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original A253LA; arrested.

Another officer besides Lodo, Sgt. Gordon R. Harrison, said Munir approved a search.

"I asked if he objected and he said, as nearly as I remember, 'I don't have anything to hide. Go ahead and search.'"

But Munir denied giving approval. He denied even being asked by police if he had any objections to a search.

"Was there any conversation about searching the house?" asked Deputy Dist. Atty. John E. Howard on cross-examination.

"No," replied Munir

The fidgety Sirhan waved and occasionally smiled across the makeshift courtroom near his mother and two brothers.

At a news conference after the hearing, defense attorney Parsons said of losing the motion to suppress the evidence:

"Sometimes a ruling against you can help you... It might direct our attention to a more careful analysis of some of these things."

Of the disputed evidence, Parsons said: "I don't know what effect these writings will have on psychiatrists. These doctors may say these writings indicate something."

He said three physicians had seen them but would not identify them or say what they thought.

Of Sirhan's apparent Kennedy-must-die notation disclosed by Mayor Yorty, Parsons asked:

"What ever prompted him to write such a thing? Was he sane at the time?"

Newsmen asked prosecutor Compton if the note will be used.

"Yes, it will be offered as evidence," said Compton. "I think that's significant."

Compton said he plans to call about 80 witnesses during the trial.