

## Appeal for Sirhan Is Planned on Coast

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16—District Attorney Joseph P. Busch, whose office oversaw the investigation into the slaying of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, said today that he would reopen an inquiry into the murder only if a court, at the request of Sirhan B. Sirhan, Mr. Kennedy's convicted assailant, ordered it.

Godfrey Isaacs, Mr. Sirhan's lawyer, said today that he planned to file an appeal with the California State Supreme Court calling for reopening of the case on the ground of new ballistics evidence. Mr. Isaacs said that his client had asked him to file such an appeal.

Mr. Sirhan is serving a life sentence in San Quentin Prison for the assassination of Mr. Kennedy on June 5, 1968, in a Los Angeles hotel on the night of the Senator's victory in the California Presidential primary.

The prisoner was unavailable for comment, a prison spokesman said.

The District Attorney said that he remained "positively" convinced that Mr. Sirhan, a Jordanian immigrant, was the only assailant of the Senator and that all eight bullets that had killed Mr. Kennedy and had wounded five other persons



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Joseph P. Busch, District Attorney of Los Angeles, discusses his views on a possible new inquiry into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

came from Mr. Sirhan's revolver. Mr. Busch said that speculation about a second pistol was unfounded.

Former Representative Allard K. Lowenstein said yesterday at a news conference in New York that a year-long examination of the evidence bearing on the assassination had led him to con-

clude that Mr. Sirhan had not fired the fatal bullet.

Mr. Busch said that there was "nothing new" in Mr. Lowenstein's statements about the case, adding "the basic fact remains that a number of eyewitnesses—at close range—saw Sirhan Sirhan shoot Robert F. Kennedy and did not see anyone else fire a gun" at the time.