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Inmates Tortured, Lawyers Insist

Six attorneys who visited inmate clients at San Quentin prison's adjustment center persisted yesterday in claiming inmates were beaten and being subjected to psychological torture by guards.

Three newsmen, including The Examiner's Stephen Cook, toured the center yesterday and reported they saw only minor injuries among inmates.

Meet Press

Two of the attorneys were Floyd Silliman and Richard Silver, who represent Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette, the Soledad Brothers charged with murdering a Soledad Prison guard.

The four others who held a news conference after their visits were Robert Della Vella, John Begley, Richard Doctoroff and Elaine Wender.

Some were asked for evidence supporting their claim that last Saturday's incident was not an attempted escape but the result of a plan to murder George Jackson, the other brother.

Sensitive Times

They produced no evidence, saying the 30-minute visits with their clients were little more than social visits because of guards standing within hearing distance.

"You're not going to ask

any questions regarding Saturday's incident until you can talk privately with your client. These are sensitive times with possible murder charges involved," said Silliman.

Earlier, the Soledad Brothers' lawyers filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the State Court of Appeal requesting that Drumgo and Clutchette be removed from San Quentin to county jail here during their trial.

A similar motion earlier this week that the two defendants be transferred to federal prison pending the trial was turned down in U.S. District Court.