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Subject: Parole Sirhan on February 10

Dear friends,

Twelve days from today, Sirhan Sirhan will again be considered for parole in San Diego. He was originally scheduled for release in 1984 but after intense political pressure, his parole date was rescinded and he has since been denied thirteen times.

In March, Sirhan will turn 72 years old, having spent two-thirds of his life in prison for a crime he cannot remember committing. For three years prior to his last parole hearing in 2011, Dr. Daniel Brown of Harvard Medical School spent over sixty hours with Sirhan trying to recover his memory of the shooting. Dr. Brown concluded Sirhan's amnesia for events before and during the shooting was real but his findings were ignored by the parole board, who saw the gaps in Sirhan's memory as a cynical ruse to minimise his responsibility for his crime.

Sirhan has been an exemplary inmate, with no prison violations since 1972 and an excellent work record. If paroled, he would be deported to Jordan to live out his final years, a danger to nobody. But as [The Marshall Project](#) recently discovered in a year-long examination of America's parole boards, parole decisions are often driven not by public safety but by politics. Since 1982, California has treated Sirhan like a political prisoner who will never be released, not a human being who has served his time and has the right to a fair hearing and the rule of law. In the courts, his habeas corpus petition was denied last year, despite new audio evidence indicating thirteen shots were fired in the Ambassador Hotel pantry that evening.

On Wednesday, with the support of the [Mary Ferrell Foundation](#), we published transcripts of Sirhan's parole hearings dating back to 1985, so the public can read for themselves what passes for "due process" in this case in California. Today, I am publishing a new Kindle edition, [In Jail with Sirhan Sirhan](#), an edited collection of jail logs recording Sirhan's first year in custody (see sample below) which will be free to download for five days from tomorrow to provoke discussion of Sirhan's case.

These new collections are part of a short campaign to raise awareness of Sirhan's case ahead of his parole hearing on February 10. After 48 years in prison, he has served his time and should be released. Please spread the word about the project to fellow researchers and your media contacts:

Campaign website: www.sirhanbsirhan.com

Campaign video: www.sirhanbsirhan.com/video

Parole hearing transcripts: http://www.maryferrell.org/pages/Featured_Sirhan_Parole_Hearing_Transcripts.html

All the best,
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