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Sirhan Trial Discrepancy Is Conceded

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Attorney General Evelle J. Younger acknowledged yesterday there were "minor inconsistencies" in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan for the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy but he said "I am not disturbed" by them.

Younger, Los Angeles county prosecutor at the time, issued a memo to editors in which he said, "We took all reasonable means to insure that the true story was developed and perpetuated."

He said, "It was inevitable that the conspiracy theory would be suggested — that makes a better story."

AWAY

Younger was out of the state and could not be reached for further comment, his office said. Sirhan, on San Quentin Prison's death row, is appealing his death sentence.

The Los Angeles County Grand Jury has been investigating whether evidence in the case, including the alleged murder weapon and bullets, were tampered with.

District Attorney Joseph Busch Jr., who is Younger's successor, asked for the investigation, saying he was "terribly concerned" over "evidence that exhibits have been directly handled by numerous persons."

TESTIMONY

Younger said he frequently has been asked whether there weren't inconsistencies

in the testimony at the Sirhan trial.

"My answer: Yes, definitely there were. When 65 witnesses testify concerning any incident, I am not disturbed concerning minor inconsistencies in the testimony.

"I would be concerned if all 65 witnesses testified in precisely the same manner."

He added, "Inconsistencies of a minor nature and credence to the testimony of witnesses."

Younger added the investigation "was one of the most complete, if not the most complete, criminal investigations ever conducted by a law enforcement agency in the United States."

He said more than 4000 persons were interviewed.

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