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**Fateful Date**

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**A Jackson 'Will'  
Circulating Here**

Photostatic copies of a one-page will purportedly signed by black militant George Lester Jackson shortly before he was shot to death at San Quentin a year ago are being quietly circulated in the Bay Area.

The typewritten document is dated Aug. 21, 1971—the day of the prison riot in which he died—and names the Berkeley branch of the Black Panther party as Jackson's heir.

The document also names Jon Turner, a close friend of Jackson's, to serve as "adviser."

At the time Jackson, two other prisoners and three guards were killed at San Quentin, Turner was an important member of the Black Panther party.

He is reported to have split from the party since then, and possibly to have joined the militant Republic of New Africa.

Attorney Ed Bell, who is representing the Jackson family in the matter of Jackson's estate, answered "no comment" when asked whether he was aware of the "will" purportedly signed by Jackson.

Bell noted that Jackson did not have access to a typewriter while in prison, and said the document

would have no legal validity because it was not in Jackson's handwriting.

The probate court of Marin county has already recognized Jackson's mother, Georgia, as the administrator of his estate. Jackson's will is not on file there.

The estate is believed to consist largely of certain publishing rights plus letters, documents and manuscripts found in Jackson's cell after his death.

Some of these materials have been returned to Mrs. Jackson. Others are being held as evidentiary material in the forthcoming murder trial of six convicts involved in the Aug. 21, 1971 prison riot in which Jackson died.

Jackson's only visitor at San Quentin on the day he died was attorney Stephen Bingham, who has not been seen or heard from since.

Bingham is suspected of smuggling a gun to Jackson by hiding it in a tape recorder. Officials speculated that he may have also carried the one-page typewritten "will" for Jackson to sign—if indeed it was actually signed on that date.

Investigators have said they are not entirely convinced the signature on the unwitnessed and unnotarized document is, in fact, that of George Lester Jackson.