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- 16 NYT: Co-counsel (public defender) feels Ray may have received financial help before slaying Hugh W Stanton says Ray was a "dumb man," doesn't see how it could be that someone didn't help him at least with money.
- 16 NYT Book Review section, ad for Epstein book "Counterplot"
- 16 NYT: Ray's Plea--A Storm of Controversy over Conspiracy Issue (by Sidney Zion)

- 17 NYT: Ray judge says truth is hidden; doubts if trial would have produced the answers
- 17 NYT Book Review: Further confusion on James Earl Ray--review by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt of Clay Blair, Jr.'s book "Strange Case of J--E--R--" (Bantam 95¢)
- 17 NYP: Lawyer here to unfold evidence of a "King plot;" Memphis lawyer Russell X. Thompson to meet with Jack Greenberg, NAACP Legal and Education Defense Fund; Mrs. King makes another plea for continued investigation
- 17 NYP: A literary quiz at Sirhan's trial, did Schorr plagiarize from Brussel's book
- 17 NOSI: Full-page ad in support of Garrison, 250 signatures, paid for by Citizens of New Orleans Committee, chairman, Dr. Frank Minyard
- 17 NOSI: King conspiracy known, Bevel declares
- 17 NEWSWEEK: Sirhan takes the stand. Who killed Martin Luther King?
- 17 HARD TIMES: FBI quietly reentered King murder case after Ray sentenced, agents picking up threads, trail expected to lead to New Orleans
- 18 NYT: Penitentiary number on radio Ray left behind overlooked after MLK murdered; A new Committee says evidence ignored (press conference by Fensterwald, members listed) Bevel charges lack of guard, prior knowledge by Memphis police
- 18 NYT: Sirhan prosecution asserts analysis by Schorr was cribbed
- 18 NYT: Lawyer, critic of judge, tried by Kentucky bar; Louisville attorney accused at disbarment hearing on 9 counts of contempt
- 18 NYP: The King conspiracy theory--An analysis.
- 18 NYP: DA throws the book at the Sirhan defense
- 18 NOSI: Bundy jailed for contempt trial, failed appear on theft charges yesterday

- 19 NYT: Sirhan expert wanted "vivid" report
- 19 NYP: Tennessee group asks probe of King slaying, press for investigation by a commission
- 19 NYP: Los Angeles fires Kennedy coroner Thomas Noguchi for "erratic behavior"
- 19 NYP: Sirhan spends a birthday in court
- 19 NOSI: Ray to seek new hearing on King case plea
- 20 NYT: Ad for Clay Blair book on James Earl Ray
- 20 NYT: Ray asks a review of his guilty plea
- 20 NYT: 2nd psychologist supports Sirhan, says he lacked capacity to premeditate murder
- 20 NOSI: Shaw pleads innocent at arraignment; Bethell's attorney, Herbert J. Garon, files motions, applies for bill of particulars. Bundy gets 20 days for stealing pants.

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(NB: Stories on Ray 3/11-14/69 filed but not listed here)

- 14 Wall St.J: Conspiracy theories in King, Kennedy assassinations may get new airing by new committee to investigate assassinations, led by citizens critical of WR, which accuses Govt of "elaborate cover-up," includes among directors: Garrison.
- 14 NYT: Striking similarities found between Schorr testimony on Sirhan mental state and book by NY criminal psychiatrist, Dr. James A. Brussel; Schorr admits reading the book but denies plagiarizing any part of it.
- 14 NYT: Ray's brother says he is sure there was a plot to kill MLK; says there was someone else in on this deal but hushed up by FBI; Ray has second thoughts, wishes he had had trial
- 14 NYT: Meeting is planned: Jack Greenberg, NAACP Legal Defense and Educ.Fund, Inc. director, will meet Monday 3/17/69 with Russell X. Thompson, Memphis lawyer who claims has evidence of a conspiracy in MLK killing.
- 14 NYT Editorial: "Marketing Murder" criticizes macabre rush of free-lance writers to cash in by doing books on James Earl Ray, and the "participation of defense attorneys in strange contingency fees for murder facts." Names Hanes/Huie/Foreman, in Ray case, and in Sirhan case, contract between defense lawyers and free lance Robt.B.Kaiser. Says investigation by ABA needed.
- 14 NYP: Column by Leonard Lyons, reports Clay Shaw signed with Eastern States Lecture Service
- 14 NYP: When Sirhan matched wits with the cops, re tapes of his interrogation
- 14 NYP: Ray's second thoughts on plea may be too late
- 14 NOSI: Letters to Editor, Discussion of Garrison, Shaw trial, concluded--includes letter from Andrew Schiambra; also, More Newspapers Editorialize on Shaw trial
- 14 Criticism, says Garrison, may lead him to be candidate for re-election (in TV interview)
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- 15 NEW REP (Editorial): What Garrison Proved--Garrison...scored several good points against the WC investigation but nearly all these points were culled from various published books on the WR and were not original with Garrison...Certainly the reputation and credibility of critics such as Mark Lane and Penn Jones who supported Garrison's case, badly compromised (also mentions cancellation of request for autopsy photos/X-rays; doubts Garrison's contact with reality; charges him with vindictiveness in indicting the acquitted Shaw for perjury; most potentially dangerous demagogue since Huey Long).
- 15 NYT: New narcotics trial is won on issue of hypnosis
- 15 NYT: Garrison says evidence rules cost him verdict; UPI interview with G. He says he made bad tactical decision, not to use witnesses who had been in trouble.
- 15 NYT: Prosecution verified many of Ray's statements; more clothes purchases; had camera in London; moved to New Orleans
- 15 NYP: King murder--A mystery call. John McFerren, negro market owner, overheard Memphis businessman on phone discuss killing MLK on balcony, payment \$5000 by his brother in New Orleans, told police 4 days after killing, they discount story
- 15 NYP: L.Lyons column--Marguerite Oswald is suing Dr. Renatus Hartogs for \$25 million because of remarks in his "new book" (The Two Assassins)
- 16 NYT: (by Martia Waldron) Garrison, undaunted by criticism, continuing inquiry into murder of JFK; 9 men now under charges; 3 arrested this week; more arrests expected; charge against Andrews; Bethell accused; extradition of Bradley denied; Martens subpoenaed
- 15 NOSI: Ray deal carefully negotiated; Mrs. King, Ramsey Clark, concurred. (by Bernard Gavzer)
- 16 Wash.Post: Judge Haggery defied own system, unwritten rules of the club, rejecting policeman as liar; story mentions autopsy photos and X-rays

- 21 NYT: Psychiatrist says Sirhan saw himself as "savior"
- 21 NYP: Another M.D. says Sirhan's sick
- 22 NYT: Psychiatrist says Sirhan may have lied in saying did not recall killing RFK
- 22 NYT: Rightist/segregationist J.B. Stoner hired as Ray's lawyer; will help with plea
- 22 NOSI: Sirhan "like wild beast" after gin-drinking test; thought RFK was alive
- 22 NOSI: Ray is visited by new lawyer, J.B. Stoner; bids for trial
- 23 NYT: An assassin on the couch--article on psychiatric testimony re Sirhan
- 23 NYT: Ray tells lawyer he did not kill MLK but was pressured into guilty plea; Stoner charges several national magazines made "false and defamatory" charges vs Ray
- 23 NYT: Brother of Ray assails Foreman; quotes Ray as saying Foreman pressured him plead guilty
- 23 NYT: Clay Shaw finds life pretty much the same as before charge by Garrison--interview of Shaw by Martin Waldron, estimates cost \$100,000, will cost \$20,000 more, for legal counsel
- 24 NYT: Pressuring of Ray denied by Foreman
- 24 NYT (Peter Kihass): Study finds likely assassins share "social isolation" trait (an Army-financed study of 137 men who threatened presidents, by Dr. E.A. Weinstein)
- 24 NYP: Sirhan's trial is becoming a mental case
- 24 NYP: Ray's ex-lawyer Percy Foreman tells of film bid
- 24 NATION Editorial: Case Not Closed (seems to regret general scepticism re lone assassins) Says, there was no conspiracy in Memphis courtroom (Ray's deal for 99 yrs) to suppress truth
- 24 NEWSWEEK: Cover "The Assassins" (photos James Earl Ray/Sirhan, and MLK/RFK) Articles: Unsettling doubts; Ray--99 years, no explanations; Sirhan--why did he do it? (Filed with magazine collection)
- 24 NOSI: \$175,000 said offered for Ray story film rights, by Carlo Ponti (to Huie), per Percy Foreman; Jerry Ray accuses Foreman of coercion of James Earl Ray; J.B. Stoner, Ray's newest lawyer, says his KKK connections will help Ray's case
- 25 NYT: Deal to film Ray's life story denied by Ponti's lawyer
- 25 NYT: Doctor says Sirhan, hypnotized, relived crime in "blind rage"
- 25 NYP: Sirhan's bizarre "trances"
- 25 NYP--Drew Pearson: Column "Ray's 'Conspirators' " gives reassurance, no plot, just Ray
- 25 NOSI--Drew Pearson: "King Conspiracy Discarded by FBI" (column)
- 25 NOSI: Sirhan is described as "computer-killer"
- 25 NOSI: Ray plea change, retrial report, called confused
- 26 NYT: Sirhan trial recesses for day to study testimony on trance
- 26 NYP: How Sirhan fought the hypnotist
- 26 NOSI: Jury may see film of final RFK speech
- 27 NYT: Psychiatrist clashes with prosecutor and stands by his analysis of Sirhan
- 27 NYP: A test for Sirhan defense
- 27 NOSI: Ray denied meeting with new lawyer, Richard J. Ryan

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- 28 NYT: Sirhan defense closes its case; Expert insists view valid even if seems absurd
- 29 Sat.Review (Criminal Record) Mini-review of Flammonde, "The K Conspiracy" ("...street directory of the second battle of New Orleans.")
- 29 Sat.Review: Article by Drew Pearson on Kennedy/Khrushchev/Cuba missile crisis (JFK demoralization after Vienna summit, despondency over inevitability nuclear clash)
- 29 NYT: Psychiatrist tells Sirhan trial killing was not psychotic act
- 29 NOSI: Chief admin.officer Ben Levy suspends aide Louis Humberto Gomez for Marcello link
- 31 NOSI: Editorial on suspension of Gomez
- 31 NYP: A three-room suite for Sirhan complete with TV, "extra secure cell"

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- 1 NYT: Judge W. Preston Battle dies; Accepted Ray guilty plea in 99-yr deal. Heart attack.
- 1 NYT: Huie thinks Ray killed MLK for "status," says in LOOK no evidence conspiracy; Foreman agrees but A. J. Hanes still thinks there was a conspiracy
- 1 NYP: Judge's death clouds Ray case; had vacation and check-up just before 3/10/69 hearing
- 1 NYP: TV interview with Clay Shaw on NBC-TV "First Tuesday" 9-11 pm
- 1 NYP: Sirhan trial on last lap, begins 13th week, headed to finish
- 1 NOSI: Judge in Ray case dies; new trial possibility eyed. Medical examiner Dr. J.T. Francisco who also did autopsy of MLK says Battle cause of death was heart attack
- 1 NOSI: Sirhan called liar, rages in court; psychiatrist says Sirhan lying re amnesia
- 1 NOSI Drew Pearson: Sam Johnson's memoirs making LBJ uneasy, re "bitter treatment" by JFKs
- 1 NOSI: Gremillion lambastes assaults by news media who ridicule, embarrass him
- 1 WIN Magaz: Recantation by Sandy Hochsberg and Valliere. No argument with Shaw verdict. Garrison handling of trial suggests "fix was on." Shocking misuse of power in new Shaw indictment. Garrison credibility gap reaching Johnsonian proportions.
- 2 NYT: Hanes links Ray to rifles for Cuban exiles. Sirhan in new outburst at trial. Nixon sees ENK as likely 1972 opponent.
- 2 NYP: Judges at odds on new Ray trial. NBC interview of Clay Shaw mentioned in TV column. Sirhan's pet psychiatrist is Dr. Seymour Pollack
- 2 NOSI: Sirhan said capable of plot; liar charge provokes outburst
In NY, 21 Black Panthers indicted in bomb plot
- 2 Wash.Eve.St: Second letter to Judge Battle by Ray is discovered, notice of appeal 4 reversal
- 3 NYT: Letter to editor by Prof.H.W. Ehrmann,Dartmouth College, indignant at Ray "loner" nonsense, says deal for 99 yrs. another shameful chapter in USA judicial history --an outright refusal to discover the truth; court procedures Memphis called shocking
- 3 NYT: Defense attacks doctor's view Sirhan not legally ill (also, items on bomb plot laid to 21 Black Panthers; on new robot)
- 3 NYP: Sirhan's counsel draws blood from star witness Dr. Pollack. (Item on bomb plot)
- 3 NOSI: Ray hires 3rd lawyer to aid retrial bid. Judge Arthur Faquin Jr. named to succeed late judge Battle as presiding judge Ray case. New lawyer is Richard Ryan

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- 4 NYT: Psychiatrist concedes Sirhan has substantial mental illness; Pollack calls Sirhan paranoid. Sirhan brother waters plea, re 3rd brother car accident
- 4 NYT: Fund with Birch Society ties helped Otto Otepka in job fight with State Dept.
- 4 NYP: Clay Shaw in Sardi's with James Kirkwood, says he will write book about trial (See also Michael J. Berlin closeup on Christopher Phillips, reverse side)
- 4 NYP: Sirhan's lawyer sneaks in a point, gets Pollack say opposes death penalty
- 5 NYT: Arnold Krakower, obituary (with Jones Harris re doorway photo)
- 5 NYT: Articles on first anniversary of death of MLK
- 5 NYT: Sirhan psychosis denied by doctor; witness insists Sirhan could plan murder
- 5 Wsh.Pst: Editorial, "The Status of James Earl Ray" mildly calls for full disclosure
- 6 Wsh.E.Star: Ray, new lawyer Richard J. Ryan, discuss new trial
- 6 NYT: Article on post-MLK leadership SCLC; editorial on military-industrial complex Letter to editor, re: luxury suite for Sirhan
- 7 NYT: Wiretap fear laid to RFK in Jack Newfield's new book; says RFK convinced LBJ was tapping his senate phone; Stephen Smith, Adam Walinsky, deny allegation
- 7 NYP: First of series of articles (daily concluding 4/19/69) from Eric Goldman book on LBJ
- 7 NYP: Sirhan trial may go to jury soon
- 7 NOSI: Garrison ordered withdraw as prosecutor in Tom Bethell case, per Herbert Garon motion
- 7 Hd.Xs: Article blasting Walter Annenberg, says he paid off \$12,200 mortgage on Tippit house
- 7 NOSI: Sirhan outburst halts summation by State
- 7 Newsweek: Two articles on Sirhan—"Sirhan's Trance" and "Test Case" (Medicine)
- 8 NYT: Articles on Roy Cohn (Govt. denies vendetta) and EMK (strategy to win presidency)
- 8 NYT: Supreme Court to review laws that permit negotiation of plea
- 8 NYT: A retrial for Ray asked in Memphis by new lawyers J.B.Stoner, R.W.Hill, R.Ryan, claiming Ray was exploited, pressured by former lawyers
- 8 NYT: Dykes Simmons Jr. flees Mexican prison; convicted murderer walks out dressed as woman
- 8 NYT: Sirhan jury told test scores err; Dr. L.B. Olinger, last witness, doubts psychosis
- 8 NYP: Sirhan testimony winding up. Also, Escape from Mexico, on Dykes Simmons
- 8 NYP: Ray signed over \$165,000 to Foreman, disclosed in new trial motion filed Memphis
- 8 Wsh.E.Star: Ray scores lawyers in new trial petition
- 8 NOSI: Judge Braniff picks prosecutor for Bethell, appoints Robt J Zibilich as ad hoc DA
- 9 NYT: Review of book "The Bouviers" by J.H. Davis
- 9 NYP: Both sides rest in Sirhan trial; summations may end Friday 4/10th
- 9 NYP: Ray told British detectives he acted alone, killed MLK because hated negroes
- 10 NYT: Sirhan depicted as "sick" but "calculating," excerpts from State's argument
- 10 Chr.Sci.Mon: Review of Epstein's "Counterplot" by C. Michael Curtis, says it is padded, thin and strangely purposeless. "Not unlike Mr. Garrison, Mr. Epstein craves the sanctity of a grand design, of revelation masked in virtuousness."

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- 10 NYP: Sirhan D.A. takes a scalpel to experts. Bizarre case of girl with no name.
 Eric Goldman "Tragedy of LBJ" article IV (The inner circle). Kempton on General Shoup.
- 10 NOSI: Police brutality charges by negre couple; Larry Jones says he went to DA office.
- 10 NOSI: Charles Ward denies he will seek DA post, says Garrison will run for reelection.
- 10 NOSI: Bribery trial of Dalton Smith begins after 8 delays, disappearance key witness Young.
- 10 NOSI: Sirhan illness obvious, his lawyer Russell Parsons says.
- 11 NYT: Truman Capote denounces JFK article attributed to him, suggesting JFK alive, disabled.
- 11 NYT: Sirhan called a little sick boy in final argument by defense, depicted as poor
 wretch too ill to plot RFK murder, 2nd degree penalty asked
- 11 NYT: FBI accused of eavesdropping on riot suspects in Chicago
- 11 NYP: Sirhan's side winding it up by the clock
- 11 NYP: Column by Mary McGrory "Opening Fire on Ted Kennedy"
- 11 NOSI: Juror removed in bribery trial (Dalton Smith/Ed Partin/Aubrey Young/Hoffa)
- 11 NOSI: Ray asks pact with Percy Foreman be voided; writer deal also at issue. R.W.Hill, Jr.,
 acting for Ray, asks nullification his contract with WmBradford Huie
- 11 NOSI Editorial: "Embarrassment for La." re indictment of a Baton Rouge rep. on
 charges of conspiracy mail fraud and payoffs
- 12 NYT: Mirror act stirs Sirhan dispute; scepticism on self-induced trance. Profile of
 Judge Herbert Van Walker. Transcript, excerpts defense argument
- 12 NYT: Judge rejects charge of eavesdropping by FBI in Chicago
- 12 Miami Herald: Mystery polka-dot girl in RFK case dead by suicide, Kathy Fullmer, 23
- 12 Wash.Post: Polka dot girl dies of drug dose on Tuesday 4/8/69
- 12 NYP: Polka dot girl's kin asks suicide probe. Kent Flerke, brother-in-law, asks 4 investig.
- 12 NOSI: Shooting of RFK called plain old murder by State; psychologists rapped
- 13 NYT: What can happen now to Sirhan (on final arguments)
- 14 NYP: Jury is ready to judge Sirhan. (Also, story on the Vatican and Jackie)
- 14 NOSI: Huge bribe offered Partin, Smith trial jury is told. Drew Pearson column, on
 LBJ brother, indiscreet memoirs. Item on DA's office and brutality probe report.
- 14 NATION: Letter to editor protesting anti-Garrison editorial, and editors' reply in rebuttal,
 citing "critic" Epstein vs Garrison
- 15 NYT: Jury begins deliberations on Sirhan after prosecutor assails psyches' testimony
- 15 NYP: Wechsler column "Nixon and EM Kennedy" mentions JFK, RFK assassinations
- 15 NYP: Eric Goldman (Tragedy of LBJ) Article VIII, re Robert Lowell, Bob Silvers, Dwight Macd.
- 15 NYP: Sirhan jury in for lengthy stay
- 15 NOSI: RFK/Partin fund is issue in Baton Rouge trial, Smith alleges was RFK trust \$ 4 Partin
- 15 LOOK: Conspiracy or Not? Why Ray killed Dr. King--Huie; Hanes; Foreman
- 16 NYT: Foreman picked by Sirhan jury, 12 retire after deliberating 1st full day
- 16 NYP: Sirhan jury--another day in the life
- 16 NOSI: Ray hearing set for 5/26/69 (on motion for new trial)

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- 17 NYT: Item on Black Muslims, lose on appeal in murder Malcolm X
- 17 NYT: Sirhan jury asks for clarification, judge rereads rules on 2nd-degree guilt
- 17 NYT: Judge sets 5/26/69 to hear Ray plea for murder retrial
Ray in civil suit charges Hanes/Huie collusion to exploit him for money reasons
- 17 NYP: Jury's question elates Sirhan
- 17 NOSI: Sirhan guilty in first degree, jury to decide life or death penalty
- 18 NYT: Sirhan convicted of murder in the first degree, faces death in gas chamber or life
Profile on Lynn Davis Compton, Sirhan prosecutor; items on death of Arenales; criminal genes
- 18 NYT Editorial: The Sirhan Verdict ("justice has been served" but no gas chamber, please)
- 18 NYP: The issue now--Sirhan's life
- 18 NOSI: Jury faced with setting Sirhan fate; Sirhan father vows revenge, says son did well
- 19 NYP: Items on Sirhan; LBJ and RFK; Otto Otepka
- 19 NOSI: DA Garrison creates team to fight mob crime; moves a day after Mayer's Advisory
Committee on Crime said organized crime in New Orleans seeking control city's tourism.
Garrison says he never claimed no organized crime at all in city
- 19 NOSI Editorial: "Grave Charges of Organized Crime" says findings fly in face Garrison
repeated statements no organized crime, at same time support MCC claims
- 19 NOSI: Article by Bill Lynch "Bribery trial Dalton Smith left interesting question" (Hoffa)
- 20 NYT MAGAZ: "The Final Chapter...?" by Epstein, attacks Garrison and claque (Sahl Lane
Weisberg Turner Pepkin etc.), discusses Meagher & Thompson books, CBS, 1968 panel, etc.
--FILED SEPARATELY (NOT IN PRESS CLIPS)
- 20 NYT MAGAZ: "The Ramparts Story:...Um, Very Interesting" by James Ridgeway
- 20 NYT: Otepka--Fresh controversy over an old subversive-hunter
- 20 NYT: Sirhan--Now the question of life or death
- 20 NYT: What's happened to LBJ? (Taking it easy in Texas)
- 20 NYT: Psychologist Philip Zimbardo, Stanford U, says pressures of big-city life are
transforming Americans into potential assassins (viz RFK, MLK, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X)
- 21 NYT: Ramsey Clark joining law firm here (Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison)
- 21 NYT: Walt Rostow likes war policies of Presidents JFK and LBJ
- 21 NYP: Life or death, Sirhan faces a long wait
- 21 NOSI Editorial: Garrison's "no organized crime" statements are reviewed; glad see DA
belated effort investigate charges after denials
- 21 NATION: Letter to editors re Garrison; also review of Herbert Packer book
- 22 NYT: Sirhan jury sequestered as it weighs penalty
- 22 NOSI: Set DA fee, Shaw figure Bethell asks; attorney Herbert J. Garon asks Judge
Braniff set in advance the fee for ad hoc DA Robert J. Zibilich
- 22 NOSI: Drew Pearson on Otto Otepka (promotion delights Nazis)
- 23 NYT: Sirhan lawyer worried as jury stays out second day
- 23 NYP: Father's pledge draws Sirhan's scorn; Arab world also waits the verdict
- 23 NOSI: Death ruled for Shirhan; gun-chewing killer calm

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- 24 NYT: Sirhan Bishara Sirhan sentenced to die in gas chamber for murder of RFK
- 24 NYT Editorial: "Justice Without Mercy" (angered by Sirhan death penalty)
- 24 NYT: Nixon fetes Warren at White House, chief justice to retire in June
- 24 NYP: Execution of Sirhan cannot be soon; Sirhan's father blames U.S.; Juror on Sirhan: "cold-blooded"
- 24 MID.MIRROR: Another important loophole missed in New Orleans (on speed of car, suggests a motorcycle cop deliberately obstructed car) Number 60 in "mysterious deaths" reports John M. Crawford, 46, died mysterious plane crash 4/15/69, also 5 others in plane; was friend of Jack Ruby
- 24 NOSI: New trial plea hearing for Sirhan is postponed
- 24 NOSI: Drew Pearson on Nixon tribute to Earl Warren
- 24 NOSI: Aaron Kohn appointed to U.S. crime advisory committee by Justice Dept.
- 24 NOSI Letter to editor: Garrison replies to editorial criticism, squeals like stuck pig
- 25 NYT: Sirhan jurors reveal that law and order was major consideration in vote 4 death penalty
- 25 NYP: Unruh regrets fate meted out to Sirhan; deploras verdict
- 25 NOSI: Garrison today accepted charges of flag desecration against 5 in SUNO incident
- 25 NOSI: Lawyers begin first step in Sirhan appeals
- 26 SR "Criminal Record": mini-review of Epstein book Counterplot

- 28 NOSI: DA amends Shaw bill of complaint, in proceedings before Judge O'Hara
- 28 NOSI: DA, Giarrusso, criticized by ACLU, hitting flag charges; attacking Garrison's decision to prosecute 5 students, ACLU called decision "unfortunate" and said charges are without merit or foundation, based on technicality
- 28 HARD TIMES: Items on Random House (Jason Epstein/John Simon); EMK for president; Mars

- 30 NYT: Greenwich Village designated as a landmark, for preservation as historic site
- 30 NYP: Kunstler says he's victim of a plot: crude attempt frame him on criminal conspiracy charges (assassinate Gov. Rockefeller)
- 30 NOSI: McKeithen provides push for Partin exit

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- 1 NYP: Indict 3 jailers in hanging of narcotics addict Brooklyn house of detention
- 1 NOSI: Partin denies story he wants to leave Louisiana and McKeithen helping him go
- 2 NYP: RFK campaign debt: one million more to go
- 3 N YORKER: "A War Requiem" (poem) includes JFK and RFK assassinations
- 3 Ft. Worth Star-Telegram: Item on suicide by gunshot of ex-secretary to Fred Korth
- 3 NOSI: Drew Pearson, on Otto Otepka, and fantastic charge Communists killed Marilyn Monroe as favor to RFK
- 4 NYT: Letters to editor, on TTPI, on "role of foundations" from Burke Marshall
- 4 NYT: Editorial "The Future of the FBI" critical of J. Edgar
- 5 NYT: Life charges Abe Fortas accepted \$20,000 from Louis Wolfson, indicted securities case
- 5 NYP: Deny Fortas quitting over Wolfson check. After Warren: A key decision. Whitmore: The secret report (on Wylie/Hoffert murder). Column on George Wald
- 5 NOSI: Fortas denies accepting fee from Wolfson. Jack Wardlaw gets award for Shaw trial coverage
- 6 NYT: Whitmore report cites confession; notes discrepancies found by Hogan aide in 1965
- 6 NYP: Editorial "A Clear Appearance of Impropriety" on Fortas. No move on Fortas seen.
- 7 NYP: Fortas row mounting. James Wechsler: Footnotes to the Fortas case
- 8 NYT: Ad for lecture by Paris Flammende on "The Assassinations: JFK MLK RFK" Congress critics of Fortas hint at further steps. Review of "The Strawberry Statement" by James Kunen, mentions WR
- 8 NOSI: Jurors (grand jury) call for report on Mafia, chairman of crime committee to testify
- 8 NOSI: SUNO professor fired, arrested: DA's office said trespassing arrest based campus visit by Dr. George Haggard
- 8 MIBL.MIRROR: Items, Penn Joneses in San Francisco; coverage by press of Shaw trial
- 9 NYP: Senate hearing left up to Fortas
- 9 NOSI: Prince Charles assassination said plotted
- 12 NYP: Senator Mondale urges Fortas to resign. Editorial: "The Unclosed Case" on Fortas. CIA Helms overheard in super-hawk speech to Business Council. 2nd honeymoon 4 Dykes Simmons.
- 12 NATION: Cry Mercy: editorial on Sirhan and capital punishment. Fred Cook on Sacco/Vanzetti.
- 13 NYT: Mitchell confirms giving report on Fortas to Earl Warren. Hearing opens on Algiers Motel case. Otto Otepka denies link with Birch Society.
- 13 NYP: Sirhan denies calling in Belli for his appeal. Coroner Thomas Noguchi danced as RFK lay dying, hearing told. Drew Pearson on Otto Otepka.
- 14 NYT: James Reston column on Fortas ("The Crisis of Belief"). Editorial on Fortas: "Slander by Indirection" criticizes Mitchell and Nixon Administration
- 14 NYP: Quiz Wolfson on Fortas
- 15 NYT: Fortas hearing urged in house
- 15 NYP: The Fortas deal: \$20 G per for life?
- 15 NOSI: Garrison says he will make bid for reelection; says history will prove him right on WR
- 15 NOSI: Fortas resignation accepted by Nixon (and various Fortas stories)
- 16 NYT: Fortas quits; defends dealings with Wolfson; various stories and editorial, profile. Story on Algiers Motel case (Detroit riot described as a "war")
- 16 NYP: Stories, columns, editorials on Fortas resignation, editorial

- 16 NOSI: DA fee petition denied by Court: La. Supreme Court has refused to review question of whether special prosecutor fee should be set in advance in Bethell trial.
- 17 NYT: Chance remark led LIFE reporter William Lambert to disclosures in Fortas case
- 18 NYT Magazine: Letter to editor Tink Thompson, Epstein (filed "Thompson") Letter on "guilt" of the Rosenbergs, from Simon Rifkin; Reston on Abe Fortas; Zion on Fortas
- 19 HARD XS: Item on FBI and Fortas, FBI and MLK (attempts to smear him, rumors on private life)
- 20 NYP: Drew Pearson on Fortas and judicial ethics; Warren accepts honor, breaks own rule
- 20 NYP: Ambassador Hotel in LA sues RFK group to recover \$85,000 from campaign committee
- 20 NYP: Plot to kill James Earl Ray told in phone tip to prison; State Corrections Commissioner Harry S. Avery, Nashville, says he traced call and ID the caller; but Director Bureau Criminal Identification W.E. Hopton says it is news to him
- 21 NYT: Ad for "The Assassin Who Gave Up His Gun" a novel by E.B. Cunningham, Morrow, coming June 9th: "A famous black minister and a revered world leader die...in this gripping novel that illuminates what may be the terrifying truth behind...events..."
- 21 NYT: 2 Cubans seized in Jersey in Montreal bomb plot
- 21 NYT: Fortas criticized on ethics by ABA committee (by Fred Graham)
- 21 NYP: Clayton Fritchey matches LBJ/Nixon statements on Vietnam; Brass hits back at EMK
- 21 NOSI: EMK asks mercy for Sirhan; Also on Warren Court; New Orleans police in trouble 3 fronts
- 22 NYP: Editorial on Earl Warren's successor. Judge deems Sirhan. Lawyer calls trial of negro "Dreyfus Case" (Wm. Maynard, on trial for Greenwich Village murder)
- 22 NYP: Sirhan's sentence: Death (photos). Fortas firm split over his return.
- 22 NOSI: Lawyer, writer, violated his rights, James Earl Ray suit alleges (vs Foreman Hanes and Huie)
- 22 NOSI: Sirhan given death despite EMK plea for mercy
- 22 NOSI: EMK blasts contract with Mississippi ship firm, charges job bias
- 23 NYT: Items on Fortas, Warren, Algiers Motel trial, Reston on new Chief Justice
- 23 NYT: Items on James Earl Ray, suit accuses 3 of violating his civil rights
- 23 NYT: 8 Black Panthers seized in torture/murder case; FBI active in case
- 23 NYP: Max Lerner on EMK and Nixon; Drew Pearson on CIA and Peace Corps
- 23 NOSI: San Quentin death row becomes Sirhan's home
- 24 NYT: Sirhan transferred to San Quentin amid secrecy; flown to death row predawn
- 26 NYP: Ray may take stand in bid for trial
- 26 NOSI: New trial for Ray is denied by Judge Arthur Faquin, on ground Ray waived all rights
- 27 NYT: Ray fails in move for second trial; Judge rules he gave up right of appeal
- 27 NYT: Items on EMK; Algiers Motel trial
- 27 NYP: Clay Shaw is witness in NYC court case (realty co. trying recover brokerage fees)
- 27 NYP: Ray's lawyer vows new move; R.J. Ryan will take case to Tennessee Court Appeals
- 27 NYP: Items on Warren Earl Burger; Sirhan notebooks
- 27 NOSI: Ray returned to cell after trial denied

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- 28 NYT: Ballistics experts says found no signs of shooting from Algiers Motel
- 28 NYP: Item on Sirhan filmed interview to be aired on First Tuesday
Item on Ethel Kennedy's year of mourning
- 28 NOSI: Shaw goes to court as witness in suit against Tra-Mar Inc.; predicts Garrison will win reelection in November
- 29 NYP: How DA ruled out RFK conspiracy: Younger says every avenue was explored
- 31 SR: Mini-review of "Strange Case of James Earl Ray" by Clay Blair Jr.
- 31 NYP: The Assassination of RFK: One Year Later, by Budd Schulberg, criticizes LA police
- 31 NYP: Warren proposing strict code of ethics

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June Playboy: Various items or mentions, King/Kennedy assassinations; Gore Vidal interview, discusses possibility of conspiracy, mentions Garrison, Clay Shaw; Article by Eric Norden, "The Paramilitary Right," mentions Bill Turner, plot vs Stanley Marcus, J.B. Stoner. (Filed "Playboy")

June Ramparts: "Reviewing the Ray Case" by Bill Turner (filed "Ramparts")

- 1 NYT: Dismissed Tennessee aide confirms an offer to Ray. Harry Avery, dismissed as State Corrections Commissioner, confirmed he had offered to place any money hidden by James Earl Ray in a trust fund, Governor admitted that was reason for firing him
- 1 NYT: Fortas case raises questions of conscience in capital; Fred Graham, on judging judges
- 2 NYP: NBC News pays Sirhan \$10,500 for filmed interview; item on Schenley's/J.Edg.H. fund
- 2 NYP: Drew Pearson on Fortas; Burger. Item on Sirhan (man resembling him lurked RFK apt. UN Plaza); items on EMK, Tino De Angelis (salad oil scandal)
- 2 NOSI: Dean Andrews charges Garrison with perjury. NOSI now independent paper, editors named
- 2 HARD TIMES: Item on Warren Burger, authoritarian and obsessive; same in THE NATION
- 3 NYP: Murray Kempton on Gay Talese/NY Times
- 3 NOSI: Review of Sirhan's TV interview
- 4 NYT: Anthony Lewis, on loss of RFK; items on Soviet space shot Venus; on Harper & Row
- 4 NOSI: Dean Andrews seeks to bar perjury trial, asks injunction, hearing on statute
- 4 NOSI: US attorney says New Orleans city leaders ignorant, crime entrenched 30 years
- 5 NOSI: US attorney probing organized crime called by New Orleans grand jury
- 5 MID MIRR: Items on Lt. George Butler (touted for US Marshall job); suicide of Fred Korth's "daughter" (actually his ex-secretary); death of S.M. Holland on 4/29/69 Irving Texas
- 9 NYP: Algiers Motel trial near jury; attempted assassination of Charles Kenyatta
- 9 HARD TIMES: Item on Cartha De Loach FBI, secret tapes of Martin Luther King
- 10 NYT: Items on Senator Dodd (court rejects case against columnists); Robles (Wylie/Hoffert); Algiers Motel case
- 11 NYP: Did CIA give Che's diary to Castro? Motel case cop still faces US charges; Max Lerner on Warren Burger and end of Supreme Court era
- 11 NOSI: Alcock defends Shaw charges against defense motion to quash perjury indictment
- 12 NOSI: Garrison blasted; Aaron Kohn refuses to testify before New Orleans grand jury
- 13 NYP: Items on Robles appeal; Ann Arbor, 6 sex murders; Pearson on Dodd

- 14 NOSI: Ivor Trapolin, Chairman Mayor's crime committee, criticizes Garrison for inaction
- 15 NYT BOOK REVIEW, Letters: From Don Preston of Bernard Geis (on Jacq.Susann's books)
- 16 NATION: Letter, Conor Cruise O'Brien; Articles by W.David Slawson; Fred Cook on Mafia
- 16 NOSI: Editorial, "Crime: It's a Crime to Do Nothing," attacks Garrison for inaction
- 16 HARD TIMES: whole issue devoted to Abe Fortas and his law firm, mentions Raskin, Baker, Jenkins, various Texas figures
- 17 NOSI: Alvin Oser appointed to bench; Charles Ward quits to run against Garrison, says his name was withdrawn for judgeship by Garrison although he knew charges of bribery against Ward were false; Ward refused to take part in Shaw trial, says could not do so in good faith; quarreled with Garrison because he failed arrest SDS as Ward wanted
- 17 NOSI: Crime unit dared to name names, mentions Carlos Marcello et al
- 18 NOSI: Garrison to probe bribe charge against Ward; James Alcock named Chief Asst. to Garrison
- 19 NYP: FBI says RFK approved wire tap of Martin Luther King
- 19 NOSI: "Blackmail" try charged; Ex-DA aide Charles Ward asks probe; DA's office accuses Maryland National Insurance Co. of failing pay \$629,000 in bond forfeitures, in letter by Asst. DA Shirley Wimberly Jr. Wm. Hardy Davis, ex-employee of MNI Co., filed affidavit accusing Ward of accepting bribes
- 19 NOSI: LBJ illness rumors denied. RFK signed wiretap MLK order, J.E.Hoover quoted.
- 19 NOSI: Hoffa moved from prison, officials mum. Bruce Blossat column on EMK in 1972.
- 20 NYP: 2 deny RFK instigated the MLK wiretaps, quotes Katzenbach and Ramsey Clark; Wechsler column, "About Hoover, King, and RFK." Lyons item re Ehrlich,Garrison, Clay Shaw
- 20 NOSI: Indict Partin on 5 counts; Gremillion blames McKeithen; Anti-Mafia aid sought by Trapolin; Ralph Kaskell denies charge of extortion by Charles Ward; Clint Murchison dies; Judge refuses Gremillion bid to avoid prosecution in Louisiana Loan & Thrift Corp. case
- 21 NOSI: Indictment hardest blow to Partin; Ward entry creates heat in DA race, by David Snyder
- 23 NYP: Column on Warren Earl Burger; Fritchey on The Clifford Plan (out of Vietnam); Lerner on the Adam Clayton Powell ruling; Pearson, encomium to Earl Warren.
- 23 NOSI: Elice chief Joseph Giarrusso asks U.S. Attney. review Trapolin report on crime; Double jeopardy ban extended to state courts; Garrison asks court oust suit of bond firm
- 24 NYT: Aaron Asher becomes Holt, Rinehart chief of general books division
- 24 NYP: Editorial "The Memorable Era of Earl Warren" (no mention of WR)
- 24 NYP: Roy Cohn denies role in transfer of 3 FBI agents in probe; US admits FBI altered wiretap log of Cassius Clay
- 24 NOSI: MCC Aaron Kohn urges City Council make full crime probe; asks 3-man board with independent staff and subpoena powers
- 24 NOSI: U.S. attney. studies brutality charge by law student, Giarrusso awaits report from Garrison
- 24 NOSI: Pearson "Senate Urged to Assert Rights," mentions quick ok of Burger
 Editorial: "Warren--A Word About the Man" (no mention of WR); Marcello-N Orls crime link suspected, but unproved.

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- 25 NYP: Wiretap dispute, Carl Rowan comments on J. Edgar Hoover and RFK/MLK
- 25 NOSI: Bail case probe opens tomorrow; Garrison intends own probe of Ward, bailbond affair
- 25 NOSI: Committee charges that Garrison ignores crime data
- 25 NOSI Editorial: Public hearing on crime urged, asks City Council be forum
- 25 NOSI: Drew Pearson on RFK and MLK wiretap affair
- 25 NOSI: Oser sworn in as Orleans district judge, thanks Garrison for opportunity
- 26 NYP: Warren--the summing up; An intimate view of Jackie by her secretary
- 26 NYP: Wm. Buckley column "The King Phone Tap"
- 26 NOSI: Garrison before jury as bribe probe opens; payment affidavits in bail case revealed
- 27 NYP: Public honor for Warren. Reagan files Goldberg's Sirhan plea. NET-TV to examine record of Warren Court
- 30 NYP: Miscellaneous items on wiretap of MLK; Warren; Finch and Knowles; Jacqueline and jewelry; Herbert Marcuse, accused of being CIA agent; EMK plans quiet European tour
- 30 HARD TIMES: Item on CIA report on ABMs (not necessary, Nixon/Kissinger hysterical)
- 30 NOSI: Charges of police brutality ruled out by Giarrusso after DA investigation; Tschombe dies in Algerian jail
- 28 NOSI: Letters to editor, re: crime, Ivor Trapolin. Editorial re Finch, Knowles. Sentencing set in perjury case of barmaid Betty Jones, in strangulation of baby-sitter, ex-cop City Hall Report, column by David Snyder, says mayoral candidate Landrieu "was positive about not endorsing DA Garrison" for re-election

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- 1 NOSI: Claim bail forfeits topped 1 million; Asst DA Numa Bertel argues 4 dismissal of case An interview with Earl Warren.
- 1 NYP: For LIFE magazine a taste of hard times. Edward J. Ennis elected chairman ACLU. Column "Hoover and RFK" by Frank Mankiewicz & Tom Braden. Item re Ramsey Clark & bugging.
- 1 LAD.HOME JOURN: Condensation of book by Mary Gallagher on Jackie Kennedy
- 3 NYP: Art Buchwald on old and new Nixons in case of Knowles. Drew Pearson, on Otto Utepka. Profile of Jacques Levy. Editorial on Knowles. Kempton on Nixon, Frank Shakespeare.
- 3 NOSI: Garrison appeals ruling against forcing Shaw lawyers to testify vs Tom Bethell Ward seeks recusal of judge in bond case. Trapolin says crime is No. 1 social ill. Parish grand jury resumes investigation of Charles Ward bribery case. Bail case jurist has conflict of interest, US attorney Connick says.

- 4 NOSI: 2 lawyers indicted in Charles Ward bail bond case; Garrison turns down recusal offer by federal judge in \$1 million bail bond case
- 5 NOSI: Tom M'boya assassinated on Nairobi street. Drew Pearson on Jackie and jewels. Jackie and spending.
- 5 NEW REPBL: Alexander Bickel "RFK as History" also articles on wiretapping etc (filed NR)
- 7 NOSI: Garrison bail records attacked as inaccurate by bail bond company
- 10 NOSI: Edgar Eugene Bradley files \$1.5 million libel suit vs Mark Lane, San Diego AIC and A. George Abbott, Prescott Nichols, LA Free Press and Art Kunkin, NY FP, and others
- 10 MID.MIRR: Death by suicide of LBJ cousin Bert Peck, ex-deputy sheriff Dallas fired by Bill Decker, later employed as guard by Clint Murchison
- 13 NYT: Howard Rusk on WHO report on problems of adolescents. Items on assassination of Tom Mboya; Knowles and AMA; migraine headaches; Cuba; Che; jail study in S.Africa.
- 12 NOSI: Trapolin to miss crime meeting. Mystery grows as 4th boat found crewless (London AP)
- 13 NYT: Loch Ness gremlins plague yellow submarine; oceanographer delays hunt to repair craft
- 14 NOSI: Schiro drops Trapolin panel
- 14 HARD TMS: Dallas Blues by Tom Miller, on DPs and blacks
- 15 NOSI: Charles R Ward enters race for D.A. on note of change "to restore confidence" and move away from political expediency for personal gain; tough law-and-order approach
- 16 NOSI: Apollos heads for the moon. MCC move attacks Garrison, fights vs Kohn grand jury appearance
- 17 NOSI: Crime probers hear New Orleans police detective as grand jury continues inquiry
- 18 NOSI: Russians say no Luna 15/Apollo conflict. US refuses help state bring back wanted Teamster Union official from Texas. Kohn says Garrison honored no-harrassment pledge. Kohn asked to re-appear before grand jury.
- 20 BOSTON GLOBE (Sunday): Features include Kurt Vonnegut article; huge section on moon.
- 20 Boston GLOBE: Ted Kennedy escapes, woman dies as car plunges into pond. Police seek leaving-the-scene complaint. Many pages of stories on EMK, Mary Jo Kopechne, politics
- 21 NOSI (entire issue kept): EMK charged in auto case. African arrested in Mboya murder. Apollo heroes blast off, leave moon for linkup.
- 21 NYT (entire issue): MAN WALKS ON MOON. EMK to face charge in crash for leaving site. Item on Abe Fortas, Douglas, etc. Many items on latest Kennedy disaster.
- 22 NOSI: Ted, wife offer prayers at victim's funeral. No evidence of foul play in death of Rev. A.D. Williams King, younger brother of Martin Luther King
- 23 NOSI: Kennedy's license suspended over mishap; guests said to be unaware of accident until Saturday morning.
- 24 NOSI: Opponents rip Garrison, charge Shaw case hurt crime war. Charges pend in slaying of "candidate" Clyde Johnson, killed yesterday by shotgun blast on doorstep of home of Ralph McMillan, who was arrested on open charge.
- 24 NOSI: Edgartown officials say Kennedy accident probe not ended by a long shot. Evans/Novak column "Teddy's silence dismays friends" (Also: page 1 banner headline story "Moon Men Home")

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- 25 TIME: Items on EMK car accident and death of Mary Jo Kopechne, lunar landing, Mary Calderone, Greater Philadelphia Magazine, wiretaps, Venice and AMA (filed TIME)
- 25 NYP: Ted Kennedy pleads guilty; EMK's day in court; other EMK items, also, item on Jacqueline
- 27 NYT: Review of the TedKennedy affair, with editorial and columns by Reston, Wicker Also item on Boston WHA ("marked by polktical incidents") and GOP aide found dead in car with bullet wound, no weapon found, on mysterious death of Franklin Williams
- 28 NYT: Crowd applauds as EMK leaves church
- 28 NOSI: Partin declined immunity, McKeithen offer for testimony
- 28 NOSI: Aaron Kohn is sued by bondsman in Mafia link; \$75,000 defamation suit filed by Nich Christiana
- 28 NOSI: Ted reported confining aims to U.S. Senate; 7 coed murders unsolved, no leads in latest slaying; Plot claims disputed by Manila paper; Jackie is 40; editorial on police integration
- 28 NEWSWEEK: A tragic turn for EMK, says his "closest associates are known to have been powerfully concerned over his indulgent drinking habits, his daredevil driving, and his ever-ready eye for a pretty face." (filed with magazines)
- 29 Cincinnati Enquirer: Editorial on the Kennedy Drama ("...people have been manipulated...")
- 30 NOSI: EMK attends funeral of father of Burke Marshall. Column by Mankiewica "Teddy's Ordeal is not ended"
- 30 NOSI: Dr. King's brother drinking before death; medical examiner says blood had high alcohol content. Items on Drs. Sheppard (to try professional wrestling) and Christian Barnard (divorced) and on Mariner photos of Mars
- 31 MID.MIRR: Editorial on deaths nos. 62-67: Clyde Johnson, exstwhile Baton Rouge witness for Garrison, reported beaten 2/18/69 then shot to death 7/23/69. Rev. A.D.W. King, brother of MLK, found dead in swimming pool 7/21/69. Mary Jo Kopechne, who is allegedly linked indirectly to Carole Tyler, secy to Bobby Baker, also, Robert Kerr and Herman Brown...mentions also Roy Cohn, LBK. Letter to editor anti-EMK; also item on link between HL Hunt and Edward Teller.
- 31 NOSI: Orleans can't keep Garrison for another 4 years and survive, Connick says
- 31 NOSI: Variety of items re EMK/Mary Jo Kopechne--2 Parish priests advised vs autopsy, per parents, who say also that EMK 3 days after the fatal accident was still sobbing, so broken up he could not talk; column, "Ted hurt but has chance to emerge as his own man," by Nick Thimmesch; Ted leaves political trap, by Evans/Novak; letters to editor, EMK insulted intelligence of people, his behavior was cowardly, unmanly; front page story "Won't seek presidency in '72--Ted"
- 31 NOSI: US officials invited before crime probe by Parish Grand Jury
- 31 CBS/TV News Item: Dr. Thomas Noguchi, medical examiner (coroner) Los Angeles, reinstated after finding by civil service board of insufficient evidence to sustain charges made against him
- 31 NY TIMES Editorial, "Mr. Kennedy's Response": highly critical of EMK, gaping holes in story, atmosphere of calculation, effort to escape questioning

- 1 LIFE: The fateful turn for Ted Kennedy. Grave questions about his midnight car accident. (Filed with magazines)
- 2 NYT: State superior court denies request for inquest made by DA Edmund Dinis in EMK/Mary Jo Kopechne drowning; women remember two cars at Kennedy cookout; letters to editor re EMK; other items: motorcyclist charged in slaying of coed, Michigan; and variety of items on Mars and the Moon
- 2 NYP: 2nd judge denies Ted case inquest; item on Jackie Onassis, 40th birthday; Woman in the news--Helen Tyra, probation officer for Ted; Rowland/Evans column says Richard Goodwin was uninvited by EMK (allegation subsequently retracted); same column has report on FBI Hoover refusal to testify on crime
- 2 NYP: Quiz cyclist in other six coed killings
- 2 NYP: Page feature on Ruth Gordon, mentions Jones Harris, home in Edgartown, Mass. Column on Navy rebel mentions FBI Hoover
- 2 SAT.REV: Review of RFK, A Memoir, by Jack Newfield; also, review of the Warren Court (filed with magazines)
- 3 NYT: Variety of miscellaneous items (Prisoners and Medicine, by Howard Rusk, on abuses and commercial medical research; ex-PIO at Havana contends 1962 missile crisis inflated; 50 in Saigon arrested in alleged espionage; oil industry; DD 2; ex-cop re "cooping" and two Illinois judges quit over report (of corruption)
- 3 NYT: Items on Mars, the Moon; special section on the moon
- 3 NYT: DA Dinis asks second court for Kennedy case inquest; EMK losing public esteem according to Gallup poll; Kennedy aftermath; A special kind of grief in Massachusetts.
- 4 NYT: Miscellaneous items on unmanned space probes, report by 23 scientists; pro-ABM petition signers, many from defense industries; Christian Crusade/BJ Hargis to build "college"; Fire Island enclave charged with racism; US soldiers disillusioned. Also: Moon, Mars items
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- 5 NOSI: Others said involved in 7 Ann Arbor murders
- 6 NYT: Ex-commander and 7 Green Berets arrested for premeditated murder, conspiracy Ruling awaited in Kennedy/Kopechne case. Movements of Ann Arbor suspect investigated. Mariner 7 sending back Mars photos.
- 6 NYP: Green berets--a murder charge. Police chief Arena sure EMK erred on time. Mars photos. Links traced from cyclist to 5 coeds. Radio schedule/Barry Gray, Milton Helpern
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- 7 NYT: Inquest planned in EMK/Kopechne case. Suffolk moves to exhume body of Mafia leader. Friend of Michigan suspect is arrested. Items on Mars/moon dust samples.

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- 1 NOSI: 3 Candidates for DA again attack Garrison; Harry Connick, Ross Scaccia and Ward sharply criticize Garrison; Connick says DA's office is "a stinking mess," Shaw trial was one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in history. Scaccia claimed Garrison had little evidence in the JFK conspiracy case. Ward implied Garrison involved LL&T stock fraud case. Garrison denied he is hardly ever in his office, denied any LL&T involvement, said did not think anyone would give the city a better DA's office.
- 1 NOSI: Columns re Ted Kennedy/Kopeczne case; Russell Long vs EMK on tax reform; bail bonds refused in bail cash dispute, mentions Garrison vs Ward; also, Dallas landlord slain.
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- 7 NOSI: Kennedy case inquest rules topic of meeting DA Dinis/Judge James A. Boyle John Collins, suspect in Michigan coed murders, asks for defense attorneys Editorial, "Bail Bond Mess," not enough for Garrison to say he accepts full responsibility for situation and then pass blame off on someone else (Chas.Ward). Blames situation on Garrison's failure to give proper attention to operation his office. City officials including Garrison are sued in obscenity case.
- 8 NYP: Max Lerner column "The Mystique Vacuum," on Ted Kennedy, unanswered questions, cites Leo Sauvage as among first to raise doubts re JFK and now re EMK. DA Dinis will call Ted to Inquest. Drew Pearson on EMK's Crash says, truth beginning to leak out: Ted was drinking, invited Mary Jo Kopechne for a swim, tried get cousin Joe Gargan to take rap. Gargan denies allegation. # Probe Brooklyn jail suicide, the 10th by a prisoner this year, 27-year old heroin addict found hanging in cell. #Cops suspect plot in poverty slaying. # Air controllers claim FBI bugging their phones.
- 8 NOSI: Plan to shift blame from Ted to Gargan reported by Drew Pearson. Kennedy case inquest set for 9/3/69. # Items on Moon, Mars, possibilities of life.
- 8 LIFE: 2 items on Ted Kennedy; item on pianist,paranormal visits Beethoven et al
- 9 NYT: Judge Boyle sets 9/3/69 for inquest into death of Mary Jo Kopechne # Two more in jail tried to end lives about same time as Rodriguez hanged self
- 9 NYP: Ted K--The questions that remain, feature article. Ted denies he asked Gargan to take the rap. # Seek car in death upstate of Katharine Krieghbaum, 23, whose father Hillier Kreighbaum is journalism professor, ex-chairman of NYU journalism dept. #Coed murder probe takes Jersey police to Michigan # Did Army panic in Green Beret case? # The case of the mysterious Moon rock # SS guards Nixon coast home # Wm. Buckley "On Ted K" says EMK took fifth amendment # Editorial "Justice Denied" on 10th suicide in NY jails # Rowland/Evans correction of allegation Richard Goodwin was "uninvited" to EMK consultations, per Burke Marshall # Jeane Dixon on EMK # review of Theodore Rosebury's book
- 9 NOSI: Editorials on the Kennedy inquest and two views of Mars. Judge sets inquest date in EMK case
- 10 NYT: Items on search for body underwater in Green Beret case; five persons including Sharon Tate found murdered in Los Angeles Bel Air section; Warren Burger on code of conduct for judges; Israel arrests 7 in poison plot; report on EMK at beach near fatal bridge is denied by ex-legislator; Ramsey Clark to teach at Howard; Moon and Mars items; Kennedy inquest date set; Internal security committee challenged, by Sidney Zion; Judge Hofstadter to retire from bench and join Louis Nizer firm
- 11 NYT: LA police were hunting for several suspects in murder of Sharon Tate and 4 others # Search for body in Green Berets case nears end # ABA chief criticizes Nixon # former mental patient shoots 5 in Detroit # Seattle, city with growing pains Editorial "Necessary Inquest" on EMKcase
- 11 NYP: Case of the Green Berets # Sharon Tate's life, the stuff of dreams # Did the killer strike again? murder of the LaBiancas # Mass. DA to ask Pa. for autopsy on Mary Jo Kopechne # 5 head list for Supreme Court spot, Nixon grants ABA a veto on judicial appointments
- 11 LOOK dated 8/26/69: Article by Warren Rogers "Garrison, Shaw and JFK: Why New Orleans DA went after a man he knew was innocent" filed with magazines
- 11 NOSI: Couple found slain near 5-murder site # Attorney in Green Beret case says victim was double agent
- 11 NATION: Editorial "The Kennedy Ordeal" says wheels of car were above water, wading and stooping rather than heroic diving; says 3 am estimated time of death; Article on assassination of Tom Mboya says VPres of Kenya suggested Communists were behind the murder in hope avoiding tribal clash.

- 12 NYT: Chief J. Warren Burger addresses ABA in Dallas. Victim in Green Beret case said to work for CIA. Senator Smathers linked to Rebozo loan. Caretaker freed in Sharon Tate murders. Detective says rightist had TNT for draft objector.
- 12 NYP: Husband lists Sharon Tate murders possible suspects. Earl Wilson column: Garrison asked to investigate fatal crash in which Jayne Mansfield died. New Green Beret chief sees acquittals. Suspects' rights sacred, Justice Wm. O. Douglas says.
- 12 NOSI: Kennedy case autopsy move by DA Edmund Dinis expected soon. Caretaker, Wm. E. Garretson, released in Sharon Tate murders.
- 13 NYT: Autopsy is asked on Miss Kopechne; Dinis wants exhumation for EMK inquest. Jack Anderson column says EMK did not swim but was ferried back to Edgartown. ABA adopts new code of professional responsibility. Brooklyn youth hangs himself with belt in Rikers Island cell. Drugs tied to Sharon Tate killings. Lennon's father slain on coast. President of Brooklyn College is appointed--John W. Kneller. Photo far side of moon.
- 13 NYP: Drew Pearson/Anderson--"Ted's Crash--II" asserts EMK wanted Gargan take rap for him. FBI report on crime rise wary on data. Young Caroline, John. F. K. Jr., at Cape. Simple funeral rites for Sharon Tate. Cameramen seek return of seized Vietnam film. Two probes underway on 11th suicide in a city jail. EMK has no comment on Drew Pearson column. Investigate Sharon Tate party drugs; Noguchi says, not ruling out completely possibility drugs played part in the mass murders.
- 13 NOSI: Judges weigh action on Bail bond firm. FBI report shows Orleans crime spirals in 1968. Kopechne autopsy bid to receive no priority from Pa. judge. Drew Pearson: "Ted's Associates Tell New Details," by Jack Anderson. Lennon girls' father slain, killer flees. Army fails to act on motion to free Green Beret suspect.
- 14 NOLA Express: Hoffa, Partin & McKeithen, article by Tom Bethell (filed "Bethell")
 NYT: Details of Green Beret case reported in Saigon. Item on plans to reorganize military intelligence. McGovern certain EMK will not run in 1972. 2nd right-winger pleads guilty before Judge Kupferman in murder plot, planned kill 158 as too liberal. FBI reports 17% rise in crime. New X-ray star detected in sky.
- 14 NYP: Ted Kennedy raps the whispers and rumors. No break in the Sharon Tate murders. Wm. Buckley suing Esquire on Gore Vidal article, "pro-crypto Nazi."
- 14 NOSI: DA Dinis may send aides to court in autopsy bid in Ted Kennedy case. Ann Arbor coed victim said to be seen on bike with suspect. Garrison foes Walter Sheridan and Richard Townley win hearing on reversal.
- 15 TIME: Inquest of Suspicions: The Kennedys. Article "Nothing But Bodies," on Sharon Tate murders. "Examining the Examiner," article on exoneration of Thomas Noguchi. Mystery of the Green Berets.
- 15 NYT: Green Berets suspects linked with CIA. Police chief asks check on alleged phonecalls by Ted Kennedy. Trial is ordered in murder of coed Ann Arbor. Itkin demands U.S. protect his wife and children. Profile of new ABA head, Bernard Segal. James Reston column on EMK trial by press. Column on Green Beret case.
- 15 NYP: Mary Jo Kopechne autopsy, a court battle. Sharon Tate murder trail leads cops abroad. 2 items on Green Beret case. EMK not invited to dinner for astronauts. Evans/Novak column on Spiro Agnew, ill-will he stirs up. Max Lerner column, "The Multiple Killers," on right-wingers who plotted to liquidate him and 157 others. Harriet Van Horne column on Sharon Tate murders and Vietnam bloodshed
- 15 NOSI: Hearing set on motion to exhume body of Mary Jo Kopechne. Army refuses to free suspect in Green Beret case.

- 16 NYT: Autopsy hearing set in Kennedy/Kopechne case. Appeal by Green Berets to CIA reported. Federal agent discounts drugs as motive in 5 coast slayings, Noguchi says photos of victims Sharon Tate etc. being shown to psychiatrists for evaluation.
- 17 NYT: Mrs. Kopechne is confused by daughter's death; poses heavy questions on acts of EMK friends at scene of drowning. Young suspect in Michigan coed murder seems as mysterious as the circumstances of the case. Item on Mercator's map. Informer on SDS vexes House committee: in shift, he assails panel on internal security. The Green Berets in a Strange Scenario (article)
- 18 NYT: Lawyer says CIA is withholding Green Beret witness.
- 18 NYP: Witnesses tell how Ted spent that day. Harris: Ted's appeal down a bit. Army takes 8 Green Berets out of the stockade. Police name 4 Tate suspects.
- 19 NYT: CIA-planned drive on officials of Vietcong said to be failing.
- 19 NYP: 1st photo of Green Beret prisoners. Senator Brooke sympathizes with Ted K. Hoffa in court to challenge rap. Drew Pearson re Mary Jo Kopechne and RFK photo. 2nd Tate suspect freed. Green Beret case--victim's background.
- 20 NYT: Lawyer for 3 in Green Beret case says no case against them. ACLU appeals 1968 conviction of Green Beret. Kenya tribal feelings polarized since Mboya assassination. Polanski denies rumors on party, says Sharon Tate did not use drugs or alcohol.
- 20 NYP: Drew Pearson on case of the Green Beret. Hoffa hearing told of FBI wiretap file. Sharon Tate inquiry centers on party crasher. Beret victim's kin doubt he was spy. Sorensen says EMK did not call him night of Kopechne drowning. Closeup on Judge Brominski, who will rule on Kopechne autopsy request. Inquest shapes up as circus.
- 20 NOSI: *FBI ordered show wiretap file in Hoffa hearing*
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- 21 NYP: Author missed Tate party and lived. Item on Gene McCarthy separation from wife. Press and public barred from Mary Jo's grave. Harris poll: Muskie up EMK down. Photo of Sharon Tate murder scene.
- 21 NOSI: Drew Pearson on DC gossip re Ted, JFK sex life, LBJ/Roberta Peters incident. DA foresees being target of charge: Garrison says, is predictable federal govt. will prosecute him to stop his pressing for truth re JFK assassination, is being harassed by media and feds but says will push perjury case Shaw and over-all investigation. Kopechnes ask judge to dismiss request for autopsy.
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- 22 NYP: Column "Without the Kennedys" Drew Pearson: "Ted's Quiet Circle" In Sharon Tate murders, "Bel Air--Now, Mescaline" Sorensen: Ted can't win, should not try US silent on Duban-UN spy recruiting. 3 Green Berets said to take the 5th.
- 22 NOSI: Kopechnes win hearing delay. Earl Wilson, gossip re Sharon Tate. EDITORIAL "Jolly Green 'Theys'" very critical of Garrison charges of harassment, plot vs him, lack of time for such small questions as crime, bail bonds, etc. Drew Pearson: EMK stalling probe into death of Mary Jo Kopechne. Bonding firm lawyer is indicted on charge of extortion, denies allegation.