

-In a press release and press conference in May of 1969, at the close of the Sirhan trial, the Los Angeles District Attorney stated, "The Los Angeles Police Department has agreed without reservation that the interests of the public and law enforcement are best served by full disclosure of the results of the comprehensive investigation which they have conducted." (p. 12)

The D.A. specifically referred to several conspiracy leads, the first three of which mentioned involved Sandra Serrano and Vincent DiPierro (pp. 4-6), Jose Duarte (pp. 6-7) and Jerry Owen (pp. 7-8). The names of all four of these witnesses were still being excised in documents released by the LAPD seventeen years later. In addition, the District Attorney listed the names of 65 prosecution trial witnesses (Appendix A) and 199 other material witnesses (Appendix B), whose testimony was available in either the transcript or the exhibits of the trial. Many of the names of these witnesses, as well as the details of their investigation, are excised from the LAPD material released in 1986. The 1986 releases amount to a ~~major~~ step backwards in disclosure and accountability compared to the prior positions taken by Los Angeles law enforcement.