ."

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker refused to accept the change of plea or the firing of the three-man defense team. The judge threatened the defendant with a face mask and arm straps to keep him in his chair if there are further outbursts.

After the blow-up, Russell J. Parsons, one of Sirhan's attorneys, whispered with the defendant and asked for a recess. The jury was led out and Grant B. Cooper, another Sirhan attorney who was questioning Harris, explained that Sirhan had earlier said he would forbid the calling of about a dozen witnesses his lawyers believed should testify.

Cooper said Sirhan had later calmed down and promised cooperation, but that he now wanted to speak up in court.

There followed this exchange between judge and accused, as reported in the newspaper:

Judge Walker: There is something you wanted to say?

Sirhan: May I address the court in chambers, sir?

Walker: No.

Sirhan: I at this time, sir, withdraw my original plea of not guilty and submit the plea of guilty as charged on all counts. I also request that my counsel disassociate themselves from this case completely.

Walker: Do I understand -- stand-up -- do I understand that you want to plead guilty to murder in the first degree?

Sirhan: Yes, sir, I do.

Walker: All right, and what do you want to do about the penalty?

Sirhan: I will offer no defense whatsoever.

Walker: The question is, what do you want to do about the penalty?

Sirhan: I will ask to be executed, sir.

Walker: Now, I know of nothing in the law that permits a defendant under any circumstances to enter a plea of guilty to murder of the first degree and ask for execution.

Sirhan: Well, I have, sir.

Walker: Well now, just a minute. Why do you want to do this?

Sirhan: I believe, sir, that is my business, isn't it?

Walker: No, it isn't. Now, when we come to accept a plea, you have to give a reason.

Sirhan: I killed Robert F. Kennedy willfully, premeditatedly, with 20 years of malice aforethought, that is why.

Walker: Well, the evidence has to be produced here in court.

Sirhan: I withdraw all evidence, sir.

Walker: There is no such procedure.

Sirhan: To hell with it.

Walker: Well, the court will not accept that plea. Proceed with

the trial. Let me give you to understand here and now that this court will not put up with any more of your interrupting. You are to follow the advice of the court, and sit down there. Any further interruptions by you in this trial will result in you being restrained. You understand that?

Sirhan: Sir?

Walker: I mean by that that you will have a face mask put on you which will prohibit you from talking and, further, your arms will be strapped to your chair and the trial will proceed. You understand that?

Sirhan: I understand. However, sir, I intend to defend myself pro per (defendant representing himself). I don't want to be represented by counsel.

Walker: You have retained counsel.. Counsel is staying in the trial.

Sirhan: What I have said, I don't want anyone to have a trial shoved down my throat, sir, and you are not going to shove it down my throat, sir, in any way you want.

Walker: You say you want to go pro per?

Sirhan: Yes, I will.

Walker: What are the defenses, let me ask what are the elements of the crime of murder?

Sirhan: I don't understand all of this legality. You let me --

Walker: I am conducting these proceedings, not you. What are the defenses to murder in the first degree?

Sirhan: I don't know.

Walker: I find you are incapable of representing yourself. Sit down and keep quiet, and, if not, I intend to keep you quiet.

Sirhan: No, sir, I still maintain my original point. I plead guilty to murder and ask to be executed.

There was some additional exchange between the judge and Sirhan, and a recess was called. After the recess, and before the jury was brought back into court, Cooper told Judge Walker that his client has advised us definitely, positively and unequivocally that he does not desire us to continue to represent him.

Cooper then said the three-man defense team was "perfectly willing, as a matter of fact I might say anxious, to withdraw from the case and let him either represent himself or be represented by other counsel."

Cooper said, however, that they would be willing to continue and that the attorneys did not want to appear to be deserting Sirhan. Judge Walker denied the offer to withdraw, saying good cause for such withdrawal had not been shown and adding that Sirhan appeared clearly unable to represent himself.

The trial continued, the jury was led in and Mrs. Mary Sirhan, the defendant's mother, was called to testify. However, as her voice quavered, Judge Walker adjourned court.

He noted, "I can't conceive of a worse set of circumstances under which a mother could be called to testify. I think she shows great courage."

Others called today by the defense included:

Ziad Hashimieh, 25, a childhood friend of Sirhan's; and

Baron Sarkees Nahas, a Palestinian nobleman and former United Nations official.

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Note to editors: Because of the widespread interest in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, and proceedings in court, the Office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger is publishing a weekly summary of the case. This is the 39th summary, and others will be for release on subsequent Wednesdays.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 -- Prosecutors intend to conclude their case against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan by midweek -- showing why the young Arab should die in the gas chamber for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy," according to Myrna Oliver, staff writer, in a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) today.

The newspaper reported there might be a "hassle over admission into evidence of diaries kept by Sirhan before the June 5 slaying . . ." and this "could extend the prosecution's case."

One of Sirhan's attorneys, Russell V. Parsons, sought in pre-trial maneuvers to have the diaries suppressed as evidence, claiming they were seized illegally at Sirhan's Pasadena home.

However, Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, who is presiding, ruled on Oct. 22 that the diaries would not be suppressed. He said they could be introduced in court and that he would rule on their admission at that time.

The writer, noting that when the trial began Jan. 7 it was expected to last three months, quoted Parsons as saying, "I think they (the

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Cooper has estimated his case will take "three to four weeks."

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"I don't want anyone to think we are hiding anything," he explained to a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

Cooper told reporters today that the defense expects to call about 30 witnesses and will take about three weeks to present their case. "Lengthy prosecution cross-examination could extend this estimate, he conceded," reported the same newspaper.

The newspaper continued that Sirhan, his mother, brother, Munir, will testify and that the defense is "expected" to call at least six psychologists and psychiatrists in its attempt to show Sirhan acted under diminished mental capacity in the shooting.

Another Los Angeles newspaper (Times) reported that Sirhan, uneasy about his defense strategy and unruly at his murder trial this week, is 'going to have to calm down or get another lawyer,' one of his defense attorneys warned him . . ."

Continued the article:

Two other warnings came from Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker:

1. If Sirhan should lose or fire his three-man defense team and then undertake his own defense, the jurists said, 'There is one thing I have always told all (defendants acting as their own counsel): when they are being tried for murder in a case before me they usually go to the gas chamber.'

2. If Sirhan doesn't control his courtroom outbursts, he will be physically restrained -- perhaps by being strapped in his chair during court sessions."

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 -- Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, on trial for the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and injuring five other persons, today in court tried to fire his defense counsel and demanded to change his plea to guilty and be executed.

According to a Los Angeles newspaper (Times), Sirhan was "infuriated at disclosure of his school grades and his IQ of 89." At the time of the outburst, John T. Harris, Pasadena school official, was on the witness stand, describing grades and test evaluations of Sirhan.

The newspaper reported that Sirhan, "in a firm but angry voice" said: "I killed Robert F. Kennedy willfully, premeditatedly and with 20 years of malice aforethought . . ."

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker refused to accept the change of plea or the firing of the three-man defense team. The judge threatened the defendant with a face mask and arm straps to keep him in his chair if there are further outbursts.

After the blow-up, Russell E. Parsons, one of Sirhan's attorneys, whispered with the defendant and asked for a recess. The jury was led out and Grant B. Cooper, another Sirhan attorney who was questioning Harris, explained that Sirhan had earlier said he would forbid the calling of about a dozen witnesses his lawyers believed should testify.

Cooper said Sirhan had later calmed down and promised cooperation, but that he now wanted to speak up in court.

There followed this exchange between judge and accused, as reported in the newspaper:

Judge Walker: There is something you wanted to say?

Sirhan: May I address the court in chambers, sir?

Walker: No.

Sirhan: I at this time, sir, withdraw my original plea of not guilty and submit the plea of guilty as charged on all counts. I also request that my counsel disassociate themselves from this case completely.

Walker: Do I understand -- stand-up -- do I understand that you want to plead guilty to murder in the first degree?

Sirhan: Yes, sir, I do.

Walker: All right, and what do you want to do about the penalty?

Sirhan: I will offer no defense whatsoever.

Walker: The question is, what do you want to do about the penalty?

Sirhan: I will ask to be executed, sir.

Walker: Now, I know of nothing in the law that permits a defendant under any circumstances to enter a plea of guilty to murder of the first degree and ask for execution.

Sirhan: Well, I have, sir.

Walker: Well now, just a minute. Why do you want to do this?

Sirhan: I believe, sir, that is my business, isn't it?

Walker: No, it isn't. Now, when we come to accept a plea, you have to give a reason.

Sirhan: I killed Robert F. Kennedy willfully, premeditatedly, with 20 years of malice aforethought, that is why.

Walker: Well, the evidence has to be produced here in court.

Sirhan: I withdraw all evidence, sir.

Walker: There is no such procedure.

Sirhan: To hell with it.

Walker: Well, the court will not accept that plea. Proceed with

the trial. Let me give you to understand here and now that this court will not put up with any more of your interrupting. You are to follow the advice of the court and sit down there. Any further interruptions by you in this trial will result in you being restrained. You understand that?

Sirhan: Sir?

Walker: I mean by that that you will have a face mask put on you which will prohibit you from talking and, further, your arms will be strapped to your chair and the trial will proceed. You understand that?

Sirhan: I understand. However, sir, I intend to defend myself pro per (defendant representing himself). I don't want to be represented by counsel.

Walker: You have retained counsel. Counsel is staying in the trial.

Sirhan: What I have said, I don't want anyone to have a trial shoved down my throat, sir, and you are not going to shove it down my throat, sir, in any way you want.

Walker: You say you want to go pro per?

Sirhan: Yes, I will.

Walker: What are the defenses, let me ask what are the elements of the crime of murder?

Sirhan: I don't understand all of this legality. You let me --

Walker: I am conducting these proceedings, not you. What are the defenses to murder in the first degree?

Sirhan: I don't know.

Walker: I find you are incapable of representing yourself. Sit down and keep quiet, and, if not, I intend to keep you quiet.

Sirhan: No, sir, I still maintain my original point. I plead guilty to murder and ask to be executed.

There was some additional exchange between the judge and Sirhan, and a recess was called. After the recess, and before the jury was brought back into court, Cooper told Judge Walker that his client has advised us definitely, positively and unequivocally that he does not desire us to continue to represent him.

Cooper then said the three-man defense team was "perfectly willing, as a matter of fact I might say anxious, to withdraw from the case and let him either represent himself or be represented by other counsel."

Cooper said, however, that they would be willing to continue and that the attorneys did not want to appear to be deserting Sirhan. Judge Walker denied the offer to withdraw, saying good cause for such withdrawal had not been shown and adding that Sirhan appeared clearly unable to represent himself.

The trial continued, the jury was led in and Mrs. Mary Sirhan, the defendant's mother, was called to testify. However, as her voice quavered, Judge Walker adjourned court.

He noted, "I can't conceive of a worse set of circumstances under which a mother could be called to testify. I think she shows great courage."

Others called today by the defense included:

Ziad Hashimeh, 25, a childhood friend of Sirhan's; and

Baron Sarkees Nahas, a Palestinian nobleman and former United Nations official.

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REMYTEL MARCH TWELVE LAST.

FULL COURT SESSION TODAY WAS TAKEN UP WITH PLAYING OF
TAPES OF INTERROGATION OF SIRHAN FOLLOWING HIS ARREST EARLY
MORNING HOURS, JUNE FIVE LAST. TAPES PLAYED GDJAY INCLUDED
INTERROGATION BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN HOLARD AND
BY LAPD OFFICER JORDAN OF RAMPART DIVISION AND LOS ANGELES
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR MURPHY. MORNING
SESSION OF COURT ENDED HALF HOUR EARLIER AS DEFENSE ATTORNEY
EMILE ZOLA BERMAN MADE ADDRESS TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON TOPIC ADVOCACY, THE ART
OF THE COURTROOM. AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THERE WILL BE NO COURT
SESSION ON MARCH FOURTEEN NEXT AND NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED
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This insert contains results of interview with
 MM 1070-S*. ☒

Informant was interviewed prior to receipt of the photographs enclosed with reference Los Angeles airtel. These photographs will be exhibited during the next informant contact and any positive information received will be promptly furnished.

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During the 1/4-6/69 and 2/22-23/69 National Committee meetings in New York City, informant had several conversations with BEN DOBBS of the Southern California District and AL RICHMOND and ARCHIE BROWN of the Northern California District. These conversations were conducted in an atmosphere where all phases of Party activity were discussed and at no time were any statements made by any participants about SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED MARCH ELEVEN LAST.

CROSS EXAMINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN M. SCHORR, DEFENSE
WITNESS, CONTINUED TODAY BY PROSECUTION ATTORNEY, JOHN HOWARD.

GENERAL EMPHASIS OF CROSS EXAMINATION WAS TO ATTACK THE
CREDIBILITY OF THE WITNESS AND TO DISCREDIT VALIDITY OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS GIVEN SIRHAN, PARTICULARLY THE
RORSCHACH TESTS.

AT CLOSE OF AFTERNOON RECESS, PROSECUTION PLAYED A TAPE
OF INTERVIEW OF SIRHAN ON EARLY MORNING OF JUNE FIVE LAST,
AT INTERROGATION ROOM OF RAMPART DIVISION, LOS ANGELES
POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS CONSUMED REMAINDER OF COURT SESSION.

TOMORROW, MARCH THIRTEEN NEXT, ALL REMAINING TAPES OF
INTERVIEWS WITH SIRHAN WILL BE PLAYED FOR JURY, AND AT
CONCLUSION, FURTHER CROSS EXAMINATION OF SCHORR WILL

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CONTINUE. DEFENSE ATTORNEY INDICATED TODAY THERE WILL BE
REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF SCHORR.

DUE TO PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF JUDGE AND DEFENSE
ATTORNEYS, THERE WILL BE NO COURT SESSION ON FRIDAY, MARCH
FOURTEEN NEXT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

DATE: 3/3/69

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (62-166)(P)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re: ANTONIO ALBIZO ORTIZ, Aka

Re Mexico City letter 1/24/69.

Contact with MEX 283 for the purpose of determining progress in interviewing ANTONIO ALBIZO ORTIZ was maintained throughout the month of February, 1969 and on 2/27/69, the source advised that efforts to determine where ALBIZO might be located, through contacts with his employer at Emilio Carranza 87, have been unsuccessful. MEX 283 added that he would continue to attempt to locate ALBIZO.

In the meantime, MEX 258 has been requested to attempt to locate ALBIZO and interview him for the purpose outlined in previous correspondence. The Bureau will be promptly notified as to the results of these efforts.

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REMYTEL MARCH THIRTEEN LAST.

PLAYBACK OF TAPES OF INTERROGATION OF SIRHAN CONCLUDED
AT COURT SESSION THIS MORNING.

DEFENSE WITNESS DR. MARTIN M. SCHORR RESUMED STAND
FOR CROSS EXAMINATION. FACTS OF LETTER WRITTEN BY DR. SCHORR
TO DEFENSE OFFERING HIS SERVICES MADE KNOWN TO COURT.

PRESS REPORTS OVER WEEKEND CARRIED STORY THAT DR. SCHORR
MAY HAVE COPIED PORTION OF BOOK "CASE BOOK OF A CRIMINAL

PSYCHIATRIST" AND A NEW YORK CRIMINAL PSYCHIATRIST, DR. JAMES
A. BRUSSEL, IN MAKING HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN.

COURT RECESSED TO ALLOW DEFENSE TO READ TEXT IN QUESTION.

FOLLOWING NOON RECESS ARGUMENTS HEARD WITH JURY EXCUSED RE

ADMITTING BOOK INTO EVIDENCE. PAGE BY PAGE EVALUATION WAS

MADE TO DETERMINE PORTIONS OF BOOK TO BE ADMITTED. JUDGE

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RULED CERTAIN PAGES BE EXCLUDED FROM JURY. SUMMARY ARGUMENTS
HEARD AND JUDGE AFFIRMED HIS PRIOR RULING. COURT RECESSED
TO ALLOW PROSECUTION TO PREPARE MATERIAL FROM BOOK FOR
PRESENTATION TO JURY. COURT WILL RESUME MARCH EIGHTEEN NEXT.

PENDING.

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REMYTEL MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST.

DEFENSE WITNESS, DR. MARTIN M. SCHORR, RESUMED
WITNESS STAND TODAY FOR ADDITIONAL CROSS-EXAMINATION
TO DISCREDIT TESTIMONY BASED ON SIMILARITY BETWEEN
SCHORR'S REPORT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN
AND BOOK BY NEW YORK CLINICAL PSYCHIATRIST. BOOK ENTITLED
"CASE BOOK OF A CLINICAL PSYCHIATRIST".

AFTER THE NOON RECESS, DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON,
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, WAS CALLED BY DEFENSE. TOOK STAND
AND READ TO COURT HIS REPORT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION
OF SIRHAN. RICHARDSON THEN DESCRIBED VARIOUS TESTS GIVEN
SIRHAN AND THE RESULTS THEREOF. TESTS INCLUDED RORSCHACH
TEXT, WEXLER ADULT INTELLIGENCE SCALE, BENDER GESTALT
AND MULTIBASIC PERSONALITY INVENTORY, AND TERMETIC
APPERCETITION TEST. RICHARDSON WAS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT

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TESTS ON SIRHAN BY THE COURT APPOINTED PSYCHIATRIST,
DR. MARCUS. RICHARDSON WILL CONTINUE ON DIRECT EXAMINA-
TION BY DEFENSE TOMORROW.

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REMYTEL DATED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON,
RESUMED STAND TODAY AND CONTINUED TO DESCRIBE PSYCHOLOGY
TESTS ADMINISTERED TO SIRHAN.

DIRECT EXAMINATION WAS CONCLUDED AND FOR REMAINDER OF
COURT SESSION TODAY DR. RICHARDSON UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION
BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DAVID FITTS, CONCERNING WITNESS'S
PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SIRHAN. BASIS OF CROSS EXAMINATION
WAS CONDITIONS OF TESTING AND BACKGROUND DATA OF SIRHAN THAT
MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO WITNESS WHEN PSYCHOLOGICAL
TESTS WERE GIVEN.

WITNESS WILL RESUME STAND FOR FURTHER CROSS EXAMINATION
AND REDIRECT EXAMINATION ON MARCH TWENTY NEXT.

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KENSALT. 00: LA.

RE MY TEL MARCH NINETEEN LAST.

DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, RESJOED
STAND TODAY AND CROSS EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTION WAS CONCLUDED.
ON RE^DIRECT EXAMINATION, RICHARDSON GAVE DIAGNOSTIC SUM^DMARY OF
SIRHAN SIRHAN'S MENTAL CONDITION INDICATING A PSYCOTIC CONDITION.

DR. STEPHEN J. HOWARD, A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, TESTIFIED
THAT HE ACTED IN CONSULTING CAPACITY TO DR. RICHARDSON AND MADE
INTERPRETATION OF RAW DATA PROVIDED BY RICHARDSON FROM TESTS GIVEN
SIRHAN. HOWARD TESTIFIED CONSIDERED SIRHAN IN A BORDER LINE
PSYCOTIC STATE. PROSECUTION HAD LIMITED CROSS EXAMINATION OF
HOWARD.

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DEFENSE THEN CALLED DR. WILLIAM CRANE, ANOTHER CLINICAL
PSYCHOLOGIST, WHO ACTED AS CONSULTANT TO DR. RICHARDSON. CRANE
TESTIFIED HIS INTERPRETATION^{OF} DATA SUPPLIED BY RICHARDSON SHOWED
SIRHAN TO BE IN A PARANOIC STATE. CRANE WAS NOT CROSS EXAMINED BY
PROSECUTION.

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AFTER THE NOON RECESS, DR. MARCUS, COURT APPOINTED PSYCHIATRIST, TESTIFIED ON DIRECT EXAMINATION CONCERNING MENTAL CAPACITY OF SIRHAN. BASED CONCLUSIONS ON TESTS ADMINISTERED BY DR. RICHARDSON, EXAMINATION OF NOTEBOOKS OF SIRHAN, RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF MEMBERS OF SIRHAN FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND INTERVIEW OF SIRHAN. ON CROSS EXAMINATION BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS, MARCUS ADMITTED THAT INTERVIEWS WITH FAMILY CONSISTED OF TAPES GATHERED BY DEFENSE INVESTIGATOR. CROSS EXAMINATION OF MARCUS WILL CONTINUE ON MARCH TWENTY- ONE NEXT.

MARCUS IS TWENTY-FIFTH DEFENSE WITNESS CALLED AND TODAY WAS FOURTEENTH DAY OF DEFENSE PRESENTATION.

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RE MY TEL MARCH TWENTY LAST.

PSYCHIATRIST, DR. ERIC MARCUS, RESUMED WITNESS STAND
THIS DATE AND TESTIFIED UNDER DIRECT EXAMINATION TO THE
MENTAL CONDITION OF SIRHAN. MARCUS DESCRIBED SIRHAN AS
PARANOID DASH SCHIZOPHRENIA AND INDICATED THAT SIRHAN
DEVELOPED THIS MENTAL ILLNESS SEVERAL YEARS EARLIER WHICH
WOULD ACCOUNT FOR THE WRITINGS IN THE NOTE BOOK FOUND IN
THE SIRHAN RESIDENCE AFTER HIS ARREST.

ON CROSS EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTION MARCUS CONCEDED
THAT SIRHAN COULD HAVE LIED CONCERNING THE FACT THAT ~~HE COULD~~
NOT RECALL THE EVENTS OF THE SHOOTING.

ON REDIRECT EXAMINATION MARCUS DESCRIBED THE RESULTS OF
ALCOHOL TESTS GIVEN TO SIRHAN WHILE HE WAS IN CUSTODY TO TEST
HIS REACTION TO DRINKING ALCOHOL BEVERAGES. AFTER ADDITIONAL

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CROSS EXAMINATION BASED ON THE REDIRECT TESTIMONY, MARCUS WAS EXCUSED.

MICHAEL MC COWAN, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR THE DEFENSE, TESTIFIED TO SIX PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THE DEFENSE OF EMBASSY AND VENETIAN ROOMS IN AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE.

DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND, M.D., PSYCHIATRIST WHO EXAMINED SIRHAN AT REQUEST OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER BEGAN TESTIMONY CONCERNING HIS FIRST INTERVIEW WITH SIRHAN AND GAVE LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF THIS INTERVIEW. THIS CONCLUDED COURT SESSION TODAY. DIAMOND WILL RESUME STAND MARCH TWENTY FOUR NEXT. DIAMOND IS A FULL PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY AND AT SAN FRANCISCO AND TEACHES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF MEDICINE, LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY AND IS THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY AT BERKELEY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ISSA NAKHLEH, DIRECTOR OF THE PALESTINE ARAB DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ADVISOR TO THE DEFENSE TEAM REPRESENTING SIRHAN, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE HILTON-STATLER HOTEL ON MARCH TWENTY ONE INSTANT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE ADVISED THAT NAKHLEH

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GAVE DIATRIBE AGAINST ZIONIST AND INDICATED THAT SIRHAN WAS A VICTIM OF THE ZIONIST. NAKHLEH EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS ALSO A VICTIM OF THE ZIONIST AS HE WAS UNDER POLITICAL PRESSURE OF THE ZIONIST INFLUENCE. NAKHLEH ALSO EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT SIRHAN WAS RECEIVING A FAIR TRIAL AND PRAISED AMERICAN JUSTICE.

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REMYTEL MARCH TWENTY ONE LAST.

DEFENSE WITNESS PSYCHIATRIST DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND,
M.D., RESUMED STAND TODAY AND WAS UNDER DIRECT EXAMINATION
FOR ENTIRE COURT SESSION.

DIAMOND TESTIFIED TO NUMBER OF TIMES HE EXAMINED
SIRHAN AND DESCRIBED IN DETAIL REACTIONS OF SIRHAN ON THE
THREE OCCASIONS HE WAS HYPNOTIZED BY DIAMOND.

BASED ON PERSONAL EXAMINATION AND STUDY OF OTHER MATTER
INCLUDING SIRHAN'S WRITING IN HIS NOTEBOOK, DIAMOND DESCRIBED
SIRHAN AS CHRONIC PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA WITH MAJOR PSYCHOSIS
IN A DISSOCIATED STATE AND WITH RESTRICTED CONSCIENCE.

DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT BASED ON HYPNOSIS OF SIRHAN
OF OPINION THAT SIRHAN DID NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MEDITATE

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OR CONTAIN MALICE AND WAS UNABLE TO MENTALLY AND MEANINGFULLY REFLECT ON HIS ACTIONS.

DIAMOND OF OPINION SIRHAN SUFFERED FROM PROGRESSIVE MENTAL ILLNESS BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY WHEN SIRHAN, FOUR YEARS OLD AND SUBJECT TO WAR EXPERIENCES IN ISRAEL. LATER TO COMPENSATE FOR APPARENT INABILITIES IN THE WORLD OF REALITY, SIRHAN TURNED TO STUDY OF OCCULT JOINING THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER.

DIAMOND FURTHER TESTIFIED HE BELIEVED SIRHAN IN SELF-INDUCED TRANCE OR HYPNOTIC STATE WHEN HE MADE NOTATION IN HIS NOTEBOOK AND SIRHAN HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF ENTRIES IN BOOK. DIAMOND PRODUCED WRITING DONE BY SIRHAN WHEN SIRHAN UNDER HYPNOSIS BY DIAMOND IN JAIL CELL AND CLAIMS SIRHAN HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF WRITING THIS MATERIAL. THIS AND NOTATIONS IN NOTEBOOK DESCRIBED AS AUTOMATIC WRITING BY DIAMOND.

AT MOMENT OF SHOOTING KENNEDY, DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT SIRHAN WAS IN A HIGHLY ABNORMAL PSYCHOTIC STATE, WAS IN A BLIND PRIMITIVE RAGE AND THAT IT WAS A REFLEX REACTION. FURTHER, HE DESCRIBED SIRHAN AS BEING IN A DISSOCIATED STATE, CONFUSED BY THE MIRRORS AND LIGHTS IN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF THE EMBASSY ROOM.

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IN QUESTIONING SIRHAN UNDER HYPNOSIS, DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT SIRHAN INDICATED THAT AT TIME HE DRANK COFFEE AT AMBASSADOR IS THE LAST CONSCIOUS THING SIRHAN CLAIMS TO REMEMBER, THAT HE WAS NOT THINKING OF SHOOTING KENNEDY AND THAT HE WAS NOT HATING KENNEDY. DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT SIRHAN WAS NOT COOPERATIVE WITH HIM AND LIED TO HIM CONCERNING ANY QUESTIONS INVOLVING HIS MENTAL STATUS. DIAMOND CLAIMS SIRHAN BELIEVES HE HAD THE POWER TO WILL THINGS THROUGH THOUGHT AND IS UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT HE WAS A FANATICAL MARTYR WHO HAS SAVED HIS PEOPLE AND IS WILLING TO DIE IN THE GAS CHAMBER. DIAMOND WILL RESUME STAND AGAIN TOMORROW FOR FURTHER DIRECT EXAMINATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)
RE: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 3/10/69.

RE: WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE FROM
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Attached herewith are two copies of an eighteen
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