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MARY SIRHAN
'A happy moment'

Sirhan's Mother Thankful

Pasadena

"It's a happy moment," rejoiced Mary Sirhan, mother of the convicted assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, when told of the State Supreme decision against capital punishment.

"I bend on my knees and I thank God for his great mercy," she said yesterday, explaining her joy was for all the prisoners on Death Row, not only her son Sirhan.

"There is a new world of hope for these prisoners," she said at her home here. "It brings us from darkness to light."

She said she recently had written President Nixon telling him there "are a lot of forgotten men up there (San Quentin)."

Asked if she now hopes her son eventually will be released, she said, "When there is life there is hope."

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