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King

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Changes of Pleas Called Realistic and Essential

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Presenting evidence of the discussions about entering a plea may not be admitted. Similarly, evidence of discussions about a plea is not admitted.

John Edgar Hoover, who served as Robert Kennedy's attorney in 1963, in a plea bargain charged in 1964 that Sirhan had committed the assassination last year.

Under the proposed law, Sirhan's attorneys were willing to accept the young defendant's plea if the judge would have persuaded Sirhan to plead guilty under the stipulation that the penalty be life imprisonment rather than death in the case of an agreement is permitted under California law if it is accepted by the defense, the prosecution and the presiding judge. According to reliable sources, Judge Walker said at the time, "We don't want any more Sirhans."

However, the judge said later that he would have taken a plea on first-degree murder and let the jury decide the penalty.

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