

Reconciling Inconsistencies

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Facts - Younger

SAC CHARLES W. BROWN, San Francisco Attorney General's Office, said that Younger's memo "indicates that there were no inconsistencies" in the testimony of Bishara Sirhan, assassin of Sen. Robert Kennedy but he said "it is not disturbed" by the inconsistencies.

Younger, the San Francisco County prosecutor at the time of Sirhan's trial, there issued a motion to withdraw yesterday in which he said "It took a very reasonable means to insure that the story was developed and perpetuated."

"It was inevitable that the conspiracy theory would be suggested," he said, "but it is a better story than the one."

Younger's two-page memo did not specifically say he rejects the idea that someone else conspired with Sirhan to kill the senator on the night of his victory in the 1968 California presidential primary election.

70 Interviewed

It said more than 70 persons were interviewed who saw Sirhan at the Ambassa-

de Hotel, where Kennedy was shot, the night of the assassination.

Younger was out of state and could not be reached for comment on the memo, he said.

Last week, the San Francisco County Grand Jury began an investigation into the evidence in the trial and admitted the alleged murder weapon and bullet had been examined with all the files.

District Attorney Charles Beach, Jr., who is Younger's successor, asked for the extradition of Sirhan, a "highly" convicted person. Evidence that exhibits have been directly included in numerous persons.

Frequent Question

Younger in his memo also frequently has been asked whether there weren't inconsistencies in the testimony at the Sirhan trial.

My answer, he demanded, there were. When 60 witnesses testify concerning any incident, I am not disturbed concerning minor inconsistencies in the testimony.

"I would be concerned if all 60 witnesses testified differently the same day," he said.

He added that "because of a minor nature lends credence to the testimony of witnesses."

Younger added the investigation "was one of the most complete" and "the most complete criminal investigation ever conducted by a law enforcement agency in the United States."

He said more than 4000 persons were interviewed. Sirhan, sentenced to death, is on death row at San Quentin while his case is being appealed.