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Mr. ROBINSON knows nothing relative to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY from his own personal knowledge and his only knowledge has been gained through the various news media.

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AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-76 ~~487~~)

SUBJECT: KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles letter to Sacramento, 9/16/68, concerning KATHLEEN RYAN, P. O. Box 1253, Vallejo, California.

On 9/26/68, Mr. CYRAL RYAN, 344 Florida Street, Vallejo, California, advised that his daughter, KATHLEEN RYAN, is presently in Los Angeles. Mr. RYAN advised that he would contact the FBI as soon as he was able to locate her address.

On 10/3/68, Mr. RYAN contacted the Vallejo Resident Agency and advised that his daughter is presently living at 1827 Garfield Place, Apartment 108, Los Angeles. RYAN also stated that his daughter attends Immaculate Hart College, Los Angeles.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Cover lead set out in referenced letter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. BERNARD JOSEPH FITZPATRICK, 4345 Rio Tinto Avenue, Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He is Special Assistant to the State Superintendent of Schools, Sacramento, California, and active in the U. S. Senatorial campaign for Dr. MAX RAFFERTY.

On June 4, 1968, he and his wife were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. At approximately 11:45 he and his wife accompanied Dr. RAFFERTY and his wife to the Venetian Room of the hotel where Dr. RAFFERTY addressed his campaign workers. At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, a member of Dr. RAFFERTY's Executive Committee rushed up to the stage where Dr. RAFFERTY was speaking and advised that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just been shot. A cordon of people immediately formed around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him, via the stairs, to a room on one of the floors above. He did not recall which room it was. They remained in this room until about 2:30 or 2:45 a.m., at which time he and Dr. RAFFERTY, along with their wives were escorted by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department to a two bedroom apartment located approximately one and one-half blocks from the Ambassador Hotel. They remained there until 7:00 or 7:30 a.m., June 5, 1968, at which time they returned to Sacramento.

At no time during the evening of June 4, 1968 did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He had never heard of SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of the existence of a conspiracy in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

On 9/30/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76 -153

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mrs. MARLENE CALVERT, 5460 Minx Way, Carmichael, advised as follows:

She accompanied her husband, Dr. EVERETT T. CALVERT who is a Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education in Sacramento, to the campaign headquarters maintained by Dr. MAX RAFFERTY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. At 11:45 a.m., June 4, 1968, she and her husband accompanied Dr. MAX RAFFERTY who, at that time, was a candidate for U.S. Senator in the California primary, to the Venetian Room where Dr. RAFFERTY addressed his campaign workers. At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, she noted someone rush up to the podium and advise Dr. RAFFERTY that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She, her husband, and others formed a condon around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him to a room, floor unrecalled, via the stairs, where they remained until Dr. RAFFERTY was escorted out of the hotel by the Los Angeles Police Department at approximately 2:30 a.m.

Mrs. CALVERT advised she did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no information concerning any possible conspiracy. She does know that two individuals were asked to leave the Venetian Room as they were not part of Dr. RAFFERTY's workers, but has no information which could possibly link these two individuals to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

On 10/2/68 at Carmichael, California File # SC 62-76 -154
by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

EVERETT T. CALVERT, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education, Sacramento, California, advised as follows:

He resides at 5406 Minx Way, Carmichael, California. He advised he was in the Venetian Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, where Dr. MAX RAFFERTY, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education, and a candidate for Senator from the State of California, was addressing his campaign workers while awaiting the results of the primary election. At approximately 12:15 a.m., someone whom he cannot recall, rushed up to the podium where Doctor RAFFERTY was speaking and whispered into Dr. RAFFERTY's ear that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just been shot. At this point, he, among others, formed a cordon around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him immediately to a room which he believes was on the fifth floor which a few deputy sheriffs were guarding. They remained there until approximately 2:30 a.m., at which time Dr. and Mrs. RAFFERTY and Mr. and Mrs. BERNARD JOSEPH FITZPATRICK were escorted by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department to an apartment approximately one and a half blocks from the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. CALVERT stated that he and his wife came down from the RAFFERTY suite to the Venetian Room at approximately 11:45 p.m. He did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time and has no knowledge of the existence of any conspiracy. Mr. CALVERT stated that he understood that there were two persons who were asked to leave the Venetian Room, one a male in "hippy" garb who had a tamborine and wanted to accompany the orchestra. However, he has no information that these two persons were in any way connected with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

On 9/30/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76-155

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR /sy/nme Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

California State Senator ALAN SHORT, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, advised as follows:

He stated he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 4, 1968, however, he neither saw nor heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY nor does he have any information of a possibly conspiracy. Any information he might have he obtained from news reports of the incident.

The evening of June 4, 1968, he and a group of friends went to dinner at Perino's on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and returned to the Hotel Ambassador. He does not recall the time he returned to the Hotel Ambassador but noted he departed the hotel at approximately 11 p.m. and proceeded to the International Airport where he boarded a chartered flight to return home. He first learned of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY from the pilot who heard a news broadcast of the incident over the radio in the airplane.

On 10/1/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76 -156

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. RICHARD BRUCE DOUGHTY, 2604 Bridgeport Way, Sacramento, California, furnished the following information:

He is employed by KCRA Television Station, Sacramento, California, and was in Los Angeles, California, at the campaign headquarters of Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY. He did not return to the Ambassador Hotel until approximately the time that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He came in the front entrance of the Hotel Ambassador and noted nothing out of the ordinary. It was as he entered, however, that he heard that the senator had just been shot. He had not heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and has no knowledge of a conspiracy in the shooting.

On 10/3/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76 - 157
by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

Mr. ROY HEATLY, Assistant Editor, KCRA Television News, 310 - 10th Street, Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He was a registered guest at the Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, but spent the evening at Television Station KTLA. He departed the Hotel between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. and did not return until approximately 3:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. He had never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, nor does he have any knowledge of a conspiracy in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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Mrs. MAUREEN J. ROSS, 111 8th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., was telephonically contacted by her mother Mrs. MILDRED J. ERLEY, 1780 59th Avenue, Sacramento, California, and advised SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR the following:

She is employed by the Head Start Division of the Office of Economic Opportunity, 200 C Street, Washington, D.C. She stated she was on the Campaign Committee of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and although she had planned to go to Los Angeles, California, for the evening of June 4, 1968 she decided not to go and remained at her mother's home in Sacramento. She was not aware the senator had been shot until told by her mother who had heard it on television. She never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of a conspiracy in the shooting.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. ROBERT W. JOHNSON, KCRA TV, 310 10th Street,
Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He did not go to Los Angeles, California, until
the morning of June 5, 1968. He did not know SIRHAN BISHARA
SIRHAN and has no knowledge of a conspiracy to kill Senator
ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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Date October 10, 19681

Mr. VICTOR "VIC" BIONDI, 3536 Mulholland Way,
Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He is a reporter for the Sacramento Television Station KCRA. He was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, and was in the Embassy Room at approximately 6:00 p.m. During the evening, he visited the lobby of the Hotel, the Venetian Room, the VIP Lounge which was located behind the podium where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY addressed his campaign workers later in the evening, and also went to the television remote control trucks located behind the swimming pool of the Hotel. When Senator KENNEDY departed the Embassy Room, after addressing his campaign workers, he remained there and became aware that the Senator had been shot when he noted all the commotion around the exits near the podium. He added that he did conduct an interview with the young man, name unrecalled, who had thrust a rosary into the hands of the Senator. He cannot recall seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during his wanderings during the evening, nor had he ever heard or seen SIRHAN prior to the shooting. He could furnish no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

On 10/4/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76 - 161

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR / sy/nme Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. MICHAEL M. BOYD, 4935 Heatherdale Lane, Carmichael, California, and a newscaster with Television Station KCRA, 310-10th Street, Sacramento, California, was interviewed at Station KCRA and furnished the following information:

He, along with "VIC" BIONDI, was covering the Embassy Room at the Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, California, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign workers had gathered awaiting the results of the California primary. He came into the room at approximately 5:00 p.m. During the evening, he had occasion to go to a small court located just behind the area where the television cameras were set up. Other than this, he remained in the immediate vicinity of the Embassy Room until Senator KENNEDY left the room and never went into the area where Senator KENNEDY was shot prior to his being shot. He never saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of the existence of a conspiracy.

On 10/4/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76 -162-
by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. TERRY M. MC GANN, Administrative Assistant to California State Senator GEORGE R. MOSCONE advised as follows:

He resides at 4411 Del Rio Road, No. 8, Sacramento, California. He stated he was not in Los Angeles on June 4 or June 5, 1968, but was in San Francisco working in the KENNEDY campaign headquarters in San Francisco. He stated he had no intention of going to Los Angeles, California, and had not expressed any interest in going there to anyone. He has no idea how his name might have been listed as a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 4, 1968, although it is possible someone in the KENNEDY staff thought he might go and had made a reservation for him. He advised he was the Northern California Coordinator for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign.

On 10/1/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76 -163
by SA ROBERT EDWARD JONES/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

Mr. DAVID WAGNER, 6742 Hedgewood Drive, Sacramento, California, furnished the following information:

He believes he registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 3, 1968, and was there until June 5, 1968, in connection with a sales meeting of the Bulova Watch Company, New York, New York, by whom he is employed.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he and several other persons went out to dinner and returned later in the evening, exact time he cannot recall. They wandered around the lobby and stopped by the Venetian Room, but found everything crowded. Because of this, he went to his room to watch television. He saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY address his campaign workers in the Embassy Room and saw him leave. At no time during the evening did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN nor does he have any information concerning a possible conspiracy to kill the Senator.

On 10/2/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76-104
by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR /sy/nme Date dictated 10/7/68

SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

10/17/68

SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-76) (RUC)

KENSALT

Re Los Angeles letters dated 9/16/68, Sacramento letter to Los Angeles, 9/30/68, and Sacramento airtel to Los Angeles, 10/4/68.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Division are 22 copies each of the following FD-302s:

DONALD L. WAHL
LEWIS FRANK BROWN
BERNARD JOSEPH FITZPATRICK
MARLENE CALVERT
EVERETT T. CALVERT
ALAN SHORT
RICHARD BRUCE DOUGHTY

ROY HEATLY
MAUREEN J. ROSS
ROBERT W. JOHNSON
VICTOR "VIC" BIONDI
MICHAEL M. BOYD
TERRY M. MC GANN
DAVID WAGNER
FLOYD E. THORNTON

An FD-302 pertaining to the interview of Mrs. LOUISE FITZPATRICK was furnished the Los Angeles Division on 7/18/68.

On 10/4/68, Detective JAN DEVENY, Sacramento, California PD, advised that one WILLIAM AMOS DEAN had been arrested on a drunk charge. He added that DEAN, who has a five-page arrest record almost all for being drunk, had sent a postcard to the Sacramento PD in June, 1968, bearing the following message:

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"Three weeks ago in Sac. I tried to warn your officers. I just come down from Portland the morning I went beserk. Sunday I guess it was. Well they did shoot him. Hope he lives".

No record of this alleged warning could be found. DEVENY advised he was calling in the event DEAN might have some information regarding the killing of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

On 10/4/68, DEAN was interviewed by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR at the Sacramento City Jail. DEAN identified the postcard as his handwriting, but had no recollection of sending it or of advising any police officers in Sacramento that he knew anything about any planned killing. He stated he knew nothing at all about the killing of Senator KENNEDY and that the postcard had nothing to do with the Senator's murder. He had no idea why he wrote the postcard, but noted he always writes to friendly PDs where he has previously been incarcerated.

DEAN is described as follows:

Name	WILLIAM AMOS DEAN, aka William H. Dean
DOB	2/22/21, at Kansas
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'10"
Weight	154
FBI #	103250B
CII #	865567
Sacramento PD#	19785
Los Angeles PD#	248972

The above information is being furnished the Los Angeles Division for information in the event DEAN's name should come up in captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/11/68

On October 3, 1968, DONALD L. WAHL, Administrative Assistant, Kern General Hospital, 1830 Flower Street, who resides at 3012 Jorie Avenue, both Bakersfield, California, advised that he had a room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, from June 1, 1968, until noon on June 6, 1968.

Mr. WAHL stated that he had absolutely no information that could possibly reflect on the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968, adding that to his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and has no information concerning this individual.

On 10/3/68 at Bakersfield, California File # SC 62-76 -166

by (C) SA CONRAD N. SHAW/jlf Date dictated 10/10/68

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Information concerning: Maureen J. Ross

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

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Information furnished was obtained:

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☐ from informants

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Information furnished to:

Mrs Dewren, IRS, Sacto, Collection Dept.

Remarks:

Mrs Dewson desired current address.

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Arnold C. Dolore

Special Agent

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Date: 3/28/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-76)
FROM: *WJN* SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156) (P)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Sacramento teletype 6/7/68 concerning interview
of ROY DONALD MURRAY.

Records at Los Angeles fail to reflect FD-302 ever
received. Please forward.

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AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-76)(RUC)

SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Los Angeles airtel, 3/28/69.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Division are nine (9) copies of an FD-302 pertaining to interview of ROY DONALD MURRAY.

The above 302 was inadvertently filed in the Sacramento Field Office file.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-76)

DATE: 3/14/77

FROM : SA JOHN F. MULLIGAN

SUBJECT: KENSALT

On 3/11/77, SAs JOHN F. MULLIGAN and WILLIAM D. CARPENTER interviewed TIRSO ZATARAY at Sacramento Skill Center, 2751 Stockton Boulevard. ZATARAY advised that he attended a rally at the Southern Pacific Depot in Sacramento, California, on 6/1 or 6/2/68, at which time he saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. This rally was held as part of Senator KENNEDY's presidential primary campaign in California and it was only three or four days before Senator KENNEDY was assassinated by SIRHAN SIRHAN.

ZATARAY further advised that during this rally, he saw SIRHAN SIRHAN and his brother and also a white male, approximately 25 years of age, who seemed to be accompanying SIRHAN and his brother. ZATARAY stated that SIRHAN's brother was wearing a sport shirt and had a pistol in his belt under his shirt. ZATARAY said he saw SIRHAN's brother stick the pistol in his belt during the rally.

ZATARAY advised that these three individuals seemed to be attempting to get close to Senator KENNEDY, however, they were never able to get within 100 feet of the senator. ZATARAY advised he did not realize that the individual with SIRHAN SIRHAN was his brother until two years after the assassination when he saw a photograph of SIRHAN's brother visiting SIRHAN in jail.

ZATARAY advised that he did not tell anyone in law enforcement about seeing SIRHAN and his brother because he did not trust the police, nor did he want to become involved. ZATARAY advised he did tell one individual about seeing SIRHAN, however, this individual has since died and could not verify ZATARAY's story.

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It should be noted that ZATARAY is an uneducated Mexican American who does not trust any law enforcement authorities. It would appear likely, however, that if SIRHAN and his brother, who supposedly looks similar to SIRHAN, had attended such a rally in Sacramento, several other people would have remembered them being there, especially after the assassination a few days later in Los Angeles. A review of this file reveals several interviews conducted regarding people who either saw SIRHAN SIRHAN or knew of him, and there is no indication that SIRHAN SIRHAN was in Sacramento or was seen attending any of Senator KENNEDY's rallies throughout the Sacramento Division.

In view of the fact that there is no additional information to substantiate the story of TIRSO ZATARAY, it is recommended no additional action be taken.

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DA Disbarment Threat Held Over Sirhan Parole

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — An Arab group leader pressing for the release of Sirhan Sirhan, serving time for the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy, threatened disbarment proceedings Wednesday against the district attorney who has vehemently opposed Sirhan's parole.

Dr. M.T. Mehdi said District Attorney John Van de Kamp has "prejudiced" Sirhan's parole bid by publicizing his attempt to keep Sirhan in prison. The two debated on NBC's "Tomorrow" show.

"You have prejudiced the case," said Mehdi, president of the New York-based American-Arab Relations Committee. "I am telling you now: We are going to file a complaint with the California Bar to disbar you."

Van de Kamp filed a book-thick petition last August asking the state to stop Sirhan's scheduled 1984 parole, saying the convicted killer recently threatened the life of Sen. Edward Kennedy, his victim's younger brother.

Van de Kamp called the proposed parole date "an affront to all good people on this earth."

"Sirhan didn't just commit a 7 1/2 even murder, as horrible as that in itself is," Van de Kamp said. "His writings show he had in mind killing an ideal, more than just a person."

Van de Kamp said Sirhan intended to kill "a part of our democratic process. He should not be let out of prison."

Mehdi acknowledged that "Sirhan committed a horrible crime, but he has paid for it." He said testimony by the Soledad Prison chaplain, psychologist and warden indicated Sirhan has reformed.

"Van de Kamp bases his accusations on testimony of discreditable people," Mehdi said, referring to the testimony by Soledad inmate Eugene Wilson accusing Sirhan of threatening Sen. Kennedy and quoted in Van de Kamp's petition.

"This Constitution must be obeyed, whether or not we like it. That is what makes this country great, and Mr. Van de Kamp is trying to change that," Mehdi said. "Sirhan has paid his debt to society. He should be released."

Sirhan was originally sentenced to death in 1969, but he escaped San Quentin Prison's gas chamber when the state Supreme Court ruled in 1972 that California's death penalty was unconstitutional.

Sirhan's sentence was commuted to life in prison, which opened the possibility that he could someday be paroled. California has since rewritten and reinstated its death penalty law.

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State To Reconsider Sirhan's Parole

Board Also To Rehear Issue Of Release For Killer-Rapist Fain

By Jeff Raimundo
Bee Capitol Bureau

Citing "new information" and possible "errors" in its 1975 action, the state parole board Monday voted unanimously to reconsider its decision to grant parole in 1984 to Sirhan B. Sirhan, convicted assassin of Robert F. Kennedy.

The rehearing was granted under massive public pressure at the request of Los Angeles County District Attorney John Van de Kamp. It has become an issue in the Democratic campaign for attorney general.

A few hours later, the same eight-member board bowed again to public pressure, voting 7-1 (with member Ralph Pizarro opposed) to reconsider the scheduled January release of William Archie Fain, sentenced to death for the 1967 murder of a high school student and the rape of two others in Stanislaus County.

Juries sentenced both men to the gas chamber, but the penalties were commuted to life in prison in 1972 when the California Supreme Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional.

Sirhan was given his parole date in 1975; Fain was given his in 1977. The rehearsals will be held sometime after the first of the year.

Among those who testified against both Fain and Sirhan was state Sen. Omer Rains; D-Ventura, Van de Kamp's likely opponent in the Democratic primary campaign for attorney general next year.

"The only real new information is the fact there is a public outcry and legislative petitions," protested Sirhan's attorney, Luke McKissack.

The attorney predicted that if the Board of Prison Terms rescinds Sirhan's parole date, "it's got to lead to prison unrest," and "the outbreak of violence, both nationally and internationally, is going to be consuming."

If released as scheduled, McKissack said, Sirhan "will wander into obscurity in the Arab world."

Board Chairman Ray Brown conceded most rehearsals result "from disciplinary offenses or psychological deterioration" on the part of inmates already granted parole dates. But he said there appears to be enough new information to reopen Sirhan's case.

The board made no such qualifications in deciding to rehear Fain's case. "This decision is clearly based on public outcry," said board member Robert Roos.

The board was armed with a recent opinion by Attorney General George Deukmejian, an announced candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, that the board can consider public opinion in deciding parole questions.

Neither Sirhan, 37, now in Soledad State Prison, nor Fain, also 37, an inmate at San Quentin, attended the Sacramento hearing.

Sirhan was convicted of the murder June 5, 1968, of Kennedy, a U.S. senator from New York, on the night Kennedy celebrated his victory in the California Democratic presidential primary.

Larry Trapp, a deputy to Van de Kamp, told the parole board Sirhan belongs to "an elite group of outlaws — political assassins."

Therefore, he said, "Sirhan is no ordinary murderer and it is inappropriate for him to be treated as such." Trapp called the granting of a parole date "a gross miscarriage of justice" and said the board ignored "the incalculable risk which the political assassin poses to a democratic society."

Van de Kamp, who arrived late, testified only briefly. But he reiterated for reporters his reasons for demanding "an outpouring of public indignation" over Sirhan's pending release — facts he said were unavailable to the parole board in 1975.

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He cited the statements of one of Sirhan's cellmates who said that the Jordanian once threatened to kill Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy's brother, after his release. Van de Kamp also pointed to letters allegedly written by Sirhan before his parole date was granted, threatening the lives of a writer and a dentist.

McKissack said the recipients of both letters have long since dismissed them as the writings of a "frustrated" man. And he said the prisoner who said Sirhan had threatened Edward Kennedy had a long history of accusing other inmates of crimes in an effort to win favored treatment for himself.

McKissack also said former state Attorney General Evelle Younger, who as Los Angeles district attorney prosecuted Sirhan, originally did not feel the death penalty was appropriate because of the defendant's "diminished capacity" at the time of the assassination. But Younger was overruled, he said, by the trial judge.

John Mancino, who presented petitions with what he said were 10,000 signatures gathered in Orange County, called Sirhan "a sick, mad dog. ... He proved himself to be a menace to society."

Rains read into the record a state Senate resolution calling on the board to rescind Sirhan's parole date. In reading the formal resolution, he carefully deleted two references to Van de Kamp, his potential foe in the attorney general's race.

Unlike Sirhan, Fain was not represented at the two-hour hearing Monday.

Sally Goehring, of Knights Ferry, a leader of the drive to block Fain's release, said at a news conference earlier Monday: "We intend to keep him in prison and to see that proper persons are elected to see that this never happens again."

She and others from the Oakdale area presented petitions they said bore 62,500 signatures against Fain's release.

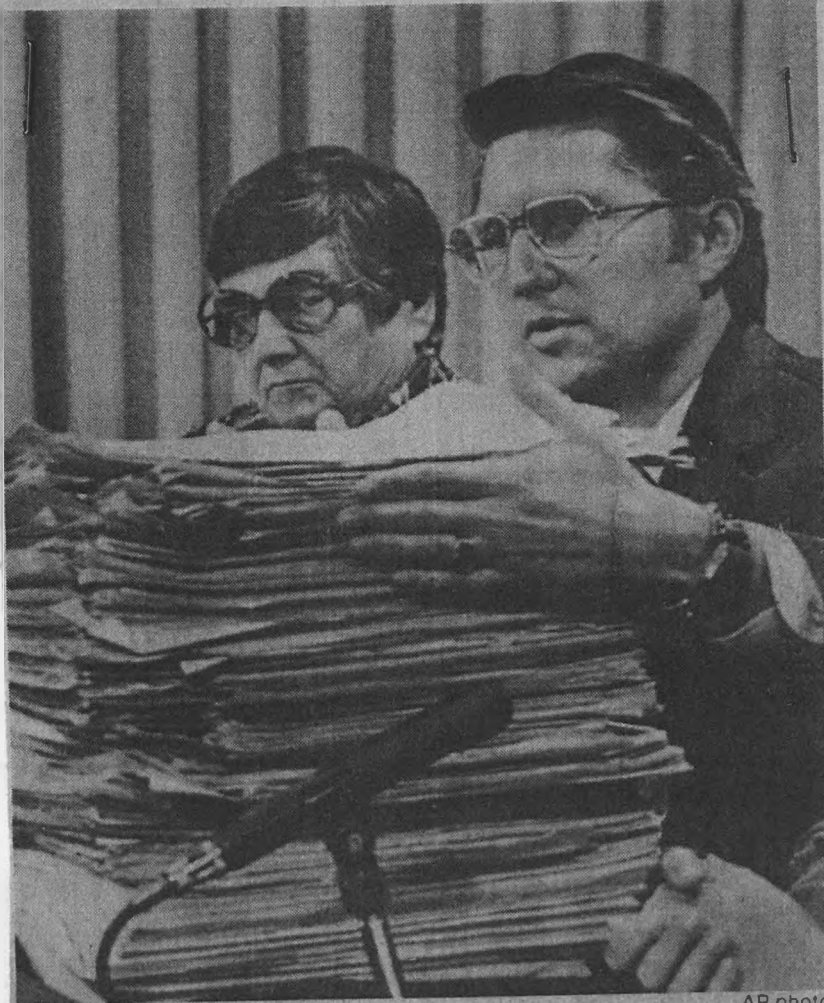


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William Archie Fain

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Lucile Ulrich and Sen. Omer Rains show petitions asking the parole board not to release William Archie Fain, the convicted killer of Ulrich's son, Mark.