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TAGS: CARR, GY JONES, STEPHAN) BEIKMAN, CHARLES) PEOPLES
TEMPLE)
SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: STEPAN JONES; CHARLES BEIKMAN
REF: GEORGETOWN 0338

1. JAN. 23 SESSION OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO DEATHS OF
LINDA SHARON HARRIS (AKA SHARON AMOS) ET AL., OPENED WITH
THE STATE CLOSING ITS CASE IN THE VOIR DIRE (REFTEL).
SENIOR DEFENSE COUNSEL MCKAY THEN CALLED STEPHAN JONES TO
TO TESTIFY CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH BEIKMAN'S SECOND
STATEMENT WAS GIVEN. MAGISTRATE PERSAUD INFORMED BOTH SIDES
THAT JONES' TESTIMONY WOULD BE ALLOWED ONLY TO DETERMINE
WHETHER BEIKMAN'S STATEMENT COULD BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE.
JONES WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY PROSECUTING COUNSEL WEITHERS.

2. FOLLOWING JONES' TESTIMONY, BEIKMAN MADE A STATEMENT FROM
THE DOCK, IN WHICH HE SAID THAT HE MADE THE STATEMENT AGAINST
HIS WIFE AND ON THE PERSONAL INDUCEMENT OF STEPHAN JONES, ON
WHOM HE LOOKED AS A LEADER. MCKAY THEN SUMMARIZED THE CASE
FOR THE DEFENSE ON THE VOIR DIRE. COUNSEL CONTENDED THAT
THE STATE HAD FAILED TO PROVE, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, THAT
THE STATEMENT WAS MADE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. FURTHERMORE,
MCKAY CONTINUED, THE STATE HAD FAILED TO EXPLAIN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE STATEMENT WAS TAKEN, AND THUS,
THE STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE ADMITTED.

3. COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT THE END OF MCKAY'S SUMMARY AND IS
SCHEDULED TO RESUME JAN 24 WITH SUMMARY BY WEITHERS OF
STATE'S CASE IN THE VOIR DIRE.
Dwyer

Investigative Summary
2/29/78

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