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LIFE TERM PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF PRISON TERMS

In the Matter of the Life)
Term Parole Consieration)
Hearing of:)

CHARLES MANSON.)

CDC Number B-33920

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY

VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1981

1:20 P.M.

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Hearing Reporter

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1
2 Mr. Robert Roos, Presiding Board Member

3 Mr. N. Chaderjian, Board Member

4 Mr. Robert Seabridge, Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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7 None

ALSO PRESENT:

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10 Mr. Charles Manson, Inmate

11 Attorney for Inmate Manson:

12 GLEN DeRONDE, ESQ.

13 Stephen Kay, Esq., Deputy District Attorney
Los Angeles County

14 Mr. Vallius, Correctional Officer, Observer

15 Reverend Nick Rikstad

16 (Present for Institutional Behavior portion of the
hearing)

17 Penny Spar, United Press International, Observer

18 David Einstein, Associated Press, Observer

19 Walt Steward, Channel 4, Artist, Observer

20 Pat McDowell, Fairfield Daily Reporter,
21 Daily Republic Reporter, Observer

22 Diane Kalas, KCBS, San Francisco, Observer

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3 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Good afternoon. This is
4 a subsequent parole consideration hearing for Mr. Charles
5 Manson, B-33920. Today is November the 4th, 1981, and
6 the time is now approximately 1:15 P.M. The Panel is
7 assembled at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville.

8 Mr. Manson was received by the Department of
9 Corrections on April the 22nd 1971 from Los Angeles
10 County, Case No. A-253156, Murder, First, 7 Counts. The
11 victim in Count Number 1 was Abigail Folger, Count Number
12 2, Wojcicieck Frikowski, Count Number 3, Steven Parent --

13 INMATE MANSON: And I'm supposed to sit here for
14 this again?

15 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: -- Count Number 4, Sharon
16 Marie Polanski, Count Number 5, Thomas John Seabring,
17 Count Number 6, Leno LaBianca, Count Number 7, Rosemary
18 LaBianca. Mr. Manson was also received on December the
19 13th 1971 from L.A., Case No. A-267861, victim, Gary
20 Hinman. On 2/2/77 the sentence in the case A-253156
21 was changed from death to life per Court of Appeals
22 remittitur. It is also noted that in complying with the
23 law Mr. Manson had three parole consideration hearings.
24 The initial hearing was November 16, 1978. Then, the
25 first subsequent hearing was November the 27th, 1979. A

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1 second subsequent hearing was held November the 4th, 1980,
 2 and, of course, today is the third subsequent hearing,
 3 and it's November the 4th of 1981. The record should
 4 also reflect that in Case No. A-253156 there was a
 5 Count Number 8 which is stayed. That offense refers to
 6 conviction for conspiracy to commit murder in the Counts
 7 1 through 7. It is further noted that in Case No.
 8 A-267861 there are two other counts which were both
 9 stayed. These are Counts 2 and 3 which refer to, first,
 10 conspiracy to commit murder and robbery, and the second
 11 count in that order, murder in the first degree,
 12 respectively.

13 Let me, at this time, identify the persons present
 14 in the hearing room. To my right is Mr. N. Chaderjian,
 15 Member of the Board of Prison Terms. To his right is
 16 Mr. Robert Seabridge who is a Representative for the
 17 Board of Prison Terms. My name is Robert Roos, and I'll
 18 be presiding this afternoon. Seated across the table is
 19 Mr. Charles Manson, the Prisoner. Next to him is
 20 Mr. Glen DeRonde, his attorney. Also present is
 21 Mr. Steven Kay, Deputy District Attorney from the
 22 Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney's office. Of course,
 23 the hearing is being transcribed today so we have a
 24 reporter present. We also have a correctional officer,
 25 Officer Vallius. Present also in the room are five

1 representatives of the press, Penny Spar with the United
2 Press International reporting; David Einstein, Associated
3 Press; Walt Stewart, Channel 4 artist; Pat McDowell,
4 Fairfield Daily Reporter, Daily Republic, Reporter; and
5 Diane Kalas, KCBS, San Francisco.

6 In preliminary discussions which were held with
7 Mr. Kay and Mr. DeRonde, we talked about the possibility
8 of incorporating by reference certain facts from the
9 previous hearing.

10 INMATE MANSON: Hey, Kay, how you doing, man? You
11 still doing what the teacher tells you?

12 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Please, sir, let me
13 finish this. There are certain facts from the previous
14 hearings regarding the crime and regarding the prior
15 commitments, the prior offenses in this case. Mr. Manson,
16 the hearing is being conducted pursuant to Penal Code
17 §§3041, 3042 --

18 INMATE MANSON: I don't know who you are.

19 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I'm Mr. Roos of
20 the Board of Prison Terms. This hearing is also conducted
21 pursuant to our regulations. The facts involved -- okay,
22 sir. We want to talk to you about your eligibility for
23 parole, whether or not you constitute an unreasonable
24 risk to the public at this time. We're going to have
25 the hearing take place in approximately three phases.

1 The first phase will be the life crimes which I read off
2 and your priors. I'll discuss those with you. Then,
3 Mr. Seabridge will discuss with you --

4 INMATE MANSON: I don't understand any of this,
5 man. I've been in solitary confinement for ten years.
6 I've been in the S Wing, nut ward, for almost eight years.
7 I ain't got no mind. It's gone, man. I don't understand
8 half the things you are saying.

9 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Manson, you
10 were here last year, and you seemed to have a good mind
11 at that time. So, I think you know what's happening
12 because you've been here before.

13 INMATE MANSON: Read the doctor's report, and
14 he will say the same thing.

15 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Let me go on, and
16 I'll ask for your comments. Mr. Seabridge is going to
17 talk to you about what happened since you came in prison.
18 Finally, Mr. Chaderjian will talk about your parole
19 plans. All the Panel will participate in these
20 discussions today right after we've taken all the
21 information and heard from the District Attorney's office
22 and from your attorney and you, we'll take a recess,
23 reach our decision and call you back and announce that
24 decision today.

25 INMATE MANSON: Can't you let the lawyer do that?

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1 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I'm going to talk
2 to him now. Mr. DeRonde, are you satisfied the due
3 process rights, mainly timely notice and the right to
4 review the files, the chance to talk to your client and
5 that the Panel today is impartial?

6 MR. DeRONDE: We have one concern in that regard,
7 and that is the concern with Chaplain Ristad. We'd like
8 to have him present.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: That's R-i-s-t-a-d.

10 MR. DeRONDE: He's the chaplain that Mr. Manson
11 works for and works with. Mr. Manson feels strongly
12 and demands that Mr. Ristad be in the room. The reason
13 for the demand is fundamentally fairness. We have five
14 members of the press in this room, five members of the
15 press that are here not on invitation of Charles Manson.
16 We feel it's appropriate simply to have one person,
17 Mr. Ristad, here for support as an observer for Mr. Manson.

18 INMATE MANSON: You let your friends in, but you
19 won't let mine.

20 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Let me respond to
21 that. We've had a discussion about that, and that is --

22 INMATE MANSON: Who is "we"?

23 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Your attorney. This
24 request was only made known to us just a few minutes
25 before this hearing commenced. It was untimely for that

1 reason, but we do believe Mr. Manson has a right to have
 2 someone in here who can shed light on some of his post-
 3 conviction, some of his in prison behavior. So, we have
 4 agreed and we do agree to let the particular chaplain
 5 come in and talk about the post-conviction behavior. But,
 6 we don't think he should be allowed in for the entire
 7 hearing because he will not be able to shed relevant
 8 information on the other aspects of the hearing.

9 INMATE MANSON: Information for what? What do
 10 you want information about?

11 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Chaderjian, do
 12 you have any comments?

13 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Well, the Panel was
 14 given to understand that there was a request by the
 15 Prisoner that the chaplain be permitted to testify in
 16 his behalf.

17 INMATE MANSON: Not necessarily.

18 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Well, that was our
 19 understanding. Now, perhaps maybe it was a misunderstand-
 20 ing. Towards that end, the Panel, although acknowledging
 21 this was not a timely request, felt that we would permit
 22 the clergyman to testify. Subsequently, as Mr. Roos
 23 has pointed out, the thrust of the request was modified,
 24 and as stated, you wanted the clergyman in here during
 25 the entire hearing. Let me explain to you as your

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1 attorney is aware that all observers are cleared through
2 our Sacramento office for many reasons. One of the
3 reasons is security. Second reason is the room. It
4 does not lend itself to the presence of large groups
5 for the hearing and so on. I know from prior experience
6 and you've been aware that the press has been permitted
7 in these hearings. In fact, a year ago you stated on
8 record that it was your desire to have them remain in
9 the hearing when the point was raised.

10 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

11 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: So, what we are trying
12 to explain to you is that we are aware that the clergyman
13 may well have some valid statements to make in your
14 behalf as it pertains to a particular phase of this
15 hearing. That phase deals with what you are doing in
16 prison and with what you are not doing in prison. We
17 understand you are the clerk?

18 INMATE MANSON: Yes. I'm a janitor, not a clerk.
19 I'm not smart enough.

20 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: We are aware that there
21 is a chrono in the file submitted by him in your behalf.
22 But, regardless of that, we have decided we would permit
23 him to testify about what he knows about you. You
24 understand what we are doing?

25 INMATE MANSON: The preacher?

1 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Yeah. Now, if you
2 should have another hearing a year from now, keep in
3 mind that you have a right to request the presence of
4 witnesses in your behalf. But, also do it ahead of time.
5 Don't wait until the day we're here. Would you try to
6 remember?

7 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I see. That's beautiful.
8 That's quite an explanation. Now, we're getting into
9 some thought. The man has a nice chamber in his head.

10 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chaderjian.

12 INMATE MANSON: Let me explain something.

13 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Let him proceed, and
14 we're going to give you every opportunity.

15 INMATE MANSON: In relation to what you just
16 said, it would only take one little second. The thrust
17 of me bringing the preacher here is to show you in the
18 establishment that you have the preacher here. I told
19 you I didn't break the law in 1967. God knows that. I
20 know that. Now, what all you people are doing doesn't
21 matter to me. All of this thing that you played over
22 me -- I don't read in books and memorize that confusion.
23 That's made to make money. That's to sell something.
24 They've all sold the honor out of your position, and
25 they've left a little boy to hold the position.

1 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Let me respond to the
2 statement you made. These people that represent the
3 media or press, they're not on our side or your side or
4 anybody's side. They're here to accurately report for
5 the media what takes place here in this hearing room.
6 They're not -- you're suggesting that there are sides
7 drawn here, that they are prejudging. That is not the
8 case. That has not been done, and we're here to hear
9 some testimony. With your indulgence, we'll permit
10 Mr. Roos to proceed so that we can get the testimony
11 underway. Thank you.

12 INMATE MANSON: I told the preacher that the
13 reason I wanted him to come in here was that he was one
14 of you, and what I wanted to say to you I wanted to say
15 to him also.

16 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. Mr. Manson,
17 he will be allowed to come here.

18 INMATE MANSON: Figure it out after you read it
19 off your record. Gee whiz, I'm retarded.

20 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: We are not going
21 to use any confidential information today. We're only
22 going to use information provided in the record, and
23 that has been available to Mr. Manson and his attorney.
24 Mr. Manson is not required to discuss the life crimes or
25 to admit his activities within those crimes. However,

1 the Panel must accept the findings of the court either
2 by plea or by jury or court verdict as to the court.

3 INMATE MANSON: You must do what? Read that
4 part again.

5 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: We have to accept
6 the conviction.

7 INMATE MANSON: Oh, you've accepted that then.
8 That file is over. We're not retrying that case now.

9 MR. DeRONDE: Mr. Roos, can we go back a moment.
10 I don't think we got an answer as to whether we think
11 we have a fair panel. At that point we said we wanted
12 the chaplain in here, and it was our view you have an
13 extra seat. It's obvious he's cleared for security
14 otherwise he wouldn't work here. I suppose it's still
15 rejected because --

16 INMATE MANSON: Unless you wish to make him the
17 chaplain and we'll make the chaplain the gardener.

18 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. Mr. DeRonde,
19 specifically the ruling is we will allow the chaplain to
20 discuss relevant issues when the time comes. That has
21 nothing to do with the impartiality of the Panel. Do
22 you have some comment with the Panel?

23 MR. DeRONDE: No. I wanted to ask that of
24 Mr. Manson. Do you think you can get a fair hearing
25 from this Panel?

1 INMATE MANSON: Yeah, as fair as possible, yeah.
2 I met that dude before. He doesn't know anything about
3 prison. So, you'll do as fair as you can which won't be
4 fair. I accept that. I accepted that before. I just
5 came over here to play. I wanted to see all you guys
6 again. How are you doing, coach?

7 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Manson, are
8 you going to be testifying today and talk to us?

9 INMATE MANSON: Testify about what would you like
10 to know?

11 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Well, whenever the
12 questions come up. Would you raise your right hand so
13 I can swear you in?

14 INMATE MANSON: I ain't swearing in to you.
15 There's no way in hell I'm going to swear in to you like
16 that.

17 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Do you want to have
18 your testimony unsworn then?

19 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: How about affirming
20 instead of swearing, will you affirm?

21 INMATE MANSON: Will I affirm that?

22 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Uh huh.

23 INMATE MANSON: I'll tell the truth as far as
24 he can see it.

25 (Thereupon Inmate Charles Manson did, by

1 Presiding Board Member Roos, affirm to tell
2 the truth, ~~the~~ whole truth and nothing but
3 the truth.)

4 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you, sir.

5 At this time what I'd like to do is, Mr. DeRonde, give
6 you a copy of the items that we have in our packets here
7 and see if this checklist conforms to your checklist.

8 MR. DeRONDE: We got everything.

9 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. KAY: I'm sure it's fine. I don't have to see
11 it.

12 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I'll mark that as
13 Exhibit Number 1 in this hearing.

14 Okay. Before we move into the substantive portion
15 of the hearing, are there any other preliminaries that
16 we ought to consider, Mr. DeRonde?

17 MR. DeRONDE: No, I think we ought to get right
18 into it.

19 MR. KAY: Yes, we've covered everything.

20 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: What I would like
21 to do is incorporate by reference the statement of facts
22 of the crimes from the decision transcript and the prior
23 decisions. I have reference to 1978, the decision of
24 November the 16th, 1978. In that decision summary on
25 pages 2 to 6 we have a concise statement of the facts.

1 I would like to specifically incorporate those facts by
2 reference. Is that okay with you, Mr. DeRonde?

3 MR. DeRONDE: That's all right, but I want to
4 have the opportunity to ask Mr. Manson for comments and
5 questions about that?

6 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Absolutely. That in
7 no way would limit your right to ask questions and make
8 modifications. Is that acceptable?

9 MR. DeRONDE: Yes.

10 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Kay. Is that
11 acceptable?

12 MR. KAY: Sure.

13 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: That will be the
14 order then. Mr. DeRonde, would you like to ask questions
15 about those facts?

16 MR. DeRONDE: Yeah. Let me ask questions about
17 that.

18 Mr. Manson, about this Sharon Tate - LaBianca
19 thing, were you involved in any way in the murder of these
20 individuals?

21 INMATE MANSON: Yes and no.

22 MR. DeRONDE: I want you to explain that to these
23 people.

24 INMATE MANSON: Can I stand up?

25 MR. DeRONDE: He'd be much more comfortable.

1 INMATE MANSON: I've been locked up 13 years.

2 There's two worlds in prison. There's the outside world
3 you guys live in, and there's the inside world. I was
4 raised up over here; you was raised over there. You guys
5 are doing what you was doing and I look at your pictures
6 in magazines. You all grew up. I didn't. I stayed a
7 little kid. I went in when I was 9. So, I'm still
8 basically in my mind a little kid. I don't read too
9 well or write too well. I never grewed up the world you
10 people are in. That's why you find me with the kids
11 because I don't know nothing. Everytime I get out of
12 jail, I asked a kid over there in San Francisco in the
13 Tenderloin how he lives and how he could live without a
14 house or without a job. What did he do? He showed me.
15 He gave me a shirt. I followed the kids around and
16 listened to what they had to say. All I said was the same
17 things I said in the penitentiary because I was raised
18 in the penitentiary as a man to tell the truth. I stood
19 up before all the fathers of all my prisons and right up
20 to Judge Yankovich and right over the supreme court. I
21 stood there with it, and I said, "Look, man, I ain't
22 nothing but a convict, but I'm a damn good convict. Don't
23 sell me to be an idiot."

24 MR. DeRONDE: Let me ask you this, Charley. Did
25 you have Sharon Tate killed?

1 INMATE MANSON: No.

2 MR. DeRONDE: Did you have any people killed?

3 INMATE MANSON: I don't have people killed.

4 Who's got the right to have people killed.

5 MR. DeRONDE: How about the LaBiancas?

6 INMATE MANSON: What about them?

7 MR. DeRONDE: You didn't have them killed, did
8 you?

9 INMATE MANSON: God, man, where is your mind.

10 I'm thinking about grass out there. I'm thinking about
11 the mice, and I know somebody got killed on J wing. So
12 what. I'm saying my mind's been in prison all my life.
13 My mind is prison. My mind is a big prison, and I talk
14 from that big prison that lives inside of me. I speak
15 the truth, and when I got out I told everybody to get in
16 a circle and start telling each other the truth.

17 MR. DeRONDE: Who was everybody in that circle?

18 INMATE MANSON: All the people, anybody that
19 would come up there in the ranch within the circle. We
20 all told each other the truth, and they would come with
21 each other's problems. We would go through each other's
22 inhibitions, and we would go through all the psychological
23 things you play with your doctors. You know, the Guru-Jew,
24 sell it back to you and all that stuff. In other words,
25 all the stuff that you guys do, you can put that in a

1 witch's pot. So, there's thoughts way beyond the little
2 thoughts we think as a government. We think because we
3 got the government we got the thought. No, way. You
4 got the government, but you don't got the thought. You
5 can fly your spaceships, but you still got to come down
6 to the old mother earth ground.

7 MR. DeRONDE: Well, Charley, these people you had
8 together, did you tell them to go kill Rosemary and Leno
9 LaBianca?

10 INMATE MANSON: I told them the same thing I tell
11 any of you. You do what you feel is right. You have
12 confidence in your own ability. Stand up and be your own
13 person. Norman Vincent Peale, that's all I said. I read
14 the book. I went to Dale Carnegie. I went through all
15 the things that you teach me in jail, and I was your son.
16 But, when I come home, you hit me in the eye and the guy
17 wants to fight. I said I don't want to fight. Man, I'm
18 anitiviolent. The prison, when I left, there was no
19 violence there at all. None. You bring the captain
20 here and he'll tell you there was one knife in that
21 prison.

22 MR. DeRONDE: You didn't give these people guns
23 or knives?

24 INMATE MANSON: No. I'm in the game. I'm
25 playing along with you. You're telling me something. I

1 say yeah, all right, go but and play. I'm doing what I'm
 2 doing. What you're doing is your business. I say what
 3 you coming to me for, man? Don't ask me to hold your
 4 mother fucking ass up. I ain't breaking no law. I
 5 didn't break no law. I told Judge Older that, and he
 6 knew I didn't break any law. Nixon knows I didn't
 7 break any law.

8 MR. DeRONDE: Why are you here?

9 INMATE MANSON: I'm here because I'm a product
 10 of you guys. I'm your refuge. I'm the bum or hobo. I
 11 shoot dice, and I run in the alley. I do little
 12 gangster things, and I steal bicycles. I go to people's
 13 houses and eat when they're not home. I'm not a harmful
 14 mouse. I'm not a harmful mouse, but I live like an
 15 animal. I'm a jail bird.

16 MR. DeRONDE: Do you think you are society's
 17 scapegoat for this thing?

18 INMATE MANSON: I don't care about society or
 19 their scapegoats. I've quit that thought in '54. I was
 20 a teddy bear in '54. The Pope and I went through that
 21 on the basketball court down on McNeil Island. In other
 22 words, what can I say. I know what's happening. That's
 23 all. I don't want to know what's happening, but I know
 24 everything that's happening. Maybe not everyting that's
 25 happening, but most everything unless the devil knows

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1 something that the rest of us don't.

2 MR. DeRONDE: Does the Board have any questions
3 of Mr. Manson?

4 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I don't actually
5 have any questions, Mr. Chaderjian?

6 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Mr. DeRonde, your
7 initial question was "Mr. Manson, were you involved in
8 the Tate - LaBianca murders?" His response was, "Yes and
9 no." Well, you've given the no portion.

10 INMATE MANSON: I could take responsibility just
11 as much as any of us here.

12 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: What did you mean by
13 yes?

14 INMATE MANSON: Yes, I knew the people. Yes I
15 was involved in the inner plots of different thoughts
16 that came down. Yes, I was in line with the truth in
17 some things, and yes, I was not in line with truth in
18 other things. I know dope dealers that I don't snitch
19 on. But I don't buy dope.

20 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Specifically, the Tate
21 and LaBianca, were you involved? You said, "Yes and no."
22 Tell us in what way you were involved.

23 INMATE MANSON: I was involved in the episode
24 that would have to be explained to you. Do you know what
25 a psychotic is, a psychotic episode with 40 psychotics?

1 The way I have been raised is the opposite from the way
2 that he has been raised. When you come to me in a
3 pyramid one way, I have a pyramid thought also that I
4 speak from through it to your understanding. Things on
5 my level that I understand I can deal with. Your
6 children were already doing these things when I got on
7 the picture. I just got in behind them.

8 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: When you say 40 psychotics,
9 are you referring to the people in the ranch?

10 INMATE MANSON: I'm talking about the whole of
11 L.A. See, where you live is nice.

12 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: You're not referring
13 specifically to your crime partners?

14 INMATE MANSON: No.

15 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Then this is a
16 philosophical dissertation?

17 INMATE MANSON: We were all peaking on episodes.
18 When you peak on psychotic episodes, you just become
19 everything in the woods. When you can become everything
20 in the woods, you just go completely out of your mind
21 and go crazy. But, you do what you want. That's what
22 we did in the mountains when I was outside last time.

23 MR. DeRONDE: May I ask a question? Did the
24 people out there, did they come to you before hand and
25 tell you what they were going to do to the LaBiancas and

5

1 Tate?

2 INMATE MANSON: They didn't have to tell me.

3 MR. DeRONDE: Did you know?

4 INMATE MANSON: Uh huh.

5 MR. DeRONDE: How did you know?

6 INMATE MANSON: You just know. You can feel
7 animosity in this room.

8 MR. DeRONDE: Did you disapprove of this?

9 INMATE MANSON: Did I disapprove of it.

10 MR. DeRONDE: In other words, did you tell them
11 don't do that?

12 INMATE MANSON: See, you have to realize one
13 brother got in a fight. The guy took his money. Then,
14 the dude came back and said to me, "You said you were my
15 brother. Come and help me." I said, "Help you do what?"
16 He said, "Well -- " I said, "No, man. If you aren't
17 big enough to do it yourself; dig what I'm saying, don't
18 ask me to do it for you." Wait a minute. Let me finish.
19 I said, "If you're big enough, do something about it. If
20 you are not, sit down and keep your mouth shut." So, he
21 sat down and then he went over there. Then, he called
22 me and said, "The guy has a gun. The guy's got a gun."
23 I said, "Oh, my goodness. All the police in the world
24 got guns. Armies got guns. So what. He's got a gun.
25 Do you think I'm scared of a gun? Do you think there's

1 something under the sun that I'd be afraid of?" Do you
2 think I'm guilty of hurting someone? I don't even step
3 on bugs. If there was a holy man, the preacher will tell
4 you. That's all I am is a monk. I died in the gas
5 chamber in '55. I swept the floors when Truman was a
6 little duck, it's a trick, that was my dad.

7 MR. DeRONDE: You didn't help these people at
8 all, did you?

9 INMATE MANSON: Did I actually kill somebody?

10 MR. DeRONDE: Right.

11 INMATE MANSON: No, I didn't kill anyone.

12 MR. DeRONDE: You didn't tell anybody to kill
13 anyone?

14 INMATE MANSON: No. No, I took the gun away from
15 the guy.

16 MR. DeRONDE: From whom?

17 INMATE MANSON: From the guy that had the gun.

18 MR. DeRONDE: Who was that, do you remember?

19 INMATE MANSON: Hinman. When I took the gun
20 away, I slashed the guy's ear off. I made a move to get
21 the gun and slashed his ear off at the same time.

22 MR. DeRONDE: Was he pointing the gun at you?

23 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

24 MR. DeRONDE: That's why you slashed his ear off?

25 INMATE MANSON: I told him to put the gun down

1 and I wouldn't have to do it.

2 MR. DeRONDE: Why did he have the gun?

3 INMATE MANSON: Well, he had beat the kid for
4 some money later on. The kid came up and said, "Brother,
5 will you help me?" He called me for help. So, that's
6 where it started. He owed me one, right?

7 MR. DeRONDE: Okay.

8 INMATE MANSON: So, when he owed me one, that's
9 good. Dig what I'm saying. I said, "Now, when you grow
10 up, son, maybe sometime you see gray sky with sleepy
11 father." So, the Indian came around from Alcatraz. Then,
12 we'd been on that island for all those years.

13 MR. DeRONDE: What happened to Hinman after his
14 ear was cut off?

15 INMATE MANSON: I took the gun away. I said,
16 "Well, we don't need violence. What do you need violence
17 for. You only need violence when your unsure of
18 something. If you are sure, why would you want to put
19 your children in the gas chamber? It's because you're
20 not sure."

21 MR. DeRONDE: What did he do next?

22 INMATE MANSON: He went through his changes and
23 held his ear. I said, "Are we even in the truth? Do I
24 owe you anything? Have I ever lied to you about anything?
25 Are we all in the truth?" So, I laid the quarter down,

1 shot the dice and kicked the Queen of England right in
2 the head.

3 MR. DeRONDE: Hinman agreed you hadn't done
4 anything wrong to him?

5 INMATE MANSON: No. He said it was over, and
6 that he didn't hold any animosity. He said he wouldn't
7 tell my parole officer. See, as long as he didn't tell
8 the parole officer, I'd be right back in jail then.

9 MR. DeRONDE: Did you have Hinman killed?

10 INMATE MANSON: No, no, no. That was settled,
11 and I left. Two days later he jumped off. He said,
12 "I'm going to get that gun and kill that punk. I'm
13 going to kill that son-of-a-bitch."

14 MR. DeRONDE: He was coming after you?

15 INMATE MANSON: The kid says, "I don't do that.
16 You made the deal and the deal was what it was. Don't
17 play any bullshit over." So, then he took the gun. So,
18 I gave the gun to Mary. Mary had the gun and took the
19 bullets out of it. I left, and he got the gun, put the
20 bullets back in, came to get me, and Bobby said, "No, I
21 won't let you kill him." The dude says, "Get out of my
22 way." Bobby said, "You can kill me first." And the dude
23 says, "No, I'm not going to kill you." He said, "Well,
24 I'll have to kill you because it's my heart."

25 MR. DeRONDE: What happened?

1 INMATE MANSON: Well, he got stuck in the heart
2 with a knife.

3 MR. DeRONDE: By who?

4 INMATE MANSON: Bobby. Now, that's what Bobby
5 said. That's in the transcript.

6 MR. DeRONDE: You didn't see it, did you?

7 INMATE MANSON: I'm not telling on anybody else.
8 I want you to get that in mind.

9 MR. DeRONDE: Did you tie up this Leno and
10 Rosemary LaBianca?

11 INMATE MANSON: No. My work isn't that sloppy.
12 If anybody looked at the knots they'd see I'm a
13 professional.

14 MR. DeRONDE: Were you there at the time this
15 was supposed to happen?

16 INMATE MANSON: No, not right in the spot.

17 MR. DeRONDE: Where were you?

18 INMATE MANSON: Outside on the grass.

19 MR. DeRONDE: Near their house?

20 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I was waiting there saying,
21 "Come on if you want to kill me it's only a reflection of
22 yourself."

23 MR. DeRONDE: Did you know what the other people
24 were doing in there?

25 INMATE MANSON: I was aware of what was happening,

1 yeah. They had their fields of Screen magazine, Time
2 magazine. You went to Nurenberg didn't you?

3 MR. DeRONDE: Yeah.

4 INMATE MANSON: Where the fuck do you think I
5 was hanging? Do you think I was hanging on every death
6 row in this country? I mean in thought. I only came
7 down 250 years of thought off that tier I was in.

8 MR. DeRONDE: What happened after you were
9 sitting on the lawn near the house?

10 INMATE MANSON: I told the guy the air and water
11 was dying, and if we didn't clean the air and water up
12 there wasn't going to be no planet for no one.

13 MR. DeRONDE: Who did you tell?

14 INMATE MANSON: The convicts, the guy up in the
15 church that said he had the switch to blow the whole
16 goddamned world up. He said, "You all want me to blow
17 it up?" Everybody said, "Blow it up. Blow it up." He
18 pulled the switch and said, "Oh, my God, I'm a double
19 dirty crosser."

20 MR. DeRONDE: Do you know what was going on in
21 the house with the LaBiancas at the time you were out
22 on the lawn?

23 INMATE MANSON: Did I know? I was off on another
24 trip.

25 MR. DeRONDE: You had no idea what was going on

1 in the house at that time?

2 INMATE MANSON: No idea.

3 MR. DeRONDE: You didn't even think of it?

4 INMATE MANSON: Did I think? I quit thinking in
5 '54. I died in reform school. I don't think.

6 MR. DeRONDE: Did you ever go in that house?

7 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I had been in it four or
8 five times, a lot of times. It used to be a party house.

9 MR. DeRONDE: You knew the people next door?

10 INMATE MANSON: Did I know the people next door
11 to the LaBiancas?

12 MR. DeRONDE: Yeah.

13 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

14 MR. DeRONDE: Did you know the LaBiancas at all?

15 INMATE MANSON: No.

16 MR. DeRONDE: Did you know Sharon Tate at all?

17 INMATE MANSON: No.

18 MR. DeRONDE: Did you know her husband?

19 INMATE MANSON: No. I've seen her.

20 MR. DeRONDE: Where did you see her? In movies
21 or around L.A.?

22 INMATE MANSON: No. It was a party down by the
23 beach, the beach in Malibu. Doris Day's pad.

24 MR. DeRONDE: Did you have any feelings of hatred
25 for her?

1 INMATE MANSON: I ain't got any hatred towards
2 anybody.

3 MR. DeRONDE: Do you feel sorry about what
4 happened to her?

5 INMATE MANSON: You guys keep associating me with
6 things that have nothing to do with me. I walk down the
7 street with a burglar. He goes off and burglarizes the
8 store. I'm a crook. Man, I'm an outlaw. It's none of
9 my business if he burglarizes the store. I'm not thinking
10 about what he's doing. I was born and raised on this
11 side of the law. I'm an outlaw. I don't know nothing
12 about what you guys do. I know if I do certain things,
13 you guys say I have certain rights. Then, you smack my
14 face. Then, that teaches me that that is a lie. Then I
15 go on to something else. When I can get my rights, then
16 I can get back into this with you. But, you got to give
17 me my rights. I mean, what the hell, it took two years
18 to get me on trial. Bugliosi got to say anything he
19 wanted to say. He got to get up there and impress the
20 jury, and he was playing all them guys that he plays
21 through, the guys that were in the movies. He was play-
22 acting like he was doing something.

23 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Manson, would
24 you respond to the questions asked by your attorney?

25 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Do you understand me?

1 MR. DeRONDE: Yeah, I understand what you're
2 talking about.

3 INMATE MANSON: Kid's young enough to see where
4 I'm at.

5 MR. DeRONDE: I'll open up to the Panel.

6 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Seabridge, do
7 you have any questions?

8 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Just one question.
9 Earlier you said you knew the people involved. I didn't
10 understand if you meant the person involved in the crime
11 with you or the persons that were killed.

12 INMATE MANSON: Let me say something. I wish I
13 could communicate on a level that you could understand.
14 I can't communicate. Every time I try, it costs me my
15 life. Every time I try to wake somebody up, it don't
16 work. They get upset. From the halls of Montezuma I've
17 been right there in the truth all along. But, I've been
18 serving God and the master down in the basement, but I
19 haven't missed a step. I didn't go over to Vietnam, and
20 I wasn't good enough to be a soldier even though I tried
21 to get in.

22 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Manson, would
23 you respond to the question. Is that answering your
24 question?

25 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: No. It did not answer

1 my question. You earlier said that you were aware or
2 acquainted or knew the people that were involved in the
3 situation. I don't know whether you were talking about
4 the people convicted with you who were your associates
5 before or you were talking about the Tates, LaBiancas,
6 other people killed.

7 INMATE MANSON: The truth about it is this, I
8 have a guitar and sleeping bag. Someone comes to me and
9 says, "Can I be with you. I love you," I say, "No, no.
10 I'll never go with that again. You got me in jail before.
11 I don't need no friend."

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I think you answered
13 my question.

14 INMATE MANSON: You see what I'm saying? I'm
15 with anyone in this universe. I'm not going to lie, fake
16 or bullshit. Everything I tell you, dig what I'm saying,
17 is right up under this hand. This one is the hand that
18 holds the truth.

19 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Chaderjian?

20 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: No questions.

21 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I don't have any
22 questions either.

23 Mr. Manson we still have more. Do you want to sit
24 down?

25 INMATE MANSON: No. I don't really want to sit

1 down.

2 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Kay, do you
3 have any comments?

4 MR. KAY: Not at this point.

5 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: If there's no more
6 comments in the life crime, we'll move on to the priors.
7 I'd also like to refer to the transcript of 1978 with
8 reference to the priors. Those are discussed from page
9 70 to 78, and, of course, they're also discussed in the
10 probation report.

11 INMATE MANSON: Are we going to talk more about
12 this?

13 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Just a minute, sir.
14 Just to give a thumbnail sketch of the priors,
15 Mr. Manson, at age 13, became a ward of the juvenile court.
16 That was basically for runaway. At age 14 he was charged
17 with burglary, and he has a record extending into his
18 adult years of basically forgery, interstate transportation
19 of stolen automobiles, violation of the Mann Act, and one
20 attempted escape which was nonviolent. All these crimes
21 prior to the life crime have been nonviolent. There's
22 been a repetition of the violations of the Mann Act, namely
23 taking women across state lines. He spent a previous
24 term in the federal institution in Los Angeles and other
25 minor jail sentences. However, he was violated on

1 probation several times and returned to the federal
2 institution at Terminal Island and eventually released
3 from there in 1967 prior to the onset of these life
4 crimes.

5 INMATE MANSON: Well, what does this mean? Can
6 you break it down in my mind?

7 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay, sir.
8 Mr. DeRonde, is this okay if we incorporate this with
9 respect to the priors, and you can make any comments you
10 want?

11 MR. DeRONDE: Fine.

12 MR. KAY: Agreeable.

13 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: We'll make that the
14 order. Mr. DeRonde, is there anything you want to say
15 with reference to the priors?

16 MR. DeRONDE: All they're talking about, Charlie,
17 is the fact you've been in prison most of your life.

18 INMATE MANSON: But, you asked a question, and
19 you won't let me answer it. You asked if I was involved
20 in things and I was trying to explain to you the truth
21 runs without us. There is a knife that runs in the sky,
22 and it's the truth. It hasn't got anything to do with
23 me. The holy ghost carries it or God carries it. It
24 doesn't have anything to do with me. It's not my
25 business. We had one on the kitchen wall. I used to say,

1 "This household here, I catch somebody lying, I tell
2 you, they'll know about it all the way to Hiroshima."
3 See, what I'm saying to you? So, the Veterans Administra-
4 tion is my MTA. I have a doctor that takes care of me,
5 and I'm coming along pretty good. I'm not ready for
6 parole. So, I could have saved you all this unless there
7 was something you wanted to do and you was using the
8 parole thing. But, I would have told you, just come
9 right out front with you. Whatever you need, I'll help
10 you with it if I can.

11 MR. DeRONDE: Can I ask you a couple more
12 questions, gentlemen? I got a letter from the Los Angeles
13 Police Department. They're talking about a race war.
14 I'd ask an opportunity of the Board to ask a couple of
15 questions?

16 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. DeRonde, that
17 was supposed to be part of the questions with respect
18 to the life crime. We'll let you ask those, but please
19 make them direct.

20 MR. DeRONDE: I'll make them direct and short.

21 In 1969 when these murders took place, Mr. Manson,
22 do you have some philosophy that you wanted to create
23 a race war between blacks and whites?

24 INMATE MANSON: No. That was misunderstood by
25 what I told somebody about black Muslims.

1 MR. DeRONDE: What about this? You read the book
2 by Mr. Bugliosi, Helter Skelter, did you hear anything
3 about that book?

4 INMATE MANSON: I started to read that, but the
5 words are too big.

6 MR. DeRONDE: Was there any helter skelter
7 philosophy you had?

8 INMATE MANSON: Yes and no.

9 MR. DeRONDE: What's the yes part of it?

10 INMATE MANSON: The yes part is, every time I
11 get outside, you people are moving a little faster and
12 talking a little bit quicker, you got things cut more,
13 got all kinds of little things, and pretty soon the
14 goats are gone. The mice are gone. The ducks are gone.
15 This guy comes out with his shotgun, a camera from Japan,
16 things all over him. His gut is hanging over. He's
17 talking about people getting killed in the deserts. He
18 says, "What are you doing out here you hippie. You
19 ain't going to start any fires." He calls the park
20 rangers. They're looking for something to do from their
21 coffee break. Pretty soon they get the highway patrol,
22 and the whole thing goes into play. They take me out.
23 We got the vicious criminal. Lock him up in a cell. I
24 said, "I just got out. I haven't done anything. I got
25 better sense. I don't get involved in no lies. I've

1 lived that way all my life."

2 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Can you talk a
3 little slower because the court reporter is having a hard
4 time getting that down. You're talking very rapidly.

5 MR. DeRONDE: Because of that, did you want to
6 start a race war?

7 INMATE MANSON: There's been a race war since
8 day one.

9 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: That's been asked
10 and answered.

11 INMATE MANSON: It's the same war that's been
12 going on since day one. You gave man. I got no bad for
13 you. If I got a knife, I hold it up. I say, "I'm going
14 to blow your fucking ass up." I say, "You ain't hiding
15 nothing from me. I ain't hiding nothing from you." What
16 hill are you standing on?

17 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. I understand
18 what you're saying. Thank you, Mr. Manson.

19 MR. DeRONDE: I didn't have anything further.

20 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Kay, do you
21 have any questions?

22 MR. KAY: No. I'll save it for argument.

23 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Seabridge?

24 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: No.

25 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Chaderjian?

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1 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: No.

2 INMATE MANSON: I hope you get your wish, Kay.

3 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Let me read one
4 more little section from the probation report of 1971.

5 "The defendant was born out of wedlock to
6 Kathryn Maddox in Cincinnati, Ohio, on
7 November 11, 1934. The defendant has never
8 seen his natural father and understands that
9 his name was Colonel Scott. The defendant's
10 mother was seen at the time of defendant's
11 birth and shortly thereafter was sentenced
12 to prison following a conviction of assault
13 and robbery. The defendant, consequently,
14 was placed with maternal grandparents, and
15 the defendant rejoined his mother upon her
16 release from custody and lived with her for
17 a time in the state of Indiana. Defendant
18 was also placed in various foster homes
19 until 1947 at which time he was made a ward
20 of the court in Indiana and placed in the
21 Gibault School for Boys, in Tera Haute,
22 Indiana. Thereafter, for all intents and
23 purposes, defendant was reared by various
24 juvenile reformatories and boys' schools
25 in the states of Pennsylvania and Indiana."

1 INMATE MANSON: Why do you want to read from a
2 record for the record? Why don't you just read for the
3 record and just leave it as record, and then you can
4 save that little circle.

5 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you, sir.

6 INMATE MANSON: What are we going to do? What can
7 we do right now is what I'm here for.

8 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: We are going to
9 move in and talk about what you've done since you've been
10 in prison. We'll turn it over to Mr. Seabridge who will
11 cover the post-conviction phase.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I'm going to try to
13 summarize some of this stuff, Mr. Manson, and talk about
14 a couple of prior transcripts and what was in them. Just
15 to give you an idea, let me proceed. When you have
16 comments, we can talk about them later on. Now, just to
17 kind of summarize, since you've been incarcerated in
18 prison, I'm going to briefly give a summary and then
19 I'm going to refer Mr. DeRonde and Mr. Kay to several
20 of the transcripts. I may not have an opportunity to
21 review them, and I would like to incorporate by reference
22 several of them. Mr. Manson was received and housed in
23 death row. The record reflects that he was returned to
24 court the following day and recommitted to the Department
25 of Corrections again being received December 13, 1971, and

1 housed in death row in San Quentin. He was at San Quentin
2 until he transferred to Folsom October 10th, 1972. He
3 remained at Folsom until he transferred to the California
4 Medical Facility on March 20th, 1974, at which time he
5 was then transferred to San Quentin June 20th, 1975. He
6 was again transferred from San Quentin back to Folsom
7 3/8/76 and was then, on 9/11/76, shortly thereafter
8 transferred to the California Medical Facility, and he's
9 remained here since that time. The housing and custody
10 situations have been predominantly maximum and closed
11 custody for the majority of confinement time in the
12 Department because of his situation and his assignments
13 in the institution. Academically, the record reflects
14 that he participated in about two months' academic school
15 early in 1973 at Folsom. There is no indication of
16 any vocational training, self-help groups or participation
17 in therapy during the time preceding this last year's
18 hearing. I'll get into that later on. Behaviorally,
19 at the time of that last hearing he had acquired
20 approximately 25 formal 115's for various type of
21 behavioral infractions ranging from minor ones involving
22 failure to stand for custodial count to major ones which
23 involved physical assaulting of correctional staff
24 members. There appears to have been three of those, one
25 occurring in 1974, one in 1977 and one in 1978. There

1 were also a larger number of infractions concerning
2 misconduct of varying degrees of actual seriousness in
3 the record.

4 INMATE MANSON: Excuse me. That's where I got
5 my jaw broken and my teeth knocked out.

6 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: We'll let you discuss
7 that later. Then, work assignment has been limited.
8 Apparently you had a brief period of time for a work
9 assignment as a yard porter. Was that at Folsom?

10 INMATE MANSON: Yard porter at Folsom.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Was that where it was
12 at, do you recall?

13 INMATE MANSON: No, I think the yard trip is out
14 there in the -- the guy said he was Jesus Christ and said
15 if he was half white and half black; he said he was
16 Jesus and the black guy was God.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I wondered what
18 institution?

19 INMATE MANSON: He went over the fence at Folsom
20 and got killed.

21 MR. KAY: It was here.

22 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: About six months before
23 the last hearing you were working in the Willis unit, and
24 you were working for the Protestant Chaplain referred to
25 as Chaplain Ristad, R-i-s-t-a-d. According to his report

1. you were serving an acceptable manner in your work
2 assignment.

3 INMATE MANSON: Yes, sir.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: In looking over the
5 psych evaluations or reports, I have noted there have been
6 14 of those compiled during the period from 1974 through
7 the preparation for the hearing in 1980. In addition,
8 rather than elaborate on each one of those or discuss
9 them, I would note that they were conducted by ten
10 different psychiatrists or psychologists and that these
11 had been reviewed and discussed by the previous Board of
12 Prison Terms' Panel rather thoroughly, particularly on
13 the record on the November 27th, 1979 parole consideration
14 hearing pages 16 through 29. Essentially, I would say
15 that most of the reports have agreed as to the psychiatric
16 diagnosis, that being essentially schizophrenia reaction,
17 chronic, undifferentiated type, and it has varied in
18 terms of the degree of remission. A secondary classifica-
19 tion, psychiatrically, has normally been cited as being
20 antisocial personality with drug dependence. There are,
21 however, some minor variations to those by the various
22 individuals. But, I would think that those would be the
23 most predominant ones that they have agreed on. That is,
24 in essence, the summary of what has occurred from the
25 time you were incarcerated, Mr. Manson.

1 INMATE MANSON: Who was reading on that now?

2 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let me speak to that
3 for a moment.

4 INMATE MANSON: All right.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Because that's what
6 I read into the record. Rather than rehash that, I'm
7 going to refer to something else in 1979. You did not
8 want to participate in the hearing, do you recall that?

9 INMATE MANSON: Last year?

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: No, in 1979, the year
11 before?

12 INMATE MANSON: '79. That was when Mr. Way and
13 I had talked.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I'm not sure of that.

15 INMATE MANSON: Do you remember Mr. Way, Harold
16 Way?

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: He was not on the
18 Panel, I don't believe.

19 INMATE MANSON: No. He's with the Department of
20 Corrections here. He's right underneath Ruth Russian.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. Coronado was the
22 Presiding Member. Mr. Chaderjian who is sitting with us
23 today and Mr. Ray Brown, Chairman of the Board, were on
24 that Panel.

25 INMATE MANSON: And I didn't come that day?

1 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You didn't come.

2 INMATE MANSON: That's because Way and the French
3 Ambassador came over that afternoon and came by the cell.
4 Way asked me to go to this Board. This is the reason
5 I've been coming to the Board because Mr. Way asked me to
6 go. So, I was doing what Mr. Way said.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Thank you very much.
8 I'm going to ask your attorney, Mr. DeRonde who is your
9 attorney today and also I'm going to ask Mr. Kay
10 representing Los Angeles County that it is our desire to
11 incorporate by reference into this hearing procedure
12 today the information contained relative to your post-
13 conviction factors from the transcript of the proceedings
14 that was conducted on November 27th, 1979, starting on
15 page 13, line 24, through page 31, line 9. On that
16 occasion, Mr. Brown, Mr. Raymond Brown did an exceptionally
17 thorough summation of the total post-conviction activities
18 from the time you were received in prison until the date
19 of that hearing. He covered it very completely, and
20 it's on the record at this point. So, if anybody wants
21 to go back to the prior transcript and review it, they'll
22 know what you're talking about.

23 Now, in terms of the fact that you were not
24 present at that hearing and did not have an opportunity
25 to respond personally to some of those statements, I am

1 also suggesting that we incorporate by reference the
2 transcript of the proceedings of the hearing conducted
3 on November 4th, 1980, specifically from page 20, line
4 22 through page 51, line 13, where last year you had the
5 opportunity to discuss many of the matters with Mr. Gordon
6 who was, at that time, conducting the hearing. You
7 responded to a lot of the questions that were asked on
8 that occasion. So, I would ask your attorney, Mr. DeRonde,
9 and Mr. Kay if they have any objections to incorporation
10 by reference.

11 MR. DeRONDE: No, on the condition I would like
12 to have my client explain some of these things.

13 INMATE MANSON: Will the explanation be a part
14 of that record also?

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That's correct. You
16 certainly will have full opportunity to discuss that.

17 MR. DeRONDE: That's fine. As far as Chaplain
18 Ristad, I think this would be the appropriate time.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: He'll come in later
20 when we get to this year.

21 MR. KAY: That's fine with me.

22 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: It will be so ordered
23 that we incorporate those proceedings as described on
24 page and line number.

25 INMATE MANSON: Well, I'm sure of one thing. You

1 present yourself that you know what you're doing.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Thank you, Mr. Manson.

3 INMATE MANSON: I can appreciate that.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: We spent a lot of time
5 preparing the case and looking at the records.

6 INMATE MANSON: I'll say that, that the record
7 is not always what's really happening.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That's why you're here
9 to explain that, do you understand that?

10 INMATE MANSON: Yes.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: What I want to do at
12 this particular time, before we have any witnesses come
13 in is to, again, talk about what's happened during this
14 past year.

15 INMATE MANSON: You doing to go around where I
16 don't get to say anything about what you said?

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You'll get an
18 opportunity.

19 INMATE MANSON: When you get done, and I forgot
20 about it?

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: No. Your attorney
22 is here to help you if you have any questions. I want
23 to talk about what happened this last year. I'm talking
24 about what happened to you since you had your last
25 hearing before the Board. It was a year ago today, as a

1 matter of fact.

2 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: We're going to talk
4 a little bit about what happened in this last year.
5 All right. Any question where we're going?

6 INMATE MANSON: I was cleaning the barn.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Pardon?

8 INMATE MANSON: I was cleaning the barn, and I
9 had to get the horseshit on my feet when I got down in
10 the mud. But, I got down there to clean the barn, and
11 I seen that dude in there.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Now, you're losing me.

13 INMATE MANSON: Like the procedures that the stars
14 exist in, someone's got to hold the bars and someone's
15 got to hold them lieutenants up there. When you say
16 I'm talking to you sergeant, and the sergeant comes
17 over and he says, "I said who is the lieutenant?" I
18 said, "Yeah. Bring him here. Lieutenant, you know how
19 my heart is."

20 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: What are we talking
21 about?

22 INMATE MANSON: We're talking about holding up
23 the procedure.

24 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let's talk about --

25 INMATE MANSON: Then, I get the blame for it.

1 and I said no. Somebody thought they wanted to get out
2 and do something I wouldn't have done that either. I'm
3 trying to do right here. If I'm right with the right,
4 I ain't got no worries.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: The last word I had
6 was your day parole program had been reinstated, or they
7 put you back on day parole on October 20th of this year,
8 a little over a month ago on the basis that you'd shown
9 stabilization emotionally and behaviorally. In other
10 words, you began to settle down.

11 INMATE MANSON: Right. I'm learning.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That's what we want.

13 INMATE MANSON: I got a couple of doctors that
14 want to give group therapy. The Preacher is a sincere
15 guy too. I'm learning a whole new thing from that guy.

16 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let's talk a little
17 bit about the bad things that happened this year. Do
18 you want to do that?

19 INMATE MANSON: What do you think it's been, a
20 picnic. It's all been bad to me. I ain't seen any good.
21 How in the hell do you think I get to that Chaplain. It
22 wasn't easy to get in there.

23 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let me state where we
24 are getting so you know where we're coming from. In
25 looking over the record from last year, December 4th of

1 1980 about 11 months ago today until the 17th of
2 September of this year you received a total of 19 what
3 we call 128A's or 128B's. 128A is an informational
4 chrono, and 128B is a disciplinary type chrono. They're
5 not formal, but they reflect your behavior. So, we
6 looked at a number of these, and they differed, varied
7 in different situations. There's only two of them we
8 are going to read eventually for the record. I'll speak
9 to those in a moment because I think they bear on some
10 of your behavior and some of your thinking. We want to
11 talk about that, and you have a chance to explain it or
12 Mr. DeRonde, and eventually maybe the Reverend if he
13 comes in. Then, in addition to that, since your last
14 hearing you have received 5 formal CDC 115's, which are
15 rules violation reports. You appeared before the
16 disciplinary committee on each one of those during the
17 year, and I'm going to talk about those individually and
18 you can explain them. Of those, we note that, I believe,
19 three of them were classified as administrative, and two
20 of them were classified as serious behavior. I'm not
21 going to read two of the administrative ones in the
22 record. I'll acknowledge when they were when I get to
23 it. But, I am going to read it because, again, it
24 reflects on your behavior and upon how you want to
25 explain it to us because I think we're going to look at

1 it and consider it. I want you to have a chance to talk
2 about it. Okay?

3 INMATE MANSON: Uh huh.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Now, I'm going to
5 go to what I told you about, the 128's that I want to
6 talk about today. As I talk about them, we can take
7 them individually so you won't forget and you can explain
8 the first one. I want to talk to you about what occurred
9 on February 19th, 1981. Let me have a moment to find
10 that one.

11 Okay. This one was written up by a correctional
12 officer by the name of V. K. Booke, B-o-o-k-e. How does
13 that officer pronounce the name?

14 INMATE MANSON: Booke. (Book-ee, phonetic).

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Booke. It's dated
16 2/9/81. It is a CDC 128B, and it's entitled, Informative
17 Chrono. I'm going to read it in it's entirety, and you
18 can respond. It says:

19 "At approximately 9:00 A.M. on 1/9/81 while,
20 conducting showers for W-2-East, Manson,
21 B-33920 currently housed in W-2-1-8 demanded
22 I open the gate and let him out. When I
23 refused, he told me that his confinement to
24 quarters was over. I informed him it was
25 not over until 6:00 P.M. on 2/9/81. Manson

1 went to his cell, came back and claimed he
2 was to go to the chapel (Protestant). When
3 I told him he was mistaken, he attempted to
4 grab at me through the shower pass-through
5 spot. I ordered Manson to either shower
6 or return to his cell. Manson began a
7 tirade of sexual comments, and he said they
8 had gotten me out of a 'French whorehouse'
9 when I was younger and all I wanted was a
10 'piece'. He also stated that he was going to
11 'fuck me' and I would remember it. Manson
12 further stated that 'you remember Sharon Tate?
13 Well, you're going to end up like her.' He
14 also stated I was dying right in front of his
15 eyes. After Manson returned to his cell, he
16 told one of the inmates to tell me 'not to
17 turn on the microwave'. I informed Sergeant
18 Beaird, B-e-a-i-r-d, Willis unit sergeant
19 of the above situation."

20 Now, do you want to comment to us on that particular
21 disciplinary infraction?

22 INMATE MANSON: Booke is a woman that just came
23 to work in prison. She ain't got no business in a prison
24 because she don't know what she's doing to start with.
25 I see in her head all the way back to when she was a little

1 girl on the good ship Lollipop. When she comes up trying
2 to play act and trying to be a man, it don't make sense
3 to me. She's coming and pecking on me and saying you
4 can't have this and you can't have that.. Outside if a
5 woman said that to you, you would just communicate. You
6 see little horses nipping at each other. She would nip
7 and then run into the corner. I said, "Stay away from
8 me with that shit. You're trying to get me in trouble.
9 You're peeking in the shower when I'm showering. What
10 you peeking in the shower for little girl? Do you want
11 to know what your mother is hiding from you?" She's
12 always looking up the hill, and she married the
13 lieutenant, and he seen that wasn't it. Then, she's
14 over there with another homosexual, and she's doing a
15 little something here. They're coming up and telling me
16 "Why don't you get in the cell." Like she's sergeant
17 bulldog or somebody. I says, "Gee whiz, what kind of
18 shit is this." If a woman came up to me like that on
19 the street she'd pick her teeth up off the ground. I'd
20 punch my mother out for shit like that.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Did you tell her she
22 was going to end up like Sharon Tate?

23 INMATE MANSON: That may have been said on the
24 tier, but you got to realize that there's a lot of
25 people on the tier. You got the doctor that gained 150

1 pounds. You got a guy on trial for 10 or 15 murders.
2 You got a pretty heavy bunch of bulldogs there. Somebody
3 got to hold those animals in their cages. You're
4 running out of rats now. Now, you're getting down to the
5 meat of the penitentiary. So, the guards come up and
6 he does something wrong. He unlocks the cell and here
7 comes two Mexicans in the cell and another guy with a
8 screwdriver and a guy with a wrench. I said, "Who racked
9 that gate?"

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: We're getting away
11 from this.

12 INMATE MANSON: Who racked the gate? You see,
13 who racked the gate? They racked the gate, and one of
14 those guys comes in with a knife into my cell. You guys
15 are supposed to look out for me. They kill people here.
16 You look out for yourself. That's who you're supposed
17 to look after. So, when they do that to me, and I
18 punch back at them. Then you say I got my goddamned jaw
19 broke and eye punctured and teeth knocked out.

20 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I didn't make any
21 judgment.

22 INMATE MANSON: I didn't write him up for nothing.
23 He punched me. If I'm right then he don't have to punch
24 me.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let's go to the next

1 one. We'll talk about it. This is also a CDC 128B,
 2 Informational Chrono, and this is signed by F. T. Barros,
 3 B-a-r-r-o-s, program -- is that ITA? This is signed
 4 by two people, Barros and the program lieutenant, Ben
 5 Chambers, C-h-a-m-b-e-r-s, who is a CPS I.

6 INMATE MANSON: Chambers.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: And Barros.

8 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Okay.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: It says, this is
 10 dated 6/16/81:

11 "On 6/16/81 at approximately 8:20 A.M.,
 12 Manson, Charles, B-33920, currently housed
 13 in W-2-1-2 was issued his personal property.
 14 When informed that he could not keep his
 15 guitar in his cell, Manson became upset,
 16 stepped out of the cell, began walking down
 17 the tier toward the shower area. As he was
 18 walking he stated, 'If you're not going to
 19 give me my guitar, put me in the hole.'
 20 Manson ignored my orders but stopped walking
 21 as I caught up with him. As I attempted to
 22 persuade him back to the cell, he again
 23 started to walk away. As he did, I took hold
 24 of his left arm. He immediately stated,
 25 'Get your hands off me.' When I released

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1 him, he returned to his cell shouting
2 obscenities and derogatory comments towards
3 me. After he entered his cell, he proceeded
4 to destroy his radio, earphones, prescription
5 glasses and other miscellaneous property
6 including photos."

7 Now, did that happen Mr. Manson?

8 INMATE MANSON: No, I didn't destroy my glasses.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Did you destroy any
10 of your property?

11 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I tore a little bit of
12 that up.

13 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Were you angry?

14 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: What caused you to be
16 mad?

17 INMATE MANSON: Sometimes you can't hold the
18 pressure. There's a lot of pressure in those cells. You
19 stay in there 10, 15 years, pretty soon it's like a
20 little matchbox. You got to release that. We talk like
21 that in here. We cuss each other out. Butch will say,
22 "Hey, how is that good pussy?" I'll say, "Fuck you in
23 the ass." That's the way we talk in here. We're men.
24 Women come up here, and what are we supposed to say,
25 "Up your rump." What would I say? I don't know about

1 women. I never lived around women. I lived around men.
2 Women do things different. Does that make sense what
3 I'm saying?

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Yeah. I think
5 possibly it's basically true that you don't change your
6 --

7 INMATE MANSON: I'm a crook. I'm the guy in the
8 alley.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I'm sure what you said
10 is true. If you'll listen to me. I think that since
11 they introduced female correctional officers in the
12 institutional setting probably the language still
13 continues.

14 INMATE MANSON: Bigger than you know, and they
15 ain't put some things to you that happen. I smacked the
16 shit out of one of them behind the chapel coming in,
17 there playing that shit, trying to get some trouble
18 started.

19 I'm in the Supreme Court of whatever I need to
20 be. If I can file my right papers with my attorney,
21 He's a youngster, and the world's his if he wants a place
22 to live.

23 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let's talk about this
24 last one. Anything else you want to say about that
25 last chrono?

1 INMATE MANSON: About Chambers?

2 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Yeah.

3 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I get on Chambers quite
4 a bit sometimes.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You don't like him?

6 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I do like him.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You don't have a
8 personality conflict?

9 INMATE MANSON: If I didn't like him, I wouldn't
10 get on him.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That makes sense to
12 some extent.

13 INMATE MANSON: Sometimes your best teacher is
14 your worst enemy.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Now, I'm going to
16 reflect for the record that there were two administrative
17 115's. I'm not going to read them all into the record,
18 because I don't think they're serious. I'm going to read
19 three more. You did have a rule violation report
20 where you violated §3015 of the Rules on November 10,
21 1980. This was written up by J. L. M-i-l-l-e-s,
22 CPS 1. This was where you were in an authorized area.
23 I notice that you were found guilty based upon the
24 contents of the reports that you admitted the charges
25 with modification. I think it was R. W. Myhre, M-y-h-r-

1 Was he the disciplinary officer?

2 INMATE MANSON: Yes.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: And they only gave you
4 a warning and counselling on that occasion.

5 INMATE MANSON: What did I do then?

6 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Apparently what you
7 were doing at that time, it says about 2:40 P.M. he
8 relieved Officer Curtis from duty on West Willis unit.
9 He was informed by Officer Curtis that you had not
10 returned from the job assignment at the Protestant chapel.
11 About 3:00 o'clock he called the chapel and was informed
12 that you had been escorted back to Willis unit at 2:30.
13 He searched the unit and found you in the Willis kitchen.

14 INMATE MANSON: Would you notice that it was
15 Curtis, Officer Curtis, that sent Officer Miles to me.
16 He sent Mr. Miles to me. Mr. Miles didn't have the mind
17 to come to me on his own. I called him two or three
18 times. I said, "Here boy, come on." And he was still
19 shaking them jangles and going Bojangles. He was still
20 out there working right there in the field.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Okay. Anything else
22 on that one?

23 INMATE MANSON: I lived in a chain gang.

24 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Slow down a little bit
25 so the reporter can get it too. The second one I'm going

1 to read into the record is an administrative 115. It's
2 a violation of §3005(a). This happened December 14th,
3 1980, about 10:00 A.M., and it was disobeying an order.
4 You kind of probably want a little briefing on what
5 happened. This was Officer Curtis again, C-u-r-t-i-s,
6 and at that time the other inmates on the tier were
7 locked up. He -- is it a he or she, Curtis?

8 INMATE MANSON: Curtis.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Male or female?

10 INMATE MANSON: I don't know. I would think that
11 he was man.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You refused lock up,
13 and you were outside the cell and refused lock up. As
14 a result of that it delayed their issuance of ice cream
15 to the remainder of the tier. You were found guilty
16 based on your own admission, and you got five days' cell
17 confinement, suspended for 60 days pending clean conduct.
18 Is there anything else you want to talk about in terms
19 of that?

20 INMATE MANSON: Basically what did I do there?

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You didn't lock up,
22 and you delayed the ice cream.

23 INMATE MANSON: But, then I generally do when I
24 see it is beneficial to everyone else.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Next one I'm going to

1 read into the record because it involves the same person,
2 that subject that was involved earlier today. It was
3 Booke. It is described as being an administrative 115,
4 but the conduct itself would seem to be a little more
5 serious than the other two. This happened on February
6 2nd of this year.

7 INMATE MANSON: This is a bad conduct here?

8 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Disrespect toward an
9 officer.

10 INMATE MANSON: Disrespect towards the man I've
11 always called the officer, a man. So, I disrespected
12 the man. Yeah, I disrespected the man. All these years
13 I thought it was a man that was keeping me locked up.
14 I didn't know it was my mother or I would have gone out
15 to her graveyard and got her head. What I'm trying to
16 do is do right by anybody as good as I know how on the
17 levels that I'm working on. We all got different levels.
18 Well, I'm right alongside of you. I know the space ship
19 is going up.

20 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let's don't get off
21 on a trip now.

22 INMATE MANSON: I don't know how to communicate
23 unless I can lay a foundation.

24 REPRESENTATION SEABRIDGE: As long as we can
25 understand what you are doing.

1 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Well, it's simply this,
2 man. Yeah, I say things like that, and I do things like
3 that. Sometimes I even fuck the waitress on top of the
4 pool table. Ask anybody who stayed around and watched.
5 I didn't have any inhibitions. You took them away and
6 as far as patting her ass, if she's wrong, if she's going
7 to send a black guy to pick up my old lady, and the black
8 man says he's God, and he tells my old lady that he's
9 somebody and say he's going to take that pussy. I'll
10 shoot holes in you again. I go back to the mother fucking
11 pistols. So, he brings me that shit. How am I supposed
12 to deal with it, like a little girl leaping through
13 death row? Like a little rooster saying what are you
14 doing?

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I'm going to read what
16 happened, and you tell me about that. It says:

17 "About 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon on
18 2/2/81 while making a security check of
19 W-2-East, Manson, B-33290, housed in W-2-18
20 called me over to his cell. He pointed to
21 a picture on his wall and stated, 'She's
22 been doing your job for 25 years.' Manson
23 then stated, 'You're a French fucking whore,
24 Booke.' He then yelled, 'Get in this cell
25 and lay on the bed. I'll make a woman out

1 of you. You fucking whore."

2 Tell us what was going on in your mind?

3 INMATE MANSON: There wasn't a man on the tier
4 that said any different. If there wasn't a man in the
5 tier that said any different, then what does that make
6 her.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: What was your reasoning?

8 INMATE MANSON: If I go piss on the tree and
9 another dog sees it, what does that tell him? What does
10 it tell? If I give her protection from getting her neck
11 broke, that's your old lady. That's your wife. I said,
12 "Cool it man girl, what the hell are you doing here.
13 You're going to get thrown in the cell and fucked out of
14 your gourd. You better get out of here." The guys are
15 thinking about it. I'll take a hostage. It's only a
16 115. I say, "Don't take her as hostage." I took the
17 first hostage. I guess if you were flying in a plane,
18 but anyway that thought came down. She brought that on
19 herself looking for attention. Painting her fingernails
20 and going through changes and going through feminine
21 games. You're going to wear their uniform, you serve
22 the function the uniform dictates. Don't bring your
23 personal bullshit in here. If you're going to be in the
24 army, be in the army right or get the hell out of it.
25 That's what this told me.

1 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let me ask you a
2 question. Do you approve or disapprove of female officers?

3 INMATE MANSON: I don't approve or disapprove
4 other than what comes from me.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: But, I mean is this
6 a problem with you?

7 INMATE MANSON: It's a problem with me in terms
8 of all over. I have trouble with this big old greasy
9 guy. I have trouble with him.

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Did you have more
11 trouble with female officers than with male officers?

12 INMATE MANSON: No. It's more predominant with
13 the female than the other ones because she wants it
14 more. The other ones don't know what they want yet.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: What do you mean?

16 INMATE MANSON: The psych evaluation. What can
17 I say man. Life is life. Some people know about it,
18 and some people study it. I'm kind of stupid.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Just for the record,
20 you were found guilty of that one, and they invoked a
21 5 day confinement to quarters that was suspended for the
22 one on 14 December 1980. There were assessed also 16
23 hours extra duty, suspended 60 days, clean conduct and
24 5 days confinement to quarters which commenced on
25 4 February, 1981. So, did you do that? Did you do your

1 confinement to quarters for that?

2 INMATE MANSON: On February?

3 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Yeah.

4 INMATE MANSON: I don't remember February to tell
5 you the truth. He said one day at a time, and I've been
6 living what the old man told me.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let's talk about a
8 couple more. These are a little more serious and I want
9 you to explain them. On June 13 it says -- by mistake
10 it says 1918.

11 INMATE MANSON: Could have been.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Well, I don't think
13 so.

14 INMATE MANSON: Oh, yes. I was here then too.
15 I was in jail. When Lincoln kicked your ass and you got
16 all those black guys coming to jail, I said, "Look, here
17 come the niggers."

18 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: This was threatening
19 staff.

20 INMATE MANSON: Oh boy, that was heavy.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: It says:

22 "Approximately 3:20 P.M. on 6/16/81, Manson,
23 Charles, B-33920 previously assigned to
24 W-2-12 arrived at Willis unit escorted by
25 the Catholic Father. While discussing the

1 lateness of Manson's arriving to the unit
2 which was a violation of this day parole
3 agreement, Manson became upset, loud, very
4 abusive and hostile. Attempts to quiet
5 Manson resulted in a tirade of verbal abuse
6 and threats. Due to his behavior, I
7 ordered subject to be rehoused in W-1-20.
8 Upon arriving at W-1-East, Manson stated,
9 'You are walking around on my grave, you
10 gutless mother fucker. You better watch out,
11 in the parking lot.' Then, ordered to quiet
12 down and submit to an unclothed body search
13 prior to being housed in W-1-20 subject
14 stated, 'You want me to kill your two boys
15 here (referring to Correctional Officer
16 Smith and Correctional Officer Fernandez).
17 Their blood will be on your hands. What's
18 it to be, fuck or fight?' Subject made
19 numerous other threats towards staff before
20 submitting to search. Subject rehoused in
21 W-1-20 without further incident."

22 I'm going -- before I ask you to respond to it, I maybe
23 can clarify it. You were found guilty based on the
24 threatening statement made by you at the hearing. But,
25 it was noted that because the Willis staff may have acted

1 in a nonprofessional manner and there was a report by
2 Father Lesley, and in the interest of justice, you were
3 given a warning on that occasion and there is attached
4 to that report a State of California memorandum dated
5 8/13/81 addressed to Sergeant Dyer, D-y-e-r, Willis unit.
6 It's signed by the Catholic Chaplain, Pat Lesley, Father
7 Pat Lesley. In essence, I think that he did give some
8 explanation to what occurred on that occasion. I think
9 that was treated with mitigating circumstances. Do you
10 want to comment?

11 INMATE MANSON: We must hold respect somewhere.
12 Some of us have to hold it with our fists.

13 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: The final one that we
14 have is talking about threatening staff. This is rules
15 violation 3005. It's most recently dated 9/16/81 at
16 12:00 P.M. It's signed by F. T. Warnock, W-a-r-n-o-c-k,
17 who's a CPS 1. It states:

18 "Approximately 12:00 P.M. this date while
19 assisting CPS I. J. Chambers, in escorting
20 Inmate Manson, B-33920, back to his cell,
21 W-2-18, Manson stated, 'I can kill you. I
22 can have your family killed. Do you know
23 that? Do you want me to get something to
24 kill you with?' Manson was directing these
25 threats to me personally as I ordered him

1 to comply with an unclothed body search and
2 he refused. At this point CPS 1 Chambers,
3 and Sergeant Dyer entered phase 1 and, with
4 their assistance, Manson was made to comply
5 with an unclothed body search. Inmate Manson
6 was informed that he would receive a 115
7 for his actions."

8 The disposition on this was that you were found guilty.
9 Your explanation that you did not say you were going to
10 kill him or the family. You stated, "I earned that when
11 I wanted." They gave you five days' DND credit for time
12 served, 40 hours extra duty to be performed under the
13 supervision of Willis staff, extra duties to be commenced
14 after the custody of Closed A. Any comments you want
15 to speak to on that?

16 INMATE MANSON: It's like this, I wrote a letter.
17 I told the lumber company if they keep cutting the trees
18 down the way they are cutting the trees down, you're
19 going to destroy all the chances we got for life balance
20 on the earth planet. Your air and water don't buy or
21 sell. Nobody cares about anything but money. If it
22 ain't profitable, you can't move it. So, the air and
23 water keeps on dying. Keep sawing the trees down and
24 destroying the atmosphere, polluting the streams, it's
25 always been that way. You see, it keeps on going and

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11 I wanted." They gave you five days' DND credit for time
12 served, 40 hours extra duty to be performed under the
13 supervision of Willis staff, extra duties to be commenced
14 after the custody of Closed A. Any comments you want
15 to speak to on that?

16 INMATE MANSON: It's like this, I wrote a letter.
17 I told the lumber company if they keep cutting the trees
18 down the way they are cutting the trees down, you're
19 going to destroy all the chances we got for life balance
20 on the earth planet. Your air and water don't buy or
21 sell. Nobody cares about anything but money. If it
22 ain't profitable, you can't move it. So, the air and
23 water keeps on dying. Keep sawing the trees down and
24 destroying the atmosphere, polluting the streams, it's
25 always been that way. You see, it keeps on going and

1 you say, "Well, somebody's got to do something. Somebody's
2 got to say something about it." So, you ask a question.
3 Am I going to kill? They're already dead. They've
4 already destroyed themselves in all kinds of ways. To
5 catch life balance on the planet earth is going to be
6 the next job. Your going to catch it back on the ground.
7 They're going to blow it up. You're going to catch it
8 back on the ground, farmer. They're in that last cabin,
9 and don't let any kids go to school. See, it's so
10 simple. But, to explain it to people that don't
11 understand, they think -- what time is it? I haven't
12 got any time, I've been in jail so long that it doesn't
13 really matter. It's going to happen whatever happens.
14 But, when they blame me for it, well, I guess I could
15 carry it for awhile.

16 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let me ask you now, is
17 there anything else? I'm going to talk about the
18 psychiatric report and we're going to have the Reverend
19 come in and talk to us.

20 INMATE MANSON: There is one other thing I would
21 like to say.

22 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Tell us what you want
23 to say?

24 INMATE MANSON: These people I wrote the letter
25 to, they said you threatened our lives and threatened to

1 kill our children. All I did was tell the truth. You
2 don't have a lot of time speaking from this day right
3 now. When I see the butterflies gone, the goats are
4 gone, the leopards are gone, I look out and think, what
5 the hell, the snakes are dying. The guy is coming out
6 with red coats and shooting everything. Aint nobody
7 here that cares, only girl scouts. So, I got my little
8 troop out there and let's play girl scouts. Put up a
9 rainbow for peace and order, justice. However they did
10 it was none of my business. If they owe me something
11 and they pay me, I don't have to be recalled for what
12 they say. I don't have to be recalled for what they do.
13 If they kill a hundred thousand million people, it's
14 right there just like it's always been there.

15 MR. DERONDE: Charles, did you threaten this
16 Warnock person?

17 INMATE MANSON: No. I threatened him like this.
18 I've done everything you told me to do. I keep doing
19 things like that. Now, you give me nine years, and a
20 90 day evaluation. The doctor had a heart attack, and
21 the other doctor gained 150 pounds. I see he did. I
22 wonder why I'm walking down the side of him. Then, I
23 say, "Let me out of this 90 day evaluation." They say
24 they want to lock me up because you're aware we hold
25 you for being insecure. I say, "Are you so insecure you

1 would hold one guy in a cell and play a game on me?" I'm
2 only just one of you unless you won't let me be one of
3 you. Then, let me go.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I think you answered
5 Mr. DeRonde's question. Any other questions on that?

6 MR. DERONDE: No.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I'm going to -- I'll
8 come back.

9 INMATE MANSON: Wait a minute. You ain't seen
10 what good I did.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Okay. We'll take a
12 brief recess for a moment while the court reporter
13 changes her tape.

14 (Whereupon a brief recess was taken.)

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Okay. We're back on
16 record. The time is approximately one minute after we
17 took a brief break. We got to go back to the hearing
18 now, Mr. Manson. What I'm going to tell you at this time
19 is we're going to talk about the psychiatric report later
20 on, and we're going to have a Reverend come in and give
21 testimony about how you worked this year for him and
22 anything else he wants to speak on. I'm going to ask
23 Panel members and any persons that have a role in the
24 hearing, any questions? Mr. Chaderjian, anything in these
25 areas?

1 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: No questions.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. Roos?

3 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: No, Mr. Seabridge.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. DeRonde?

5 MR. DeRONDE: No.

6 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. Kay?

7 MR. KAY: Nothing.

8 INMATE MANSON: I was going to play Humphrey
9 Bogart today.

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Now, I'm not going to
11 go over the previous psychiatric reports because I've
12 indicated they have been well gone over in the past.
13 I've indicated they will be a part of the record by
14 incorporation into the record. I want to read the most
15 recent one by Dr. Rotella, R-o-t-e-l-l-a, who is a
16 senior psychiatrist in the Willis unit. Do you know
17 Dr. Rotella?

18 INMATE MANSON: Under Dr. Praul?

19 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I think so.

20 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I think I've heard of him.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Have you ever talked
22 to him?

23 INMATE MANSON: I've talked to him a few times.

24 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You talked before he
25 wrote the report, is that correct?

1 INMATE MANSON: It's possible. We might have
2 met in the hall and exchanged glances.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Did you have any
4 conversation with him this year?

5 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I mentioned that he gained
6 a lot of weight and that they busted the doctor in the
7 mentally retarded school for sex education, jacking off
8 the little retarded boys over there. We talked about
9 some sociological changes and hypnosis and different
10 thoughts like that that doctors talk about.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Again, I have to do
12 something that you're not fond of. But, I have to read
13 something into the record.

14 INMATE MANSON: You guys ain't going to whip me
15 or nothing, are you?

16 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: All right. At this
17 time I'm going to indicate for the record that this is
18 a psychiatric report prepared for the hearing today. It
19 was comprised by Dr. Rotella, R-o-t-e-l-l-a, and it's
20 dated 9/25/81. The report, itself, is addressed as far
21 as he's concerned to a psychiatric update of his previous
22 reports. He's referred us to his prior medical psychiatric
23 history in reports of May 26, 1976; September 29, 1978;
24 August 30th, 1979; and October 3rd, 1980. I'm going to
25 quote essentially this rather long paragraph, and you

1 can respond to it or your attorney can respond to it.

2 He states:

3 "Manson continues to program the Willis unit
4 in a satisfactory fashion. But, from time to
5 time he has sporadic emotional outbursts
6 mostly involving custodial practices in a
7 lockup unit regarding skin searches and his
8 inability to bring back from his mainline or
9 re-entry program nicknacks that he makes,
10 obtains, or receives from other inmates.

11 Shortly the Willis unit subclassification
12 committee is planning to refer Charles to a
13 Category C program in LaMarch, L-a-M-a-r-c-h,
14 at CMF and Dr. Brooks, B-r-o-o-k-s, senior
15 psychiatrist, as well as Dr. Mattocks,
16 M-a-t-t-o-c-k-s, senior psychologist, appear
17 to be receptive and working with the subject
18 if he is accepted in the program. Frankly,
19 this writer is at a loss for other pertinent
20 information except that Manson is not
21 receiving antipsychotic medication nor has
22 he manifested any symptamotology for an overt
23 psychotic break since I last wrote the
24 psychiatric update report of October 3rd,
25 1980. This psychiatrist is also of the

1 opinion that Manson has reached maximum
2 benefits from the present housing in the
3 Willis unit, and any further stay in the
4 unit would be psychiatrically deleterious
5 and contraindicated."

6 INMATE MANSON: He should have wrote that six
7 years ago.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE:

9 "Manson has been long overdue in being
10 placed in a mainline setting, and what has
11 been a major factor in keeping him in security
12 housing unit has been staff concern that
13 Charles' life might be threatened by some
14 young inmate who might want to stab him in
15 order to gain a reputation and stature with
16 his prison peers. The subject has stated in
17 the past and continues to assert that he
18 does not feel threatened, and to greatly
19 disspell a disbelief that his life would be
20 threatened in a mainline setting is the length
21 of time Manson has been in the Willis unit
22 without any untold violence incident material-
23 izing. Lastly, Charles is willing to take
24 this risk. To conclude, this writer is of
25 the opinion that if Manson is not accepted

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in a CMF mainline program, other housing in a protective housing unit setting would be found where Manson might have more privileges and be in a less restrictive environment than he presently finds himself in."

Do you understand what he's saying? Did you discuss that with him?

INMATE MANSON: No, but he's partly honest.

REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Is what he says true?

INMATE MANSON: Partly.

REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Do you believe you could function in a mainline setting?

INMATE MANSON: I've been dead all my life.

REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Do you fear that you could be attacked by some young fellow?

INMATE MANSON: That's always been a game.

REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Do you fear that?

INMATE MANSON: Fear what?

REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Being attacked by some younger guy who wants to build a reputation?

INMATE MANSON: Little kids? What does he want to attack? Come on little kid. I don't know, man. I was just thinking out loud. I don't have any problems with kids. If they come up to me with a knife, I generally take it away from them and then I give it back

1 and ask, "What did you want to do that for? Do you want
2 me to teach you something else today?"

3 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: You don't take any
4 medication?

5 INMATE MANSON: No, but I move quicker than you
6 could think, and everybody respects me in jail, all the
7 convicts respect me all the way through just like I told
8 the judge. I said, "You don't hear my voice in the
9 courtroom, but you hear my voice back here at Leavenworth.
10 You hear my voice in Atlanta. You hear the ring of my
11 voice in Attica. You hear me all around the goddamned
12 planet."

13 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Let me ask you a
14 question, Mr. Manson. Do you think you've ever been
15 mentally ill?

16 INMATE MANSON: Mentally ill? Yeah. He said
17 when I get out I'm going to get a slingshot and break
18 all the windows out of this joint. He came back five
19 years later and asked me what I was going to do when I
20 got out of this joint and I said break all the windows.
21 He came back 20 years later and asked me what I was
22 going to do and I said I was going to get a job, get a
23 girl, drive around. Then, I'm going to lift her dress
24 up, take her garter belt, make a slingshot, and break all
25 the windows out of this joint.

1 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I just want your
2 opinion.

3 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Yeah. All right. I make
4 you guys a deal. You put me in a position where I can
5 do something for myself, and I'm glad to help myself
6 in turn. I can. I'm not going to play no snitch games.
7 I'm not going to play any tough guy games. I'm not
8 going to play that, but in the truth, if you want me to
9 walk in the mainline, I won't have no trouble because
10 there ain't one swing in this whole planet that don't
11 know what I can do.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Now, at this time,
13 Mr. Roos, I'm going to make a suggestion. I don't know
14 where the Reverend is and whether he has to be secured.
15 All I was going to do is ask he be brought in.

16 INMATE MANSON: He's gone.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: See if he's nearby?

18 INMATE MANSON: You left him hanging around.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: What I'm going to ask
20 is if anybody has any comments. I'll ask Mr. Chaderjian.

21 MR. DERONDE: Can I ask a couple of questions
22 along that line? Do you fear any racial problems on the
23 mainline?

24 INMATE MANSON: Do I fear any problems? In the
25 witness stand -- you guys read your cases, but you don't

1 believe them. You only believe them when you want to
 2 believe them. You believe your presidents when you want
 3 to believe them.. What happened to the guy that took
 4 the witness stand in '69 with bullet holes in him? Did
 5 he tell if I was afraid or not?

6 MR. DeRONDE: Let me ask you this. Did black
 7 inmates or any other minority, do you think they have
 8 any hatred towards you?

9 INMATE MANSON: What good would it do them? They
 10 do what I say.

11 MR. DeRONDE: They respect you?

12 INMATE MANSON: They do what I tell them. I tell
 13 them to sit down, and they sit down. Give me a
 14 cigarette; and they give me a cigarette. How you doing?
 15 I'm hearing the truth. I'm not faking on you.

16 MR. DeRONDE: You want to get on the mainline?

17 INMATE MANSON: I want to go somewhere where I
 18 have space. I have a little teeny thing. I have a
 19 mouse in the box, but I only got that much space. Give
 20 me something. I mean, goddamn it, don't keep me locked
 21 up in a little tiny box like that forever. What I would
 22 do is send me to camp.

23 MR. DeRONDE: One step at a time.

24 INMATE MANSON: What ground you put me on is the
 25 ground I reflect. If you put me with insanity, then I'm

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1 going to reflect insanity. If I'm going to be put with
2 rational, I might get rational. You can't put a guy
3 in a nut ward 10 or 15 years and then have him come back
4 out and be the guy he was. I'm doing the damnedest I can
5 in the balance of all these people. You've had me not
6 only in the unicorn, unborn and through that and every-
7 thing else you can think of for the next 50 years. I
8 told you all I was a teddy bear in '54 and you didn't
9 understand what that meant.

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: We're getting off the
11 track again. Mr. DeRonde?

12 MR. DeRONDE: I don't have anything further.

13 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: No questions in the
14 psych area. I would request that prior to Reve and
15 Ristad's testimony that the 128 previously referred to
16 of 4/28/81 be read into the record before us.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Maybe I missed one.
18 Thank you if I did.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: There was reference
20 to a CDC 128 written by the Reverend pertaining to the
21 work assignment as chapel porter.

22 INMATE MANSON: Right. Why don't you send me
23 to skin diving school and teach me to be a skin diver.
24 In fact, we could go now if you want to. You got the
25 car out there.

1 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Let's go off the
2 record for just a minute. The time is approximately
3 3:00 o'clock.

4 (Whereupon a brief recess was taken.)

5 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. The time is
6 2 minutes after 3:00 o'clock. We're back on the record.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Okay. There was
8 reference to a 128 submitted on behalf of you dated
9 4/28/81.

10 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Excuse me just a
11 minute, Mr. Seabridge. The Reverend has left the area
12 outside the door. He should be back. When he comes
13 back they'll notify us. Excuse me, Mr. Seabridge.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I think what we're
15 referring to is one that we weren't finding immediately
16 because it's -- there is one dated 4/28/81 which is a
17 128, and it's submitted by E. W. Coldren, Jr.,
18 C-o-l-d-r-e-n, correctional counsellor II. I guess we
19 were looking for one that was hopefully signed by the
20 Reverend. But, apparently it was not. But, it says,
21 "per the request of Reverend Nick Ristad, this case is
22 referred to ICC for consideration of modifying Manson's
23 previously approved day parole. Currently the Reverend
24 Ristad escorts Manson to and from the prison program
25 chapel. Reverend Ristad is requesting that Manson be

1 be allowed to come to work without escort. The control
2 mechanism would be that Reverend Ristad would phone the
3 Willis unit requesting that Manson be released for his
4 workday. At the end of the workday, approximately
5 2:30 P.M., the Reverend Ristad would phone the Willis
6 unit and inform them that Manson is returning. Manson
7 would be expected to return promptly or would be
8 subjected to disciplinary action. It is also requested
9 that Manson be allowed to eat in the short line in the
10 main dining room." The Reverend Ristad indicates that
11 Manson's work performance has been acceptable, and he
12 feels this is a modification to the day parole program,
13 and it's acceptable at this time. They also indicated
14 that there was no CDC 101 which is usually a work
15 supervisor report where they have 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's and
16 5's. Did you ever receive one?

17 INMATE MANSON: I went to the captain, and the
18 captain says this. And I say, "Whatever you want now
19 captain, I ain't paying no attention to you. From this
20 point on you just playing in your own game." I don't
21 even know what that is.

22 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: It's a work supervisor
23 report. The form number for the department is 101. 1
24 is exceptional, 2 is above average. 3 is average. 4 is
25 below average. And 5 is not acceptable.

1 INMATE MANSON: But, the trial was not acceptable.

2 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Perhaps we could
3 defer any further discussion with respect to the
4 Reverend until he shows up.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Is there any
6 discussion about the clinical assessment at this time,
7 the reports for this year?

8 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: No questions.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. Roos?

10 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: No, Mr. Seabridge.

11 INMATE MANSON: Let me ask one. If you say I
12 hypnotized those kids, why don't you let the kids go?

13 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. DeRonde?

14 MR. DeRONDE: No.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. Kay?

16 MR. KAY: No.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I'll return it back
18 to the chair.

19 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. At this
20 time we want to talk about the area of parole, and
21 Mr. Chaderjian will handle that.

22 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Mr. Manson, let me
23 put on record a brief resume of parole plan responses
24 and then I'll ask you to make any statement that you
25 care to make in this regard.

1 Initially, when you were received by the Department
2 of Corrections you were subsequently housed in the
3 reception and guidance center here at Vacaville.
4 Statements were made to the staff pertaining to the
5 re-entry program. You made various statements that you
6 wanted to be paroled to the Death Valley area, that it
7 was your intent to live in the wilderness, that you had
8 no intention of working. You simply wanted to live off
9 the land. Nothing was documented further until your
10 initial life parole consideration hearing in October of
11 1978. The Board report that was submitted pertaining
12 to parole release plans has statements that were
13 consistent with the aforementioned statements which were
14 articulated by you in 1972 with one addition. At that
15 time you added that there was a second reason for wanting
16 to live in the desert, and that was to escape the news
17 media. Do you recall that statement?

18 INMATE MANSON: Might have been, yeah.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: And then in 1979 the
20 Board report indicated, again, plans consistent with the
21 prior statements as have been previously placed on
22 record. You did not appear during the course of that
23 hearing. It was additionally noted that there were no
24 job offers in the file. There were no firm parole
25 release plans, and we're aware that without a parole

1 date it's difficult to have concrete parole release
 2 plans. But in any event, in the November 4, 1980 hearing
 3 you made statements to the Panel stating that you felt
 4 that what the Panel wanted from you was a plan that fit
 5 into society. You said that, "I don't fit into your
 6 society."

7 INMATE MANSON: Not unless you all do what I tell
 8 you.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: And you added that
 10 we've already established that you don't fit into
 11 society. But, then you went on to make certain statements
 12 such as you had offers to join friends on an Indian
 13 reservation. You've had offers for employment on a
 14 sheep ranch in Scotland. You've had an offer to go to
 15 France, Australia and South America. You had an offer
 16 to go on a sailboat and sail around the world and so on.

17 INMATE MANSON: They don't mean nothing if you
 18 can't get out of the gate.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: The current Board
 20 report which is submitted by correctional program
 21 supervisor Warnock, W-a-r-n-o-c-k, again tells us that
 22 there are no concrete plans. There are no job offers.
 23 He refers to your prior statement pertaining to wanting
 24 to live in the desert upon release, and he adds this.
 25 He says during one of my interviews he (referring to you)

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1 stated the following: "By the time I get out, I'll
2 parole to space." Do you recall that statement?

3 INMATE MANSON: Yes.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Okay. Then, he
5 prognosticates that the possibility of release at this
6 time vis-a-vis in relation to your probable release
7 date negate any plans at this time. So, that's what we
8 have documented in the area of parole release plans.

9 The transcripts of prior hearings referred to
10 contains additional information in the area of questioning
11 pertaining to salable skills which you possess or do not
12 possess. You informed more than one Panel that you had
13 completed several vocational programs particularly in
14 federal institutions in the past, and you had sufficient
15 skills to get by if you had to rely on it. With that,
16 then, on record is there anything specifically that you
17 wanted to share with this Panel now pertaining to parole
18 release plans?

19 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Out ain't free, and free
20 ain't out. I'm trying to get -- I got out, but I
21 couldn't be free. Now, I'm trying to get out where I
22 can be free. If I have to work it through or whatever I
23 have to do is what will happen. It's already there inside
24 because I didn't break the law to start with. Sooner or
25 later, in the truth, you have to give me a trial in a

1 courtroom. Even if they parole me right now, they're
2 still going to have to give me a trial in a courtroom.
3 Everytime you've been wrong with me, you're going to
4 have to make it right. When the highway patrol cheated
5 and stole my stuff, they got to make it right. They're
6 not police for God, they're police for dollar.

7 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Mr. Manson, let me
8 digress for a minute. I notice that the Reverend has
9 entered the room. Rather than ask Panel members and
10 other participants if they have any comments in the area
11 of parole release plans, Mr. Roos, let me return the
12 hearing to you.

13 INMATE MANSON: Why can't I just pay your salary.

14 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you,
15 Mr. Chaderjian. As you were talking the Reverend came
16 in about 3:00 o'clock. It's now about -- excuse me.
17 The Reverend came in about 10 after 3:00. it's now
18 about 13 after 3:00. Reverend, at this time could you
19 go over and take a seat on the other side of Mr. DeRonde,
20 the attorney? Thank you for coming in this afternoon,
21 Reverend Ristad.

22 Would you mind if we placed you under oath to
23 affirm to tell the truth?

24 REVEREND RISTAD: I guess I would, yeah.

25 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Well, it's not

1 necessary. At this time we want to ask you some
 2 questions, or I guess Mr. Manson or Mr. Manson's attorney
 3 would like to ask you questions regarding something
 4 to do with his institutional conduct. So, at this time,
 5 I'll return the hearing to Mr. Seabridge who was chairing
 6 that portion of the hearing, the institutional behavior.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Thank you very much,
 8 Mr. Roos. I think our procedure may be somewhat unique
 9 today, but it was on the request of Mr. Manson that he
 10 originally requested that the Panel today allow you to
 11 sit in on the full hearing. We made a decision that
 12 we didn't feel that it was necessary, but we did make
 13 a concession to allow you to come in and give personal
 14 testimony based upon the request of both Mr. DeRonde,
 15 the attorney for Mr. Manson, and Mr. Manson. We don't
 16 know if you were aware you were going to be asked to do
 17 so or not.

18 REVEREND RISTAD: Mr. Manson asked that I be with
 19 him when this hearing was being held. I assumed it was
 20 to have a friend.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That's not the normal
 22 procedure, and we ruled against that. You've been the
 23 person who has been close to him in terms of his
 24 employment this last year and a half, is that correct?

25 REVEREND RISTAD: Yes, that's right.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: And I think perhaps
2 what he wants you to speak to is his work performance
3 in relationship to his assignment in the chapel where
4 you preside. I think just of your own volition you can
5 do that. If you want to give a verbal report, and then
6 we'll take questions.

7 REVEREND RISTAD: Mr. Manson has performed all
8 the duties I've assigned him to do and has been very
9 diligent in his respect of both the chapel and the rules
10 that were set down for him in terms of the institution
11 thing, "This is where you can move, and this is where
12 you can't move, and this is how you're to do it." I'm
13 out of the chapel some of the time. I have to go into
14 the wings, and I have never had any worry that Mr. Manson
15 wouldn't stay within bounds or wander off on his own.
16 That's been true.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Okay. In reading the
18 record, there's a couple of questions that come to my
19 mind, and perhaps some of the other Panel members have
20 questions and other persons who are playing an active
21 role in the hearing today. One of the things that we
22 did note and read into the record was an apparent
23 communication from you to the institutional classification
24 committee which you'd asked them to consider as to
25 whether or not it was necessary for Mr. Manson to be

1 escorted to and from his work assignment. Apparently
2 back in April you had presented this parole to them
3 feeling, I presume in your own mind, that Mr. Manson
4 was sufficiently capable of doing that, is that correct?

5 REVEREND RISTAD: Yes.

6 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Is that allowed?

7 REVEREND RISTAD: No, it wasn't.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Also, there's another
9 question I'm not entirely clear on in reading the record,
10 and you might clarify it. It appears that Mr. Manson,
11 for a period of time, this last year, was deprived of
12 day parole privileges for awhile?

13 REVEREND RISTAD: Yes, he was.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Was that for sufficient
15 reason other than your being absent or just because you
16 were absent on vacation?

17 REVEREND RISTAD: No. As I understand, what
18 happened was that because the custody officers change
19 up there, there are procedures set for Mr. Manson to
20 come in and out of that unit. When the custody officers
21 change, they often change their procedure. As Mr. Manson
22 is concerned that he live by the rules, he's also then
23 concerned that others live by the rules that they set
24 for him. When they don't do that, he gets upset and
25 says, "Now, you're also changing the procedures just

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1 because you want to change it. It's not to be done that
2 way." In essence what he's saying, fair is fair. I
3 do what you say, and I live by your rules, and I live
4 by the rules you set down to be right. All of a sudden
5 some new person comes along and says I'm not going to
6 do it that way. Then, he gets angry and he refuses to
7 comply until obviously he has to comply after awhile.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: One of the other
9 things that we noticed in the record in reviewing this
10 past year's behavior chronos and 115's where there was
11 an incident where he received a CDC 115. You may want
12 to elaborate. Apparently it involved a situation where
13 the Catholic Chaplain in this particular institution had
14 some input into the behavior involved in that. Were you
15 aware of that, or were you aware of what occurred?

16 REVEREND RISTAD: Yes, I think if you're speaking
17 of the time when the Catholic Chaplain escorted him
18 back.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That's true.

20 REVEREND RISTAD: And the sergeant up there
21 verbally abused the Catholic Chaplain and Charley both.
22 The Catholic Chaplain came and told me about it, and
23 that's -- I said, "That's completely unprofessional
24 behavior. That's out of line, and I hope both of you
25 call the sergeant to answer for what he did." If he

1 wanted to berate somebody, he should have taken the
2 Catholic Chaplain into the office so it was not in
3 front of all the inmates, number one. Number two, the
4 thing he was berating him for, bringing Charley back
5 late, was a procedural thing. They had gotten it
6 straightened out, and he was to come back at 3:30, and
7 that's when the Catholic Chaplain brought him back. The
8 sergeant says, "No. He's supposed to be back at 2:30."
9 That had been the rule. So, neither one of them were
10 out of line.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Okay, sir. Are you
12 familiar with what they call in the department a work
13 supervisor report form 101? It's a white form that
14 rates people in their job performance from a 1 to 5
15 rating. The 1 being outstanding, and the 5 being not
16 acceptable. Apparently there was, from the record, none
17 prepared relative to his work performance this last
18 year.

19 REVEREND RISTAD: That's correct. There has been
20 none and I think probably because I'm allowed to have
21 four assignments, and Charley is my fifth assignment.
22 This is not the first time I have had a man from the
23 Willis unit into the chapel area. This is kind of a
24 normal process of helping men in this locked unit get
25 cultivated to the mainline and hopefully move out to

1 the mainline. When that has happened, they have assigned
2 these men to me in an unassigned position. They have
3 not had work chronos. I suppose if I needed to give
4 Charley a work chrono --

5 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That's what I was
6 going to ask you. You're familiar with those chronos?

7 REVEREND RISTAD: Yes.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: If so, where would
9 you rate Mr. Manson?

10 REVEREND RISTAD: With respect to state property
11 I would rate him as a 2, the highest is 1 and the lowest
12 is 5. With respect to state property I rate him as 2;
13 attitude towards inmates and staff I would rate as 2,
14 and maybe in some instances I might even rate that
15 between 1 and 2 because he's done some mediation. That's
16 enough. I won't elaborate.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: That's fine.

18 REVEREND RISTAD: Let's see.. Was it
19 persistence and diligence, I would rate somewhere between
20 a 4 and a 3. Discipline is not Charles' strong point
21 sometimes. Let's see. There's another one, quantity
22 of work. The work assigned to him I would rate that
23 between a 3 and a 4. I mean a 3 and a 2. He's always
24 done the work assignment and done it well.

25 INMATE MANSON: Can I interject something.

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1 Sometimes you have to break the line in order to
2 establish it.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Overall, what would
4 you rate him?

5 REVEREND RISTAD: Overall I'd rate him as a 2.

6 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Which, for the record,
7 is above average.

8 INMATE MANSON: That's one more than I would have
9 given.

10 REVEREND RISTAD: You can lower it, but you can't
11 raise it.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: I've tried to cover
13 areas that we didn't cover in our hearing. I'm going
14 to ask Mr. Chaderjian if he has questions to ask of you,
15 Reverend?

16 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: The incident that
17 Mr. Seabridge referred to that took place while Mr.
18 Manson was being escorted by the Catholic Father. You're
19 analysis was, referring to Manson's conduct as well as
20 the officer's conduct, I want to paraphrase. You said
21 they were both right.

22 REVEREND RISTAD: I'm saying that both Charley,
23 Mr. Manson, and Father Lesley were right in the assumption
24 that he should come back at 3:30.

25 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: The behavioral misconduct

1 had to do with threatening the staff?

2 REVEREND RISTAD: At that point I suggest that
3 that was instigated and provoked by the sergeant.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: And therefore,
5 acceptable?

6 REVEREND RISTAD: I'm not saying it's acceptable.

7 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: I don't understand,
8 and that's why I'm asking. He threatened to kill two
9 of the officers, referring to them as "your boys" "the
10 blood will be on your hand." Now, these statements
11 were from an individual who has been convicted of
12 multiple heinous violent crimes.

13 INMATE MANSON: Do you want me to explain it?

14 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: No. I want him to
15 explain it. And we'll let you later. We're you aware
16 that the 115 was written which quotes Manson?

17 REVEREND RISTAD: I never saw it.

18 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Did the Catholic
19 Chaplain in his discussions with you explain it to you?

20 REVEREND RISTAD: He explained that Charley got
21 a 115 from what happened up there and from what Father
22 Lesley explained to me.

23 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: So, you understood he
24 got the 115 because of the misunderstanding on the
25 arriving time as opposed to the conduct reflected in the

1 115?

2 REVEREND RISTAD: I understood the conduct was
3 provoked by the sergeant who was not living by procedure.

4 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: But, you were not
5 aware of the specific statement?

6 REVEREND RISTAD: No, I didn't know what the
7 specific statement was.

8 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Okay. Nothing further.

9 INMATE MANSON: Can I explain it? He watched
10 the barnyards and chickens. We have a pecking order in
11 here. So, when it all pecks off on the sergeant and I
12 come back from work and the sergeant puts it off on the
13 priest. When he puts it off on the priest, I say, "Give
14 it to me you coward son-of-a-bitch. If you can't hold
15 your job and if you can't hold your stripes, give me
16 the fucking stick, punk."

17 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Are you saying that
18 the inmate is on the pecking order of the sergeant?

19 INMATE MANSON: Sure. We're all in here
20 together. They get pecked on and pecked on and treated
21 with all kinds of disrespect. I don't disrespect the
22 police. The police will all tell you that I respect
23 them. But, I want them on their job if they're taking
24 my life in and out of hallways. See what I'm saying?
25 In other words, don't be putting nobody in my cell with

1 no knife again and screwdrivers trying to get me killed
2 again because I had to go to hell. Do you think I just
3 walked down in that church easy. They got keys and
4 knives where they find you hanging from the ventilators
5 at night. I don't -- I've been cleaning those walls
6 since I've been coming through the halls, and this house
7 is going to get right. R-i-g-h-t. That's the only way
8 your going to save your money. That's the only way
9 you're going to save your children, your country and
10 probably your world at the rate this nuclear thing you
11 got going on here.

12 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Thank you. I have
13 nothing further.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. Roos?

15 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Nothing.

16 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. DeRonde?

17 MR. DeRONDE: Yeah. What do you have Charley
18 doing?

19 REVEREND RISTAD: He does several things, cleans
20 up the alter area mainly. We've got a rug up there,
21 carpeting up there that needs cleaning and he takes care
22 of that. He helps the porter whose duties are to clean
23 up the chapel area, and he pitches in and helps out with
24 that. Also, he helps out in the garden.

25 MR. DeRONDE: Do you notice any change in his

1 attitude in the last year and a half?

2 REVEREND RISTAD: Markedly.

3 MR. DERONDE: In what respect?

4 REVEREND RISTAD: I think some of his anxiety
5 that you heard just now, and I'm not -- my question is
6 do you understand the symbolic language. If you don't
7 understand the symbolic language. Sometimes it's
8 frightening and pretty distant. He used that kind of
9 language and anxiety, that kind of pressure was very
10 high when he first came out. Now that has lessened to
11 a large extent, and he doesn't use this symbolic language
12 as he used to so that he is able to communicate more
13 directly and specifically with people about things. They
14 don't feel alienated and frustrated about the communica-
15 tion.

16 MR. DERONDE: Why didn't they allow him, if you
17 know, to go unescorted to chapel?

18 REVEREND RISTAD: I can't answer than specifically.
19 I think it's this institution. And I think all
20 institutions are terribly concerned about making
21 exceptions. So, they don't want to give in and do
22 anything for Charley that they wouldn't do for anybody
23 else. They are also concerned about his safety. As
24 Charley said, coming out of the chapel the first time
25 was going through, as he says it, knives and ventilators

1 which means suicide and violence, and people wanting to
2 get at him. That was also a very personal concern of
3 mine.

4 INMATE MANSON: But, I also said that was the
5 committee's opinion. That certainly had nothing to do
6 with reality.

7 REVEREND RISTAD: Well, anyway, there is that
8 concern.

9 MR. DeRONDE: You think he could make it on
10 the mainline?

11 REVEREND RISTAD: Yes.

12 INMATE MANSON: Do you think I could have made
13 it ten years ago?

14 REVEREND RISTAD: I didn't know you ten years
15 ago.

16 MR. DeRONDE: Do you have anything else, Mr.
17 Manson?

18 INMATE MANSON: No. What I was trying to explain
19 was like if you say something it's like I say, "Give me
20 that ring off your finger." The dude says, "No." I
21 say, "Give me the goddamned ring. Hand it over here,
22 you dig." And he says, "No. I won't do it." You say,
23 "Well then, keep the damn thing." That's another level
24 of life. That's convict's life. When you guys see that,
25 it upsets you because you think that we're getting ready

1 to kill each other because we live on those tier levels
2 all the time. We bullshit with cops on levels. We
3 bullshit back and forth five or six times, but you don't
4 write that up and say it's a reality. You see what I'm
5 saying? You don't write it up so you can carry it around
6 and be a big guy.

7 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: What I want to do is
8 see if you have anything you want to direct to Reverend
9 Ristad?

10 INMATE MANSON: Yes. Basically the man has been
11 holding the truth right alongside me.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Any questions you want
13 to ask?

14 INMATE MANSON: He speaks pretty good.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Mr. Kay, do you want
16 to direct any questions?

17 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Mr. Seabridge, this
18 may not be germane. You've been identified as the
19 Reverend Ristad. What denomination is that?

20 REVEREND RISTAD: Protestant. Lutheran by
21 background.

22 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Did that have any
23 bearing on your choice of Mr. Manson to be the porter in
24 the chapel? I'm not aware that he had any church
25 orientation in the structured sense.

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1 REVEREND RISTAD: The reason for choosing Charley
2 to be a porter was, as I go on my rounds, we have four
3 or five locked areas. As I go on my rounds through
4 those areas and talk to the men and listen to them, we
5 look for men who we think potentially need a break to
6 get out. That is, sometimes your caught in a Catch 22.
7 The committee that reviews them says that you look like
8 you're stable enough to get out, but you need close
9 supervision and if you can get a job, you can get out.
10 Well, how do you get a job if you're in a locked area.
11 So, I made it a policy in my 12 years here that when I
12 do that, when I see men like that, I say to them, "If you
13 need a job, and when it comes time for the classification
14 committee to say it looks like you're ready to get out
15 and probably give you a day parole out of your unit,
16 is there any place you know where you could work or could
17 get a job?" Then, they have this in their hand. I did
18 this with Charley about 7 years ago when I met him.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: You're motivation then,
20 is not in the religious sense?

21 REVEREND RISTAD: No. It's a religious reason.

22 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Is he a practicing
23 Protestant today? Does he attend your services in the
24 chapel?

25 REVEREND RISTAD: Now your getting into something

1 else when you start proselytizing.

2 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Is there any
3 evangelization taking place?

4 REVEREND RISTAD: In the very best sense of that
5 word, yes.

6 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: What is the best sense?

7 REVEREND RISTAD: That is, "I love my neighbor
8 as myself."

9 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Then this is oblique
10 in the general sense when you say best?

11 REVEREND RISTAD: No.

12 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Do you discuss with
13 him canons of the Protestant sect?

14 REVEREND RISTAD: When he brings them up, yes.
15 He is concerned about love and what love is and how you
16 act out in love in a very generic and also a theological
17 sense of how do you live loving somebody; What does
18 it mean to care for somebody.

19 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Does he attend
20 services?

21 REVEREND RISTAD: He has asked to attend services.
22 I start services at 8:30, and I get in at 8:00 o'clock.
23 I'm running around like crazy. I said, "Well, let's put
24 it off."

25 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Is that because he

1 requires escorting?

2 REVEREND RISTAD: Yes.

3 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: To this date, he has
4 not attended service?

5 REVEREND RISTAD: He may have attended some of
6 the other services that are held in the chapel when he
7 was there. We have Muslims and Jehovah's Witnesses.
8 I'm not aware if he is there or not.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Very well, thank you.

10 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Anybody have any
11 questions?

12 MR. KAY: Does he tell you how he felt when he
13 was crucified on the cross like he told his family
14 members?

15 REVEREND RISTAD: Yeah. He discussed that.

16 MR. KAY: Does he quote the bible to you?

17 REVEREND RISTAD: No.

18 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Excuse me, Mr. Kay,
19 if you'll please direct your questions to the Panel.

20 MR. KAY: Oh, I thought I could ask him a
21 question. That's okay. He answered my question.

22 INMATE MANSON: Do you remember in the 40's when
23 a guy got blowed up over in Box Canyon with a whole bunch
24 of followers?

25 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: Sorry, I don't

1 remember.

2 INMATE MANSON: He had women in robes, the FBI
3 was there. It was all on TV. It was back when Milton
4 Berle was doing his thing. This guy in Hollywood used
5 to have these broads in long robes. They used to go out
6 and bomb everything and call themselves Christian Eventa.
7 They used to hang themselves on the crosses on the
8 weekends and preach and things. Do you remember something
9 like that?

10 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Manson, I
11 remember it, but I don't see what relevance it has.

12 INMATE MANSON: It's relevant to what he's
13 telling me. He's telling me that I'm that guy.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: We can talk about
15 that later. I want to thank the Reverend for coming
16 up and giving his testimony. Now he can go back to his
17 assigned duties, of course. Thank you very much for
18 coming in and giving your testimony.

19 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Let the record show
20 that Reverend Ristad is now leaving. It's approximately
21 3:37.

22 Mr. Manson, will you please sit down for a
23 minute because we're ready to finish up the hearing. I
24 think we can do that very shortly.

25 INMATE MANSON: I'm fixing to make some water.

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1 on the side of your table.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: At this time I want
3 to indicate for the record we have concluded that portion
4 of the post-conviction factors, and I'll return it back
5 to the chair.

6 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you,
7 Mr. Seabridge. Mr. Chaderjian, do you have any more
8 questions?

9 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: I wanted to ask if
10 anyone had any questions pertaining to parole release
11 plans at this time?

12 MR. DeRONDE: I have one question. If they were
13 to let you out of the gates today, what would you do,
14 Charley?

15 INMATE MANSON: I'd plant one fig tree. I didn't
16 know you needed two fig trees. I was thinking about
17 sitting up underneath that tree and calling Japan and
18 having my Japanese friend come over. I was going to
19 call Germany and sit down and show them what I see in
20 the water. They got samurai swords, and they believe
21 in Shintoism.

22 MR. DeRONDE: Where would you go?

23 INMATE MANSON: Right where I told you.

24 MR. DeRONDE: Is that in California?

25 INMATE MANSON: Down in Devil's Canyon.

1 MR. DeRONDE: Is that Southern California?

2 INMATE MANSON: Over in the desert somewhere.

3 MR. DeRONDE: Would you get a job?

4 INMATE MANSON: Job. I'd lose money getting a
5 job, wouldn't I?

6 MR. DeRONDE: You'd exist on the desert?

7 INMATE MANSON: I'm a hustler and con man. I'm
8 a professional.

9 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Any other questions?

10 MR. DeRONDE: No.

11 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: That will conclude this
12 portion of the hearing.

13 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you,
14 Mr. Chaderjian. We'll take a recess. The time is 3:40,
15 approximately. We will declare a brief recess.
16 Mr. Manson, you can leave and go to the restroom.

17 INMATE MANSON: Can I leave all the way?

18 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: Don't you want to hear
19 your attorney's argument in your behalf?

20 INMATE MANSON: Not really. He's a good kid.
21 He's waking up.

22 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Don't you want to
23 make a closing statement yourself?

24 INMATE MANSON: Right. I ain't got no enemies.

25 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: You think about it

1 and come back.

2 INMATE MANSON: I don't particularly want to go
3 out on parole, not until I can be left alone. I got to
4 clean my mind up. See, I'm kind of retarded. I have
5 brain damage. I got a microphone in this ear and a
6 microphone in that ear.

7 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you. The
8 time is now 3:40.

9 (Whereupon a brief recess was taken.)

10 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: The time is now
11 approximately a quarter to 4:00. The hearing is back in
12 session. All the parties previously identified in the
13 hearing room have returned to the hearing room. Mr. Kay,
14 at this time we'll ask you to present a statement on
15 behalf of the District Attorney's office regarding
16 suitability of Mr. Manson.

17 MR. KAY: Thank you, Mr. Roos.

18 I think Charles Manson can be summed up by the
19 skull on his shirt. It's unbelievable that a man trying
20 to be considered for parole with Mr. Manson's background
21 would come in wearing a black tee shirt with a skull.
22 But, Mr. Manson is a bloodthirsty murderer. He was in
23 1969, and he is today. He has a preoccupation with death,
24 and that's why he is wearing that tee shirt with the skull.
25 It's absolutely clear that he's unsuitable for parole.

1 It would be an unreasonable risk to society to let him
 2 out. It's like going to the zoo into the area where
 3 they have these reptiles and opening the cage where the
 4 cobra is and letting it out. Maybe the cobra is not
 5 going to do anything, and maybe it's going to kill
 6 someone. Mr. Manson is very volatile. We can see how
 7 he is today. Sometimes I wish we had some of the
 8 psychiatrists who talked to him for some of these reports
 9 to sit on one of these parole hearings like the one we
 10 had last year or this year. Mr. Manson is no different
 11 today than at any time since 1969. He is the same old
 12 Charley, volatile, unpredictable, crazy. The enormity
 13 and cruelty of his commitment offenses almost defies --

14 INMATE MANSON: The second world war.

15 MR. KAY: -- description.

16 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Manson, you'll
 17 have a chance to talk.

18 INMATE MANSON: The second world war just
 19 flashed in my mind. I tried to hold it down.

20 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. Mr. Kay, you
 21 can finish.

22 MR. KAY: I can't disagree with what Mr. Manson
 23 says. His mind is on the second world war. As a matter
 24 of fact on his forehead he still has the tattoo. That's
 25 where his thought is, so to speak, on his hero Adolph

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1 Hitler. He used to preach to his family that that was
2 his hero, and apparently it still is. Mr. Manson started
3 the bloodshed with the Hinman murder. His intention was
4 to get Mr. Hinman's property for his own use, Mr. Manson's
5 own use. When he sent Beausoleil and Brunner and Atkins
6 to get it from him, Mr. Hinman didn't really have any
7 property to speak of. Mr. Manson thought he had come
8 into an inheritance. So, Beausoleil couldn't get him
9 to turn over the property. So, he calls the ranch to
10 tell him it's not working and Hinman doesn't want to
11 become a member of the family. So, Manson and Bruce Davis
12 come out. Davis is his chief lieutenant there. When
13 Davis pulls the gun on Hinman and Manson with his sword
14 slashes off Hinman's ear and inflicts a serious wound
15 to his face and tells Beausoleil and the others to get
16 the property and finish him off, Manson and Davis go
17 back to the ranch. Hinman, of course, was tortured and
18 finally killed by Beausoleil. Mr. Manson, of course,
19 directed all of these murders. Every murder he is here
20 for, he was the orchestrator, the director. In the Tate
21 murders he told Watson what to do with the residents,
22 not the specific details, but he told him to kill
23 everybody. Of course, Watson, once he got to the
24 residence and directed the girls, once they were there --
25 of course, Manson, before he left the ranch told the

1 girls to leave something witchy and to do what Watson
2 told them to do. But, he wasn't even satisfied with the
3 five people being murdered at the Tate residence. So,
4 he got everybody together the next night in the bunkroom
5 and told them they had been too messy, and he was going
6 out on the second night and show them how to do it. So,
7 they proceeded to drive around Los Angeles for about
8 four hours looking for people to kill. They even stopped
9 in front of a Congregational Church at one point. He
10 wanted to find a minister, and kill him, and string the
11 minister upside down in front of his church. He didn't
12 know the LaBiancas, and he didn't know the people at
13 Sharon Tate's house. They were strangers in the
14 supposed security of their homes. He did know Hinman
15 and he did know "Shorty" Shea. "Shorty" Shea was the
16 last one murdered because he wanted to kick Manson and
17 the family off of the ranch because he realized they
18 were up to no good and wanted to kick them off the ranch.
19 I think Mr. Manson has shown a total disregard for human
20 life. Part of his philosophy was that it was okay to
21 kill.

22 INMATE MANSON: In the proper guidelines.

23 MR. KAY: I think his leadership in these
24 murders is frightening. The ease at which he can get
25 other people to commit violence for him is very

1 frightening. The motive for the murders, and I'm saying
2 the Tate-LaBianca murders-- The Hinman murder was a
3 robbery-murder. The Shea murder was to get rid of
4 Shea. But, the Tate-LaBianca murders, the motive was
5 to foment a race war, probably the basis of all motives.
6 I think some other things for the Board to take into
7 consideration on Mr. Manson's chronic schizophrenia, the
8 pattern of poor psychological and psychiatric evaluations
9 that he has had here while in prison. Mr. Manson here,
10 himself, today told us from the outset that he doesn't
11 have the mind. He has a mind, but it's a very demented
12 mind, very dangerous and frightening mind. I think
13 another factor for the Board to take into consideration
14 is Manson's extensive criminal history starting when he
15 was 11 years old, and it hasn't stopped. I think he has
16 a total contempt for society's rules. Part of his
17 philosophy was that there are no laws, and there is no
18 right or no wrong. As a matter of fact, even in today's
19 parole hearing he made the statement, "He doesn't care
20 about society."

21 I think another factor is his unrealistic parole
22 plans. He talked originally about paroling to the desert.
23 Why? Because he doesn't like people. He likes the
24 snakes and spiders that they have out there. Now, he's
25 talking about paroling to space. But, I don't think

1 Mr. Manson should ever be paroled, so that really is
2 kind of irrelevant what his plans are. Any plans that
3 he would have would be unrealistic. He never participated
4 in prison programs. He has 29 115's, and they're
5 assault on staff members. He continues to threaten staff.
6 A very interesting statement was made in his prison
7 report this year by the correctional officer that
8 interviewed him about how he manipulates the young staff
9 members. That's part of the reason why we're all here,
10 because he likes to manipulate people, especially young
11 people to get them to do his bidding. That's what the
12 Manson family was all about. He had people in there that
13 he could manipulate. He couldn't manipulate somebody
14 like Bruce Davis. Bruce Davis was as old as he. Bruce
15 Davis wanted to be the leader of the family too. Bruce
16 would try to take over when Charley wasn't there. He
17 couldn't manipulate him, but, that's the only one that
18 he couldn't manipulate except for Mary Brunner. Mary
19 Brunner would have fistfights with Charley. But other
20 than those two, all of the others would do his bidding.
21 Also, I think of great importance is the fact that
22 Mr. Manson has never shown any remorse whatsoever for
23 these murders. Also, another factor is that he's not
24 been rehabilitated. He doesn't even care about being
25 rehabilitated as he said today. He describes himself,

1 he says, "I'm a crook." Well, he is a crook, a con man,
2 but more importantly for these proceedings he is a very
3 dangerous murderer who remains very dangerous today.
4 He says that he doesn't care to get out on parole. So,
5 that's fine. I think if that's his feeling, we should
6 give him his wish and keep him in forever. Thank you.

7 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. Thank you,
8 Mr. Kay. Mr. DeRonde, do you have a statement on behalf
9 of Mr. Manson?

10 MR. DERONDE: Thank you very much. I'm not going
11 to get into the facts like Mr. Kay because, of course,
12 I wasn't around when this occurred. But, there a couple
13 of things I want to mention. The insinuation that the
14 skull on Mr. Manson's shirt says he's unfit for parole.
15 I don't think that's fair. There's no evidence of that
16 during the hearing. Maybe Mr. Manson can clear that up.
17 But, I don't think that's fair. This thing about Adolph
18 Hitler being his hero, maybe Mr. Kay knows something
19 that I don't know. The final shot is that he hasn't
20 participated in prison programs, and he hasn't used any
21 self-help analysis programs. You have to understand the
22 context that this fellow is in prison. He has been
23 locked up in maximum confinement for a number of years
24 and most of his life. He's indicated to the psychiatrist
25 and to this Board that he'd like to get out on the mainline.

1 and perhaps he would be a little bit more rational in
 2 this world if he hadn't been locked up in a nut ward
 3 for the last 12 years. I simply ask that he be given
 4 that opportunity. Give him the opportunity to conform
 5 to what Mr. Kay keeps speaking about, that is, the
 6 rules of society. I think the possibility is here. I've
 7 known Mr. Manson now for only a relatively short period
 8 of a couple of years, but, in that time, it seems to me
 9 that he's improved quite a bit so far as coming into
 10 this world as we know it. He thinks he's completely
 11 rational, and he does come over.

12 INMATE MANSON: I know I'm not coming over
 13 rational because it would take time for me to explain.
 14 So, you get little bits and pieces of what I'm trying
 15 to say. What I'm saying don't really get over.

16 MR. DeRONDE: That's the point I think that he
 17 can speak with us. He can come down to these parole
 18 hearings. He's got to be given the opportunity to
 19 become a rational. He is not under any medication. If
 20 you just adopt the recommendation of Dr. Rotella that
 21 he be given the mainline treatment; he's overdue for
 22 it. I think we'd see quite a change if Mr. Manson is
 23 given a chance. You've seen the change from the
 24 Reverend. He is a fine man. He is trying to help
 25 Mr. Manson quite a bit. Given the opportunity to, he

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1 may be able to help Mr. Manson relate to this Board,
2 maybe Mr. Kay, and maybe even our world. Maybe he can
3 get back into society. Thank you.

4 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Thank you, Mr.
5 DeRonde. Mr. Manson, you've had the benefit of hearing
6 from me today. Is there anything you want to say in
7 addition to your attorney?

8 INMATE MANSON: The police got a ring on like
9 this. Does that make him a fascist? He's got one of
10 these on a ring on his finger, a silver one. He rides
11 a bike. I know. I can't spell fascist, but I respect
12 any man when I see one. I respected Hitler just like
13 I respected McArthur, and I respected the Shah of Iran.
14 There's a lot of people I respect that ain't punks or
15 little mommy boys, sissies, trying to take balls off
16 somebody that's got them.

17 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Is there anything
18 you want to say about your suitability for parole?

19 INMATE MANSON: (Directed at Mr. Kay.) I was
20 going to recommend that you never come to prison. Don't
21 you get arrested and come to jail, and I won't go out
22 in your world.

23 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: You direct your
24 conversation at us. Is that your statement, sir?

25 INMATE MANSON: I got to put a little face here

1 and there.

2 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: The time is
3 approximately 4:00 o'clock. I ask the tape recorder be
4 turned off and, Mr. Manson, if you leave first and everyone
5 else will leave the room. The Board will deliberate
6 and we'll call you back as soon as we reach a decision.

7 (Thereupon the room was cleared, and the
8 hearing of the Board of Prison Terms
9 recessed for deliberation by the Board.)

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RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS

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3 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. The time
4 is now 5:00 o'clock, and the subsequent life parole
5 consideration hearing for Charles Manson has resumed.
6 The parties previously identified as being in the hearing
7 room have returned with the exception of one reporter
8 who is Mr. Walt Stewart. Walt Stewart, the Channel 4
9 artist, is not present. All others are present.

10 Mr. Manson, the Panel deliberated and reached
11 the following unanimous finding and that finding is that
12 you are unsuitable for parole release at this time and
13 would represent an unreasonable risk to the public if
14 released. These findings are based on the following
15 circumstances:

16 1. The life crimes. The multiple life crimes
17 are so atrocious, reprehensible and repugnant as to leave
18 the observer incredulous. The Prisoner orchestrated the
19 random and bizarre multiple murders of nine victims. He
20 apparently believed that these cruel acts, perpetrated
21 in a manner which might infer they were committed by
22 blacks, would foment a black versus white race war from
23 which the Prisoner would politically benefit personally.
24 Such acts demonstrate a bizarre and self-serving disregard
25 for human suffering and life.

1 2. Prior record. The Prisoner has an unstable
2 social history and an extensive history of criminal
3 conduct. Shortly after his birth, Prisoner's mother,
4 then 16 years old, was sentenced to prison at which time
5 Prisoner was initially placed for a short interval with
6 his maternal grandparents and subsequently with other
7 relatives prior to rejoining his mother upon her release
8 from prison. Thereafter, Prisoner was placed in a series
9 of foster homes until 1947, at which time, at age 13,
10 he was made a ward of the juvenile court and placed in
11 a reformatory for boys. The record reflects that
12 thereafter he was raised by various boys' schools and
13 juvenile reformatories. The Prisoner also has an
14 extensive record as an adult for crimes of forgery and
15 auto theft. He was committed to a federal prison on
16 May 2, 1956 for violation of the Dyer Act. He attempted
17 escape in 1957 but was immediately retaken. Again on
18 6/23/61 Prisoner was committed to a federal prison for
19 a violation of federal probation with the underlying
20 crime being forgery. Approximately two years after his
21 release from federal prison in 1967, the Prisoner was
22 involved in the multiple life crimes resulting in his
23 present commitment to the California Department of
24 Corrections. In sum, the Prisoner has spent the majority
25 of his life in institutional environments.

1 3. Institutional Adjustment. Since being
2 received by the California Department of Corrections on
3 April 22, 1971 the Prisoner's adjustment has not been
4 positive. Prisoner has received approximately 31
5 disciplinary reports, five of which were acquired during
6 the last year. Several of these reports detail assaults
7 or threats of assaults on staff. He has not been involved
8 in significant programming that would lead to a positive
9 change and improvement.

10 4. Psychiatric and Psychological Reports.
11 Prisoner has received approximately six formal psychiatric
12 or psychological evaluations. He has been repeatedly
13 diagnosed as possessing schizophrenic reaction -- chronic
14 undifferentiated type -- in and out of remission.

15 In conclusion, these reports contraindicate a
16 finding of parole suitability.

17 Recommendations:

- 18 1. Remain disciplinary free.
- 19 2. Cooperate with institutional staff in
20 developing constructive programming.

21 Mr. Manson and Mr. DeRonde, I'd like to pass you
22 the form 1005 which simply indicates parole has been
23 denied. The reasons that I may have articulated will
24 be forwarded to the inmate in probably 45 to 60 days in
25 typewritten form. He'll also receive a copy of the

1 transcript that was made here today. If he wishes to
2 appeal this decision for any reason, he has 90 days to
3 do so after the receipt of the formal written findings.
4 The findings today are tentative and will become formal
5 in 60 days.

6 Any comments, Mr. Chaderjian?

7 BOARD MEMBER CHADERJIAN: No comments.

8 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Seabridge?

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEABRIDGE: No comments.

10 PRESIDING BOARD MEMBER ROOS: The time is
11 approximately six minutes after 5:00 and the hearing is
12 over.

13 (Thereupon this hearing before the Board of
14 Prison Terms was adjourned at 5:06 P.M.)

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