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THAT WERE IN ARABIC AND DEFENSE ADVISOR ISSA MAKLEH TRANSLATED THESE MESSAGES.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY READ TO THE COURT ARTICLE APPEARING IN ROSICRUCIAN DIGEST OF MAY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ENTITLED "PUT IT IN WRITING" BY ARTHUR FETTING.

AFTER NOON RECESSES, DEFENSE DEVELOPED FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SIRHAN REGARDING HIS READING CONCERNING THE ROSICRUCIAN AND VARIOUS MENTAL EXPERIMENTS THAT HE LEARNED IN THIS STUDY.

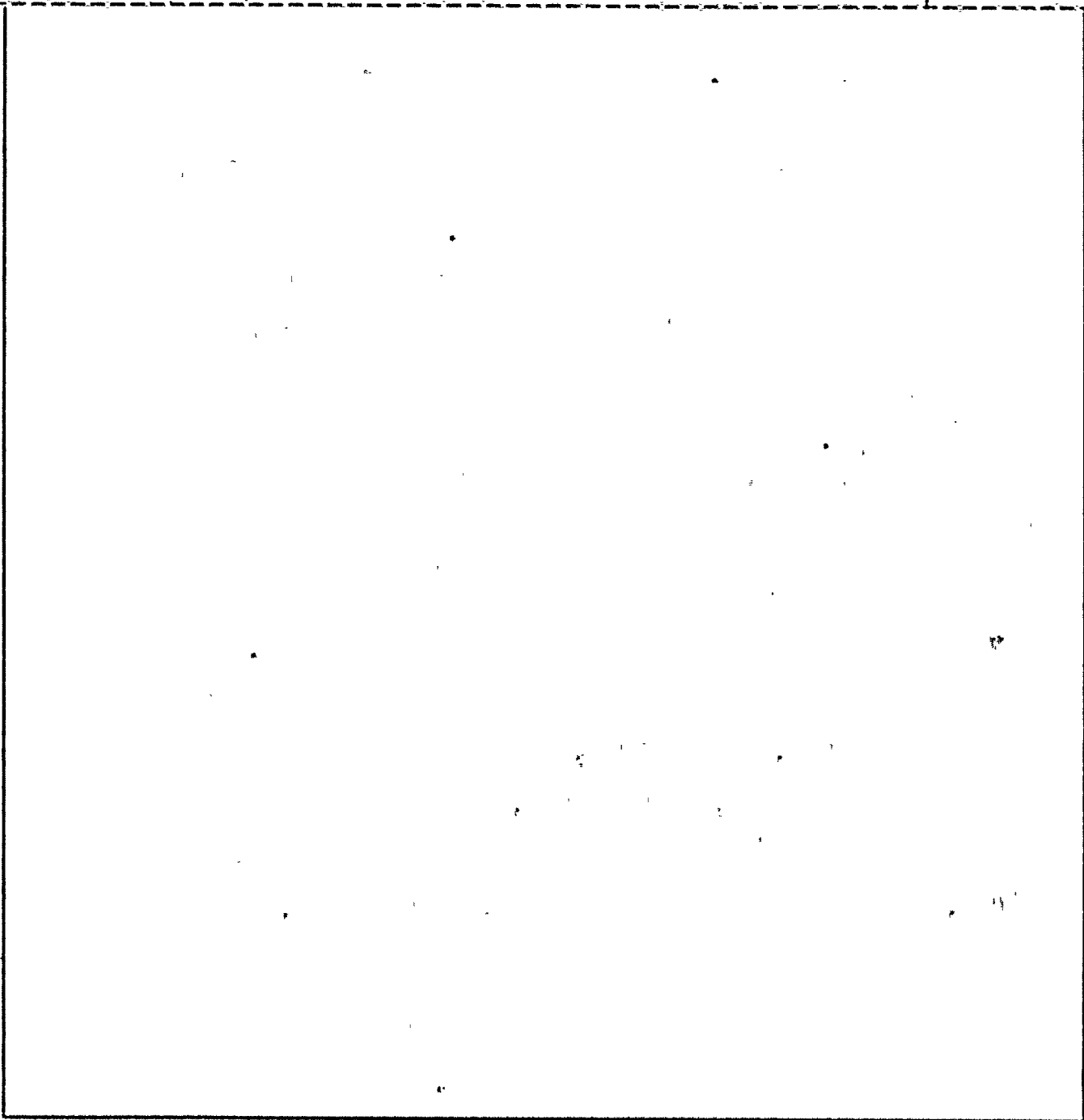
FOLLOWING THIS DEFENSE DEVELOPED THROUGH QUESTIONING SIRHAN'S PURCHASE OF THE GUN USED IN MURDER OF KENNEDY AND HIS ACTIVITIES ON THE IMMEDIATE DAYS PRECEDING THE NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR WHEN SIRHAN WENT TO THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. SIRHAN TESTIFIED TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT ROSICRUCIAN MEETING NIGHT OF MAY TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT, HIS FIRING PISTOL AT CORONA PD RANGE ON JUNE ONE, SIXTY EIGHT, HIS ATTENDANCE AT RALLY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON JUNE TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, AND HIS ACTIONS ON JUNE FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT.

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IN RELATION TO HIS SEEING KENNEDY AT AMBASSADOR ON JUNE TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, SIRHAN TESTIFIED THAT AT THAT POINT HE LOOKED UPON KENNEDY AS A "SAINT". AT END OF COURT SESSION, SIRHAN HAD TESTIFIED TO THE POINT OF ENTERING HOTEL ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT. SIRHAN WILL CONTINUE TESTIMONY TOMMORROW. AT CLOSE OF SESSION, DEFENSE ATTORNEY COOPER REQUESTED TO SEE JUDGE IN CHAMBERS. ALL PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND INVESTIGATORS WENT INTO JUDGES CHAMBER. PROSECUTION INVESTIGATOR CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT APPARENTLY SHARIF SIRHAN, OLDER BROTHER OF SIRHAN, HAD THREATENED REMAINDER OF FAMILY. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE TREATED IN HIGHEST CONFIDENCE AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE DEVELOPED.

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KENSALT, OO: LOS ANGELES

RE MY TELETYPE MARCH FIVE LAST.

SIRHAN RESUMED STAND TODAY FOR DIRECT EXAMINATION.

CONTINUED CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR
LAST UNDER QUESTIONING OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT COOPER.
RECALLS BEING AT RAFFERTY HEADQUARTERS, AMBASSADOR
HOTEL AND BUYING AT LEAST TWO DRINKS AT THAT LOCATION.
ALSO VISITED CRANSTON HEADQUARTERS AMBASSADOR HOTEL BUT WAS
VAGUE ABOUT DETAILS. HE TESTIFIED HE FELT HIGH AND
THOUGHT HE SHOULD GO HOME. HE RETURNED TO HIS VEHICLE THEN
DECIDED HE NEEDED COFFEE AND RETURNED TO HOTEL. DOES NOT
RECALL TAKING GUN FROM CAR BUT STATED HE OBVIOUSLY DID.
RECALLS FINDING COFFEE AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATION AT HOTEL, ^{WOKe-up}
DRANK COFFEE THEN CLAIMS RECALLS NOTHING UNTIL HE ~~WAKED UP~~
AND SOMEONE WAS CHOKING HIM. HE CLAIMS NO RECOLLECTION
OF SHOOTING.

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SIRHAN VAGUELY RECALLS GOING TO POLICE STATION AND TALKING TO SEVERAL PEOPLE, LATER APPEARING BEFORE A "LADY JUDGE." CLAIMS HE DID NOT KNOW HE HAD SHOT KENNEDY UNTIL VISIT FROM AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) ATTORNEY AL WIRIN ON MORNING OF SHOOTING.

AFTER MORNING RECESS, PROSECUTION ATTORNEY LYNN COMPTON BEGAN CROSS EXAMINATION CONCERNING RECOLLECTIONS OF SIRHAN OF HIS EARLY LIFE, HIS NOTEBOOKS AND HIS POLITICAL FEELINGS.

CROSS EXAMINATION CONTINUED AFTER THE NOON RECESS. EXAMINATION CENTERED ON RECOUNTING OF EVIDENCE AT GUN RANGE AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR SIXTY EIGHT AND TIME SIRHAN WAS IN POLICE CUSTODY. CROSS EXAMINATION ENDED WITH PROSECUTING ATTORNEY REPEATING STATEMENTS SIRHAN MADE ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, WHEN JURY WAS ABSENT, THAT HE SIRHAN, KILLED SENATOR KENNEDY. THIS FOLLOWED STATEMENT BY SIRHAN ON CROSS EXAMINATION THAT HE NOW WAS NOT SURE HE HAD KILLED SENATOR KENNEDY.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY, AFTER BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY CONFERRED WITH JUDGE, THEN READ ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING SIRHAN'S OUTBURST AT COURT SESSION ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, DURING WHICH PERIOD JURY WAS EXCUSED. SIRHAN WAS THEN EXCUSED AS WITNESS.

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PROSECUTION INVESTIGATOR CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED CONCERNING MEETING IN JUDGES CHAMBERS AFTER COURT SESSION MARCH FIVE LAST THAT SHARIFF SIRHAN TELEPHONED FAMILY AND THREATENED TO KILL MOTHER, MUNIR, AND SIRHAN. OFFICERS OF S. U. S. UNIT, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE SHARIFF LAST EVENING WITHOUT SUCCESS. SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, OTHER BROTHER, CONTACTED, BUT UNCOOPERATIVE. PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ON AFTERNOON (OF) MARCH SIX PRESENT, LOCATED SHARIFF AT HOME, BUT SHARIFF REFUSED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIM. PASADENA PRESS, TONIGHT, CARRIED STORY REGARDING THREAT TO SIRHAN.

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REMYTEL MARCH SIX LAST.

COURT SESSION OPENED TODAY WITH JUDGE ADVISING JURY IN DETERMINING GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF SIRHAN TO DISREGARD TESTIMONY GIVEN MARCH SIX LAST REGARDING STATEMENTS SIRHAN MADE ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST WHILE JURY ABSENT. PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS APPROACHED BENCH AND THEN PROSECUTION ATTORNEY DAVID FITTS MADE STATEMENTS TO COURT THAT HE CONSIDERED JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS IN ERROR AND HE FELT JURY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONSIDER STATEMENTS ANY WAY THEY WISHED. JUDGE CONCURRED WITH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ^{defense} PRESENTATION OF WITNESSES.

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ROBERT PRESTWOOD, OWNER OF RACE HORSE JET SPEC, WAS FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS AND TESTIFIED THAT HE KNEW SIRHAN AT GRANJA VISTA DEL RIO RANCH AND SAW SIRHAN ONCE AT

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SANTA ANITA TRACK. HE KNEW SIRHAN AS EXERCISE BOY WHO WANTED TO BECOME A JOCKEY.

JOHN STRATHMAN AND WIFE PATRICIA TESTIFIED THEY KNEW SIRHAN AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR AND HAD PERIODIC CONTACT WITH HIM UNTIL APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. BOTH TESTIFIED TO CERTAIN PERSONAL ^{ty} CHANGES OF SIRHAN AFTER ACCIDENT OF FALL FROM HORSE IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIXTY.. ON CROSS EXAMINATION JOHN STRATHMAN ADMITTED DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN SIRHAN HAD HIS ACCIDENT,

PATRICIA STRATHMAN RECALLED SIRHAN INTEREST IN THE OCCULT AFTER THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT AND RECALLS DISCUSSIONS WITH SIRHAN AS SHE ALSO HAD AND INTEREST IN ~~THE~~ METAPHYSICAL MATTERS.

MILLARD SHEETS, ARTIST AND RACE HORSE OWNER, TESTIFIED HE RUSHED TO SCENE OF ACCIDENT WHEN SIRHAN FELL FROM HORSE AT RANCH NEAR CORONA AND STAYED WITH SIRHAN UNTIL AMBULANCE ARRIVED TESTIFIED SIRHAN IN HIS OPINION WAS ^{UNCONSCIOUS} UNCONCIOUS. SHEETS ALSO TESTIFIED ON CROSS EXAMINATION THAT TWO DAYS LATER SIRHAN WAS BACK AT WORK AT THE ^{RANCH.} RANCH.

JOHN WEIDNER, HEALTH STORE OWNER AND EMPLOYER OF SIRHAN TESTIFIED TO SIRHAN'S WORK HABITS AND DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICS

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AND RELIGION THAT HE HAD WITH SIRHAN. HE DESCRIBED SIRHAN HAS BEING AGAINST AUTHORITY AND RECOUNTED A DISAGREEMENT WITH SIRHAN LEADING TO SIRHANS QUITTING HIS JOB.

NAOMI WEIDNER, WIFE OF JOHN, ALSO TESTIFIED TO HER DISCUSSIONS WITH SIRHAN AND SIRHAN'S RESENTMENT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

ROBERT E. AUSTIN, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER, ATTACHED TO RAMPART DIVISION, RECOUNTED INCIDENT OF SIRHAN KICKING CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE OUT OF HAND OF LAPD OFFICER WHILE IN INTERROGATION ROOM OF RAMPART DIVISION.

AFTER THE NOON RECESS, MRS. GRACE F. BYRON, LIBRARIAN OF ROSICRUCIAN CHAPTER AT PASADENA, TESTIFIED TO PRESENCE OF SIRHAN AT MAY TWENTY EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTH EIGHT MEETING OF PASADENA CHAPTER OF ROSICRUCIAN.

INCONNECTION WITH NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HANS PETER BIDSTRUP, ELECTRICIAN AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, TESTIFIED TO CONVERSATION WITH SIRHAN AT SOUND BOOTH, VENETIAN ROOM IN HOTEL AND TO FACT THAT SIRHAN HAD A GLASS IN HIS HAND. ON DIRECT EXAMINATION BIDSTRUP INDICATED THAT SIRHAN COULD HAVE INTOXICATED, BUT ON CROSS EXAMINATION

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ADMITTED THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE A STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SIRHAN WAS DRUNK.

ENRIQUE RABAGO AND HUBERT CORDERO BOTH TESTIFIED TO SEEING SIRHAN AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, OUTSIDE RAFFERTY HEADQUARTERS BOTH TESTIFIED HE DID NOT APPEAR DRUNK AND THEY CONSIDERED HIM INTELLIGENT AND WELL-SPOKEN.

AMBASSADOR HOTEL WAITER GONZALES CERTINA TESTIFIED HE SAW SIRHAN OUTSIDE OF THE MENS ROOM IN VENETIAN ROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AND LATER WHEN SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SPEAKING IN THE ^{EMBASSY} AMBASSADOR BALLROOM. HE TESTIFIED HE SAW SIRHAN IN THE PANTRY AREA BEHIND THE EMBASSY BALLROOM NEAR THE ICE MAKER. ^{LAST} THE DEFENSE WITNESS CALLED TODAY WAS RICHARD LUBIC WHO TESTIFIED HE WAS IN THE PANTRY AREA BEHIND THE EMBASSY BALLROOM NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHEN KENNEDY WAS SHOT AND HEARD SOMEONE SHOUT, "KENNEDY YOU S. O. B." JUST BEFORE HE HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT.

ON MARCH TENNINETEEN SIXTY NINE DEFENSE WILL CALL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHIATRISTS. TO STAND.

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KENSALT; OFFICE OF ~~ORIGIN~~ LOS ANGELES.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED MARCH SEVEN LAST.

DEFENSE PROCEEDED TODAY WITH CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST DOCTOR MARTIN M. SCHORR OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, AS DEFENSE WITNESS. SCHORR TESTIFIED AS TO BATTERY OF TESTS HE GAVE SIRHAN, AND INTERPRETED RESULTS OF THESE TESTS FOR THE JURY. SCHORR CLAIMED SIRHAN HAD LOW IQ IN RELATION TO TESTS INVOLVING MANUAL DEXTERITY, SUCH AS MATCHING OBJECTS, BUT HAD RESULTS ON VERBAL TESTS THAT INDICATED A MUCH HIGHER IQ THAN HIS PRIOR TESTS INDICATED.

THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON SESSION CONCERNED TESTIMONY BY SCHORR CONCERNING THE RORSCHACH TESTS AND THE EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF IT. SCHORR WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE

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TEN CARDS OF THE INK BLOTS SHOWN TO SIRHAN, AND LISTED HIS REACTION TO EACH. HE ALSO INTERPRETED THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE TESTS, AND STATED THAT SIRHAN HAD PARANOID PERSONALITY. SCHORR DEFINED A PARANOID PERSONALITY FOR THE JURY AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY. SCHORR WILL CONTINUE UNDER DIRECT EXAMINATION BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ON MARCH ELEVEN NEXT.

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REMYTEL MARCH TEN LAST.

DEFENSE WITNESS DR. MARTIN M. SCHORR, CLINICAL
 PSYCHOLOGIST, RESUMED STAND TODAY AND CONTINUED TESTIMONY
 RE ANALYSIS OF RORSCHACH TEST ADMINISTERED TO SIRHAN.
 SIRHAN CHARACTERIZED AS PARANOID PERSONALITY WITH PSYCHOSIS
 AND TENDANCY TO DISASSOCIATE WITH REALITY UNDER STRESS.

SCHORR CONTINUED WITH EXPLANATION OF THEMATIC
 APPERCEPTION TEST AND REACTION OF SIRHAN TO EACH OF THE TEN
 CARDS HE WAS SHOWN. LAST TEST EXPLAINED WAS BENDER GESTALT
 TEST WHICH CONSISTED OF COPYING NINE DRAWINGS. SIRHAN'S
 ORIGINAL SET SHOWING RESULTS OF TEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR EVIDENCE.

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AT CONCLUSION OF DIRECT EXAMINATION DEFENSE ATTEMPTED TO PUT HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION TO WITNESS AS TO WHETHER A PERSON SUCH AS SIRHAN HAD THE MENTAL CAPACITY TO GOVERN HIS ACTS OR TO ACT WITH WILLFUL MALICE ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR LAST IN SHOOTING KENNEDY. PROSECUTION OBJECTED TO QUALIFICATION OF WITNESS TO ANSWER QUESTION. THIS OBJECTION OVERRULED. PROSECUTION ALSO OBJECTED TO PHRASING OF HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION WHICH WAS SUSTAINED.

AFTER NOON RECESS, DEFENSE REPHRASED HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION AND WITNESS INDICATED THAT SIRHAN WAS PROBABLY NOT CAPABLE OF GOVERNING HIS ACTIONS.

REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON SESSION CONSISTED OF CROSS EXAMINATION OF WITNESS BY PROSECUTION GENERALLY ATTACKING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE WITNESS AS WELL AS THE RELIABILITY OF THE TESTS GIVEN. THIS SAME WITNESS WILL CONTINUE UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION AT COURT SESSION MAY TWELVE NEXT.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE 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 ~~FIFTEEN~~ *Five* LAST,
AT INTERROGATION ROOM OF RAMPART DIVISION, LOS ANGELES
POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS CONSUMED REMAINDER OF COURT SESSION.

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

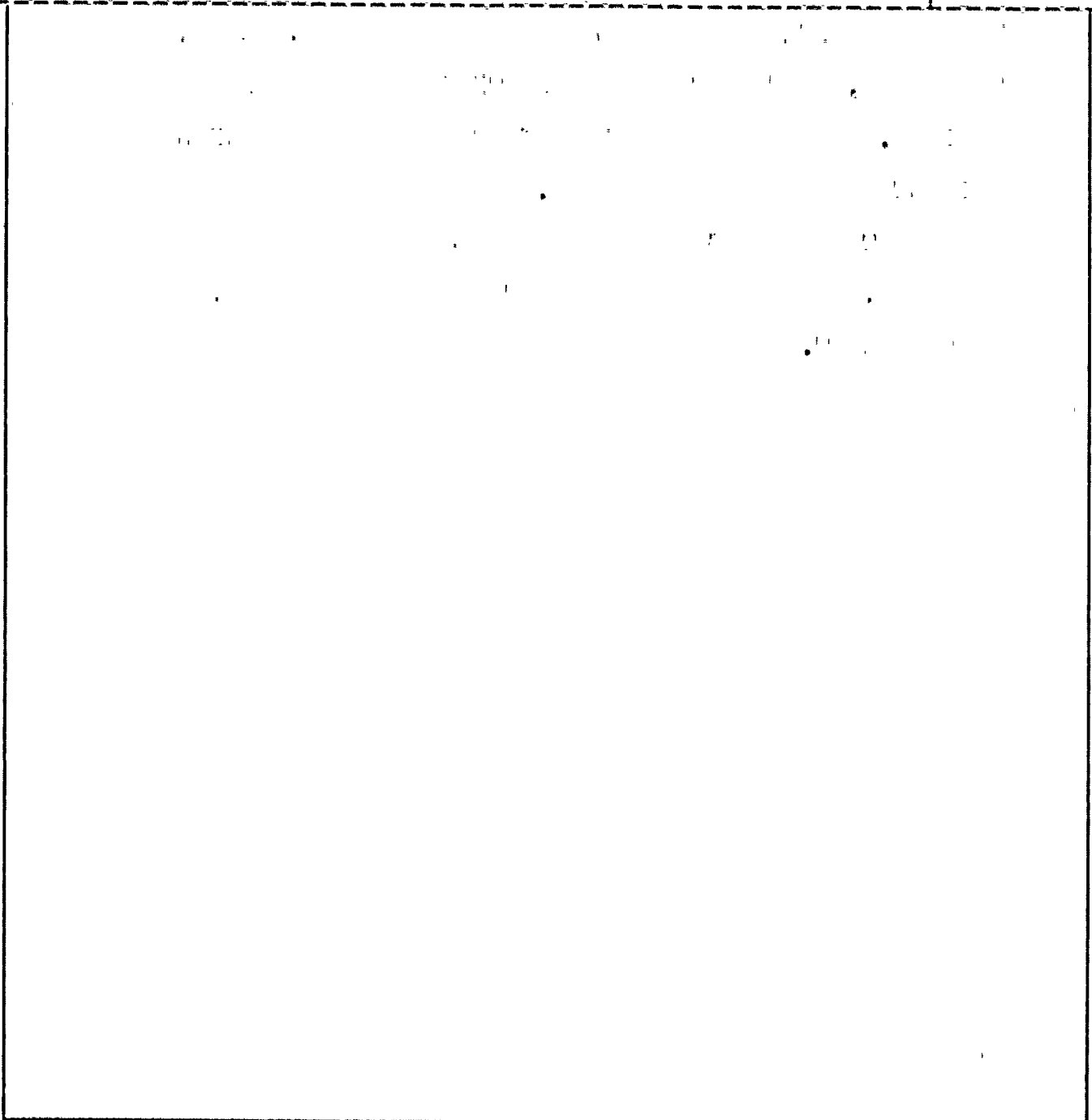
DUE TO PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF JUDGE AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, THERE WILL BE NO COURT SESSION ON FRIDAY, MARCH FOURTEEN NEXT.

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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 TODAY INCLUDED INTERROGATION BY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN HOWARD 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 THAT DATE.

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RE MY TEL 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" BY 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

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MADE TO DETERMINE PORTIONS OF BOOK TO BE ADMITTED. JUDGE
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.
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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

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TEST, WEXLER ADULT INTELLIGENCE SCALE, BENDER GESTALT
AND MULTIBASIC PERSONALITY INVENTORY, AND TERMETIC
APPERCETTION TEST. RICHARDSON WAS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT
TESTS ON SIRHAN BY THE COURT APPOINTED PSYCHIATRIST,
DR. MARCUS. RICHARDSON WILL CONTINUE ON DIRECT EXAMINA-
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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.

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

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RE MY TEL MARCH NINETEEN LAST.

DR. O. RODERICK RICHARDSON, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, RESUMED STAND TODAY AND CROSS EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTION WAS CONCLUDED. ON REDIRECT EXAMINATION, RICHARDSON GAVE DIAGNOSTIC SUMMARY 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 CROSSED EXAMINED BY PROSECUTION.

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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PSYCHIARTIST, 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} ~~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 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

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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 DES-
CRIBED 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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REMYTEL, MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST.

DR. BERNARD L. DIAMOND, M.D. RESUMED STAND TODAY.
DIRECT EXAMINATION LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES AND
CONSISTED OF REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND OF
DIAMOND. PROSECUTION REQUESTED RECESS TO STUDY TRANSCRIPT
OF DIAMOND'S TESTIMONY AS DIAMOND HAD NOT SUBMITTED REPORT
OF HIS EXAMINATION TO PROSECUTION. COURT RECESSED UNTIL
NINE THIRTY AM MARCH TWENTY SIX NEXT WHEN CROSS-EXAMINATION
OF DIAMOND WILL COMMENCE. PENDING.

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