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# Plot to Murder George Jackson

Attorney John Thorne today produced a document which he said was evidence that a prison guard captain was plotting to kill convict George Jackson as long ago as January, 1970.

Thorne called a press conference to say he took the deposition from Alan Mancino, one of 27 guards released by Jackson in San Quentin Prison, yesterday before he left the state for his attorneys' offices. Jackson was arrested by officers of a guard at Soledad Prison.

Thorne said the document was a letter from Mancino to Jackson, dated January 17, 1970, in which Mancino offered Jackson a job as a guard at Soledad Prison.

In the deposition, Mancino said he was in the prison in January, 1970, he was in charge of Soledad, and that he was the only white inmate in the second "D" wing. Jackson also was in the "D" wing at the time.

He said he was approached by Charles Moody, captain of guards at Soledad.

"Moody then asked me directly if I would kill George Jackson. He said he didn't want another Eldridge 'leaver,'" according to the deposition.

Thorne said he felt he might be the victim of a set-up for further criminal charges if he agreed to the Moody proposal.

Thorne, according to the deposition, Moody hypothesized of a situation where I would be taken out in the yard one night to locate a inmate. He said it would be unfortunate if I should break the fence and be shot. He understood this to be a threat to my life if I did not kill George Jackson.

The deposition continued, Thorne said he was told to join in the plot to kill George Jackson. Jackson was taken back to my cell. He said a few days later he was transferred to Soledad Prison.

The deposition was signed by Alan Mancino.

Thorne introduced the deposition today at a press conference in the Federal Building. He said he had intended to present it during his defense of Jackson in the Soledad Brothers case, but decided to release it to the public since his client's death.

### No Response

Mancino did not respond because, he said in the depo-