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John Mills, a white guard at Soledad State Prison, was killed there 16 Jan 70. George Jackson, Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette were charged with the murder. At the time of the killing Jackson was held in "O" wing, Soledad, as was Allan Mancino, the only white prisoner in the wing. SF Exam 9/16/71

Jackson's attorney, John Thorne, made public 16 Sep 71 an affidavit which he obtained from Mancino in March 1971. (SFCh 17 Sep says Thorne took the deposition from Mancino "last March 19," SFEx 16 Sep says it was dated March 26.) Typed affidavit is signed Allen Mancino. SFChron 9/17/71

In the affidavit Mancino says that in "late January" <sup>1970</sup> he was asked by captain of guards at Soledad, Charles Moody, to kill Jackson. Mancino says Moody implied that if he did not kill Jackson he would be shot in what would be described as an attempted escape. Mancino refused to kill Jackson and a few days later was transferred to Folsom State Prison. SF Exam 9/16/71

Later (do not have date) Mancino was transferred to San Quentin and was in the Adjustment Center during the violence which took place there 21 Aug 71. Following the killings he was among those removed from the Center who were forced to lie in the open, nude, prone, shackled.

Prison authorities conceded [no date] that Mancino was shot, but contend he was only 'grazed in the leg when he tried to stand up.' Story the following day says "[Associate Warden James] Park said Mancino, who was on the ground, suddenly arose and lunged 'in a menacing manner' causing a guard to fire a shot into the pavement near him. Mancino suffered minor lacerations in the legs from lead and concrete and is in good condition in the prison hospital, Park declared." This was further scaled down in SFCh story two days later

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to "only slight wounds caused by cement fragments from a ricocheting bullet."

Mancino has not been seen by newsmen, legislators, members of the Marin grand jury, lawyers. Three reporters (from SFCh - SFEx, San Rafael Independent-Journal) were allowed into SQ 27 Aug and spoke to other inmates of the Adjustment Center, but did not see Mancino.

SQ would not say who Mancino's lawyer is, or even if he has one, only that the lawyer who asked to see him, <sup>31 Aug</sup> Richard Doctoroff (who had represented Mancino several months previously when he was at California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo) was not the attorney of record; refused to allow Doctoroff to see him. Dr. Carleton Goodlett, who visited SQ with other black leaders 27 Aug, said he was not permitted to see Mancino but had seen his medical chart and that the wounds as described in the chart would be consistent either with ricocheting cement or shotgun pellets.

Three outside doctors appointed by president of Marin Medical Society, identities withheld, visited the prison 26 Aug, "reportedly" saw Mancino, but there is no indication they did, only that they "confirmed the prison version of Mancino's injury." Is this the doctors' statement or SQ's? Cannot tell from stories.

Mancino was moved to Vacaville (California correctional system's medical facility) "before Saturday [28 Aug]." "Reliable sources ... said it appeared Mancino was under pressure to be a state's witness against several other convicts in the Adjustment Center."

Mancino was moved to Nevada State Prison 3 Sep 71, where he is "preserved in what amounts to virtual suspended animation - like 'an item in a time capsule,' as one Nevada peace officer phrased it - ... in a specially detached, only-one-of-its-

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kind protective custody cell far removed from all other quarters in the ... maximum security building. .... Only warden Carl Hocker and a few specially designated staffers are allowed to enter this special section. .... [Mancino] is totally encapsulated." SFEEx says in earlier story that the cell in which he is held is a "specially-constructed" one, and that he "might just as well be on the moon insofar as contact with this world is concerned."

SQ says Mancino was transferred to Nevada to save him from assassination attempts by inmates in California prison system.

"Despite an interstate agreement among several western states to the effect that endangered convicts may be granted sanctuary from reprisal in the prisons of neighboring states, they may not be returned to the state of origin unless they give consent, according to a total unanimity of legal opinion." George T. Davis: "There is no way on earth that he can be forced to return, except by kidnaping. He is not a fugitive from California. He has committed no crime in Nevada. If he brings a writ of habeas corpus action, demanding his release, he must be released. There is no way he can be held, or returned to California." Story quotes J.W. Ehrlich to the same effect and goes on to say, "These opinions were unquestioningly confirmed by statements from other San Francisco and Reno attorneys, and by the informal pronouncement of a highly respected San Francisco superior court judge."

If the above is an accurate description of his legal position, how will it be possible to inform him of it, if he is "totally encapsulated"?

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