

4 **INMATE SIRHAN:** Say a short, it's a short comment and
5 it really deals with the victims. As we come into the
6 conclusion of this Board hearing, I realized that advanced
7 age and health risks may prevent Mr. Paul Schrade and
8 myself from ever meeting again. I would like to use my
9 closing statement to personalize -- to personally
10 apologize, not only to Mr. Schrade again, but to Mr.
11 Stroll, to Mr. Evan, Mr. Weisel, Mr. Goldstein and Mr.
12 Kennedy. Over a half a century has passed and young
13 impulsive kid that I was does not exist anymore. Mr.
14 Schrade and surviving family members of the Evans,
15 Weisels, Strolls, Goldstein and the Kennedy families, I
16 want you to know that I have tried to live my life
17 dedicated to never creating another victim or using
18 violence again. My exemplary record is unheard of within
19 CDC prison system, but it is not a testament of my own
20 merit, it is an a rather a debt -- debt of honor to those
21 who were affected by the chaos of my actions way back that
22 night in 1968. I have grown into a humble, balanced man,
23 educated myself, having earned my Assoc -- Associate's
24 degree. I have completed and even facilitated cognitive
25 based self-help groups and I am constantly conscious about

1 living peacefully, even in this dangerous and violent
2 environment. It is my greatest wish to return to society
3 as a man, one who has a lot to offer, one who has overcome
4 not with a few overcome -- a mistake -- overcome, not with
5 words, but with actions. I only take it -- it -- it only
6 takes a few seconds to make a bad choice that will create
7 a ripple effect and create a lost life, a lost lifetime.
8 My creed today is to find myself in others and find common
9 ground and not be so quick to harm or judge. I will
10 continue and I have, as I have for the past half a century
11 on this path, regardless of today's decision. Insight and
12 love are constantly developing new paths and I am on that
13 journey to progress. Thank you.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BARTON:** Thank you. Okay. Now
15 we're going to go to the various, uh, family members that
16 want to speak, and we will start with the one surviving
17 victim, um, Mr. Schrade. Again, I don't know, I've seen
18 him come and go from the screen with Ms. Bohdan. I don't
19 know if he wants to speak in person. We have read his
20 letter. We have read the, his comments he made previously
21 from prior transcripts, but at this time, Mr. Schrade,
22 maybe Ms. Bohdan you can facilitate, uh, does he want to
23 make any comment in addition to what we already have?

24 **VICTIM SUPPORT BOHDAN:** <inaudible> do you want to?

25 **VICTIM SCHRADE:** No.

1 **VICTIM SUPPORT BOHDAN:** Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.
2 Paul does have a few words he wants to state, and we, he
3 wants also the record to reflect that he did provide his
4 prerecorded video --

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BARTON:** We have it.

6 **VICTIM SUPPORT BOHDAN:** - statement, as well as --

7 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BARTON:** We have it.

8 **VICTIM SUPPORT BOHDAN:** <inaudible>

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BARTON:** We have all of it.

10 **VICTIM SUPPORT BOHDAN:** So, he's going to say a few
11 words now.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BARTON:** Okay, go ahead, sir.

13 **VICTIM SCHRADE:** First of all, I, uh, pleased that
14 the hearing is going so well. I, in hopes that, uh, Sirhan
15 will be released. Uh, I know I've been working with his
16 brother, uh, through this long period and know that he
17 will have a good home to go to. I have great respect for
18 his brother, Munir. What is not really often said about
19 this case is that Sirhan was not the shooter of, uh, my
20 friend, Robert Kennedy. There was a second gunman
21 involved. The forensic bullet and witness evidence is
22 clear that he did not do it. There's a second gunman who
23 was never identified, but it was covered up by the Los
24 Angeles Police and the District Attorney for 52 years. He
25 is innocent of the murder of Rob, my friend, Robert

1 Kennedy. And I un -- I've been able to work with Robert
2 Kennedy Jr. and his family to inform them and keep them,
3 uh, on message so that we finally get Sirhan's removal
4 from this prison environment. I'm hope that we'll do that
5 today.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BARTON:** Thank you, sir.