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U. S. District Judge Robert Kalleher said yesterday he will deny a petition for a writ of habeas corpus which would have freed newsman William Farr from jail.

In a conference in chambers, Kalleher told Farr's attorney, Mark Hurwitz, and county counsel William Stewart that he will hand down his formal opinion denying the writ Monday afternoon.

"The judge said he would give his reasons for denying the writ at that time and also his formal opinion in order to expedite our appeal to the 9th circuit court," Hurwitz said.

Farr, has been in jail for 19 days on a contempt conviction by Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older, who presided over the Sharon Tate murder trial that Farr covered for the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner two years ago.

Farr refused to tell Older the source for his story that the Charles Manson clan planned to murder additional celebrities.

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