

by proper application to the County clerk by order of the Court upon payment of the fees provided by statute.

"The Los Angeles Police Department has agreed without reservation that the interests of the public and law enforcement are best served by full disclosure of the results of the comprehensive investigation which they have conducted.

"Los Angeles Chief of Police Roger Murdock will arrange that the Sirhan case record will be made available to the public to the fullest extent that security precautions and administrative resources will permit.

"In many respects the problems and pressures incident to the successful prosecution of People v. Sirhan are without parallel in the history of American jurisprudence. I would be remiss in my duty if I failed to acknowledge the splendid performances of the various agencies involved. This was a team effort.

"I congratulate the Los Angeles Police Department for an investigation without equal in magnitude and thoroughness.

"We also received invaluable assistance through the unstinting cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The Sheriff of Los Angeles County established necessary security measures which were exercised with efficiency and discretion.

"I am grateful to the many members of the press corps for their objectivity in reporting the events of this trial and for their uncomplaining cooperation with the restrictions imposed by the "Order re Publicity."

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"It was fitting that Judge Herbert V. Walker, the Dean of the Superior Court Criminal Bench, be selected to preside over this important case in order that the rights of the defendant and of the People be fully recognized and observed.

"Finally, I wish to commend the members of this community for their recognition that the tragedy which occasioned this trial should be dealt with in accordance with the highest standards of American justice."

Attached to the statement was a listing of 65 witnesses called by the prosecution to testify during the trial and the names of witnesses who did not testify.

Those who testified include the following:

Appendix A -- Dr. Stanley Abo, Larry Arnot, William Barry, V. Faustin Bazilauskas, William Burton Blume, William D. Brandt, Edward C. Buckner, Frank J. Burns, Jr., Robert L. Calkins, Henry Adrian Carreon, Everett A. Chamberlain, James E. Claborn, Alvin Clark, Humphrey Otto Cordero, Henry M. Cuneo, Miriam Davis, Angelo DiPierro, Vincent DiPierro, George C. Erhard, Elizabeth Evans, James D. Evans, Jack Gallivan, Ira Goldstein, Roosevelt Grier, Thomas T. Harris, Gordon R. Harrison, Alvin S. Hegge, Sarah Hertz, Rafer Johnson,

William C. Jordan, Richard F. Kline, Albert J. LaVallee, Dante Lodolo, Riley W. Maxwell, Adolph Melendres, Edward Minasian, David Montellano, George W. Murphy, Thomas T. Noguchi, Leonard B. Olinger, Frank Patchett, Martin Patrusky, Jesus Perez, James Pienda,

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Arthur Placencia, George Plimpton, Seymour Pollack, William Price, Juan Romerò, Judy Rober, Paul Schrade.

Valerie Schulte, Larry Sloan, Mike Soccoman, Harry C. Starr, Irwin Stroll, Karl Uecker, Jesse Unruh, William Weisel, Dana T. Westlake, Travis R. White, Claudia Williams, Ronald Glen Williams, DeWayne Wolfer, Thomas R. Young.

The names of those who did not testify include the following (Appendix B):

Ambassador -- Richard Alvarez, Richard Aubry, Anthony Beilenson, Delores Beilenson (Mrs.), Lauri Margaret Berry, James (Jimmy) Breslin, Rae Bruce, Gonzalo Cetina Carrillo, Henry Carrillo, Robin Casden, Thane Cesar, Theodore R. Charach, Vicky Cuccia, Larry Dean, Andrew John Divyak, Dick Drayne, Richard Drew, Fred Dutton, Ralph Elmore, Albert Victor Ellis, Arthur W. Evans,

Gloria Farr, Mrs. Charles (Frances) Finley, Mrs. Jeffery (Margaret) Finley, Evan Phillip Freed, Richard Frick, Robert Funk, George Green, Booker Griffin, Virginia Guy, Pete Hamill, James Howard (Cap) Hardy, Robert Leo Healy, Thadis Heath, Barbara Holme, Robert Huntley, Larry Jackson, David Jayne, Gabor Kadar, Stanley Steven Kawalec, John A. Khoury, Joseph A. La Hive,

Mrs. Muriel C. Lee, Dafne Lewis, Suzanne Locke, Richard G. Lubic, Augustus Mallard, Frank Mankiewicz, Michael D. Marcus, Gary Marder, Blaise Max Minns, Barbara J. Murray, Dave Murray, Marcus McBroom,

Hugh McDonald, Mrs. Freddy Plimpton, John William Pullen,

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Jennie Ranelle, Timothy Paul Rich, Walter G. Rich, Nelson Rising, Warren Rogers, Richard Rosen, Barbara Rubin, Norbert Schlei, Sandra Serrano,

Acqueline Sullivan, Frans Stalpers, Uno Timanson, Robert A. Toigo, Alvin Tokunow, Richard Tuck, Bradley Unruh, Sandor Vanocur, Michael Wayne, Andrew West, Earl C. Willaman, James S. Wilson, Kristi Witker, Jules J. Witcober, Boris Yaro, Niwa Yoshio.

Background --- Abrahma Alex, Marof Mohammed Badrah, Jess P. Buckles, Jack Davies, Donald N. Day (Sgt.), John D. Dill, Martin R. Dismukes, Frank Donnorauma, (aka H. R. Ramistella), Retta Drake, L. R. Edelman, Irene Fetherston, Sherwood Fineberg (M.D.), Kasper Fuchs (M.D.).

Ivan Garcia, John C. Garner (M.D.), John Glenn Gearhart, David S. Greenberg, Jeannie Greene (Van Antwerp), Gwendalee Gumm (Gwen), Michael F. Haggerty, Jerrold Bryon Hemingway, Jeanne S. Herrick, W. E. Hogue.

Milton Holmes, Merton W. Howe, Robert Hulsman, Abdo Jabra Malki, Gaymoard Mistri, Leslie Koltai, Bert Morse, Roderick McKay, Melvin R. Olson, Peggy Osterkamp, Marion Pearse.

Henry F. Peters, Anwar Musa Sayegh, Ron Smith, Anna Sylvan, Genevieve Taylor, Edward Van Antwerp, John H. Weidner, Terry Mickey Welsh, Don Weston.

Medical --- Burt C. Altfillisch, Maxwell M. Andler (M.D.), Eugene H. Austin, Max Alma Behrmann, Roland Dean, (M.D.), Guadalupe De La Garza, Louis R. Estrella, Frank A. Foster, Lawrence Heinemann,

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Albert C. Holt (M.D.), Paul Ironside (M.D.), E. N. Kamidoi, Patricia Kramer, Robert W. Levingston, Robert E. Levis (M.D.), Milton Miller (M.D.), Herbert McRoy, Maurice W. Nugent (M.D.), Miss Deyce Pine, James L. Poppen (M.D.), Donald Claus Rus, John D. Rutledge (M.D.), Millard Sheets, Earle C. Skinner, (M.D.), Albert Tashma (M.D.), Richard Blaire Walker, William Walker White, Jr., Leonard J. Yamshon (M.D.).

o Miscellaneous -- John G. Christian, Walter S. Crowe, Jr., Jose A. Duarte, John Fahey, Robert Gindroz, Golden Garter (Alhambra), Khaibar Khan, Robbie's Restaurant (Pomona), Jerry Owen.

Range -- Charlie Altenbaugh, William Atalic, Jesse Cardona, Corliss Edwards, Robert E. Edwards, Thomas A. Farrell, Rent C. Foss, Maynard Goodell, Richard Grijalva, Roberta Grijalva, Lloyd Hager.

Leland B. Hanson, Parker Haraden, Harry Hicks, Mike Roy Holgate, Charles Jenkins, Charles Kendall, Harry Lee, Gilbert Leos.

Charles M. Millner, Jr., George S. Mioch, Mara Mioch, Grove McChesney, Dean Pack, M. R. Rentz, James F. Ripp, Kenneth Richard Sem, Les Smootz.

Richard Steward, Marion Henry Stipp, Joseph Tescher, Margie Thorn, James J. Thornbrugh, Ben Trower, Orié Trout, Russell Doyle Weaver, Robert White.

A Los Angeles newspaper (Times) reported on the press conference as follows:

"There is no credible evidence to support a conspiracy theory in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger said Wednesday.

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"He also labeled as 'absurd' defense charges that his office reneged on an agreement not to seek the death penalty for Sirhan B. Sirhan and he described as 'over-kill' defense psychiatric testimony during the trial.

"Law enforcement agencies, including the Los Angeles police, FBI and his office, reached the conclusion that there was no conspiracy on the basis of more than 4,000 interviews of possible witnesses to any of the events which might have had some bearing on the slaying, Younger explained."

The district attorney told the press, radio and TV representatives that he could not comment on the case until now because of a court-imposed "gag" order, the newspaper related.

Continued the newspaper:

"Younger said the possibility that Sirhan was 'a member of a conspiracy whose objectives were not satisfied by the elimination of one political leader' became a concern immediately following the shooting of Sen. Kennedy.

"No possible avenue of information, he said, was considered unworthy of investigation. Every allegation of a possible conspiracy was investigated in depth and will continue to be as they arise in the future. Younger added.

"He noted that the information presented during the trial by both the prosecution and defense did not exceed 2% of the combined work product of the police and FBI investigators.

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"So that any doubting members of the public can satisfy themselves with the finding that Sirhan acted alone, a full disclosure of the results of the investigation will be made available 'now that the constitutional rights of (Sirhan)' cannot be jeopardized by publicity, Younger said.

"Commenting on the prosecution of Sirhan, Younger said, 'It proved that our system of justice works.'

"The prosecution was willing to enter into so-called plea-bargaining negotiations early in the case, Younger explained, because at that time 'it was my opinion and that of highly competent men on my staff' that the jury would not render a death verdict.

"This, he said, was based primarily on the findings of the prosecution psychiatrist.

"They did not at the time have the complete reports of defense psychiatrists and had no way of knowing then that defense psychiatric testimony -- which he said included 'far-reaching and absurd propositions' -- would turn out to be as disastrous as it was, he said.

"Younger said the jury arrived at the proper verdict and he committed his office to doing all it could to sustain the death penalty in the case.

"It was not unusual for the prosecution to contact the Kennedy family regarding handling of the case, Younger said, because his deputies often consult with interested parties, particularly the

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families of victims, to determine how they will react to proposed dispositions.

"He said he believed it is a good policy to allow members of a victim's family to express their opinion on the outcome of any case in which they have an interest.

"Asked if he thought Sirhan would ever be executed, Younger replied, 'You know the track record on that as well as I do.'

"He said, however, he did not anticipate that the appellate courts would find any deficiency in either the trial or the conviction of Sirhan.

"In answer to a question regarding the role of former Coroner Thomas Noguchi in the case, Younger said he is satisfied that the autopsy on Sen. Kennedy was conducted in a proper manner.

"The problems and pressures incidental to the successful prosecution of Sirhan in many respects were without parallel in the history of American jurisprudence, according to Younger."

Concerning psychiatric testimony, another newspaper (Hollywood Citizen-News) reported as follows:

"The district attorney reminded newsmen, 'You've heard the jurors' comment on the nature and quality of that testimony -- I need not comment further.'

"One juror, interviewed after the jury brought in the death penalty, said he thought the psychiatric testimony 'stunk.'"

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THURSDAY, MAY 29 --- The Los Angeles Police Department went on record today at a press conference in support of Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger's declaration yesterday that no credible evidence exists that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination resulted from a conspiracy, reported a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

Continued the newspaper's report on the department's press conference:

"We have not discovered any concrete or specific information that Sirhan B. Sirhan was 'influenced by any individual,' Dep. Chief Robert Houghton, who was in charge of the police investigation of the shooting, said."

Meanwhile, another Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner) related that investigation of the assassination "led Los Angeles police to new dimensions in homicide inquiry."

The new techniques were outlined by Houghton, Acting Police Chief Roger Murdock and Capt. Hugh Brown, commander of the homicide division.

According to the newspaper's account, the new techniques include:

"A time chart to provide officers a quick visual check of where a suspect was and at what time.

"Adoption of administrative charts to show progress of the investigation and indicate necessary shifts in personnel to meet court deadlines.

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"Charting the investigation in categories -- such as Sirhan's education and his home environment.

"Houghton said the investigation is the basis of a manual now being prepared for the department for setting up an emergency task force should a similar case occur.

"The deputy chief said his men traveled 'all over the United States' to carry out the investigation but did not go outside the country."

The same newspaper published an Associated Press story quoting Arthur J. Goldberg, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, as stating, "The taking of a life does not and will not accomplish a thing."

Continued AP:

"With this statement, Goldberg revealed he asked California Gov. Ronald Reagan to commute the death sentence for the convicted slayer of Sen. Kennedy."

Goldberg, a former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, said the letter to the governor was similar to one Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the dead senator's brother, sent to Dist. Atty. Younger.

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SATURDAY, MAY 31 -- Sirhan B. Sirhan is reading quite a bit and seems in good spirits, according to one of his attorneys, Russell Parsons, who was quoted in a Los Angeles newspaper (Times).

Continued the newspaper:

"Parsons said he gave Sirhan several legal documents to study in connection with the appeal of the death sentence handed

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down by a Los Angeles jury May 21 in the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"'He knows we have a long fight ahead and is quite satisfied we will make eventual headway,' the lawyer said."

Parsons was the first visitor to the convicted assassin, who is now in San Quentin's Death Row.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1 -- The youngest brother of Sirhan B. Sirhan was permitted to visit the convicted killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in a special interview cell at San Quentin's Death Row today, according to a United Press International story in a Los Angeles newspaper (Herald-Examiner).

However, officials at the prison refused to allow attorney Melvin Belli to accompany Munir Sirhan, 21, during the interview.

Another Los Angeles newspaper (Times), published an Associated Press story indicating that Belli was "turned down on two grounds." According to Philip Manriquez, administrative officer, Belli hadn't received required advance approval and authorities felt it was not proper to let Belli become involved with the prisoner without knowledge of Sirhan's regular attorneys.

Reported AP:

"Belli had said he was entering the case in connection with the death penalty appeal at the request of Sirhan's mother and brothers."

Noted UPI:

"Belli said he was hired by Sirhan's mother to work on overturning her son's death penalty.

"'I was asked to work on the matter because of my known opposition to the death penalty,' Belli said."

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