## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: BILLY D. WEBB, Director

Bureau, Branch and Area Operations

FROM: SHELDON H. BROWN, Assistant Director

Bureau, Branch and Area Operations

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE PENALTY EVALUATION

Peo. v. Howard Landis Garrett

Case No. A 142639

DATE: AUGUST 23, 1979

I have reviewed the material forwarded by the Van Nuys Office in the Garrett matter and agree with their evaluation that this is a proper case for the pleading of special circumstances and the imposition of the death penalty.

In the case at hand, the defendant apparently hired an assassin to eliminate the victim. Further, conduct on behalf of this defendant indicates another apparent execution attempt that was thwarted by the arrival of the police. Additionally, he was charged and tried for a murder in San Bernardino County for which he was acquitted in 1978.

Since the acquittal on the 1978 murder charge, he has continued to engage in conduct that displays a callous disregard for the sanctity of human life. It is highly unlikely that he can be rehabilitated. The protection of society and deterrence to others would be served by seeking the death penalty in this matter.

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Att.