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A.L. COFFEY, CHIEF OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SAYS HIS OFFICE CONFIRMED THE SIRHAN IDENTIFICATION THROUGH FINGERPRINTS FILED WITH CI&I BY THE STATE HORSE RACING BOARD AFTER SIRHAN HAD APPLIED FOR A LICENSE TO WORK AS AN EXERCISE BOY. COFFEY EXPLAINS THAT WORK UNDER THE HORSE RACING BOARD "IS ONE OF NUMEROUS CLASSIFICATIONS REQUIRING A FINGERPRINT CHECK." SAYS AT THE TIME (BACK IN 1965) THE APPLICATION WAS CHECKED, SIRHAN HAD "NO EXISTING CRIMINAL RECORD" AN NO OBJECTION TO ISSUING LICENSE WAS RAISED. HAS NO IDEA, HOWEVER, WHETHER LICENSE WAS ISSUED. ADDS THAT AT THE TIME PRINTS WERE CHECKED THROUGH FBI ALSO, BUT IT FOUND NOTHING SINCE IT ONLY RETAINS COPIES OF PRINTS FOR THOSE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS OF CONNECTIONS. COFFEY SAYS ALSO HELPED LA POX CHECK ON PISTOL, BECAUSE CI&I GETS DEALERS RECORD OF SALES OF CONCEALABLE HAND GUNS. HOWEVER, LATER TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT RECORDED WITH CI&I UNLESS NEW OWNER WANTS TO REGISTER THE GUN.

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