(ZNS) CITY OFFICIALS IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, REPORT THAT SOUVENIR HUNTERS HAVE ALREADY RIPPED OFF EVERY SIGN IN THE CITY WHICH READ: (QUOTE) "THE HOME OF THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE."

CITY MANAGER KENNETH CARR SAYS THAT THEFTS DON'T BOTHER ANYONE. HE SAYS: (QUOTE) "WE HAD PLANNED TO REMOVE THEM ANYWAY, BECAUSE THE SIGNS WERE NO LONGER APPROPRIATE" -- ZODIAC

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(ZNS) NEW YORK ATTORNEY HENRY ROTHBLATT HAS CALLED ON THE ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL LAWYERS OF AMERICA TO DEMAND A REOPENING OF THE 1968 ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

ROTHBLATT, WHO ADDRESSED THE ASSOCIATION'S CONVENTION EARLIER THIS MONTH, SAYS THAT (QUOTE) "NEW EVIDENCE" INDICATES THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN WAS NOT THE ACTUAL ASSASSIN OF ROBERT KENNEDY.

SAYS ROTHBLATT: (QUOTE) "SIRHAN DID NOT KILL ROBERT KENNEDY. NONE OF THE BULLETS SIRHAN FIRED IN THE FATEFUL EPISODE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1968 CAUSED SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH."

ACCORDING TO ROTHBLATT, THE "NEW EVIDENCE" CONSISTS OF RECENT STATEMENTS ISSUED BY DOCTOR THOMAS NOGUCHI, THE CORONER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO CONDUCTED THE AUTOPSY ON SENATOR KENNEDY.

NOGUCHI REPORTS THAT KENNEDY WAS HIT BY THREE BULLETS, ALL FIRED FROM BEHIND, AND ALL FIRED AT DISTANCES OF LESS THAN THREE INCHES. WITNESSES TO THE SHOOTING PLACED SIRHAN AT ANYWHERE FROM FOUR TO 15 FEET IN FRONT OF THE SENATOR AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION.

ROTHBLATT CHARGES THAT THERE WERE TWO GUNMEN FIRING AT KENNEDY IN THE PANTRY AREA WHEN THE SENATOR WAS SLAIN AND ALLEGES THAT THE OTHER ONE, NOT SIRHAN, FIRED THE FATAL BULLETS.

ROTHBLATT SAYS THAT A SPECIAL PANEL OF ATTORNEYS WILL DISCUSS METHODS FOR REOPENING THE R.F.K. CASE AT THE ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL CONVENTION IN JANUARY -- ZODIAC

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