

Ex-Sirhan Lawyer Is Fined \$1,000 on Contempt Charge

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (UPI)—Grant B. Cooper, who defended Sirhan B. Sirhan, the convicted assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was fined \$1,000 Tuesday for unlawfully possessing a secret grand jury transcript.

Mr. Cooper pleaded guilty last month to two counts of contempt of court. One accused him of knowingly disobeying a court secrecy rule by obtaining and using the secret transcript of testimony by the comedian Phil Silvers in a case involving the Friars Club and card cheating. The second count accused Mr. Cooper of lying to a Federal judge about how he had obtained the transcript.

The widely known criminal lawyer could have been jailed and fined "without limit," according to United States District Judge Albert Lee Stephens Jr., but the judge said he considered the charges misdemeanors.