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ACCUSED KENNEDY SLAYER INDICTED AND ARRAIGNED

Following an indictment handed down by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury during the afternoon of Friday, June 7, 1968, Judge Arthur L. Alarcon of Department 100 of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles presided at the arraignment of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

In keeping with the continued intense security measures enacted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at the personal direction of Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, Judge Alarcon presiding at a special session of Department 100, held in temporary court facilities provided by the Sheriff, held the arraignment at the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail.

Sirhan, represented by Deputy Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield, was held to answer on one count of murder and five counts of assault with intent to commit murder resulting from the events which occurred at the Ambassador Hotel during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

Present at the arraignment as an official observer, at the request of Judge Alarcon was A. L. Wirin, a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Further court proceedings were continued until a later date.

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June 7, 1968

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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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11 PEOPLE OF THE STATE
12 OF CALIFORNIA,

13 Plaintiffs,

14 -vs-

15 SHERMAN BISHARA SHERMAN,

16 Defendant.

NO. A 233421

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Judge of the Superior Court

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LOCAL BROADCAST BOD 6-7-68

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PLAINTIFFS,

-VS-

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FURTHER, THIS ORDER IS NOT INTENDED TO PRECLUDE ANY WITNESS FROM DISCUSSING ANY MATTER IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE WITH ANY OF THE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE DEFENDANT OR THE PEOPLE, OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH ATTORNEYS.

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DATED/ JUNE 7, 1968.

/S/ ARTHUR L. ALARCON

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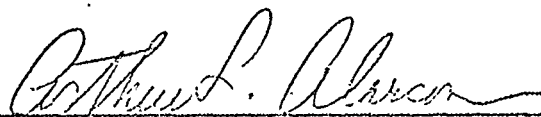
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3 that the return of service of the subpoena shall also include the
4 fact of service of a copy of this order.

5 This order shall be in force until this matter has been
6 disposed of or until further order of Court.

7 Dated: June 7, 1968.

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11 Arthur L. Alarcon
12 Judge of the Superior Court
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