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Panther Probe

CHICAGO—Judge Joseph A. Power has set aside his order compelling a special prosecutor to submit to him the transcript of a special grand jury investigation of a police raid in which two black Panther leaders were killed.

The judge said he took the action "out of deference" to the Illinois Supreme Court which scheduled a hearing today on the case.

Power ordered the prosecutor, Barnabas F. Sears, to hand over the transcript so the judge could determine whether anything Sears said to the grand jury prejudiced members of the panel.

The court also will hear Sears's appeal of the April 26 contempt conviction imposed on him by Judge Power after Sears refused to call more witnesses before a \$50-an-hour, around-the-clock, fine.