

SUBSEQUENT PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF PRISON TERMS

In the matter of the Life)
Term Parole Consideration)
Hearing of:)
CHARLES MANSON)

CDC Number B-33920

ORIGINAL

CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON, CORCORAN

CORCORAN, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 27, 1997

1:30 P.M.

PANEL PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Baker, Presiding Commissioner
Mr. Arthur Van Court, Commissioner
Mr. Mike Douglas, Deputy Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Charles Manson, Inmate
Mr. Steven Kay, Deputy District Attorney
Mr. Gary Higgins, C&PR
Mr. V.J. Castillo, Assistant C&PR
Ms. Laura Flemate, Office Assistant for BPT
Ms. Mary Grady, KTBS TV
Mr. Don Menzel, Cameraman
Mr. Sheldon Gajarian, Observer
Mr. M. Martins, Observer
Mr. A. De Los Santos, Correctional Officer

CORRECTIONS TO THE DECISION HAVE BEEN MADE

No
 Yes See Errata Sheet

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** All right, we're
3 on the record. This will be a subsequent parole
4 consideration for Charles Manson. ID number is B-
5 33920. On 4/22/71, the prisoner was received in CDC
6 pursuant to Penal Code section 1168 for violation of
7 Penal Code section, eight counts of 187. That's first
8 degree murder out of Los Angeles County. Their case
9 number is A-253156, counts one through seven, and the
10 controlling minimum eligible parole is 12/13/78. The
11 prisoner was also received on the same date for
12 violation of Penal Code section 187, one count of
13 first degree murder out of Los Angeles County, case
14 number A-267861, count one. Today's date is March 27,
15 1997. We're located at Corcoran State Prison. The
16 time is approximately 1:30 P.M. We're going to start
17 by establishing voice identification by each of us
18 stating our first name and last name, spelling our
19 last name. Mr. Manson, when we get around the table
20 to you, if after you spell your last name, if you'll
21 give me your CDC number. We'll start with Mr.
22 Douglas, and we'll go to his left.

23 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS:** Mike Douglas, D-
24 o-u-g-l-a-s, Deputy Commissioner, Board of Prison
25 Terms.

26 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** My name is Steve
27 Baker, B-a-k-e-r, Commissioner with the Board of

1 Prison Terms.

2 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: My name is Arthur Van
3 Court, V-a-n C-o-u-r-t, Commissioner, Board of Prison
4 Terms.

5 INMATE MANSON: Charles Millis Scott Manson, B-
6 33920, and all the rest of them.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Spell your last
8 name, please.

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DUTGLAS: Would you spell
10 your last name, Mr. Manson?

11 INMATE MANSON: M-a-n-s-o-n.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Thank you. Mr.
13 Kay?

14 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KAY: Yes, Steven Kay
15 from the District Attorney's office in Los Angeles,
16 and my last name is spelled K-a-y.

17 INMATE MANSON: Steven Kay, from his mother.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay.

19 C&PR HIGGINS: Gary Higgins, H-i-g-g-i-n-s,
20 Classification and Parole Representative.

21 OFFICE ASSISTANT FLEMATE: Laura Flemate, F-l-
22 e-m-a-t-e, Office Assistant.

23 ASSISTANT C&PR CASTILLO: Mr. V.J. Castillo, C-
24 a-s-t-i-l-l-o, Assistant C&PR.

25 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER DE LOS SANTOS: Officer A.
26 De Los Santos, D-e-l-o-s-s-a-n-t-o-s, Correctional
27 Officer, CSP-Corcoran.

1 **OBSERVER MARTINS:** M. Martins, M-a-r-t-i-n-s,
2 Observer.

3 **INAUDIBLE SPEAKER:** (Inaudible.)

4 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Cameraman,
5 please.

6 **MR. MENZEL:** Don Menzel, M-e-n-z-e-l.

7 **MS. GRADY:** Mary Grady, G-r-a-d-y, KTBS TV.

8 **MR. GAJARIAN:** Sheldon Gajarian, G-a-j-a-r-i-a-
9 n, (inaudible).

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** All right, thank
11 you, everyone. Mr. Manson, the purpose of today's
12 hearing is to again consider your suitability for
13 parole. In arriving at a decision, we'll consider the
14 commitment offense, prior criminality and social
15 history as well as your behavior since your
16 commitment. We have reviewed your central file and
17 the prior transcripts, and we'll give you an
18 opportunity to make any corrections or any
19 clarifications to the record, then incorporate by
20 reference the statement of fact from the decision
21 summary dated December 1, 1982, pages two through six.
22 Then we'll go directly to your progress since your
23 last hearing, the new psychiatric reports and any
24 other information which has a bearing on parole
25 suitability. Any change in your parole plans should
26 be brought to our attention at that time. And before
27 we recess for deliberation, the district attorney and

1 the prisoner will be given an opportunity to make a
2 short presentation regarding parole suitability and
3 the length of confinement. Certain rights that you
4 have for this hearing, you have a right of a timely
5 notice of the hearing, and your file was made
6 available to you for review. You have the right to
7 present any relevant documents. Do you have documents
8 to present to the Board today that we don't already
9 have?

10 **INMATE MANSON:** Well, I'm not much into the
11 clerical perspective of this particular chamber of
12 horrors.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Okay, so we
14 pretty much have all the documents that we're going to
15 have? Is that what you're saying?

16 **INMATE MANSON:** Well, I imagine. You wrote
17 them. They're yours.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Okay. You also
19 have a right to an impartial Panel. Do you have any
20 problems with the Panel members seated before you
21 today?

22 **INMATE MANSON:** No, no, in fact, I'm, I'm, it's
23 better than last time.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Okay. You're
25 going to get a copy of the tentative written decision
26 today. That decision will be effective in 90 days
27 after review. A transcript and a copy of that

1 decision will automatically be sent to you. You have
2 a right to appeal within 90 days of the effective date
3 of the decision. Now, you're not required to discuss
4 the matter with the Panel. You're not required to
5 admit to the offense. However, the Panel does accept
6 as true the court findings. In other words, we're not
7 going to retry your case today.

8 **INMATE MANSON:** Right, right, right, good.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Mr. Douglas, any
10 confidential information going to be used?

11 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS:** No, Mr. Chair.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** All right. Mr.
13 Manson, did you get a copy? Did you get a packet like
14 this?

15 **INMATE MANSON:** Someone offered me something if
16 I would sign something, but then someone else told me
17 not to sign anything because my name was worth a lot
18 of money and they didn't want me using it as another
19 economy.

20 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** All right, I
21 understand. Do you remember whether or not the items
22 that are checked on this piece of paper were the same
23 items that they offered to you?

24 **INMATE MANSON:** I'm not much at this book
25 stuff. Let's see. What am I looking for, exactly?

26 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Just to make
27 sure that you had an opportunity to look at a Board

1 report and your psych report and all the other
2 (inaudible).

3 INMATE MANSON: Oh, yeah, the guy offered that,
4 yeah. He brought that in to my attention.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay, good.

6 INMATE MANSON: But I'm not sure of all them
7 little scratches.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. Well, I
9 understand that. Are you ready to proceed without --

10 INMATE MANSON: Yes, sir, I'm here for you.
11 Whatever you wish.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Do you have any
13 preliminary objections before we start?

14 INMATE MANSON: Well, yeah, I have a lot of
15 objections, but no one's ever been interested before.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay, do you
17 have any objections to the way the hearing is being,
18 is being conducted?

19 INMATE MANSON: No, no, it seems reasonable.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay, that's
21 kind of what we're after, --

22 INMATE MANSON: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: -- is whether
24 or not you have any objections to the hearing. Okay,
25 do you swear to tell us the truth today?

26 INMATE MANSON: Always.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: All right.

1 That's all I ask. All right, I've got some stuff to
2 read here so I'll be a minute. We'll start with the
3 offense summary. It says "Shortly before midnight on
4 8/8/69, Manson informed his crime partners that 'Now
5 was the time for Helter Skelter'. Crime partners were
6 directed to accompany Charles 'Tex' Watson in order to
7 carry out his, Manson's, orders. Crime partners were
8 Linda Kasabian, Susan Atkins, --"

9 INMATE MANSON: Where's this coming from?
10 Who's writing this?

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: This comes from
12 the probation report from when you first came into the
13 system.

14 INMATE MANSON: Oh, well, it's a little
15 distorted.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Well, when I get
17 through reading this, then I'll ask you and you can
18 give me your version. All right?

19 INMATE MANSON: All right.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: We'll get it
21 straightened out. Anyway, "Crime partners were Tex
22 Watson, Linda Kasabian, Susan Atkins and Patricia
23 Krenwinkel. Watson drove to Cielo Drive. The vehicle
24 containing victim Steven Parent approached the gate.
25 Watson stopped him at gunpoint and fatally shot him.
26 All of the crime partners then proceeded to the house
27 and gained entrance except Linda Kasabian who stood

1 lookout. Once inside, they murdered Abigail Ann
2 Folger, inflicting 28 multiple stab wounds to her
3 body. Wojtek Frykowski was killed by a gunshot wound
4 to his back and multiple force trauma of a blunt
5 nature to his head. Sharon Tate Polanski, who was
6 eight months pregnant, was killed by multiple stab
7 wounds. Jay Sebring was killed by multiple stab
8 wounds. On 8/10/69, Manson drove his crime partners
9 to a location near the residence of Leno and Rosemary
10 La Bianca. Manson entered the La Bianca home alone,
11 and at gunpoint tied up the victims. He impressed
12 them that they would not be harmed and that a robbery
13 was taking place. He then returned to the vehicle
14 containing the crime partners and directed them to
15 enter the residence and kill the occupants. Crime
16 partners Charles Watson, Patricia Krenwinkel, Leslie
17 Van Houten entered the residence and Manson drove away
18 from the scene. Crime partners entered the residence
19 and killed Leno La Bianca by inflicting stab wounds to
20 his neck and abdomen and carved the word 'war' on his
21 stomach. Rosemary La Bianca was killed by multiple
22 stab wounds to the neck, neck and the trunk. At both
23 the murder scenes, the crime partners used the blood
24 of the victims to write words on the wall." The other
25 count, murder first, count one, case number 267861,
26 "On 7/26/69, Manson and crime partners Beausoleil,
27 Atkins, Grogan and Davis tortured Gary Hinman by

1 severing a part of his right ear and causing a
2 laceration to the left side of his face. Subject
3 wanted Hinman to sign over his property. On 7/27/69,
4 Hinman was killed by a stab wound to the heart which
5 was inflicted by Beausoleil." That's the statement of
6 facts, Mr. Manson.

7 INMATE MANSON: As they've been presented to
8 you.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: That's correct.

10 INMATE MANSON: Yes, sir.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Did you want to
12 tell us your side of it?

13 INMATE MANSON: Yeah, I been wanting to for
14 years, but just it wouldn't, it wouldn't listen.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay, this is
16 your opportunity, if you want to tell us, as long you
17 don't take too long because we're not, you know, we
18 haven't got all day here.

19 INMATE MANSON: Well, see, there, there we go,
20 see, how long is the episode would be to squeeze it
21 down in words, --

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: That's right.

23 INMATE MANSON: -- you know, and we're talking
24 about 25, 30 years here. That's not very easy to say
25 in a few minutes, you know.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: I understand
27 that. I just want you to do the best you can.

1 INMATE MANSON: Yeah, well, the more confusion
2 that people have piled on me with lies and deceit and
3 ambition and all the greedy little things that they
4 play their dollar bills for comes back to the
5 penitentiary that I've been in since I was a little
6 kid, so I've looked at everything from a child's
7 perspective because I'm still ten years old because
8 I've still been up underneath the authority of the
9 father since I was a little ten-year-old kid because
10 when my mother got out of prison, she brought me over
11 and let me loose with the monks in the Mikeh Catholic
12 Church. I escaped there at 13 years old, and I
13 burglarized a lot of things, and I went through a lot
14 of hell coming to California to get to the situations
15 that we're in here now. My grandmother was a first
16 world war which out of Kentucky, with a long rifle.
17 My uncle Jess (phonetic) gave me a knife and taught me
18 how to use it. They gave me guns and taught me how to
19 use them. They gave me soul and taught me how to
20 fight in the war because I'm not a yankee. I'm a
21 rebel boy out of the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee.
22 I keep telling these people from California that, but
23 they don't understand what a Beverly Hillbilly is. I
24 do a lot of underworld things. I've been in the
25 underworld all my life since I was a child. You make
26 a mistake and cross me, I'll catch you. It's that
27 simple. Sooner or later in prison, you learn if you

1 let anyone get that over on you and bust you up with
2 it, they'll get up in your rump and take everything
3 you've got, so I don't allow that in my world. So I'm
4 underneath the basement. I've got Barry Goldwater's
5 picture on my mirror, United States of America all the
6 way. I fight and die for God and country that quick,
7 but then it comes down to where I'm not good enough
8 for some reason to be on the Ho Min Chin [sic] trail
9 with the Viet Cong, fighting for liberations, the
10 Peace Movement or whose lost children are we helping
11 here at the bottom of this pile of whatever we call
12 this, you know. We are all piled on top of ourselves
13 with thousands and thousands of rules. I get out of
14 prison for a minute and meet the Angels of L.A. L.A.
15 is Angeltown (snapping fingers). Back in the back,
16 that's where we get down. You up in the front talking
17 about money, honey. I'm back in the back, up in the
18 crack. She knows me well. I'm on soul, my
19 (inaudible). This Angel to these monks that just took
20 their heads in San Diego because they're way behind
21 time, under water. We're dead in that nuclear
22 submarine coming back from China with Ronny Reagan
23 riding wheelchairs on fire. I've seen the
24 paratroopers in Arizona highway. Our Father who art
25 in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. That's my daddy,
26 too, you know. But then you keep coming back and
27 telling me I'm less than an American because I

1 don't -- And I've already whipped everybody three
2 times. I don't have any problems with anybody. You
3 got me on P.C., won't accept my word. I was Judge
4 Older. He was Charles Manson. I'm Judge Older. I'm
5 a tiger now in the zoo in San Diego. I ride a
6 motorcycle. I ride a motorcycle in L.A., a bunch of
7 Straight Satans call themselves devils, say their get
8 down, say they got the money over in another edge of
9 town. They got the Beach Bcys tied up in their
10 contracts. You can't get into the real estate because
11 Pasadena is a submarine that's run by Jodie Hoover
12 (phonetic) who's over in the chapel, who comes from
13 Columbia with the drug cartel, saying he got money
14 with two guns and he taking that pussy. I blew him to
15 hell. It's that simple. Ring the bell. Ding along,
16 ding along, sing along, Mitch Miller, the movies. I'm
17 Bing Crosby. Hard as a hobo. Loves the roaming
18 fields of (inaudible). I'm Gene Autry. I'm all those
19 guys. I'm another children. I'm down a wave or two
20 up underneath you, what you're doing. You're over
21 flying with the eagles and the fathers of great lands,
22 but I'm king on other wings, and badest motherfucker
23 that ever did live. I'm terrible. Adolf Hitler was a
24 little biology. The girl in the class over there at
25 the University of Southern California (laughter),
26 that's where the big eagles fly. And I know Fort
27 MacArthur, I know, I know Fort MacArthur, chain of

1 command. I understand.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Are you
3 responsible for these murders?

4 INMATE MANSON: Responsible for life itself.
5 If God were to wake one Greek Apollo through the
6 sky -- And those satellites, I've been watching them
7 ever since Terminal Island in the diamond mines, of
8 what's his name? Joe Mo Canyetta, (phonetic)? Malma,
9 (phonetic)? Remember him? I was in prison with him.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Are you
11 responsible for the murders, though?

12 INMATE MANSON: I'm responsible for Scotch
13 whiskey.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: That's it?

15 INMATE MANSON: And the Highlands and the
16 bagpipe, and I killed a lot of people in my life, I
17 have. I've done a lot of things that I'm not ashamed
18 of. I got convicted for things I didn't do, and then
19 I got loose for things that I did. I was everything
20 that a man was supposed to be down on the level that I
21 was walking on. I was a hobo, and everything I knew
22 to know and came back on the English language as if
23 they were my words, and that I had discovered this
24 whole damn thing myself. And I was really Christopher
25 Columbus. And then I went and asked the doctor what
26 he thought. He killed himself because somebody else
27 was laying with his woman, and he was jealous. And I

1 said "Isn't that silly? Why can't you all just get
2 along, love each other?", you know.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay.

4 INMATE MANSON: So I plead guilty. It'll ring
5 to history, if you've got one.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: I understand.
7 All right, let me go through your record real quick.
8 It says as a juvenile you were placed in Gavalt
9 (phonetic) School For Boys.

10 INMATE MANSON: Yes, sir.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Indiana?

12 INMATE MANSON: Yes, sir.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: That was a 1948
14 for burglarizing a grocery store?

15 INMATE MANSON: I think your timing is a little
16 off. I think it was '44.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. Well, let
18 me finish this, and then you can --

19 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: -- correct
21 whatever is wrong in here. It says you went AWOL from
22 the school and you were placed in Indiana State
23 Reformatory, Indiana.

24 INMATE MANSON: Uh-huh.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Went AWOL with
26 some other boys, subsequently stole a automobile and
27 drove to Beaver, Utah, arrested in 1951, convicted of

1 the Dyer Act, sentenced to the National Training
2 School For Boys in Washington, D.C., --

3 INMATE MANSON: Right.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: -- paroled in
5 1954. '55, Los Angeles, grand theft auto, five years
6 probation. '56, probation violation under the Dyer
7 Act. 1957, federal prison, Los Angeles, attempted
8 escape, five years probation. '59, forgery in Los
9 Angeles. You got five years probation. 1960, Los
10 Angeles, probation violation, ten years federal
11 prison, McNeil Island, (phonetic) Washington. 1967,
12 Ukiah, interfering with an officer, three years
13 probation. '68, South Ventura, reproducing or
14 possessing a facsimile or a driver's license. 1969,
15 and that's when you came in for this. Is all that
16 pretty correct?

17 INMATE MANSON: Sounds reasonable.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. Now, your
19 personal history says you were born 1934, is that
20 correct?

21 INMATE MANSON: Yes.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay, you were
23 born in Cincinnati?

24 INMATE MANSON: Right.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. Shortly
26 after your birth, your mother went to prison?

27 INMATE MANSON: Right.

1 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** And then for a
2 short while, you lived with your paternal grandparents
3 and an aunt in West Virginia?

4 **INMATE MANSON:** Right.

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Okay, rejoined
6 your mother in Indiana upon release from prison, and
7 later resided in various foster homes until you were
8 made a ward of the court and went, that's when you
9 went to the boys' school in Gavalt, is that right?

10 **INMATE MANSON:** I'm not sure. There's a couple
11 other institutions in there, an institution in South
12 Bend, Indiana.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Okay.

14 **INMATE MANSON:** I was there for about a year I
15 think.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Oh, all right.
17 It says the rest of your juvenile was spent in various
18 reformatories and boys' schools in Pennsylvania and
19 Indiana, dropped out of school at the age of nine, the
20 third grade, married to a woman by the name of Roselle
21 Willis (phonetic)?

22 **INMATE MANSON:** Uh-huh.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** And that
24 marriage ended in divorce in 1956 with one son.

25 **INMATE MANSON:** That was her divorce. I didn't
26 agree with that divorce.

27 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** It wasn't your

1 idea, huh?

2 INMATE MANSON: No, I didn't, I don't believe
3 in it.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. It says
5 no military service, residential pattern prior to the
6 current incarceration was unstable, admitted before
7 you came into the institution you used some LSD, some
8 mescaline, amphetamines and barbiturates, but never
9 got involved in alcohol, is that correct?

10 INMATE MANSON: No. No, that's not correct.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay, what's
12 correct?

13 INMATE MANSON: I ran the gambit of the street,
14 everything that, --

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Whatever was
16 there, huh?

17 INMATE MANSON: -- that children do.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. Did you
19 ever get addicted to anything?

20 INMATE MANSON: No, I've never let anything
21 overrun enough to get ahold of me. I've tried to
22 understand what it is. I've learned from everything
23 I've done.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: All right, so
25 you experimented with various drugs, but you never got
26 addicted to them?

27 INMATE MANSON: I've been looking for myself

1 for a long time. I've been trying to find out a lot.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay, is there
3 anything else that I should know about your history
4 before you came into the institution on this
5 commitment that I haven't already talked about?

6 INMATE MANSON: Well, yeah, I think what you're
7 bringing up is really important. The other Board
8 didn't even consider what you're considering, and I
9 appreciate your considerations in this area. Those
10 were the days that set my mind to do what I had to do
11 for what I had to do. I had a captain named Kirk who
12 would get four other dudes to hold me on four points
13 and take a big leather strap and teach me what he
14 wanted done, he wanted it done. There was no in
15 between.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Which
17 institution was that?

18 INMATE MANSON: That was Plainfield (phonetic).

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Plainfield?
20 Okay.

21 INMATE MANSON: Plainfield. That was right
22 after the second world war. If you remember, a lot of
23 the people from Europe came over here and got jobs
24 right after that so that era of confinement is not
25 equal to what we're doing now. It was pretty, a
26 pretty treacherous place in them days because we were
27 at war, so -- I've been raised in the stomach of this

1 beast, and I've been living and doing whatever I have
2 to do. If I can live in peace, I'll run and live in
3 peace. If I can get along with people, I'll get
4 along, you know. I'll do my best to do everything I
5 can, but when they mess with my music or they fuck
6 with my family or they bother my dog or steal my cows
7 or mistreat my horses, I'll do whatever I feel is
8 necessary to do whatever I feel is necessary because I
9 believe in George Washington. I believe in the
10 Constitution of George Washington. I believe in the
11 United States government. I don't believe in Abraham
12 Lincoln. I never did. I don't like him at all.
13 That's the truth.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Okay, thank you.
15 Would you give your attention now to Mr. Douglas?
16 He's going to talk to you about what you've done since
17 you've been in the institution.

18 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS:** Good afternoon,
19 Mr. Manson.

20 **INMATE MANSON:** Yeah.

21 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS:** Okay, we're going
22 to talk a little bit about how you've been getting
23 along since you had your last parole suitability
24 hearing which was on 4/21/92. Your classification
25 score currently is 343. And, of course, the first
26 thing I reviewed in your C-file was your 115s, and I
27 counted 13 115s that you've received since your last

1 hearing, with a total of 35 since you've been in CDC.
2 Your last 115 was for threatening staff on 10/31/96.
3 And then you got another one on 6/21/96 for disobeying
4 orders. 4/27/96, for disobeying orders and 1/14/95
5 for mail harassment. You got one 9/25/95 for
6 threatening to kill a peace officer. On 4/5/95 you
7 got one for illegal possession of illegal business
8 dealings with narcotics. I guess you were involved in
9 that. On 2/18/95 you failed to report. On 1/4/94 you
10 were out-of-bounds. On 7/21/94 you had an
11 unauthorized tape recorder. On 7/21/93 you had
12 possession of a stabbing instrument, and on 9/22/93
13 you had assault on a prisoner, and then your first one
14 after that hearing was on 10/7/92 for dangerous
15 contraband. That pretty much goes over your
16 activities relating to the negative side of what's
17 been happening with you. I noted in further review
18 you got, I noted one laudatory chrono on 12/31/94 for
19 participation in AA. That's pretty interesting. Did
20 you only get one chrono? How long did you participate
21 in AA?

22 **INMATE MANSON:** Since 1954. When Navy
23 intelligence opened up Terminal Island for the
24 government prison system, they was turning it over
25 from a section eight into a prison perspective. I'd
26 whipped everybody in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia,
27 Indiana, and they sent me out here on the coast and

1 set me on the yard out there to make a new prison
2 system. I didn't know what they were doing. I didn't
3 know what I was doing. But federal prisons are run
4 like ships. There's like Marion, Illinois and
5 Leavenworth are run like out of U.S.S. Missouri and all
6 them places. So being on, in prison all these years,
7 I looked at the government and the perspectives of the
8 world in a different, in a different perspective. Not
9 the same way you guys do.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Right.

11 INMATE MANSON: I look at it from the patriarch
12 more than the matriarch. The matriarch is more in the
13 play of the world that's existing today, but in my
14 mind and heart I would want the, the patriarch because
15 naturally I'm a patriarch. I believe in the field of
16 honor, and I believe if someone offends you, that you
17 have the right to smack them in the mouth, punch them
18 out, and dare them to come out, and fight until, you
19 know, the field of honor is there, you know.

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Okay. All right,
21 I understand. All right, you also --

22 INMATE MANSON: That's the way prison is run.

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Yeah.

24 INMATE MANSON: Well, I run that.

25 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: You have a chrono
26 in there, too, on 2/18/94 for programming per
27 expectations and having acceptable behavior.

1 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: And, you know,
3 you, and then you turned in a wire or something. You
4 turned in, before your last hearing, you turned in a
5 wire.

6 INMATE MANSON: Yeah, but, see, you've got to
7 understand, this is Corrections. Department of
8 Corrections, they have a bunch of men in uniform, and
9 they're always correcting. That's what they do.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Right.

11 INMATE MANSON: That's their business. They
12 get paid to do that. They're good at it.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Right.

14 INMATE MANSON: There's a lot of good men in
15 uniform that are making these corrections. Well, I'm
16 in here, too, and I'm stuck in between the cracks in
17 the wall, and when something don't go the way I think
18 it should go and I have to stand up on that and make a
19 point to someone, I've got to do it whether I want to
20 or not. If the lieutenant comes to me and tells me
21 "Well, here, here's a restricted area. Here's a
22 broom. Go sweep that", and no one's been down that
23 hallway for ten years, so I go to go through that.
24 You can imagine. Well, I dig up keys. I got to be
25 all the way with the Roman Empire coming back from the
26 Greeks because like Roman Polanski was very mad about
27 what that -- What's that other guy's name that won

1 that suit over there in Poland on this case here, this
2 case you got here? This guy won a suit. Frykowski,
3 Frykowski's kid grew up and sued somebody or somebody
4 sued him, and they beat me out of some money that had
5 something to do with Guns N' Roses that had a magazine
6 or something they were doing.

7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Okay, well, then
8 if that is all that was in your C-file that I have
9 read, --

10 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: -- then I'm
12 going to go to the written portion of the hearing,
13 and --

14 INMATE MANSON: Now, wait a minute. Let me
15 finish. I haven't been trying to be good.

16 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: You haven't been
17 trying?

18 INMATE MANSON: No. No, sir.

19 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: No, you haven't
20 been.

21 INMATE MANSON: Now, wait a minute. And I
22 haven't been trying to be bad. I'm just trying to get
23 left, you know. I'm just trying to live, that's all.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: I see.

25 INMATE MANSON: I'm not trying to be nasty to
26 nobody. No, no, if you'd gave me my rights, all this
27 wouldn't have happened. Now, look at it. Take your

1 responsibility, too. If you'd give me rights in the
2 courtroom, and let me explain myself -- You wouldn't
3 do it. You set up there and went, you know, so then
4 after a while I became you again. You know, that's a
5 bitch, you know, I'm all the way to Chief Douglas
6 (phonetic) there in Terminal Island, McNeil Island.
7 That's when the Supreme Court, Douglas, was his name?
8 Yeah. I filed some papers with him. I'm not
9 completely out of the trash.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Okay.

11 INMATE MANSON: In other words, I've been in
12 the garbage truck before, you know.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Okay, I'm going
14 to read a portion, a portion of the post-conviction
15 factors. It's prepared by J. Garcia, (phonetic)
16 Correctional Counselor I, and reviewed by K., initial
17 K. Gabaldon, G-a-b-a-l-d-o-n, Correctional Counselor
18 II. Under post-conviction factors, it says "The
19 subject has received 14 CDC 115s since his last
20 scheduled appearance before the Board of Prison Terms.
21 Subject's conduct within the institution at the time
22 appears to be improving. However, subject's sporadic
23 outbursts would appear to indicate that he has made no
24 progress to be reintegrated into society. Most
25 notably, subject's recent CDC 11^c of 10/31/96", and
26 that, of course, was the one relating to threatening
27 the staff. The report summarizes by saying

1 "Considering the commitment offense, prior record and
2 prison adjustment, this writer believes the prisoner
3 would probably pose a high degree of threat to the
4 public if released from prison at this time, this
5 evidenced by subject's continued in-custody misconduct
6 since his last appearance before the Board of Prison
7 Terms. Subject also poses a threat to the public due
8 to his continued influence on others. There have
9 been --

10 **INMATE MANSON:** He's right. He's right.
11 That's right. I'll agree with that.

12 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS:** "There have been
13 several prior psychiatric reports which reflect the
14 belief that Manson's violence potential within the
15 prison setting seems to be below that of the average
16 prisoner, but as M. Lyons, (phonetic) Ph.D., Staff
17 Psychologist at San Quentin, stated in his
18 psychological evaluation submitted to the Board of
19 Prison Terms in 1989, 'His dangerousness lies in his
20 highly developed ability to influence others'." And
21 that concludes your post-conviction factors. Now,
22 I'll go to your psychiatric report, Mr. Manson.

23 **INMATE MANSON:** Yeah. I don't get to respond
24 to that last little --

25 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS:** Yes, sure. Why
26 don't you take a minute in response to what I had to
27 say?

1 INMATE MANSON: We all know about the right, r-
2 i-g-h-t. If we stay up all night and look at right,
3 we're still looking at right, and we're all right if
4 we're right, so don't blame me and say I'm taking over
5 your mind because you didn't have any to start with.

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Okay. We'll
7 consider that your response. This is a report,
8 psychiatric report that was prepared for this hearing
9 by Dr. William O. Evans, Senior Psychologist. And Mr.
10 Manson, I'm not going to read all of it. I'm only
11 going to read parts of it.

12 INMATE MANSON: I know. Yeah.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Under mental
14 status at the time --

15 INMATE MANSON: But this will go in history
16 books, right?

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Well, I don't
18 know.

19 INMATE MANSON: Chapter, how much?

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: I don't know.
21 Under the mental status at the time of the
22 examination, --

23 INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: -- it said that
25 you displayed no psychotic criteria, no thought
26 disorder or affective disturbance. You were alert,
27 cooperative and oriented. "He was appropriately

1 groomed and dressed. He (inaudible) well with the
2 examiner since he considers that he was treated fairly
3 and on one occasion his complaints concerning
4 treatment at the hands of certain custody personnel
5 were concluded to his satisfaction. He expressed
6 gratitude accordingly. As usual, inmate Manson spoke
7 in metaphor and allegory and on occasion had to be
8 reminded to be more linear and concrete. He has a
9 clinical history of exercising control, manipulation
10 and power over his associates and followers, fueled by
11 narcissistic rage for real or imagined slights and
12 disrespect taken literally by his followers as license
13 and license to kill. He reported no current
14 psychiatric complaints. His primary complaint was
15 that his guitar, which was given to him by a
16 journalist in return for granting him an interview,
17 had been taken away from him two years ago. He
18 revealed sexist and racist views and regularly rails
19 against the system for abuses to the disenfranchised
20 and the environment. Previously, he reported to his
21 counselor that he had been upset because he'd
22 recommended placement in the Category K program at
23 CMP. This examiner feels that currently Category K
24 placement is not appropriate. Inmate Manson has
25 exhibited considerable intelligence by concerning
26 himself with the abstract and being very aware of just
27 noticeable differences in others and has demonstrated

1 a variety of manipulation and control upon others
2 using powerful reinforcements of sex, drugs, passive-
3 aggressive rewards and punishments in a community
4 setting with communal economics and lifestyle." He
5 goes on to say that "He exhibits some signs of schizo-
6 effective personality disorder. Once in a while he
7 does revert to magical thinking and flights of fancy,
8 but more in allegory and metaphor than in the
9 illusional system. He has a history of a rather
10 severe cultural and educational deficit. No doubt
11 those social inadequacies precipitated the Category K
12 placement recommendation. Through his own remedial
13 and enrichment de facto self-help programming, it's no
14 longer at issue." You're diagnosed, Mr. Manson, under
15 axis one as "Psychoactive substance abuse". Axis two
16 "Anti-social personality disorder with narcissistic
17 aggressive schizopale (phonetic) features, principal
18 diagnosis". Axis three "Various somatic complaints
19 under treatment". Axis four, psychosocial stressors,
20 the severity, "Moderate due to incarceration and the
21 impending hearing", and you were given a current GAF
22 score of 75, and your highest GAF score in the past
23 year was 75. Under progress and prognosis it says
24 "His progress is not necessarily remarkable apart from
25 a normal maturation with age. His prognosis is not
26 good since his disciplinary history since the Board
27 hearing five years ago speaks for itself. He appears

1 resigned to the present condition and position, and
2 his last parting comment to this examiner was 'This is
3 a better life than an old folks home'." Under
4 conclusion and recommendations, "Inmate Manson is
5 competent and responsible for his own behavior. He
6 has the capacity to abide by institutional standards.
7 There's no current evidence that suggests
8 psychopathology. His violence potential is still
9 considered greater-than-average, as a discussion
10 concerning the La Bianca murder will attest. This
11 examiner is not suggesting the Board to get into this
12 due to the time restraints. Since inmate Manson
13 practices manipulation power and control over his
14 followers, he is still considered to be a dangerous
15 man, especially if he were to partake of illicit drug
16 abuse. He has not yet begun to contemplate underlying
17 causes of his current attitude other than to see
18 himself as a victim of the system. He has some
19 considerable artistic ability, and he should be
20 encouraged to continue such controlled outlets for
21 this expression. This examiner has seen noticeable
22 improvement in his verbal ability in a one-to-one
23 setting. His physical and medical needs seem to be
24 well taken care of. The examiner read his medical
25 file with interest. He is maintaining as well as can
26 be expected under the circumstances." And the doctor
27 notes that "Programming decisions can be based on

1 custody issues rather than mental health factors".
2 And having read portions of that psychiatric report,
3 Mr. Manson, I'll return it to the Chair.

4 INMATE MANSON: I like that last, those two
5 lines. Would you say those again?

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Well, he said
7 your programming decisions should be based on custody
8 issues rather than mental health factors. And I'll
9 return it to the Chair, Mr. Manson.

10 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Whoever did that did a
11 really good job, didn't they?

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Yeah.

13 INMATE MANSON: Yeah, that was a, that was a
14 real nice report.

15 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Thanks.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Did you want to
17 comment on it, Mr. Manson?

18 INMATE MANSON: Yeah, I thought the guy, he had
19 a lot of good things down there, pretty much. Yeah,
20 I'm a lot of those things. He's making me look a
21 little better than I really am, but, (laughter) yeah,
22 you know, whatever it takes is where I have to roll.
23 I ain't got no choice about it. If I had a choice,
24 and you guys open up the gates of wherever, wherever,
25 you know, I'd get on down the road, and you could have
26 this Charlie Manson thing that they created because
27 they haven't even seen me, not really. They seen all

1 them faces that we play, you know. They don't want to
2 see me, actually.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** All right. Mr.
4 Van Court will talk to you about your parole plans.

5 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** Yes, sir. Mr. Manson,
6 what are your parole plans? Do you have any parole
7 plans?

8 **INMATE MANSON:** Well, I thought about that, and
9 I knew that would be a question, and I wrote that down
10 in one of my little books. Let me see if I can gather
11 these thoughts properly. Say it once more.

12 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** Yeah. Do you have any
13 parole plans at all, Mr. Manson?

14 **INMATE MANSON:** Do I have any parole plans?
15 Oh, yeah, I was going to ask you, are you in prison?
16 I'm here doing a job for God and country, I think.
17 The United States Supreme Court gave me my life back.
18 Took away the death penalty. Said it's cruel and
19 unusual punishment. I agree with them, and I've been
20 serving it ever since 'cause they gave me my life, so
21 I give it right to them. It's there life, too, you
22 know, so I'm helping as much as I can in the
23 government that I am, the government that I know
24 about, my Teddy Roosevelt and my, my sergeant and my
25 lieutenants and all that kind of stuff, you know. I
26 never grew up to do all that kind of stuff, but I seen
27 other people doing it. I always wanted to. You know,

1 it would have been nice if I could have got in the
2 service, you know, and been some kind of military guy,
3 a United States Marshall or something, you know. But
4 I've been stuck in jail, watching everybody else live
5 their life, so then as I grow up, I begin to see that
6 I've been out there just as much as I'm in here, too,
7 sometimes, you know. And even though I don't make
8 sense right now, that later on sometimes like
9 (inaudible) somewhere. It says "Hey, who we got
10 locked up in there"? I mean what is this trip? Do
11 you really want to know?

12 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Okay. Well, no, Mr.
13 Manson.

14 INMATE MANSON: I didn't think so.

15 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: We'll say, if down the
16 line you were actually given a parole date, what would
17 your plans be?

18 INMATE MANSON: I would go poof.

19 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Poof?

20 INMATE MANSON: (Laughter) Poof.

21 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Now, I notice that in
22 the most recent future plans it says, "Residence:
23 Manson offers no plans for his future". And then in
24 the --

25 INMATE MANSON: I don't have a future, guy.
26 (Laughter) I never had a future.

27 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Well, then in the

1 report back in '92 it says "Manson stated that he has
2 no plans for the future. He stated that he has not,
3 was not interested in paroling, and that he would be
4 lost in our society".

5 INMATE MANSON: Right on.

6 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: "His main concern at
7 this time would be to be released to a general
8 population setting in order, in order to program." In
9 other words, you want to get back in general
10 population in prison.

11 INMATE MANSON: I was supposed to have been
12 sent to the mainline in San Quentin from Vacaville,
13 but they sent me over here and locked me up for, so
14 they can play act my face over there at some movies,
15 right, some more.

16 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Okay, so you really
17 don't have any parole plans?

18 INMATE MANSON: Well, I don't think parole
19 would be a reasonable perspective. I don't really,
20 wouldn't take a parole, anyway, not really. I'm
21 thinking, you know, I'm here. We're going through the
22 changes of it, but I would like to go back to court.
23 I would like to get my chance, my day in court. We're
24 based and founded on that. Sooner or later, even if I
25 die tonight, you're still going to have to give me a
26 trial. Sooner or later, that court going to click,
27 and when that big chair clicks, it's going to be

1 right, and I'm going to get my, my rights.

2 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Mr. Manson, those are
3 questions that, that are just part of the parole
4 hearing, is to come up with what your plans are so
5 that we have some idea.

6 INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Well, --

7 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Now, the other phase
8 of, of the portion of the hearing that I'm handling is
9 letters. And we received a whole bunch of letters.
10 Regarding you personally, there's -- Apparently there
11 was some kind of a coupon in one of the magazines in
12 the newspapers about whether the general population
13 wanted you to parole or wanted you to remain in
14 prison, and apparently there was 2,072 coupons sent
15 back in. And then there was also 257 letters that
16 were written in your regard. However, I have one
17 letter here that I will read, and that's from the Los
18 Angeles Police Department, and it's dated February 25,
19 1997. It says "The Los Angeles Police Department
20 welcomes the opportunity to respond to the pending
21 parole hearing for Charles Manson, your CDC number B-
22 33920, which is scheduled for the week of March 24,
23 1997. The facts of this case speak for themselves.
24 The consummate brutality of the unspeakable
25 premeditated murders for which Mr. Manson has been
26 convicted clearly demonstrate his wanton disregard for
27 human life. The most --"

1 **INMATE MANSON:** Now, stop.

2 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** Okay.

3 **INMATE MANSON:** Now, that's my point, exactly.

4 If I were guilty of that, that would be true, but as
5 long as that court stands, then that's what makes me
6 what I am to that man's mind. That is not me. He
7 gets his reality from that court. If that court says
8 I'm guilty, he's going to agree with it. If a Roman
9 Catholic comes over here and gets in your district
10 attorney's office, (tapping on table) Rome, mama,
11 Rome. That's talking all the way back to one cross,
12 and they'll do anything in the world to put one cross
13 back in order because if they don't put one cross back
14 in order, they got Islam right up their ass from
15 Chicago bouncing that goddamned fucking basketball.
16 Sooner or later, you guys are going to have to step
17 out in this hallway and see who this hallway belongs
18 to. That's my mop and broom over in the corner, Jack,
19 you know. Whatever you guys are playing out there,
20 that's nice for you to play when you got the money,
21 that's cool. But when you're down in the hard time
22 where you ain't got nothing but mine you're mopping
23 and slopping with, you got to deal with what you've
24 got to deal from here, honey buns. And when you can
25 do that, then that's the penitentiary. I don't know
26 all the things you know, but you don't know the things
27 I know, either. I don't disrespect you and take your

1 rights, so give me my fucking rights. You can't fool
2 me. You can't trick me. I didn't have nothing to do
3 with killing those people, period. I've told you that
4 all the way down the line. I wasn't around anyone
5 when they were killed. I'm not saying I'm not capable
6 of doing it myself, but I'm just saying this, I did
7 not do that, and I could have proved it in a court of
8 law.

9 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Okay, that's on the
10 record, Mr. Manson.

11 INMATE MANSON: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: Let me finish this
13 letter. It's very brief.

14 INMATE MANSON: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: "He must never be
16 permitted to inflict the horrible evil of which he is
17 capable upon society. The community remains fully
18 justified in its belief that Charles Manson remain in
19 prison for the rest of his life. Please keep this
20 department advised of further developments pursuant to
21 Penal Code section 3042. Very truly yours, Willie L.
22 Williams, (phonetic) Chief of Police, by W. Gartland,
23 (phonetic) Captain, Commanding Officer, Robbery /
24 Homicide Division."

25 INMATE MANSON: And what happened to Chief
26 Gates (phonetic)? And the Gates Hotel, my mother,
27 huh?

1 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** Darrell (phonetic)
2 Gates retired.

3 **INMATE MANSON:** Oh, well, then where does that
4 leave my mother, out on the street corner? I mean
5 what I just drove up -- This guy just drove up after
6 I drove up. He's a kid to me. That's on 13th and
7 Hill, (phonetic) where they're running a whorehouse.
8 That's where my mother came from Texas. She was the
9 first outlaw that came to this part of the world.

10 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** Okay, but at least
11 that's the whole total of the information I have.

12 **INMATE MANSON:** Yeah. Well, --

13 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** And what I'll do now
14 is --

15 **INMATE MANSON:** But it seems kind of unfair
16 that you want to just pick one policeman who, who
17 wants to stand up against me. Why don't you go back
18 to Indiana where the first guy arrested me when I was
19 a little kid? He went all the way and became a chief,
20 too. And we were friends all the way (laughter).
21 Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

22 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** Okay. That was the
23 only letter that I had to read, --

24 **INMATE MANSON:** Uh-huh.

25 **COMMISSIONER VAN COURT:** -- so I'd like to
26 return now to the Chairman and --

27 **INMATE MANSON:** Yeah. Am I American citizen?

1 All right, you respect me for that, right?

2 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: You bet.

3 INMATE MANSON: Right on.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Mr. Douglas, any
5 questions?

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: No, I have no
7 questions.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Any questions,
9 Mr. Van Court?

10 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: No, I have no
11 questions.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Any questions,
13 Mr. Kay?

14 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KAY: No questions

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Closing
16 statement?

17 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KAY: Yes. Finding
18 Charles Manson unsuitable for parole is the easiest
19 decision that you'll have this year. Mr. Manson and I
20 both know that he will never be suitable for parole.
21 Mr. Manson is a remorseless, cold-blooded murderer.
22 He was taken into custody on October 12, 1969, and the
23 only change that he's had since that time is the fact
24 that he's physically aged. Other than that, he's the
25 same person he was in 1969. Mr. Manson
26 masterminded -- And he's never quite understood the
27 law of conspiracy and aiding and abetting, and that's

1 why he thinks that he's not guilty of this. He told
2 other people to commit murder. He didn't kill them
3 himself, so he thinks that he's not responsible, but
4 fortunately, in California, if somebody masterminds
5 murders, they're just as guilty as the people that
6 inflict the fatal wound.

7 **INMATE MANSON:** You've made that up since then.
8 That was not the case.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Mr. Manson, Mr.
10 Kay didn't interrupt you, so I'm going to ask you not
11 to interrupt him.

12 **INMATE MANSON:** Okay, okay. All right. Yeah.
13 I'm just making a mental note.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Okay.

15 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KAY:** Mr. Manson
16 masterminded nine of the most brutal, senseless
17 murders in the annals of American crime. And the
18 murders started with the, the murder of Gary Hinman,
19 who was a rock musician, and the reason he was
20 murdered was because Mr. Manson directed his followers
21 to get Mr. Hinman to turn over property to him because
22 they were collecting property to prepare for war, the
23 race war that Mr. Manson thought was coming. Mr.
24 Hinman was tortured over a three-day period with Mr.
25 Manson actually cutting off part of his ear with a,
26 with a sword. The seven Tate-La Bianca murders, the
27 reason that those people were, were picked -- And

1 they didn't know Mr. Manson. Mr. Manson didn't know
2 them. Mr. Manson wanted to blame those murders on
3 blacks to start a race war. He actually went in the
4 La Bianca house. And one thing that was left out of
5 your statement of facts was he stole Mrs. La Bianca's
6 wallet and had it planted in what he thought was
7 Lacoyma, (phonetic) an area populated namely by blacks
8 at the time, because he wanted a black person to use
9 the credit cards in the wallet and get blamed for the
10 murder so that that would start the race war, whites
11 going down and killing blacks in retaliation for these
12 murders. Mr. Manson told his followers to commit
13 heinous murders, and they followed his direction. And
14 Tex Watson took rope with him and hung Sharon Tate
15 while he, she was still alive by throwing a rope over
16 the beam, one of the beams of the ceiling in the
17 living room. And in the La Bianca murder, there was
18 writing in blood on the walls, on the refrigerator,
19 "war" carved in Mr. La Bianca's abdomen. Between the
20 two murders 156 stab wounds were inflicted on the
21 victims. The last murder he was convicted of, at the
22 same time he was convicted of the Hinman murder, was
23 the murder of Donald "Shorty" Shay. That was on
24 August 28, 1969. Mr. Shay was a ranch hand at Spahn
25 Ranch who was, knew Manson and the "the family" were
26 up to no good and tried to get them kicked off the
27 ranch, and he got murdered for his efforts.

1 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: It's the back-up.
2 Go ahead.

3 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KAY: Besides
4 masterminding these murders, Mr. Manson has been a
5 terrible prisoner. At the time of the, his last
6 hearing, he actually had 57 CDC 115s which were
7 serious violations. Now, according to the Board
8 report this time, he has 14. I'm not sure if it's 13
9 or 14, but that should give him a grand total 70 CDC
10 115s which are serious violations. His record is
11 replete with assaulting prison guards and staff
12 members, spitting on them, throwing hot coffee on
13 them, threatening to kill them. Your heart really
14 goes out to the people have to work with Mr. Manson,
15 that they have to put up with this type of conduct.
16 He also has in his past, in Vacaville he was in
17 possession of LSD. When he was transferred to
18 Vacaville to San Quentin, they found a hacksaw blade
19 concealed in the insole of his shoe. And he also,
20 when he was in Vacaville, had escape plans that they,
21 that they caught him with. Now, that's just things
22 that happened before this last hearing. Since his
23 last hearing, of course, he's threatened to murder one
24 of the guards. He's threatened staff members. He
25 assaulted, the report said "non-prisoner", and I'm not
26 sure exactly who that was, but he shouldn't have
27 assaulted anybody. He was trafficking in narcotics,

1 in possession of a stabbing instrument. Mr. Manson,
2 after they would finish their dinners at Spahn Ranch,
3 would preach to his followers. And one of the things
4 he was telling them is that there are no laws.
5 There's no right or wrong, and it's okay to commit
6 murder. Now, the fact that Mr. Manson is not
7 following the regulations in prison is understandable
8 because he doesn't believe that there are any laws.
9 He is a law unto himself. He will do whatever he
10 wants, whenever he wants. I found the psychiatric
11 report very interesting, and I was pleased that Mr.
12 Manson liked Dr. Evans' report because I did, too, and
13 I thought Dr. Evans had good insight into Manson,
14 saying that "He had a severe personality disorder".
15 And the operative word is "severe", and was
16 characterized by "Narcissistic, manipulative and
17 sociopathic features". That means the guy is in love
18 with himself. He can manipulate others, and he is
19 seriously anti-social. That's the same way he was in
20 1969, and that's what lead us to the murders that
21 we're talking about today. Dr. Evans said that the
22 prognosis is not good. Well, it's never been good for
23 Mr. Manson. Dr. Evans also said that he presents a
24 danger greater than average. Well, I would have to
25 say it's probably a hundred miles above average. And
26 the thing I like most that Dr. Evans said is that "Mr.
27 Manson is a dangerous individual". I think that

1 that's an understatement, that he's still a dangerous
2 individual. I think the reports speak very loudly to
3 that position and to the fact that Mr. Manson is
4 clearly unsuitable for parole, and I respectfully ask
5 the Board for the maximum five-year denial. I wish it
6 could be longer, but the law only allows for five
7 years, so that's what I'll ask for.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** Thank you. Mr.
9 Manson, do you have anything to tell the Board?

10 **INMATE MANSON:** Yeah, I thought the court
11 recessed. What is this guy doing?

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** No, we'll recess
13 in a few minutes. You can speak --

14 **INMATE MANSON:** Well, no, no, I'm talking about
15 the court that we were in before, the court in L.A.,
16 Charles (phonetic) Older was setting in that chair
17 before.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** I don't know
19 anything about that.

20 **INMATE MANSON:** Now, well, Charles Older is
21 still my judge in my courtroom. In my mind, Charles
22 Older sets in that chair in my mind up there on that
23 bench. So all the head people are still Charles Older
24 to me, so when Charles Older said this court is in
25 session, when he sentenced me to the death penalty,
26 and he said that the court was in session -- What is
27 he doing? He has no entrance into, to my life after

1 that. People have followed me around, just making up
2 all kinds of things that's going fit whatever they're
3 doing. What somebody does in their world is on them.
4 It's their business. The Kilgore (phonetic) clan of
5 Kentucky and the Dunn (phonetic) clan of Scotland are
6 getting together with the Manson clan. That's out of
7 Bragg Air Force Base down in North Carolina,
8 Greensboro, North Carolina. We just landed some
9 people from Scotland who came over here, and I told
10 them they didn't give me my rights, so that's okay,
11 you can keep them. I'll take them as I go because my
12 fathers are clansmen, and I'm a clansman, and I'll
13 march there for hell and wherever he goes to forever
14 in that. So I could be wrong maybe in hell, but I
15 don't think heaven would agree, or if heaven agrees,
16 we could dance that out in the desert because I
17 already came off the Terminal Island Navy
18 Intelligence. I am United States government. Nixon,
19 now, Judge Older, there in that court to Justice
20 Douglas. It's good to see you, Mr. Douglas.
21 Beautiful (laughter). Yeah, Mr. Van (phonetic)
22 (laughter). I used to work with him, too. You know,
23 you make me in to be all the bad guys. That's okay.
24 That's the game you're playing with Hollywood. I'm
25 not good or bad (laughter). I'm just that guy that
26 does what I have to do. You know who I am. You know
27 me. It's the chain in command, section eight

1 (laughter).

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Do you think
3 you're suitable for parole?

4 INMATE MANSON: No, no, I wouldn't. No, I
5 wouldn't. I got too many problems, too many problems,
6 and I'm doing too many things. I'm really involved in
7 a lot of things. I've got a web site that I'm working
8 on, --

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay.

10 INMATE MANSON: -- and I have a lot of other
11 ecology trips that I'm trying to put into play. I've
12 been given a lot of influence, so I'm trying to use it
13 in a positive perspective. I've got some helpers.
14 And I do go to Alcoholics Anonymous because the AA has
15 always been a sincere friend, and it's always helped
16 the winos, and I kind of get along with the winos. So
17 I'm doing what I can. I'm learning to start all over.
18 And I keep starting all over, but I got these little-
19 minded people who keep dragging the past and keep
20 throwing their judgments over on me as if the
21 Fitzgeralds (phonetic) don't belong to the clan, also,
22 Mr. Fitzgerald.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Well, let me ask
24 you this, how long do you think it will be before you
25 are ready for parole?

26 INMATE MANSON: Ready for parole, that's a big
27 word. That's a big step, guy. I'm having trouble

1 adjusting out of S wing. I was trying to get to a
2 mainline where I can get a little reality back in
3 perspective. Don't you see what's been thrown on top
4 of me?

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** I understand
6 what you're saying.

7 **INMATE MANSON:** Oh, my goodness, I've been
8 carrying, (inaudible) ding dong across these little
9 chicky facts on rooty toot (phonetic). We're up with
10 Mother Goose flying this whole world in the ozones.
11 We got agwog (phonetic) going on the internet. Rome
12 is in play with the Department of Corrections on CCs
13 (phonetic), trying to bring the Feather Rivers back in
14 the desert back into the play. The water in
15 California is threatened by all the aqueducts and
16 artificial rivers, so the CCC (phonetic) and the
17 National Guard have taken up the stand against taking
18 all the water off the land and giving it to the city.
19 We're trying to get some of the wetlands back so there
20 might be some chance for survival on the planet Earth,
21 but we haven't been able to reach any intelligent life
22 forms yet. Everybody wants to bigger or better or
23 throw the ball further. Everybody is in a game.
24 They're in a movie. They've lost the perspective of
25 their elders and their fathers, and government is just
26 going to nothing because you won't give me my rights.
27 You've got to give me my Constitutional rights. If

1 you don't, you don't have a Constitution, and you're
2 not going to fool China. You're not going to fool
3 Korea. You're not going to fool the Vietnamese, and
4 you're certainly not going to fool me. I know what I
5 did. I could have proved what happened. I'm not even
6 in the generation of the 60s. My generation is the
7 50s.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER:** All right, thank
9 you, Mr. Manson. We're going to recess at this time,
10 and it's approximately 25 minutes after 2:00. We'll
11 call you back in a few minutes with our decision.

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Thank you.

We're back on the record in the matter of Charles Manson, ID number B-33920. The Panel reviewed all the information received from the public and relied on the following circumstances in concluding that prisoner is not suitable for parole and would pose an unreasonable risk of danger to society and a threat to public safety if released from prison. The offense itself was carried out in a manner which exhibits a callous disregard for the life and the suffering of another. Multiple victims were attacked, injured and / or killed in the same or separate incidences. And the murder of one victim did not deter the prisoner from later committing other criminal offenses, specifically, more murders. The prisoner has an escalating pattern of criminal conduct, an unstable social history, and he's failed to profit from society's previous attempts to correct his criminality. Such attempts include juvenile camp, prior prison terms and parole. The prisoner has failed to upgrade educationally and vocationally as previously recommended by the Board. He's not participated in sufficient beneficial self-help and therapy programming, and he's failed to demonstrate

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1 evidence of positive change. Misconduct while
2 incarcerated includes 13 115s since his last Board of
3 Prison Terms hearing. The psychiatric report dated
4 January 13, 14, 1997 by Dr. Evans is unfavorable. In
5 part, Dr. Evans states that his violence potential is
6 still considered greater-than-average. He says "Since
7 inmate Manson practices manipulation, power and
8 control over his followers, he is still considered to
9 be a dangerous man, especially if he were to partake
10 in illegal drug abuse." The Panel makes the following
11 findings, that therapy in a controlled setting is
12 needed, but motivation and amenability are
13 questionable. In view of the prisoner's assaultive
14 history, his continued negative behavior and his lack
15 of program participation, there's no indication the
16 prisoner would be behave differently if he was
17 paroled. The prisoner is denied parole for five
18 years. The hearing Panel finds it is not reasonable
19 to expect that parole would be granted at a hearing
20 during the following five years, and the specific
21 reasons for that finding are as follows. First of all
22 is the serious crimes themselves. He participated in
23 nine murders, victims selected at random to fulfill
24 his idealistic dream of Helter Skelter. As a result,
25 a longer period of observation and evaluation is
26 required before the Board should set a date. The
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1 prisoner has 13 115s since his last hearing. The
2 recent psychiatric report dated January 13 and 14 by
3 Dr. Evans indicates a need for a longer period of
4 observation, evaluation and / or treatment, and the
5 prisoner has not completed necessary programming
6 essential to his adjustment and needs additional time
7 to gain such programming. He has not participated in
8 or completed sufficient self-help and therapy
9 programming, any vocational trade or obtained his GED.
10 The Panel recommends during the next five years that
11 the prisoner become and remain disciplinary-free, that
12 he work toward reducing his custody level, that he
13 upgrade vocationally and educationally and participate
14 in self-help and therapy programming. That's the
15 conclusion of the reading of the decision. I'll poll
16 the Panel and see if they have any comments. Mr.
17 Douglas?

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: No, I have no
19 comments, Mr. Chair.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Mr. Van Court?

21 COMMISSIONER VAN COURT: No, I have no
22 comments.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: That concludes
24 the hearing, Mr. Manson.

25 INMATE MANSON: All right.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: The time is

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1 approximately 2:50.

2 INMATE MANSON: All right, let me, let me have
3 a little tag on this, if I can. I accept this
4 decision. It's cool. What I'd like for you to do, in
5 your own minds, personally, everybody that has a
6 personal mind of their own, could possibly consider
7 that the longer that you let this conviction stand and
8 this little Helter Skelter scheme of the district
9 attorney to get his particular reality over into the
10 play, that's going to be the reality that they're
11 perpetuating. That's not the reality that I'm
12 perpetuating. I'm not saying that I wasn't involved.
13 I'm saying that I did not break man's law, nor did I
14 break God's law. Consider that in the judgments that
15 you have for yourselves.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Thank you, Mr.
17 Manson.

18 INMATE MANSON: Good day.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BAKER: Good day.

20 INMATE MANSON: Thank you.

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