

1 MR. KRANZ: I think Mr. Schrade's statement
2 about my experience in criminal law may be a surprise to
3 Wilbur Littlefield who is the public defender and John
4 Moore, the deputy public defender, because I proudly served
5 as a deputy public defender for two and a half years in
6 Los Angeles County. And the first trial experience I ever
7 had was in Watts as a volunteer attorney during the Watts
8 disturbances in 1965 and '66, and I have argued cases before
9 the Appellate Courts in criminal matters. I just wish to
10 bring that to the Board's attention.

11 I secondly would like to state that no
12 one has ever suggested that I write a report. I felt that it
13 was necessary to at least give an overview of the
14 controversies that have arisen through the past seven to
15 eight years, and I certainly do not submit that I am
16 accurate in all 100 respects in the report, and I certainly
17 stand corrected with the mistakes that are brought to my
18 attention, to the Board's attention, the District Attorney's
19 Office. But I feel it was necessary to perhaps bring all the
20 isolated issues into some form of context where they could be
21 viewed as seeing a perspective of this tragedy and how the
22 controversies arose giving some analysis and logical
23 explanation for them.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. EDELMAN: All right. Before we hear from
26 Mr. Godfrey Isaac, could we ask you, Al, to submit to the
27 Board those questions that you think have yet to be answered?
28 With your assistance and the assistance of Mr. Schrade and

1 Greg here and others, I think it would be helpful to have
2 before the Board what questions that you feel have not been
3 answered, and then let us determine if we have the process or
4 if we have the desire to go ahead and pursue those further.
5 I think that that is something that at least we ought to leave
6 the door open. The hearings are not closed yet, and I think
7 we'll hopefully receive that information before we take up
8 the next series of hearings.

9 MR. LOWENSTEIN: I will be glad to do that,
10 and appreciate your interest.

11 MR. EDELMAN: All right.

12 MR. WARD: Mr. Chairman --

13 MR. EDELMAN: Yes. Mr. Ward, and then we'll hear
14 from Mr. Isaac.

15 MR. WARD: Mr. Lowenstein, you also brought,
16 apparently on cards, a number of points that you debated
17 raising with Mr. Kranz today but didn't in addition to your
18 question list. Could those also be considered, we could
19 screen them?

20 And may I say to my colleagues and
21 Doctor Joling and Mr. Schrade and Mr. Lowenstein and anyone
22 else with regard to the Bailey, former FBI Agent Bailey
23 affidavit that was introduced by Doctor Joling in part, we
24 had received from Mr. Christian a copy of it some days
25 ago, and reading it two nights ago one of our people remarked
26 that there is a phrase that he noted. Mr. Bailey noted at
27 least two small caliber bullet holes in the center post of
28 the two doors, and wondered did bullet holes have the

1 equivalent meaning of bullets. So we determined that we
2 should call Mr. Bailey at his home in New Jersey, and did so.
3 We received his permission to tape record the conversation
4 and asked him were there bullets in the bullet holes. And
5 he said, "Yes," based on his experience he believed those
6 were bullets that he saw there. And we asked that what
7 height in the door panel were they, were they at the -- he's
8 six-foot-four. Were they at his stomach, which would be
9 about here to where Doctor Noguchi is pointing, or would they
10 have been higher, which is this area here (indicating). He
11 said that they were at eye level for him, and that
12 presumably would refer to the bullets that were noted in the
13 photographs at about this point in the door post (indicating).

14 Now, this picture of Mr. Wolfer was taken
15 on one day or at one time in the pantry, and before Doctor
16 Noguchi got there that section of the post in which the
17 bullets were said to have been lodged has been ripped out,
18 and that section does not appear, both the bullets and the
19 piece of panel are removed. But we assume that is about the
20 eye height of former agent Bailey in his reference to the
21 issue in the affidavit.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. EDELMAN: All right. Mr. --

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. Chairman, Godfrey Isaac,
25 attorney for Sirhan Sirhan.

26 Just a brief comment and then I want to
27 respond to Supervisor Hahn in light of the hour.

28 One, I do want to say that the dilemma

1 that I believe is here and that which I think brings great
2 credit to the Board of Supervisors is that reasonable men
3 can reach opposite conclusions on some of the facts that we
4 have heard. And I don't believe that any conclusion by Tom
5 Kranz is dishonest, even though I may not agree with it.
6 But the same token, I don't believe that the conclusion of
7 others who believe there may have been a second gun is
8 dishonest based upon the studies of Teddy Shiraka and others
9 who have done an investigation.

10 But I did want to say that I visited with
11 Sirhan Sirhan on April 29 of this year to advise him and to
12 discuss with him this proceeding. I particularly informed
13 him of Supervisor Hahn's desire that someone speak with him
14 in the interest of history, in the interest of truth and in
15 the interest of bringing before this Board of Supervisors
16 all the information available.

17 In that regard, he has specifically asked
18 me to come before you and advise this Board of Supervisors
19 that he, Sirhan Sirhan, would be willing to meet with
20 Supervisor Baxter Ward, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn at the prison
21 which he is now in custody.

22 He says that these two Supervisors he
23 would be willing to discuss the matter with, to talk openly
24 with, and would be happy to have them join him there for such
25 a discussion.

26 And so I have come here to, in essence,
27 give to Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Ward that invitation.
28 And if after considering it the Supervisors should desire to

1 do so, I will be happy on behalf of Sirhan to make such
2 arrangements.

3 MR. WARD: Thank you, Mr. Isaac.

4 MR. HAHN: I certainly do appreciate your
5 interest and your comments, and I will talk to Mr. Ward.

6 I didn't know what you were going to say,
7 and perhaps we can visit him and to see if we can disclose
8 more of the mystery on this and get the truth.

9 MR. ISAAC: So I'd be happy to arrange it,
10 Supervisor Hahn.

11 MR. HAHN: And thank you.

12 MR. EDELMAN: All right.

13 Mr. Ward, do you have a date when you
14 want to arrange --

15 MR. WARD: We'd better review everybody's
16 calendar, including that of Mr. Kranz.

17 MR. EDELMAN: All right.

18 MR. WARD: And I am deeply apologetic to Lillian
19 Castellano, who I had mentioned at the outset is serving as
20 unofficial historian of a great deal, of the most information
21 on the case. And we had hoped that we would hear from her
22 today, but the time, she will be one of the speakers at the
23 cut-off point. And I wanted to assure her that we are anxious
24 to hear her views, and apologize to all of the other speakers
25 who have come expecting to be heard today. If they would
26 consider rejoining us, I hope they would accept the assurance
27 of Chairman Edelman and Mr. Hahn, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Schabarum
28 and myself that we want to hear them and will arrange the

1 necessary time.

2 And we'll announce that time at next
3 Tuesday's meeting, if that's agreeable, Mr. Chairman.

4 MR. EDELMAN: All right.

5 MR. KRANZ: Mr. Chairman --

6 MR. WARD: Thank you.

7 MR. EDELMAN: Mr. Kranz --

8 MR. KRANZ: I would just like to state for the
9 Board, because I have, as I have stated previously, spent
10 several months on this matter and have only been really on
11 staff with the District Attorney's Office for four months,
12 and I have commitments, priorities with my own practice and
13 my own life, and I have always stood ready and able, willing
14 to answer any questions. But I would respectfully ask that
15 a specific time limit be placed on this because it is
16 becoming increasingly more difficult for me just to continue
17 in a matter that I submitted well over a year ago to continue
18 to be that well versed on. And I would state for the Board
19 that the District Attorney's files have always been
20 available and that if any questions are to be submitted, they
21 certainly can be submitted to the District Attorney's Office
22 because they stand willing to answer them.

23 MR. EDELMAN: Why don't you do this: Why don't
24 you put down your position in writing to the Board, and then
25 we can discuss that when we get --

26 MR. KRANZ: I'll certainly try to be here, but
27 I --

28 MR. EDELMAN: You are not getting compensated?

1 MR. KRANZ: No, I haven't been compensated since
2 December 12 of '75.

3 MR. EDELMAN: Let me say in fairness to
4 Mr. Kranz, I think he's tried to do the best job that he
5 could under very difficult circumstances. As Mr. Godfrey
6 Isaac said, "Reasonable men can differ," and we appreciate
7 your coming forward with your report and with all the
8 problems attendant thereto.

9 Now, if we may, let us move to Item 120.

10 Thank you, Tom.

11 MR. KRANZ: Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

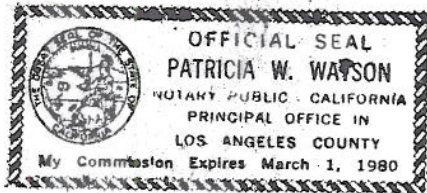
13 MR. EDELMAN: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

14 (Proceedings adjourned.)
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