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RFK Death Evidence Probe Eyed

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LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20—
The Los Angeles City Council today ordered an investigation into a report that some of the evidence in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has disappeared or been destroyed.

The council decision came shortly after a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ordered a re-firing of the revolver with which Sirhan Sirhan shot Kennedy. This was to test the theory that there may have been a second gunman at the scene.

The council set a hearing for Thursday following a story in the city's legal newspaper, The Daily Journal, quoting an official in the city's legal office as saying that bullet-market ceiling panels from the hotel kitchen where the senator was killed in June, 1968, had been destroyed.

Dion Morrow, a special counsel in the city attorney's office, was quoted as saying: "There were no Xrays made of the ceiling panels, and the panels were destroyed in June of 1969.

"There was no place to keep them—you can't fit ceiling panels into a card file."

Morrow also said the left sleeve of Kennedy's coat disappeared before Sirhan's trial in 1969.

Advocates of the "two gun" conspiracy theory claim that markings on the bullets fired at the scene show they could not all have come from Sirhan's gun.

Judge Robert Wenke last week ordered a panel of ballistic experts to be set up to re-fire Sirhan's gun early next month.

Sirhan trial Judge Herbert Walker ordered the evidence in the case preserved after Sirhan was sentenced to death. The death sentence was later commuted to a life sentence, and the Palestinian immigrant will be due for parole in 1986.

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