

To: W.W.Norton & Co. Publishers  
From: Rose Lynn Mangan  
Re: Hearsay quote  
Date: August 13, 1995

It is in the interest of accuracy that I find it necessary to write you and bring to your attention a most disturbing problem concerning author Dan Moldea's use of a hearsay quote.

Specifically, it is Dan Moldea's use of a vigorously contested hearsay quote in his new book The Killing of Robert F. Kennedy (N.Y.: W.W.Norton & Co., 1995) found on page 326 wherein Moldea contends Sirhan told Michael McCowan that he didn't shoot Kennedy between the eyes because that \_\_\_\_\_ turned his head at the last second.

You may not be aware that Moldea was never alone with Sirhan on any of his three visits (with Sirhan). On the first visit Bill Klaber, Moldea, Sirhan's older brother Adel and I were present.

Moldea's two other visits with Sirhan were in the company of Adel at all times. Both Adel and Sirhan informed me that Moldea never raised the question of the above mentioned hearsay quote.

To better understand the depth of this problem one has but to read page 15 in Dan's book wherein he opens with a noble preface (to extensively fact-check all quotes, including Sirhan's). Clearly, that hearsay quote should have been discussed with Sirhan for both its truthfulness and its accuracy.

It must also be pointed out I notified Moldea of Sirhan's adamant denial many months before the book was published.

How to explain Moldea's July 2, 1994 eight page report to Sirhan for review/corrections of his three visits with Sirhan. Nowhere, in that entire report was any reference made of that hearsay quote. Additionally, Dan provided Adel with a similar report - and here too there is no mention of that quote. I should point out - Sirhan immediately mailed Moldea's report to me, and Adel also provided me with a copy of the report Moldea gave him. I carefully examined these reports and I can attest - there is no mention of this Kaiser - McCowan hearsay quote.

It is important to understand how this first came to my attention. Moldea sent an Uncorrected Proof Copy of his book to Robert Blair Kaiser who in turn sent it to Harry Kruk and Kruk then mailed it to me.

As soon as I read that hearsay quote I telephoned Adel to ask if Moldea asked Sirhan about this specific quote. Adel's immediate response was an emphatic "No".

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Shortly after Michael McCowan was brought into the Sirhan case and prior to the trial McCowan wrote a lengthy Confidential Investigative Report for the defense attorneys - and nowhere in that voluminous report is there any mention of the "shooting between the eyes" alleged conversation between himself and Sirhan. (defense attorney Grant Cooper gave me his own copy of McCowan's Confidential Investigative Report)

Upon hearing Adel's vehement denial I telephoned Dan and insisted he provide me with a sworn affidavit from McCowan which would also include the time frame when this alleged conversation between McCowan and Sirhan took place. Who was present? (records were kept of the date, time and number of visitors Sirhan had - a fact which I brought to Moldea's attention)

Adel arranged with Dan to set up a three way <sup>telephone</sup> conversation between Adel, Moldea and Kaiser - the purpose of which was to have Kaiser, in the hearing of Moldea, tell Adel about the circumstances surrounding his knowledge of this affair. But, unfortunately, for whatever reasons - Kaiser declined to participate and Moldea substituted me in Kaiser's place - much to Adel's disappointment, I am certain.

I would like to emphasize Moldea did agree to mail <sup>me</sup> an affidavit from McCowan - but I received nothing at all.

I am enclosing Adel's declaration and Sirhan's letter to me dated June 24, 1995. Additionally, I am enclosing proof of my effort to have Moldea either provide me with the McCowan affidavit or delete the quote entirely, and in exchange, I would send him the corrections re Wolfer's contradictions in depositions which Moldea repeated in his book.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to review this most serious matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Rose Lynn Mangan*

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June 24, 1995

Dear Lynn,

I flatly deny making the statement that Moldea ascribes to me in his book via Kaiser via McCowan. This quote was never mentioned by Moldea during any of his visits with me. I do not understand how McCowan can assign this remark to me when he (McCowan) told me in the presence of Attorney Parsons that he (McCowan) was convinced that I was "in a fugue," to use McCowan's quote, at the time of the shooting. Moreover, just where is the stopwatch that was used to time that last second!

Please remember that long before the trial began and during the first few visits that McCowan made to my jail cell with Parsons, the assumption of everybody was that I was the shooter and they all told me so, hence no attention was focused on the shooting itself. Diminished capacity was to be the defense.

I now realize in retrospect that McCowan's function during this period of time was to gain my trust re the signing of Kaiser's book contract (We'll make a million dollars for the defence, etc.) and to situate himself in the case. McCowan and Parsons always seemed to work as a unit and seemed to have a private understanding between them. After Kaiser got in the case, McCowan began to look for his role in the book. At one time, he bragged to me about being named as the Investigator of the Year by some professional magazine for his work in my case. It had his picture in it I believe. Whenever he came with the others (he seldom came alone) I told him all I could remember of the shooting night-- the same stuff that I told whoever asked me including the psychiatrists. McCowan was much more interested in my background than in the shooting scene.

I recall during one visit that McCowan was unusually 'solicitous but out of his range when he started talking about the Middle East situation and the suffering of the Arab & Palestinian peoples etc. etc., and how I am viewed over there as a hero and how Kaiser's book is going to be read and my case be known in every town and "hamlet" in America. I remember the word hamlet because I wondered where he came up with the line and I have come to associate it with him. He also said that this case will bring justice to the M.E. and he denounced RFK's support of Israel. During this period of time there was a lot of talk in the news about James Earl Ray and McCowan remarked during this same visit in an apparent effort to pump me up, that Ray, unlike me, was a coward because he shot MLK with a rifle from afar, and this further endeared me to the Arabs. He was eager to go to the M.E. with Parsons if Kaiser could generate the money for the trip. I think that he saw me and the tragedy of this case as his ticket to fame and fortune. He always had

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that smooth chatty "I am your best friend" attitude--an insincere chumminess, and he made statements that included the answer or inference that he wanted to establish. I remember when after Mrs. Naomi Weidner testified, against my wishes, about the atrocities in the M.E., McCowan came to me and whispered that my discussing the atrocities with Mrs. Weidner months before, was a clever tactic; After a hypnosis session with Dr. Diamond, McCowan tells me as though with knowing confidence that I got the doctors fooled, which was not the case.

McCowan has very, very seldom come to mind over the years because I realized when I was on Death Row that he did not give a damn about me from the outset, and that he was out for all the glory he could get at my expense like Parsons and Cooper were.

A couple of afterthoughts: Before trial, I told McCowan that I recalled looking at a typewriter that was typing by itself at the hotel and this seemed strange to me. McCowan apparently did not investigate this typewriter issue. After the trial, McCowan came up with McKissack to San Quentin and told me that he found the statement of a woman who saw me in front of a bank of teletypes in the press room and who said that I looked dazed and "glassy-eyed." McCowan said that the statement was in a box of statements that the prosecution let him look at after the trial. Great help that statement was after I was convicted! I think that exemplifies McCowan's carelessness and unprofessionalism as an investigator; If Kaiser claims that McCowan gave him the quote after Kaiser's book went to press, then why did Kaiser not bring up the quote at all in his subsequent writings after the 2nd gun issue erupted?

I agree with you Lynn, it is a struggle but doors will open.

Sincerely,  
Sirhan  
*Sirhan Sirhan*

Adel Sirhan  
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I wish to state for the record.

Dan Moldea visited my brother Sirhan  
at Corcoran prison Three (3) times.

I was present all three (3) times and at  
time did Moldea question Sirhan about  
Michael McCowan's alleged conversation re  
the "Shooting between the eyes" quote.

I declare the above to be true

Adel Sirhan

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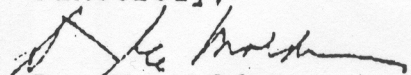
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Dear Lynn and Adel:

This is to notify you that I have decided to delete from the final page of my book the entire section about Michael McCowan, where he alleged to Robert Kaiser a conversation with Sirhan Sirhan, in which Sirhan stated that he didn't shoot Senator Kennedy "between the eyes" because Kennedy "turned his head at the last second."

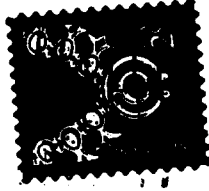
Sincerely,

  
Dan E. Moldea

*Moldea's agreement to delete "between the eyes" quote in his fax to me*

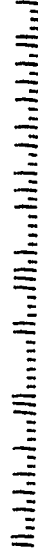


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DEAR SIRHAN & LYNN:

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WAS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT MR. SIRHAN SIRHAN WHEN HE WAS ARRANGED IN THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURT ON A FELONY COMPLAINT SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARREST.

RICHARD S. BUCKLEY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, REPRESENTED MR. SIRHAN.

THESE PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD EARLY IN THE MORNING BEFORE REGULAR COURT HOURS.

MR. BUCKLEY ASSIGNED ME TO REPRESENT MR. SIRHAN.

I VISITED MR. SIRHAN MANY TIMES IN THE COUNTY JAIL BEFORE HE RETAINED PRIVATE COUNSEL. AT NO TIME DID MR. SIRHAN SAY, "I SHOT ROBERT KENNEDY", OR DID HE EVER MAKE ANY SIMILAR STATEMENT.

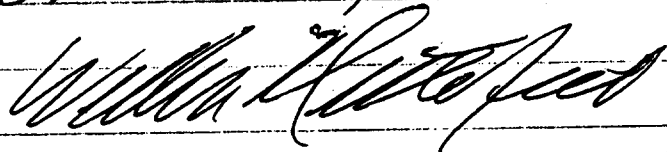
DURING OUR INTERVIEWS WE DID NOT DIS-

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CROSS THE CASE ITSELF, AS JUDGE ARTHUR ALARCON, THE JUDGE AT MR. SIRHAN'S ARRAIGNMENT ON THE INDICTMENT, HAD APPOINTED TWO PSYCHIATRISTS TO EXAMINE HIM AND I BELIEVE THAT THE PSYCHIATRISTS SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE MR. SIRHAN BEFORE HE DISCUSSED THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS CASE WITH A LAWYER.

I REPRESENTED MR. SIRHAN FOR A PERIOD OF TWO TO FOUR WEEKS (I CAN'T RECALL EXACTLY AFTER SO MANY YEARS) FROM THE APPOINTMENT IN THE SUPERIOR COURT UNTIL HE RETAINED PRIVATE COUNSEL.

SINCERELY,



WILBUR F. LITTLEFIELD

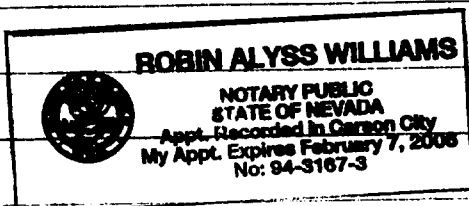
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I certify that this is a true and correct copy of a document in the possession of Rose Lynn Mangan. Dated this 1st day of February, 2006.



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