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TURN DOWN BELLI
ON SIRHAN VISIT

SAN QUENTIN (AP) — Attorney Melvin Belli was denied permission Sunday to see Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on San Quentin's death row.

Munir Sirhan, a younger brother, spent an hour with the 25-year-old convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Philip Manriquez, administrative officer, said Belli was turned down on two grounds. First, he said, Belli hadn't received required advance approval. Second, authorities felt it was not proper to let Belli become involved with the prisoner without knowledge of Sirhan's regular attorneys.

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