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- R. Pizarro, Board Member, presiding
- R. Roos, Board Member
 - W. A. Gordon, Hearing Representative

ALSO PRESENT

- A P Charles Manson, Inmate
- Glen De Ronde, Attorney for Inmate Manson 8
- Stephen Kay, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

OBSERVERS

Louise Johnson, custody officer

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- Nancy Watson, Board of Prison Terms
- Mary Lou Finili, Board of Prison Terms
- 15 Lydia Wasowicz, UPI;
- 16 Fran D'Millo, AP
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- 18 Kathy Featherstone, KUIC Vacaville
- 19 Walter Stuart, artist, KRON TV

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PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Today's date is

November 4, 1980. This hearing is being conducted at the

state prison in Vacaville. The time now is approximately

2:04 p.m.

hearing for Mr. Charles Manson, CDC Number B-33920, who was received in the state prison on April 22, 1971, Case Number A-253156, seven counts of murder in the first degree, Los Angeles County, the victims being, in Count I, Agibai! Folger; Count II, Wojicieck Frykowski; Count III, Steven Earl Parent; Count IV, Sharon Marie Polanski; Count V, Thomas John Sebring; Count VI, Leno LaBianca, Count VII, Rosemary LaBianca.

And then he was also received on a multiple crime of murder in the first degree on December 13, 1971, Case

Number A-267861, Count Number I, Los Angeles County, the victim being one Gary Hinman.

The panel also notes that the prisoner has had previous parole consideration hearings conducted by the Board on November 16, 1978, and November 27, 1979, at which time the prisoner was found unsuitable for parole.

The record should also reflect that Case Number A-253156 has a Count VIII, which was stayed. That offense

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refers to a conviction for conspiracy to commit murder and refers to the prisoner and his crime partners conspiring to kill the victims of Counts I through VII.

We also note that Case Number A-267861 had two counts that were stayed, that being a conviction for conspiracy to commit murder and robbery, which refers to the prisoner and the crime partners' involvement with Mr. Hinman; and then Count III, which is the murder in the first degree, the victim being one Donald Jerome Shea. As I said, Count II and Count III were stayed.

At this time I'm going to take note of those people who are present, for the record, in the hearing room. And, as far as the panel is concerned, to my immediate left is Mr. Robert Roos, who is a Member of the Board of Prison Terms. To my immediate right is Mr. Walter Gordon, who is a Hearing Representative for the Board. My name is Ralph Pizarro, and I'm also a Board Member.

Seated across from me is the prisoner, Mr. Charles Manson. Seated next to him is his attorney, Mr. Glen De Ronde. Seated also at the table is Mr. Stephen Kay, who is a Peputy District Attorney from the County of Los Angeles.

Also in the room are observers Nancy Watson from the Board of Prison Terms; Mary Lou Finili, Member of the staff of the Board of Prison Terms; Louise Johnson, who is

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a CMF employee and escort for Mr. Manson. And we have five representatives from the press, one Lydia Wasowicz from UPI; Fran D'Millo from AP; Steve Huddleston from the Vacaville Reporter; Kathy Featherstone from KUIC Vacaville; and Walter Stuart, who is with KRON TV.

I believe I covered everybody.

This hearing is being conducted pursuant to

Penal Code Sections 3041 and 3042 and the regulations of

the Board of Prison Terms governing parole consideration

hearings for life prisoners. And the purpose of today's

hearing is to consider Mr. Manson's suitability for parole.

We will be considering the number and the nature of the crimes for which he was committed to state prison, his criminal history or lack of it prior to this commitment, and his behavior since his commitment.

We will reach a decision and inform him today whether we find him suitable for parole or not and the reasons for our decision. If we find that he is suitable for parole, the length of confinement and the specific factors leading to this determination will be explained to him.

As stated in the prehearing conference that we have had between the principals and the Board -- both counsel are experienced in conducting hearings before the Board of Prison Terms, and each of you know that we cover

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four areas: the offense, the prior criminality and early life of the prischer, post-conviction factors -- or what is known as in-prison conduct -- and then a discussion of parole plans. Our prehearing discussion dealt with the possibility of incorporating by reference the statement of facts of the Board of Prison Terms summary of November 16, 1978, and November 27, 1979. It is not all inclusive, but it does describe the circumstances in connection with the offense of August 9, '69, where five people were killed in the Taté residence. It does describe the LaBianca murders of August 10, 1969, two people killed there. does describe the July 27, '69, incident at Gary Hinman's residence where one person was killed. There is no mention in there of the August '69 killing of Donald Jerome Shea, no doubt because that count was stayed.

Now, it's understood that the panel has read the considerable testimony in connection with the offenses as offered in the 1978 hearing. There was -- as I said earlier, there were pages 5 to 70 there. And it's also understood that each of the attorneys will have an opportunity to comment further if they so desire, both at this stage of the proceedings and at the conclusion when they summarize their particular presentation.

With that said and with those understandings, may I ask of you. Mr. Kay, whether it's agreeable that we

do incorporate by reference as stated now and as understood in our prehearing discussion.

MR. KAY: It's agreeable with me.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: And with you, Mr.

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MR. DE RONDE: We are agreed to it.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: All right.

I might add that essentially in each of those hearings that Mr. Kay — and in breefing what he said at that time in addition to discussing the offense, his feeling was that Mr. Manson was the leader of the group, that he dominated the group, that he ordered the killings, and the reason being that Mr. Manson wanted to start a race war, and thereby was responsible for the nine killings and was convicted thereof. Mr. Manson, on the other hand, denied it, denied that he ordered the others to kill, denied that he was the leader of the group, denied that he had followers, and, more or less, expressed the feeling that the others did what they did because they wanted to do it and not because he ordered it.

I think that was the position that was taken by both people.

I might state to all concerned, though, we must deal with the fact that the court has convicted Mr. Manson and that if there are any problems in that regard about

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whether Mr. Manson did or did not do it, that's between the prisoner and the courts and not necessarily between the prisoner and this panel.

Let me go then to this usual checklist that I have here. Mr. De Ronde and Mr. Kay, each of you have had a chance to look at it immediately prior to this hearing. Is there any reason why we can't mark that document Number 1 and submit it to our Board office so that they will know what we had in our packets?

MR. KAY: That's agreeable with me.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. De Ronde?

MR. DE RONDE: I believe Mr. Manson has an objection that he would like to voice.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: At this time about the hearing checklist, Mr. --)

INMATE MANSON: VALOut what you've said so far.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Well, let's take it one at a time, sir.

INMATE MANSON: Well, if it gets too much, then my mind can't hold it.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: I'll come right back to you just as soon as --

MR. DE RONDE: I don't have any objection about the checklist.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: All right, fine.

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Now, what did you have that you wanted to object to, Mr. Manson?

INMATE MANSON: I agree with what you said, that it's not incumbent upon this Board to decide my innocence or guilt. And I also heard you say that you had no prejudice, but then at the same time you read off all those crimes that were committed.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: And what is your objection, sir?

INMATE MANSON: Well, balance it out in your own mind. Can't you see it?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Okay. Your objection is moted for the record. It is denied.

We go to you, Mr. De Ronde, in connection with Mr. Manson's rights. He is afforded certain rights under the Board of Prison Terms rules starting with 2245 and a few rules thereafter. These include the timeliness of notice, the availability of the file, the opportunity to discuss this with your client, and the right to an impartial panel.

Are you satisfied that these rights have been met?

MR. DE RONDE: Well, there is one thing with
regards to an impartial panel. We have had timely notice
of the hearing. I have talked with Mr. Manson about it,
and I have had a chance to review the file.

But my concern is with the press in the hearing
room. Now, this is an area that California courts and
many courts have dealt with in the United States as to
whether or not it denies due process of law to have member
of the press in a courtroom, especially when such an
important determination is made as to whether or not Mr.
Manson is suitable for parole. So what I would like to do
is I'm going to note my objection for the record that I
don't feel that having the press in the room to decide
whether or not someone is suitable for parole is fair.
I just don't feel that it's fair. I think there is too
much pressure put on the members of the Board under these
circumstances to fairly consider the case without too much
input of public opinion.

Now, I'll leave it up to Mr. Manson. If he wants the press to remain in this room --

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INMATE MANSON: It doesn't bother me at all.

MR. DE RONDE: -- then they can remain.

Then I don't have any other objection for the record.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Okay.

INMATE MANSON: I have another right there you didn't mention.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Yes, sir. Go ahead.

INMATE MANSON: I have a right to do to you anything

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I want to do to you.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: I don't remember. reading that, but --

INMATE MANSON: I have a right to do to you what you have done to me.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Is that in the form of an objection or a right --

INMATE MANSON: No, it's just a universal law.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: All right. Fine.

Now, let me -- we also discussed immediately before we turned on the tape and before we went on the record, Mr. De Ronde, the impartiality of the panel. And you polled each one of the three panel members. And I think my reply was that I had no close personal relationship with Mr. Manson and I had not been involved in the past incidents with him and that I was not actually prejudiced. My recollection of what transpired was that Mr. Gordon agreed, as did Mr. Roos.

Do you want to poll each one of these people again, or did I state exactly what each of you have said prior to the hearing? Mr. Roos -- regarding impartiality.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: All I can say is I have never seen Mr. Manson before, haven't read any books or articles that relate to this offense. Certainly I have heard his name in the press, but I am not intimately connected or

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familiar with the circumstances.

MR. DE RONDE: Have you seen any of the TV shows or movies?

BOARD MEMEER ROOS: No, I haven't seen any movies.

MR. DE RONDE: Would you be affected at all by
the press being in the room?

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I don't believe so.

INMATE MANSON: See, the only thing I objected to is you reading those dead bodies off like they had something to do with me. It sounds like you had taken and read off the coroner's report, so-and-so killed of an automobile accident, and there was ten soldiers killed in Vietnam, and on the streets they shot a bunch of students. I mean, you know, that hasn't got anything to do with me. You know, I mean, in your minds it might. But if it is, then you're already prejudiced. You showed your own prejudice on your face when you offered the first statements of all these dead bodies and things. Why don't we just get down to whether I -- am I going to fit in your society, you know, without --

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: We probably will before it's all over with. If you'll just give us a chance. We're just trying to set a foundation here to go forward.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah, but your foundation is on those dead bodies. That ain't got nothing to do with me.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: But you were convicted of killing them, sir.

INMATE MANSON: I understand that. That's what I agreed with. I agreed with that first part that you mentioned.

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PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Walt, anything in connection with impartiality of the panel?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: No, I have none, as far as Mr. Manson.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. Manson will receive a copy of the decision today. It's tentative, as both attorneys know. The decisions go to a decision review board in Sacramento. There they examine it to see whether we properly applied the rules and the law. And then they affirm it and send it on its way. The transcript is given to Mr. Manson on request; it's not given to him automatically.

No confidential information is being used today.

The prisoner does have a right to appeal. The

Board of Prison Terms rules, starting at 2050, talk about

appeals and how one can instigate one.

Mr. Manson is not required to make an admission to the commission of these offenses. He is not required to discuss this matter with us. But I stated previously the panel accepts as true any of the findings made by the

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Is Mr. Manson going to address the panel today, Mr. De Ronde?

MR. DE RONDE: Oh, I'm sure he will, if he desires. So he should be sworn, I would think.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. Manson, would you stand up, please, and raise your right hand.

(Thereupon Inmate Manson was, by Board Member Roos, sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.)

INMATE MANSON: I have been doing that for a long time, yes.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Also taking note of the fact that the notices under Penal Code Section 3042 were sent on September. 1980, to the District Attorney, to Judge Older, to an a reference were replies in connection with Judge Older, Judge Choate, the police department. There were replies in connection with Judge Older, Judge Choate, the police department.

Mr. Kenarek's notice was returned. Apparently they were unable to deliver it to him. And, of course, Mr. Kay's presence here at this time indicates the District Attorney

At this time then I'll give now Mr. De Ronde

is also aware of this hearing.

another opportunity to enter any other preliminary objections that he may have. He has one, which if I didn't already do it, I will deny. It's noted, for the record, though, and it's here.

Do you have any others, Mr. De Ronde?

MR. DE ROWDE: Other than the ones that I have noted and that Mr. Manson has noted, no.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: All right.

We have gone into a discussion on incorporating by reference the statement of facts then of the Board of Prison Terms summary of November 16, '78, and November 27, 1979. And with that said then, that shall be the order.

We will go then to the next portion of the hearing, which is the -- no, we don't go to the next portion.

We will give each one of the attorneys an opportunity to comment them any further, as we agreed, in connection with the offenses themselves.

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INMATE MANSON: Excuse me. What are we here for?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: To see whether you're suitable for parole or not.

INMATE MANSON: This is a parole board to see if you're going to let me out; is that it?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: To see whether or not you're suitable for parole.

INMATE MANSON: Suitable?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Yes, sir.

INMATE MANSON: What has that got to do with it?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Whether you're

dangerous or not if you were to be released.

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INMATE MANSON: Oh, dangerous.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Yes, sir.

INMATE MANSON: Well, I'm dangerous. So we have answered that guestion.

MR. KAY: I'll stipulate to that. I'll reserve all my comments on the crimes until the argument.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. De Ronde.

MR. DE RONDE: I'd reserve it also. But if Mr. Manson wants to make a statement -- I think he's already said it --

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. All you got to do is just ask me straight away, and we can cut all this other short because I know you guys probably got a lot to do, you know, and I don't want to get hung up here all day. So just tell me what you want me to say to you and what you want to answer, and we'll just take all the faces off. And I'll shoot straight with you, and you just be straight right back with me.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Somebody will ask you soon, Mr. Manson. They might ask you a question here soon.

We're going to --

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INMATE MANSON: They don't have to. In fact you can take me back now if you really want to.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: This is your hearing -INMATE MANSON: It's your hearing, too, sir.

You know, I'm holding you up so you don't keep falling on
me, see?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Manson, try to work through your attorney. Try to work through him as to response as well as questions that you want to ask.

INMATE MANSON: Work through my attorney.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Correct. He's here to help you.

INMATE MANSON: What do you think we should do with these guys? Are you going to offer a defense for them?

MR. DE RONDE: What I think you ought to do is

when they ask you a question, give them an answer, give them a straight answer.

INMATE MANSON: Well, that's what I'm trying to do.

MR, DE RONDE: Just wait until they ask you a
question, in other words.

INMATE MANSON: Do you want to defend them? Are they going to pay you to be their defense attorney or what?

MR. DE RONDE: They're not here on any crimes.

INMATE MANSON: They're not?

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MR. BE RONDE: Nobody's here --

INMATE MANSON: They're not? They're not here on a

crime? Well, what am I doing here then?

MR. DE RONDE: Mr. Manson feels --

INMATE MANSON: You know -- huh?

MR. DE RONDE: Mr. Manson feels he is not guilty of those crimes.

INMATE MANSON: Well, we all know that. There is no doubt about it. You know, I didn't duck from that courtroom; it ducked from me, mister. And I followed it all the way to China, and it's in Formosa hiding in a post office box. And I can't find it. But if I could find it, I,'d make sure that it was done and put right. That's all. There's no doubt in my mind about anything. I know what the judge was setting up there. And I knew who he was, and I knew exactly what he was doing. And I seen Nixon on the other end. I haven't missed anything. I've been watching you, every one of you. Hear what I'm saying?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Wait until he

INMATE MANSON: I haven't been asleep either.

I'll tell you that, too.

asks a question, and then you can respond.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Manson, in addition to what you have already said about the circumstances of the offense, do you want to make any comments other than that

about --

INMATE MAMSON: No, we did this. Either you 193 quys are going to let me go or you're not. You've already 4 got it pretty -- you've read your lessons, and you've done 5 your report. You all know what you're going to do already, see? We all know that, and I know it, too. What am I mg. going to change your mind doing? You've got your mind set for your paychecks. I'll hire all of you, and I'll pay you double your salary. Now you want to work for what's right, and we'll put some order into the thing? Or are 10 we going to chase our tails in this paper work for a million . George It's cutting our trees down and destroying our air 12 and water. You know, we got to come back down to simple 13 basics. You know, all of this confusion that you've put 14 15 off on me. You know, I've watched you, you know, and I've 16 carried it. And I've had to go to the nut ward four or five, 17 eight or ten times with it. And you're still stuck in it. 18 You're still stuck in them dead bodies. You're stuck in them people being killed, and you think I had something to 19 do with it. Your children done that. Hell, I just got 20 out of the penitentiary. I know more got out from underneath 21 the last guy, and now I got another guy all on top of me, 22 see? I mean, I already went through all of this. 23

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know, I got a Palomino horse out there by the rifle range,

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. De Ronde, with reference to the priors, we talked about incorporating those by reference from the -- especially from the '78 hearing. They were covered at pages 78 to 102, very extensively.

What is your feeling on that, sir?

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MR. DE RONDE: Well, we stipulate to that. That regards the federal penitentiary. I don't think there is any need to go over that. Do you?

INMATE MANSON: That's 22 years I have done there, 22 years I worked for the government.

MR. DE RONDE: I don't think there is any need. We'll stipulate to the incorporation.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Okay. Mr. Kay?

MR. KAY: I'll agree to stipulate to their incorporation.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: In summarizing, what we did in that hearing was cover law violations for a 21-year period from about 1948 when, at the age of 14, you went to a school for boys in Terre Haute, Indiana. He was arrested on 12/9/69 on the present matter. He was then about 25 years old.

This prior criminality, included runaways, burglary, auto theft, forgery of checks, attempted escape from custody and caused his incarceration in a boys' school, the Indiana

State Reformatory, various federal reformatories, and the federal penitentiary, both at San Pedro and Terminal Island.

If there is no objection then by either one of the attorneys, we will go on to the next area, unless the panel members have some questions they want to ask.

Mr. Roos, any questions on priors?

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: No, I don't.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. Walter Gordon?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I have no

questions.

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PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: All right. We go then to the next area of discussion, which is the post-conviction.

MR. DE RONDE: Excuse me, Mr. Pizarro. With regard to a comment on that, the papers I received indicate that there is no prior record of violence except the crimes that we're dealing with today except for -- let's see -- March 30th, 1969, offense that shows no disposition -- is that correct? -- assault with a deadly weapon?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: I didn't include any of those that didn't show any disposition. The ones I included in my summary only included those in which there was a disposition or I noted some kind of incarceration for a violation that followed.

MR. DE RONDE: All right.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: We're ready to go into-HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: There is only one -- in speaking to your question -- there is one in '67, and that's interfering with an officer. Of course, it was dismissed after he had three years' probation for it. That' the only indication of something.

MR. DE RONDE: Oh, okay. I had a copy of that also.

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PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: With that said then, we're ready to go into the next area, unless one of the two attorneys --

INMATE MANSON: Is that where I hit an officer?

. MR. DE RONDE: They said you were interfering with an arrest of some kid or something.

INMATE MANSON: I remember that now, yeah.

Sometimes you got to ring them back out of my mind because
I forget.

try if we can.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Okay. Would you take over then, Mr. Gordon.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: All right.

The section that I'm going to cover is the post-conviction factors. And I'm covering it really from the time of reception until the current time. And it's

a determination as to whether there is any change in conduct and what positive factors that we could consider in terms of suitability, as well as covering anything that we feel is negative for you.

Now, I'll mention first, Manson, that we had covered -- or at least in 1978 when they went over the violations of the CDC rules, you asked what they were. According to our records, since reception you have had approximately 25 violations of the rules as far as the Department of Corrections. There were three that were considered serious. I might say that some of the first ones were for cutting your hair -- or failure to cut your hair -- and disobeying a few orders. Apparently you said you had some particular reason why you were having trouble at that particular time as far as adjusting.

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Could you give it now at this time as to why you had that type of violations when you first came in?

MR. DE RONDE: You're speaking with reference to haircuts and shaving?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: We're talking about haircuts and shaving.

INMATE MANSON: I got it. Just let me think on it, man. You don't have to ask me three times.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: All'right. Just come out with it.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. God give us all a will.

We each and every one of us have a will. And He give a body. You got a body and a will. And He gives the planet to walk around on. And then somebody else comes up and says — like Thomas Jefferson said to Alexander Hamilton, he said, "I got a right to nothing that another human being has got the right to take it away." If you take my right away, then what gives you the right to take my right?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. So then this is your reason for refusing to cut your hair.

INMATE MANSON: It's my hair.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: All right. That's all. I just wanted an answer. Okay?

INMATE MANSON: You asked me to ring the thought back up the way I felt about it, and I was giving you -
HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Let's go back to something that took place in '77. In other words, you were stopped for -- or at least you got a write-up for striking an officer.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: And that was on

INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: - Does that ring

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INMATE MANSON: Sure does.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. What

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INMATE MANSON: Sure does ring a bell.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Apparently there you said that you didn't want him -- in other words, you were ordered to remove your clothes so that they could make a body search. And you indicated that you didn't want to carry it out. And you said to the officer, "Don't fuck with me." And then again he asked you to take your clothes off, and you failed to do so. And then he started to step back, and at that time you turned around and took a swing at him:

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. That was Glover.

MEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Is that Glover?

INMATE MANSON: Yes.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

INMATE MANSON: All right.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Was that you?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. The Program Administrator called me down, said, "The doctor wants to see you." So I go downstairs to see the doctor, and the doctor tells me that she wants to talk to me. So she's the doctor. So I say, "Well, you know, you got it over me. What can I do? I don't want no more medication, so I'll talk to you."

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So I talked to the broad for about two or three hours. And she said, "Well, I'm going to mention you in my book." I said, "What book?" She said, "Oh, I'm writing a book, and I'm from Boston." I said, "I thought you worked here." She said, "No, I don't work here." She said, "A friend of mine got me in." She said, "I want to write a book and make a lot of money."

So I was pretty mad that the staff would have lied like that to me and put me in that cross to where the broad is going to get a chance to pick my bones again. So I told the dude, "If you're feeding on me and you're living in my will and living off of my life, then why do I have to do what you tell me to do all the time when you know it's wrong and I know it's wrong?"

So when I come upstairs, the guy said, "Why don't you take your clothes off?" And I said, "What, do you want to have sex?" And he said no. I said, "Well then, what would one man want another man to take his God damned clothes off for, man?" He said, "I want to look at your body." I said, "What the hell you want to look at my body for? You go buy one of them magazines if you're a freak." But he wanted to look at my body, and he made me bend over and look in my butthole. If that makes any sense to humanity, then I'll be damned if I can see it.

So I went through some changes with him. And I'm

not a violent person. I don't like to get hit.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Well, did you

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INMATE MANSON: Yeah, I busted him.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

/INMATE MANSON: But it didn't do no good.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I didn't ask you

that.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: On 7/29 we have another similar incident. Apparently you talked to the officer about "Why did he lie on me?"

INMATE MANSON: Yeah,

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: And then you took a swing and hit him in the mouth with your right fist.

INMATE MANSON: That's right.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: What was that about?

INMATE MANSON: Well, when you move on the tier, they got the guys that sweep the floor. So when it comes your turn to sweep the floor, it's your turn to sweep the floor. That's right. You got rule books and laws and regulations; and when your turn comes up and your number comes up, that's your right. So you say we got rights.

That's one of my rights.

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So I went to the officer in question and told him that I wanted the broom. And he says, "You can't have the broom." I said, "You don't tell me that I can have. I know already what I can have, and my rights say I can have that broom. Give me the broom." And he said, "You can't have the broom." I said, "I earned that broom, mister.

I'm not asking you for something that ain't mine." And he said, "Well, the other inmates won't let you." He said, "The other inmates are going to kill you, and they don't like you." So I said, "Well, put me on the yard list."

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So I go to the yard with all the other inmates, and I confront each one of them and tell them that I want the broom. And there is no question in their mind about anything. So they say, "Sure, Charlie, you got that coming. You get the broom."

The guy says, "What are you doing?" I said, "I'm coming out of that cell for a while. I have been in that cell ll years now. I don't know why you want to keep me in a cell ll years. I haven't done you no wrong. I haven't hurt you." He said, "Well, I'm getting paid to do a job. I said, "You're not getting paid to bring your personality in on me and tell me I can't have the broom when it's my turn. You can't put it off on the inmates now." So then he said, "Well, the broom belongs to" -- I said, "No, the broom don't

belong to anybody. It belongs to itself." And I told all the other inmates, "Don't come out on the tier out here and pick up this broom, because this is my broom here.' And everybody agreed with it, and everybody was in harmony with it, everybody but that guy's inadequate feelings about something. He wasn't sure about something. He wanted someone to teach him something or convince him of something or make something out of him that he wasn't.

So then he run and he got a whole bunch of police,
And he lied to me again and snuck me out of the cell like
he was going to be my friend, to come downstairs. And then
when I come downstairs, they all threatened to jump on me.
I said, "Well, I can't whip everybody."

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Well, when did you hit him?

INMATE MANSON: I hit him right in the mouth the next morning for lying to me.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Well, why did they turn around and say that you say if you had a gun, you'd kill him?

INMATE MANSON: ' I didn't say that.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: What did you say?

INMATE MANSON: I said if I had a gun, I'd put
holes in his head.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I see

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INMATE MANSON: If I had a pistol, I'd put holes in his head. That's exactly what I said.

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: How are you going to put a hole in his head?

INMATE MANSON: I'd probably have to go to the graveyard and dig his mother's head up and put holes in it.

See, in other words, he's just running on a paycheck and a rule book. When it comes down to the reality of it, when it comes down to what we're going to do to make it right, he has to come and ask Charlie on the back side what he thinks is right or what he feels about it. I can't be sure out front, because then I've got to fight a whole bunch of people. And I'm not a fighter. I can't beat them guys up. And if they lie -- if I let a policeman lie and get away with it, then they'll unlock that gate, and we'll have a couple million guys with knives and things. See, that's another lie that come down on me. They give the other inmates knives and open up my cell and let them come on in my cell, see? So we went through that, too.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You still feel the same way, if he comes after you again for the same sort of situation or the same thing comes up again, that you'd

have to resort to this, of hitting him again?

INMATE MANSON: Well, actually it looked like I hit him bad, but I didn't. I let him know I was going to hit him.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: No. but answer the question.

INMATE MANSON: There is a lot more than just hitting a person. You can hit a person by accident. You can spank a child to make it do right if it ain't right. You can smack a child right in the jaw. Or you can square off and fight with a man. Now, which angle do you want it from?

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I want it if you came up against the same situation as this, what would you do?

INMATE MANSON: There is no way you could have the same situation.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

INMATE MANSON: But I would pretty much handle it with as much finesse and balance as I could.

Did they tell you what they did to me afterwards? HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: No.

INMATE MANSON: You don't care about that, do you?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: If you want to
tell me, you can tell me.

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INMATE MANSON: Well, you hold your policemen to telling you the truth.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I just said if you want to tell me what happened after then — but what I asked you was did you hit the man. If you came up against a similar situation, would you resort to the same sort of tactics?

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INMATE MANSON: It depends on if I felt that I could get away with it or not.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: One of the recent violations that you had was the having of contraband in your quarters. Was this items that you used for tools or something? You had some wires.

INMATE MANSON: What kind of contraband?
HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Apparently you

INMATE MANSON: See, that's a vague --

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: -- metal handle, numerous bits and pieces of metal, including several small screws, sewing needles. Do you remember that? Razor blade.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: What were those

INMATE MANSON: Well, I don't like to waste anything. I don't throw things away. And I save anything

I have that might be usable. Everything that's got a purpose to it, I try to hold on to it, like old rubber bands or paper clips or anything. So I just kind of save that stuff. I wasn't thinking whether it was contraband or not. I never even paid that much attention to it.

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I see.

INMATE MANSON: See, when you're doing life and you're down in the hole for so long, you lose your mind anyway. So you just kind of live in a day, you know, one day at a time kind of trip.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You lose your mind?

INMATE MANSON: Why sure. What do you think

you've been doing when you're down there the last 11 years?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You're saying you

don't have your mind right now?

INMATE MANSON: No. I got it.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay:

There was another discussion in terms of your inability or being nonavailable for programming. And apparently after you left San Quentin, you were transferred to Folsom. And then you were put back in — or from Folsom to here.

INMATE MANSON: · Um-hmm.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: But all of your

custody time has been close custody:

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Is that correct?

They list -- do you have any idea why it's close custody?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. They had a little girl in the visiting room with a jumprope. And her mother kept pushing her over at me. So I guess they thought I was going to take the little girl and take her jumprope and put it around her neck and choke her with it.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Now, where was this?

· INMATE MANSON: In the visiting room.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Here?

Yes.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I see. I'm talking about the overall reasons for you being in close custody.

INMATE MANSON: They won't let me in the visiting room. That's why they kept me close custody.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I notice that the first time that you were attacked by members of the Aryan Brothers. That was one reason that they gave for giving you close custody. The second one was that you displayed behavior --

INMATE MANSON: Yeah, I did. I displayed behavior.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: -- which was
symptomatic of psychosis in the pass

INMATE MANSON: Um-hmm.

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THEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: In other words, reverting to some sort of disruptive type of behavior.

Was that you?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Well, it is if I'm disrupted, yeah.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: They said when under stress.

push it at me, I'll respond to it, you know.

HEARING REPRESESENTATIVE GORDON: So that was one of the reasons.

The other was that you had made the statement that "If by chance I had an opportunity, I would escape:"

INMATE MANSON: Sure, I'd go. I'd just go back out and leave you all alone. I didn't want your game anyway.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: But what I was trying to bring out is that this is the reason that you've been in, since incarceration, almost nine years, isn't it?

INMATE MANSON: It seems like about a day and a half to me.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: A day and a half?
But at any rate, you've been in either Max custody or
B custody.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah, nice quiet cells.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Nice quiet cells?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. They're not bad actually.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Which, when we go back to other factors connected with adjustment or non-adjustment, I notice that there is only a short period in which you were in school. Is that correct?

INMATE MANSON: Right.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Apparently you got good grades. But you quit school at what, the third level?

INMATE MANSON: I don't remember. It's been so

long ago.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: What is your

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INMATE MANSON: I don't even know that.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You don't? It's pretty high. But you haven't had any motivation or desire to go to any further schooling.

INMATE MANSON: I'm lucky to get up and walk

around.

REARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. Vocational

training holds true also. INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I'm just barely hanging on. HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORIAN: If you had to 3 4 pick out a vocation, what would you pick out? 5 INMATE MANSON: To make money? HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Whatever. INMATE MANSON: I don't know, probably working 8 with wildlife or nature, some nature trip probably. HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: P see. INMATE MANSON: Weeds and woods and things. 10 I'm pretty good on mind trips. 11 HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: On mind trips. 12 INMATE MANSON: Psychology and philosophy and 13 all that kind of stuff. But I don't look at it from the 14 book level. I look at it from the other side. 15 16 HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: As far as work 17 performance, apparently you had one job for about a month. And that was when you were recreation yard attendant. 18 119. INMATE MANSON: Yeah. HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Did you like 20 that? 21 'INMATE MANSON: Yeah. 22 HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: How did you lose it? 23

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with somebody else doing something, didn't want me there,

Well, some other conflict come up

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didn't think I belonged there, didn't want me to be friends with somebody else, that was confused about something they wasn't sure of. And their mother wrote them a letter and told somebody's daughter to say that she didn't like it or something. And that guy went and jumped on me about something. And I told him, "Hey, I didn't have nothing to do with none of that. You know, that ain't none of my confusion." I have been fiving in this same mind now, let's see, Daddy Grace, Father Devine, all of them people. You know, I was way down in the corner of that brain, what, '43, '45, '46, '47, back in the forties and fifties back East. And I didn't lie. Everybody knew that. Everybody in town knew I didn't lie.

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. Currently
INMATE MANSON: Everybody who knew the truth,
that is.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Everybody who knew the truth?

INMATE MANSON: That's right.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Currently you have been working as a porter at the Protestant Chapel; is that right?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You like that?

INMATE MANSON: 'No, not really. But I do it.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Why do you do it?

INMATE MANSON: I was asking myself that question today.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Beally? Did you come up with an answer?

INMATE MANSON: No, I haven't really come up with an answer yet. There is some people down there I like.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I see. But you're still going to continue to go into that?

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INMATE MANSON: Well, I don't know. See, I live a hundred years a day. So I don't live in the time you guys live in. As you can see, my mind is on another level.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Well, we can't catch up with you at a hundred years a day.

Self-help programs, there hasn't been any involvement.

INMATE MANSON: There hasn't been any.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: There is nothing available to you, is there?

INMATE MANSON: No, there is nothing available. I have been trying to help myself for years.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Let's get a little update now in terms of the psychiatric evaluations.

Counselor, in view of the fact -- you know, they've gone into great detail each time that they've had the

hearing before. And so what I was just going to do was to give a brief summary to bring it up to date in terms of the last updated psychiatric evaluation.

Starting with the psychiatric report of May '76
by Dr. Rotella, he gives a summarization or diagnosis as
a schizophrenic reaction, chronic undifferentiated type
in good remission. That's the first part of it. And
antisocial personality with drug dependence. His conclusions
are that

"Manson is a product of a chaotic disruptive childhood compounded by a history of psychosis and being brought up in federal and state correctional institutional settings since early childhood."

You go along with this right now?

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INMATE MANSON: Yeah. That's a good evaluation.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: All right.

"These ingredients reflected and manifested in lifestyle namely by his inability to function in a competitive society, form close and meaningful adult relationships with people, and his general resentment towards society and authority."

How is that? Do you object to that?

INMATE MANSON: I don't resent.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: In other words,

you feel that you don't resent people in society?

INMATE MANSON: I don't have that word. I don't resent, period, anything, society or --

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: But did you have difficulty communicating with people in society?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah, except the kids. Me and the kids, I communicate with children very easily. They understand me; I understand them. Or at least I think I do.

You mentioned a couple of reform schools a while ago. I get letters from the kids all the time.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Is that right?

*INMATE MANSON: Yeah, they're coming.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

Dr. Lehman in August of '76 -- who is a psychologist -- he makes a conclusion, following through with the same things, that you're a product of your environment.

INMATE MANSON: It's all I could reflect.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: That's all you

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INMATE MANSON: How else could I reflect anything

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: He talks about the revolutionary aches that you have to fight for the rights of depressed peoples on the other side of the world, while they use people close to them and never think about it.

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He mentions then that you are a psychotic person with a very tenuously balanced emotional state.

Does that sound like you? This is his follow-up to Dr. Rotella's first report in '76.

INMATE MANSON: Well, evidently he's sending me somewhere in there.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: He's sending you somewhere?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. He's sending that thought somewhere there. Let me look at that thought. Would you repeat that?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You have thoughts of grandeur about being a revolutionary person. Is that right?

INMATE MANSON: Well, evolutionary.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

Then you had a little setback there in which you refused to eat. Do you remember that? That was by Dr. Haiberg.

INMATE MANSON: I fast quite often. They take

It as a hunger strike, but it's not really a hunger strike.
It's just a fast.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Well, why did you want all the officers to die?

INMATE MANSON: Want them all to die?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Yeah. You said,

"I won't eat until they all die."

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INMATE MANSON: Well, maybe that was in a thought.

I wanted them all dead in one thought so that we could bring them back in another thought. See, death to me is just a thought. When somebody's dead -- did you ever hear the expression "That's dead, right on" or "This is dead"?

You know, this is a convict expression. It doesn't necessarily mean that you're actually killing someone.

You're just running a thought off. You're working thoughts off. You're balancing thoughts.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: In the meantime you weren't eating.

INMATE MANSON: Huh?

HEARING PEPRESENTATIVE GORDON: In the meantime you were not eating.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Well, I do that quite often. In fact L'm about 30 days up on that now.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Part of what he thought at the time was this was a manipulative move on your

para. Do you think it is?

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INMATE MANSON: Anything that I can use as a benefit to what I'm trying to do, I'll use it.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: "Okay.

Then the follow-up in '78, Dr. Rotella again, in September, he makes a summarization on an evaluation. He makes mention of the fact that after being over in the after leaving the S-3 unit, or the hospitalization unit, that you moved back over to where, to --

INMATE MANSON: Willis:

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: -- Willis?

INMATE MANSON: Um-hmm.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Yeah. And he

indicates that 🧗

"By and large Charles gets along

well with staff and his fellow inmates."

INMATE MANSON: I do.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. But then

he claims that

"Due to the notoriety of the case, he finds himself being housed in a closed unit, and this generates and manifests a lot of anxiety and pent-up frustration."

Is that true?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah, sure

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: It is?

INMATE MANSON: I think that's normal.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GOLDON: He still puts you at the level there of being a chronic undifferentiated type in remission.

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INMATE MANSON: Yeah. In other words, it's a common handle nowadays. In the fifties it would have been really a terrible thing. But nowadays it's pretty common. You meet a whole bunch of them in Haight-Ashbury. They've got them up in the mountains, up and down the highway.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You feel pretty comfortable in that?

INMATE MANSON: No. I don't necessarily feel comfortable. That's his words. That's his paint. He painted that picture for himself to look at, see?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: But then he says you enjoy making statements -- this is Dr. Kuehnert.

INMATE MANSON: Dr. who?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Kuehnert.

INMATE MANSON: Kuehnert. I don't even know who that is.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You don't know him?

INMATE MANSON: No.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. Anyway he

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"He enjoys making statements" --

He did a report in October of '78.

"He enjoys making statements that are contrary to the facts and embroidering them with the bizarre side remarks that could leave the listener a little more befuddled" --

INMATE MANSON: Or stimulated.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Is that you?

Do you like to do that?

INMATE MANSON: Or Stimulated.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

INMATE MANSON: I could lift up the conscious levels a little bit here and there, make people aware of things that they're not aware of before.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: But then he says you do show a certain amount of cooperation, and many times you enjoy making statements that -- you put it in a crazy way, but then you feel that it's quite serious. Is that right?

INMATE MANSON: Well, it's serious if you take it serious.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

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by Dr. Rotella again. And he mentions since you have been in Willis Unit, 5/6/76, that you have primarily -- have moved away from some of your traditional tirades and your quick change in character. And he seems to feel that this is an improvement over the past years. So apparently you haven't been making these quick changes; is that right?

When I first moved in the unit, they had psychotics, and it was a nut ward. It was a constant turmoil with snitches and every kind of riff-raff you could consider. And everybody in there had problems. And now that I have been there six years, we don't have any problems. Everybody gets along well, and it's run very smoothly. Nobody cuts their wrist, nobody throws shit on each other, nobody throws piss or puke on each other.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Who's doing the stabilizing?

INMATE MANSON: I don't know. It could be the Holy Ghost. It could be the Blessed Eternity, or maybe it's the Devil or Christ. Or it might be somebody that's walking around raising up the conscious levels somewhere.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: And this is why you haven't done it?

INMATE MANSON: Well, I probably would have done it. But I'm too stubid: I couldn't have thought of it. I'm retarded.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Then on the last evaluation, which is dated 10/3/80, he makes a report that "Manson has been involved in the Willis

Reentry Program."

And then he mentions about holding that porter's job.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah: I'm on parole.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: And the fact that you do get out daily in the main line, which is something that you haven't done in the past; is that correct?

INMATE MANSON: Um-hmm.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: And he indicates that you don't meditate as long or in lengthy stages like you used to do in terms of the worldly affairs, the fact that you're going to solve them all. How did you happen to pull away from that?

INMATE MANSON: There again you seem to have made up your mind about something.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I haven't said that. You can't tell what my mind is.

INMATE MANSON: I'm looking right in it. Sure I can tell.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I'm asking you

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why is it that you no longer -- or you're doing it less in terms of talking about the worldly things.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. Well, the worldly things is yourself first.

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

INMATE MANSON: That's the order. When you got yourself pretty much in tune; then what do you reach for?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay.

INMATE MANSON: You reach for the next person, your family, your street, your city, your county, your state, your country, and your world.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. Well then, your answer is what he's saying is true then. You're less bombastic.

INMATE MANSON: I'm trying to put order into me.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Okay. Now, has
there been any further consideration in terms of getting
you out on a permanent status as far as --

INMATE MANSON: No, not really. It's doubtful, that I could adjust to it.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Well, he's talking about you getting into Category E.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I know what he says.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: On the main line.

INMATE MANSON: Yeah.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Are you afraid to get into that?

INMATE MANSON: Afraid?

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON; Yeah; on a full-time basis?

INMATE MANSON: Afraid for who?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You.

INMATE MANSON: I never considered that. I guess I am afraid. I don't know what about, but I'm human. So I guess I'm afraid of something. I don't know what.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: What I'm trying to ask is are you trying to avoid getting into Category E or any type of therapy?

INMATE MANSON: I'm not trying to avoid anything, guy. I'm just trying to get off the horns of this damn bull here. You know, I've been riding this thing now for about ten or eleven years, and I'm kind of tired of it.

And I've been in good service for the Tast 35 years in these places. I ain't got no retirement plan, but, man, I wish you'd get some new people to do this and let me go for a while, see?

I know that you need the money and Wall Street depends on you. But at the same time, man, you can't just keep using the same old guy all the time. He's got to wear out, see? You've got to let me go for a while and let

somebody else do this job here.

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HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: All right.

Panel members?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: I have nothing.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS! No.

MR. KAY: No comments.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Counselor?

MR. DE RONDE: Well, I'd just like to note the

bottom line of Dr. Rotella's report.

"All in all this writer is of the opinion that this year has been one of major progress for Manson, and psychologically he also appears to have greatly improved."

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I'll turn it back over to --

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Okay. If neither one of the attorneys has any objection, we'll go on to the next area of the hearing, which is the discussion of parole plans. Mr. Roos is going to handle that portion of the hearing.

INMATE MANSON: Excuse me. Before you go into your second stage, is there any chance we could go to the toilet?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Surely, surely.

The time now is approximately four minutes to 3:00

p.m. We're going to take a five- or ten-minute recess for that purpose.

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(Thereupon a brief recess was taken.)

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: We're resuming the hearing of Charles Manson. We had a short recess. The time now is approximately 3:02 p.m.

I may also state for the record that all the principals are back in the hearing room. Mr. Manson is here, as is his attorney, Mr. De Ronde, Mr. Kay, panel members, and others.

I think at the time that we recessed, we were just getting ready to go into parole plans. And I'm going to ask again to make sure, Mr. De Ronde, is there anything further in the area of the institutional adjustment -- I had better ask Mr. Kay first.

Mr. Kay, do you have anything?

MR. KAY: No, I don't have anything other than that I wish that the gentleman, the psychiatrist who wrote his report, was here today so he could observe Mr. Manson now. And I wonder if he'd have a different opinion. But I don't have anything to add other than that.

INMATE MANSON: No. This is light, Kay.
I'm going easy on you, kid.

MR. KAY: Thanks, Charlie.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. De Ronde.

MR. DE RONDE: Well, there's one thing I don't think we brought out and I'd like to point out to the Board. And that is, from the material that I have been supplied with, Charles Manson has been disciplinary free now for over a year and a half. I believe that's --

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: That's correct.

The last one I think I read off was the contraband. That's the last one.

MR. DE RONDE: April '79, I think.

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Correct.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Anything further, sir?

MR. DE RONDE: Nothing further.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: If neither one of the attorneys has any objection then, we'll go into the next portion of the hearing, which, is the parole plans. Mr. Roos is going to handle that portion of the hearing.

Mr. Roos, please.

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BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Yes, thank you.

Mr. Manson, unlike the other portions of your hearing to this point, there is very little in the record to suggest anything specific about parole plans. And I know that in commenting upon it, you're doing so somewhat in the abstract since you don't have a parole date. I also note from the record that there has been numerous references,

all pretty much along the same line, basically that you would like to return to the desert, Death Valley preferably, to be in the wilderness to live off the land. And today you mentioned working and doing some kind of a nature trip.

And that's really pretty much all there is in the record.

There are no employment offers at the present time, which is probably not surprising because of your length of confinement. But let's talk about that. Or maybe I should ask you to talk about it, since you're the person that would know more than anyone.

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INMATE MANSON: Well, I want to get away from people. See, I don't get along too well with people. I don't like people that lie. I've been raised up all my life in jail, see. When you're raised up all your life in jail, you can't lie and survive in jail. You've got, to tell the truth. There's always some old man or somebody going to smack you upside the head if you don't tell the truth, see. So when you're raised up underneath that thought, then you learn all those thoughts; and you know what goes on inside. But outside, your guys' way, I don't understand your way. So you guys call me psychotic, or whatever you guys call me. But those are just words to me, you know. I may be crazy in your world, but a lot of things you guys do are crazy to me, too. You know, I never even try to understand them, they're so far beyond me. I'd have to go

to school 150,000 years to learn some of that stuff.

I just couldn't hold it in my mind. My mind moves too guick for that.

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So for me to get a parole plan that you would accept would be very difficult because, like, you want something in block form, you know, that fits in your society. I don't fit in your society. We have already established that. The first time I went to the parole board I told them there is no way in hell I'm going to fit over there, see? Because, like, you've got a lot of self-suicidal people over there looking for someone to destroy them. And every time I get out there, I have to run and hide from them. So that's why I picked the desert, the woods, so I won't have to go through all this killing again, see? Because every time I —

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Let's say that you're released from prison and you can do it your way in terms of living situation. What would that be like, I mean, specifically, if you can? Would you be by yourself out there in the desert? Would you be with some other people? What kind of thing would you do out there?

INMATE MANSON: Well, I've always been by myself.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Pardon me?

INMATE MANSON: I've, always been by myself.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Would you live totally by

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               BOARD MEMBER ROOS: And go back to Death Valley?
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     there, walk down there and maybe get, oh, a wagon, put
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               INMATE MANSON: Well, I generally get a woman
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              HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: - Say that again.
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              HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: A woman does?
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              INMATE MANSON: They feed children.
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              HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: I see.
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INMATE MANSON: Well, sure. We're all children playacting grownups. I'm just a kid, you know. The only difference between me and you is you live out there and I stayed in here and didn't grow up, see? That's the reason I communicate well with children. See, I get along with them. Kids and I don't have no problem at all. I get along with animals. Man, I can do things with animals you wouldn't believe. I have no problem at all. But human beings, I just can't -- you know, I just don't fit with them, you know. So that's one reason -- unless I make them fit with me. And that ain't no fun, you know. I don't want to make nobody do nothing, because I don't like people making me do things. So I'm in a dilemma too, see?

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Thad a couple jokes about that if you guys paroled me. I'd get a judge's robe and go in business for myself.

You know, I'd hire myself a couple of lawyers and get out in a garage somewhere and "This court is open. We're now in session", see? Or I said you can parole me to Vacaville, and I'll work in the chapel. And you can just leave my gate open, and I'll pay you some rent. But that's kind of silly there.

so I don't see how you can keep from paroling me on one hand. And on the other hand, I don't see how you can, you know. So you're on it, too. And I have thought about it for ten or 15 years. I remember Dr. Finch. I was

In the cell with him for a long time. You did the same thing to him pretty much. He didn't do what they said he did, but they put him in jail anyway.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: But he had a skill that society accepts and recognizes.

INMATE MANSON: Well, if you want to get off into that; they want me to write a book. They have offered me enough money to retire to write a book. So I could write a book probably.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Would you like to do that?

INMATE MANSON: Yeah, it would be something to do.

Something to do.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I notice that one of the comments made in the record here is that -- apparently attributable to you, maybe not. But it says that all trades from federal prison -- and apparently you had experience with all trades in federal prison. I see from the record you were in Terminal Island, in, I believe, another federal prison.

INMATE MANSON: Um-hmm.

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BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I guess those trades are not particularly to your interest at this time or --

INMATE MANSON: Well, I went through them, you know. I was in shoe shop for a while and out in auto mechanics shop for a while. And I tried all the shops out,

you know. I play a little bit of music, but not much. 3

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I'm not a doer very much. I'm kind of lazy. I don't do
too much. I like to set around. I like to smoke grass.

I read the Bible now and then. By myself I'm all right.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: You're pretty good at communicating.

INMATE MANSON: Well, sometimes when I'm allowed to.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Well, if it's possible, put yourself in our position for just a moment -INMATE MANSON: I already have.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: -- and say if you were going to write up a parole program for yourself, what would you specifically identify if you had to put something down on paper?

INMATE ANSON: You got to have it on paper, huh?

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: You can write it in the air
right now.

INMATE MANSON: Well, I got an offer to go on an Indian reservation with some India. If we got an offer to go to Scotland and we same a sheep ranch. And I got an offer to go to France, and I got an offer to go to Australia. If got one to go to South America, and I got one on a sailboat I got a couple more in the desert.

I got a whole lot of offers that I could do. But whatever side I do go, then the other side is going to go through some changes. If I take a sailboot and I go somewhere, they think I'm running from my problems. Now, I'm not running from nothing. I have nothing to run from. I've done nothing I'm ashamed of. And you can keep me in a nut ward for another 150 years, and I still didn't kill nobody, and I'm not responsible for killing anyone. If I wanted to, I would. I could, and I have always walked with that in my pocket. See, being in jail, you have to, you know. You have to be able to get down when you have to get down. But once everyone knows you can get down, there is no need for it, you know. All the tough guys are gone. And I'm too little to be tough. So I've always labored by being quiet and left alone.

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But now I've got to be somebody, you know, to you people, you know, whoever — you know, whatever somebody is, a truck driver or a meat cutter, or whatever game. I call it a game. It might not be a game to you. It's your life. But to me, you know, it's like a thing way off that I have never lived in, you know. In other words, I have never lived in your world. I lived in a pig's world out there, and I did what they let me do.

Does that make sense?

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: It makes sense.

INMATE MANSON: In other words, I asked a 16-old boy what the hell he was doing and where he lived and how come he didn't have a job and where dhe sleep. And over in Haight-Ashbury he just showed me, you know, the truth. And I just followed him around.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: I realize that you indicate that you're not guilty of the present offenses, so let's not talk about that. How about your past record, you know, from when you were a juvenile? You have been in trouble, haven't you?

INMATE MANSON Sure.

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BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Okay. Well, let's look at it from that point of view. What would you do -- what would you tell us to assure us as a parole hoard that you could go out, stay out, and not be in trouble?

INMATE MANSON: Nothing, not and be honest about it, you know. I could say that if you let me go, you might not see me again. And if that happens, then you'd probably be coming out there looking for me. I think that's one, of the reasons why the chaplain don't want to let me go. He wants to do a program, rebirth program. But we each got to find our own rebirth in our own way, you know. I don't know what I can do. It doesn't do you guys any good just to hold me in a cell: You can take one of them plastic dolls and blow it up and stick it in the cell and go by and

count it. It's the same thing. I'm not really a danger to anyone that isn't a danger to themselves. In other words, if you get a suicidal nut coming and bothering me, well, I'm as crazy as the craziest nut in the world. So he'll have to either get the hell away from me or -- you see what I'm saying? See, you guys don't have to live in that world. I'm an outlaw. I live in a world where you do anything you can get away with. Well, when you get to that part of the world, I don't have any police protecting me. I got to protect myself. See, I've got to look out for myself and be aware of everything that's going on around me, you know, if I love my life. I look out for my life. I look out for that guy. I always have.

So when you put me out in your society, you've got a lot of people out there that are tired of the way they live. They want to change their way of life. And some of them want to change it so fast that they'll come over doing some things that they shouldn't be doing. And you tell them, "Don't you do that around me. Don't you bring no lies up here where I'm at. I'm up here on my mountain, on my little ranch, and I'm not bothering you people down there. So leave me alone." That's kind of the problem I had last time. The cops got to come up there and see who's doing what and what they're not sure of. So I have to go through changes with the police every time I get out, see, because,

like, they're looking for something that they can't get at home, I guess. So I have to labor up underneath that.

So it would be hard to tell you that I could do it
I could do it if I disappeared. If I went into the night
and I went into the bushes, I could do it. But that would
be a hell of a parole plan, to the bush, huh?

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: Mr. Gordon, do you have any questions you'd like to ask about --

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MEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Yeah., I just wondered. Now, you keep saying, "I want to be by myself." What are you referring to? When you talk about a friend some other place and a friend there, what are you talking about when you say,. "I want to be by myself"?

After a while you find out that there ain't really nobody here, not even you. I'm just a prison number. That's all I have ever been, is a prison number. So a prison number and a clock — and I just sit there, and I stare at the walls for ten or 15 years. And I watch everybody go' by and do all the things they do. And I say, "Well, I do whatever you guys tell me. Why don't you do something I tell you once?"

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: You're getting way off of what I asked you.

INMATE MANSON: You can't see what I'm saying?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: No, because I'm asking you what do you mean when you say that you want to be by yourself?

INMATE MANSON: That's what I'm trying to explain

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Get to the point.

How do you want to be by yourself if you've got to have other people around a friend here --

INMATE MANSON: Other people?

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HEARING R PRESENTATIVE GORDON: Yeah.

INMATE MANSO. Well, there might be other bodies

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: Oh.

They '1 be a whole lot of bodies there that would be just one spirit, you know. I think, the spirit, you know — 'like if a guy's got a congregation, he feels that rhythm, and it's — what you call insanity. You know, when that guys gets up and he stirit preaching and he peels off the top of that energy and that flow of truth and justice and right. When he feels that and it's really within him, then he says, "Wow, man, like, it's my friends. I am my brother, you know. I am my woman. I am my world, you know." So in order for me to be myself without offending anyone else, I got to play real stupid and I got to talk real soft and I got to make sure that I don't

offend nobody because then I scratch my head and sweep the floor, and I got to go through all them changes. And then I lost my mind. I fell down and hit my head on the sink, and I wasn't sure about anything. And I told the dude, "Come on, man, everything's all right. Do I have to hold you up forever?", you know. And the guy, he wasn't sure who was holding him up. He was getting his information from somebody else that wasn't sure about something. So the doctor came and said, "You might not understand it now, but in your mind sometime you might wake up to it. And when you wake up to it, you can think that that's what you were thinking,"

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nothing further.

INMATE MANSON: Is it too complicated for you to understand?

HEARING REPRESENTATIVE GORDON: It gets pretty heavy.

INMATE MANSON: It's pretty simple. It's so simple that only a child could see it.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: I think we're at the point of the hearing now where each of the attorneys will make a closing statement. As I indicated earlier, Mr. Kay is here representing the interests of the People. He, is given an opportunity to comment on the facts of the case.

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Mr. De Ronde will make a presentation for Mr. Manson.

I ask each of the attorneys to recall that in this conclusion you're driving toward two things.

The panel will have to ask is suitability, is Mr. Manson — does he pose an unreasonable risk of danger to others if he were to be released. Second, if you feel that he is suitable, then your recommendations as to length of confinement.

With that said then, we'll ask Mr. Kay to address the panel, and Mr. De Ronde will close.

Mr. Kay.

MR. KAY: Thank you, Mr. Pizarro.

I don't know that I could say it any better than Mr. Manson himself. Mr. Manson admitted to you that he is dangerous. He has been dangerous in the past. He has continued to be dangerous. He'll'be dangerous in the future. He doesn't like human beings. It's always been his philosophy that he likes spiders and snakes all right, but people doesn't care for. And, of course, we have ten murder victims as a result of Mr. Manson's dislike for human beings.

INMATE MANSON: Rejection.

MR. KAY: I notice that Mr. Manson made a very telling comment when he was asked why he picked the desert by Mr. Roos. And he said, "Well, I picked the desert so I

don't have to go through all the killing again", intimating that, well, maybe if he doesn't live in the desert he's going to have to go through some more killings.

To me, he's the same old Charles Manson in spite of the psychiatrist's report that says that he appears to be improving a little bit this year. I don't notice any improvement from the time I first met Mr. Manson back in 1970.

"There are so many reasons for Mr. Manson's unsuitability. His philosophy, his belief that there is no right or no wrong, no laws --

INMATE MANSON: I didn't present that to this panel.

MR. KAY: That's part of the hearing in 1978,
Mr. Manson — that it's all right to kill. And another thing
I found very interesting was the question Mr. Gordon asked —
which I thought he got a very interesting respons: from
Mr. Manson — when asked what he meant by wanting to be by
himself. And it turns out what Mr. Manson meant by wanting
to be by himself is that he wants to get people around him
that think exactly like he does. In other words, he wants
to have another Manson Family. He wants to get all the
people in tune with him, in harmony, so it will just be a
lot of Charles Mansons. That's what he meant by wanting to
be by himself.

Mr. Manson preached hatred. Hitler was his here. He thought Hitler was a genious for what he did to the Jews. And, of course, the reason that we're here mainly, seven of the nine murders were caused — the motive was Mr. Manson's desire to start a race war. He wanted to commit these murders, to have them blamed on the blacks so that there would be a black-white race war.

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The Tate murders he ordered, he directed. He told Watson to go there to kill everybody. He told the girls to go and do what Watson wanted.

INMATE MANSON: That was never brought up in no courtroom.

MR. KAY: He picked the house where Sharon Tate was living, not because he knew Sharon Tate, but he had a reason for it, because Terry Melcher had lived there before. And Terry Melcher, who is Doris Day's son, rejected Mr. Manson.

INMATE MANSON: We read the book, man.

MR. KAY: Mr. Manson was rejected because he, didn't come to Mr. Melcher's standards as far as recording him. And Mr. Manson wanted to give a message to Mr. Melcher. And so that's why he instructed his young followers to go to this particular residence as opposed to some other upper class or upper middle class residence.

Manson, however, was not happy with the way that

the Tate murders went down, so he gathered his family together the next night and told them that it was too messy the first night and that he was going to show them how to do it. So he took a number of his family members out -- Watson, Krenwinkel, Atkins, Grogan, and Van Houten -- took them all around the County of Los Angeles for about four hours looking at random for people to murder. And one of the stops he made was even in front of a Congregational Church in South Pasadena where he was looking for the minister or the priest -- he didn't know what denomination it was at the time -- because he was going to kill the minister or priest and string him up to the cross upside down.

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When he got to the LaBianca house, he went in with a gun, tied up Mr. and Mrs. LaBianca, came back out and ordered Watson and Krenwinkel and Van Houten to go in and kill the people, but not to Let them know that they were going to kill them and not to cause fear and anic.

And then interestingly enough what Mr. Manson did -- he, of course, was not going to participate in this himself.

He was going to have his underlings do it. But what he did was take Mrs. LaBianca's wallet and then drove off and had it planted in what he felt was a black area. He thought it was the Pacoima area. And he wanted some black person to get the wallet and use the credit card with the LaBianca

name on it so that they could get blamed for the murders.

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In Hinman's murder, Mr. Hinman was tortured, of course, over several days. Manson directed his followers -- Beausoleil, Atkins, and Mary Brunner -- to go there to get all of Mr. Hinman's property and to get Mr. Hinman to join the Manson family. Well, unbeknownst to Mr. Manson, Mr. Hinman really didn't have all that much property. Mr. Manson thought Hinman had come into an inheritance and was rich, but he wasn't. And he didn't want to join the Manson Hamily, so they tortured him. And when he still wouldn't cooperate. Beausoleil called the ranch and .got Manson to come. And Manson, with Davis holding a gun on him, Manson took a sword and slashed Hinman, sliced his ear almost completely off and made a big gash from his ear all the way to his anoth and then left, giving the people who remained instructions on what to do. And Mr. Hinman was eventually killed by Beausoleil, by being stabbed:

Mr. Manson has never shown any remorse for any of these nine victims. He still maintains today that -- he said here that these dead bodies don't have anything to do with him, just other people did it. Of course, he has been convicted. And these are such brutal murders it's hard to comprehend them, the overkill that took place, the torture. And Manson directed that. He even wanted them to rip out the eyeballs and throw the eyeballs up against the

wall to make it look brutal so that the whites would really raise up in anger against the blacks. It was a virtual slaughter directed by Mr. Manson. And, of course, Manson himself participated physically in the Himman and Shea murders and to some extent in the LaBianca murders in that he tied them up and was present at the scene. He was not present at the Tate house, although he directed that.

INMATE MANSON: Chairman, I object. This has never come out in court.

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PRESÍDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Let him finish. You'll get your chance.

MR. KAY: Seven of the victims.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: I won't let him interrupt you when you're talking, okay?

to object.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Okay.'

MR. KAY: Seven of the victims were total strangers to Mr. Manson and everyone else in the Family. All the Tate and LaBianca victims were strangers in the supposedly security of their homes. Manson did know Hinman and did know Shea. Shea was a ranch hand at the Spahn Ranch, and Hinman had been an acquaintance of Manson through Mr. Manson's musical activities.

The wanton disregard for human life demonstrated

by Manson, of course, is probably the main reason he should be denied parole. The commitment offenses themselves, of course, can be taken into consideration by the panel.

And because of the gravity of those offenses, for that reason alone, the panel can find Mr. Manson unsuitable for parole. And really the panel doesn't have to go any further.

But there are other factors to take into consideration. The ease at which he gets others to commit violence.

I'm sure the Board members are well aware of the numerous other Family members that are in prison today for murder, that committed murders at the direction of Mr. Manson.

Also Mr. Manson is such an unpredictable person. Who here in this room can predict what Mr. Manson is going to do five minutes from now let alone if he was granted parole?

I doubt Mr. Manson himself could predict what he is going to do five minutes from now. He is a very volatile person, uncontrollable person.

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real signs of rehabilitation on Manson's part through his stay in prison. All of the 115's he has, the assaulting prison guards, the extreme defiance that he has, the continually testing authority, as he has done here with the Board here today, especially at the first part of the hearing, his extensive criminal history. He has spent most of his

life in custody in one form or another.

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poor psychiatric chronos. He has been described as having chronic schizophrenia. Even the psychiatrist who sees him as improving this year doesn't change his diagnosis as having Mr. Manson with chronic schizophrenia. He refers the Board to his other reports for background information right at the beginning of his report. And he doesn't change his psychiatric diagnosis. He says that there has been some improvement. Today I haven't seen it, but maybe he's seen it in his hour interval with Mr. Manson. I don't know.

As Mr. Manson says, he's crazy in our world.

And I think that's probably an accurate description. He is crazy in our world, maybe not in the legal sense. But I think that if the average person on the street saw Mr. Manson and his behavior here today, they'd have to say that he is a lunatic.

I think his parole plans are unrealistic. He, wants to get away from people, doesn't like people, is going to go out to the desert. Well, I think that's going to be pretty hard for anybody to get away from other people. The problem is it becomes a little scary with Mr. Manson because not only doesn't he like other human beings, but he takes steps to demonstrate his dislike by having them.

murdered or murdering them himself. Mr. Manson has said time and again that there is no place for him in society. Today he said; "I don't fit in your society."

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I think that he is just absolutely an unreasonable risk to parole. I think that the public has a great concern with Mr. Manson. I think it's justified. And I think that oftentimes Mr. Manson has a great concern with himself.

And, as I say, again I don't think that Mr. Manson can predict what he's going to do five minutes from now.

I don't have anything further.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. De Ronde.

MR. DE RONDE: Thank you.

When we stirflated as to the statement of facts in this case, I thought we had all agreed on the facts, that the facts didn't need to be belabored anymore. Mr.

Kay has come up from Los Angeles as he is employed to do and will do so, I imagine, every year of his employment with the County of Los Angeles, and rendered his opinion as to Mr. Manson's suitability and gone on probably for five, ten minutes, whatever, with reference to his opinion of the facts. Now, I'm at a disadvantage. I don't know; I didn't try the case. I wasn't there at the trial. I have read the probation report; I have read the statement of facts. And Mr. Kay has always managed to add something that. I have no knowledge of at all. And luckily for me, because

I would be at a tremendous disadvantage, what Mr. Kay says is not evidence. What is evidence is what the court has before it in terms of the probat on report and the statement of facts. I'm not going to downplay or belabor the facts of this crime at all. Certainly it is a very serious crime. And I'm just going to deal with what the Board is bound by and what they're basically asking me to make a statement about. And that is Mr. Manson's danger to the community, if any, in these circumstances.

Well, I have no doubt that this Board is going to look at 2281 of the administrative regulations filed with the Secretary of State regarding suitability, circumstances tending to show unsuitability, circumstances tending to show suitability.

So let's look at circumstances tending to show unsuitability. Previous record of violence. As pointed out before, I didn't see any previous record of violence. Sure we've got a very extensive criminal behavior. As far as I could determine, we have one crime up in Ukiah dealing with preventing a police officer from lawfully discharging his duties. And we have got assault with a deadly weapon that shows no disposition at all. And then we have got the present offenses. So we have got a criminal history that spans an awful lot of time, and we do not have any previous record of violence per se.

Childhood abuse. There is no record of childhood abuse.

Sadistic sexual offenses, work of that,

psychological chronos since the time that Mr. Manson has been in prison, I admit the psychological factors are not good until up to this recent report. New, I won't speculate, as Mr. Kay does, as to what Dr. Rotella is talking about. Dr. Rotella refers us to background information. Whether or not that indicates Mr. Manson's present mental state, I have no idea. But I imagine Mr. Manson would like to comment on some of these things. And I would like that the Board indulge us in having Mr. Manson comment also, if he may.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIEARO: I'll give him an opportunity when you get through with your presentation.

MR. DE RONDE: Well, maybe Mr. Manson was right.

Maybe the Board has made up its mind already or had made up its mind prior to the time that it ever sat down and had the benefit of reviewing the file. I don't know. But in any event, I'm saying if the Board has made up its mind new not to grant Mr. Manson parole, give him something that he can do to work towards that parole. Give him something that he can do in the way of work, telling him what you want. of him. Whether or not he decides to go by that, that's his

decision. But let him know what you want, if anything, or whether or not we're wasting our time every year.

And I would defer to Mr. Manson.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. Manson, you have an opportunity now --

INMATE MANSON: Well, I --

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PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Let me say to you that at this point of the hearing we're concerned about a couple of things. Number one, are you suitable for parole? Would you be dangerous if you were to be released? Now, I don't want to coerce your presentation, but that's what we're having to answer in our own minds. And I'm going to ask you to leave the hearing room pretty soon, and we're going to have to discuss that.

So with that in mind, would you go ahead and comment if you so desire.

INMATE MANSON: I was thinking about getting all the fellas to wait for me, and then we'd all leave at once. We've been talking about going downtown and getting a pizza, you know. They said that if I get paroled, that I got to worry about the cops chasing me around. See, if nobody would bother me, I ain't going to hurt nobody. You go step on a snake, he's going to bite you. That's the way anything is that's got any sense at all. You know, I'm a human being, but I haven't lost track of the fact that I was an animal

before I was a human being. Some people think that human beings beings ain t animals. But sometimes I think human beings are worse than animals.

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He says I felt no remorse. Why didn't he say I felt no guilt? In other words, if you're off in your thinking, that's not my problem, man. You let somebody else sell your brain off into helter skelter or some kind of illusion, it's got nothing to do with me personally. You got my body locked up here but my mind has been out in the desert all along. And I trip back in the cell, and I watch everybody go through all the changes. And you're only putting yourself through them changes, man. You know you're not really hurting me any.

Yeah, I'm a danger. I'm a danger to lies. I'm a danger to confusion. I'm a danger to things that aren't in the proper perspective. There's a lot of things I'm a danger to. I might even get convicted next time for promoting a little harmony. And then maybe I'll get a doing somebody some good prior with a feeling of honor and truth within my own existence. Maybe that would be a felony by then. Of course, the way you're going you'll outlaw everything until you've outlawed yourself. And then when you're all outlawed, then you'll all see where I was setting a long time ago when you wouldn't let me defend myself in the courtroom. I could have explained what

happened. I could have explained why them murders came down and who caused them and what they were. But all the lawyers said, "Oh, no, no. Don't say nothin: Plead not guilty."

I said, "I'm willing to present the truth here." "Oh,

I don't want to see the truth." Well, the truth was never no mystical thing to me. It's just simple honesty from a child to its father or its mother.

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So I'm not going to offer any lies to you people. I tried to stay out of trouble last time. If there was any human being that ever tried to stay out of prison more than I tried to stay out of prison last time, I would have probably seen him eating out of the garbage cans. how much I tried to stay out of prison. And I used to walk around with this (indicating). And they'd say, "What's that?" And I'd say, "I got one positive thought. I'm not going to break the law; therefore I don't have to go back to the penitentiary." Because I always lived under the premise of thought that if you do the crime, then you got to do the time. If you break the law, you knew that law was there, you knew that law carried five years. you broke it, you shot the dice, you dealt the cards, you lost the game. So you go to jail, do your time, keep your mouth shut. That's what a man was supposed to do in those days. But when I stood before the courtroom there in Los Angeles, I could readily see why the judge and the District

Attorney don't want me on the street. They'd be scared to death that I'll come back and sneak in their beds and murder them while they're asleep. If they lieve their own illusion, you'd be too scared to even mention my name. If you really believe what you believe, well, how do you know I ain't, got somebody out there in the parking lot waiting for you this year? Give me that power now. telling me that I'm a killer and that I can just have anybody killed any time I want. Now, who is your next president? You see what I'm saying, kid? You're putting it on the wrong shoe, you know. Like, I don't even think about hurting people. I don't want to think about hurting people. But I think that your system created me so that you would have somebody to be afraid of, so that you would have someone to hurt you, so that you would have an anti-Christ or a devil or somebody that will punish when you do wrong because you ain't got no father in you. It's all gone, man. You ain't got no authority left. It's like I am not taking authority from this Board, as the District Attorney said. If anything, I'm lending authority into this Board. Does that communicate? Am I taking any more than I'm giving or giving any more than I'm taking? Or doesn't it balance pretty much equally, that you can't take no more than you give and you can't give no more than you take. And in the end you're all going to get what you got coming. So when you got to

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give me what I got coming, but my red carpet out and bring my chair around -- you did what I'm saying? -- and then maybe we can save them trees out there, maybe we can save a little water and a little air in my world. In your world you work for that dollar. I don't have anything to do about that dollar. I don't have any money myself. But if I had it, I'd give it back to the Indians or something, try to get the land fixed. So I can make some money. Money is like leaves on trees. And I ain't never lost in a poker game, and I'm one of the strongest con men that ever walked on two feet. So I can hustle and play any money game there is to play. I can go to Beverly Hills tomorrow and have as much money as I need and don't have to hurt nobody for it, you know. I tried to stay out of the money to keep from going to jail. But if you want me to get into money ---I've been reading the Wall Street Journal, and I got a few things going. And I might just get me a couple million dollars in trusts. And, you know, I'm not completely without resources. I got 22 years of prison, and I know a lot of hoodlums that know I never lied to them and a lot of crooks that know I never took their stuff or beat them out of nothing, you know. **

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So if you let me out to where I can get out of society, then I can give you my promise I won't hurt nobody.

But in your society, I would imagine that a ten-year old

girl would be a danger to you. Anybody that was telling the truth -- maybe a 12-year old kid might be a danger to you. He might cause all kinds of things to jump off, and you call them Satan or devil worshippers or stuff, you know. But it's just little kid's stuff, you know.

You remind me of that guy in school that used to "Teacher, Teacher, he's passing notes." And then the guy used to run you home from school, and you felt sad because you didn't belong. And then you're mad because nobody really loves you. But you've got to love somebody before somebody can love you. And nobody loves you any more than I do, and I'm the guy you're down on.

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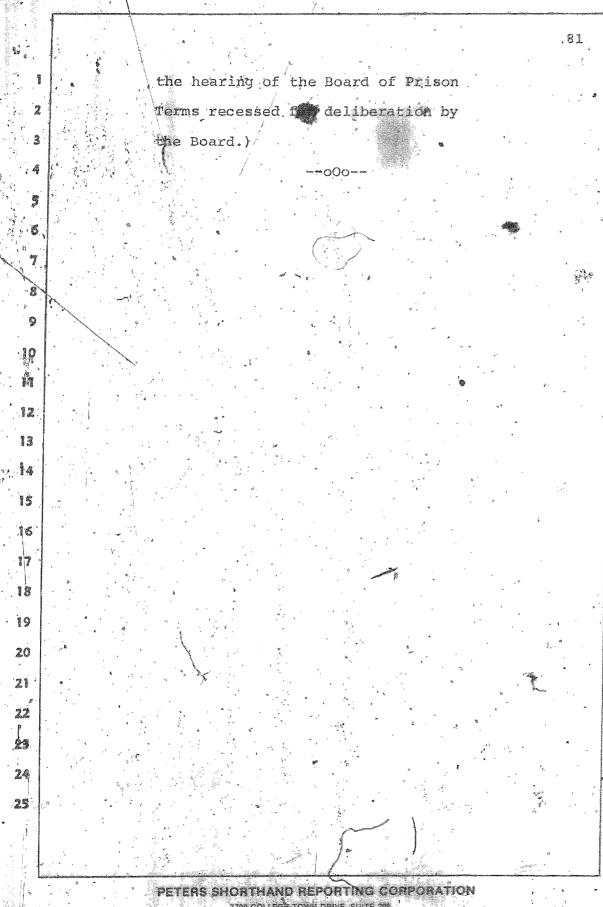
PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Mr. Manson, 1 guess it's your feeling that you are not dangerous and that you deserve a parole. Is that -

INMATE MANSON: Yeah. I don't even deserve to be here the last 11 years. I'm so mad I can't handle it, see?

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: With that said then, the time now is approximately 3:45 p.m. We're going to recess this hearing for the purpose of letting the panel arrive at a judgment.

I'm going to ask that that tape be turned off and the hearing room be cleared except for the panel members, please.

(Thereupon the room was cleared, and



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PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: Fre resuming the hearing of Mr. Charles Manson, Number B-33920.

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Let the record first indicate the time now is approximately 4:26 p.m. Let the record also indicate that all the principals are back in the hearing room: Mr. Manson, his attorney, the District Attorney, the three panel members.

And I would then give you the following findings and order of the panel, and that being that Mr. Manson is found unsuitable for parole and found to be an unreasonable risk of danger to others if released on the basis of the following reasons. And there are three of them, Counsel. We'll give you the essence of the reasons, and then they will be in much better form when they finally come out in the Board Order.

But the first reason deals with Mr. Manson's prior instability, criminality, and the present offense. This long history of instability and criminality which commenced at age 13 and which necessitated placements in a boys'school and various state and federal reformatories, in the federal prison, and culminated with the conviction of the brutal and senseless killing of nine people, and apparently without provocation. The enormity and the magnitude and the gravity of these atrocities is shocking.

reports, which do not support release. As discussed, we had an August '76 report, May '76 report, 1978 report, a 1979 report, and a 1980 report. We did note that the 1980 psychiatric report was more positive in that the prisoner was beginning to show signs of ability to place some control on his behavior. And this was indicated by recent absence of disciplinaries and movement toward main line custody status. Nevertheless, despite this improvement, the overall reports do not support projecting a parole date now.

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The third area is the institutional behavior, the disciplinaries that were previously noted. He has received 25 since reception, the last being received on April 7, 1978. And these include attacks on staff on three separate occasions. He has not yet participated in vocational or educational programs nor involved himself in self-help programs. And the panel did recognize that his custody status may have precluded participation.

We do have some suggestions which we feel are beneficial and which the prisoner might participate in while incarcerated. And Mr. Roos will read those.

BOARD MEMBER ROOS: It is suggested, Mr. Manson, that, number one, you obey all CDC rules by remaining disciplinary free. Number two, that you continue to work

towards main line custody status. Number three, work towards a Category E therapy program or other appropriate treatment regime. Number four, work towards developing or polishing a specific vocation or trade of your choosing. And, number five, work towards a program of education to support the specific vocation or trade of your choosing.

PRESIDING MEMBER PIZARRO: With that said, the hearing is terminated. The time now is 4:29 p.m.

Thank you very much for your participation.

Good luck to you, Mr. Manson.

(Thereupon the hearing of the Board of Prison Terms was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.)

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