SENT TO THE CLARK COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

MY apologies for not being available to appear before your legislative committee on the 9th of January to present this resolution to you in person along with the others who appeared. Please find enclosed a copy of the resolution dated November 20, 1974 that the Board of County Commissioners adopted in relation to the status of the future operation of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.

We are soliciting your expertise in helping us make this a true, "County" Hospital. As it stands now, the County is the only entity shouldering the financial responsibility of the operation. One of two things has to happen -- put the operation under the jurisdiction of the County, or let it go private. If we do the latter, we would create choas. We, as elected officials, would be remiss in our duties if we allow this to happen.

Should you see your way clear to put the Hospital under the County's jurisdiction, it is my thinking that we will still need an appointed board of advisors, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. This board should be a cross-section of representatives who have expertise in hospital administration and its functioning.

Sincerely,

Aaron Williams

AARON WILLIAMS
County Commissioner

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Enclosure

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognize the concept of assuming responsibility for those governmental functions that are regional in nature; and,

WHEREAS, Clark County has provided for the medical needs of indigents and other emergency patients; and,

WHEREAS, Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital is a County hospital providing regional medical services; and,

WHEREAS, ultimate fiscal accountability for the operation of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital lies with the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, existing policy-making, administration, and accountability controls and procedures have been diffused and at times duplicated between the County and Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, it is the ultimate objective of the medical staff and the personnel of the Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital to provide hospital care to its patients that is unequaled in Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners petition the State Legislature to establish Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital as a General Operating Department of Clark County, subject to the regulations and procedures established for the administration of all other functions of the County and in accord with accepted practice for the administration of hospitals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy-making responsibilities of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital be vested in the Board of County Commissioners -- that the Board of Hospital Trustees as ex-officio members removing their responsibility for administration or operation of the hospital, except in the care of indigent patients which is provided by statute.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of November, 1974.

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Tom Wiesner

TOM WIESNER, Chairman Board of
County Commissioners

Santini heads health care study

WASHINGTON -- The Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will open a major investigation into the cost, quality and accessibility of health care, Congressman Jim Santini announced.

Santini, a member of the subcommittee, said the purpose of the study is to uncover problem areas, to present solutions, and to prepare for the implementation of a national health insurance plan.

"The current health delivery systems contain too many gaps, loopholes and inequities -- all of which are detrimental to the average consumer of health medical care," said the Nevada Democrat.

Areas of inquiry for the Subcommittee include:

--issues affecting the current Medicare and Medicaid programs, particularly efficiencies and cost aspects to the consumers and the government,

--the quality of institutions and services, particularly nursing homes, and unneeded care,

--the extent and cause of skyrocketing health costs.

Santini said the study will also cover health institutions, physician supply and distribution and financing and insuring plans.

The issue of malpractice is now being considered by the Health Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee, and Santini said he was anxious to review its findings when the full committee considers the difficult problem.

Hanged

Michael Abdul Malik, in this 1972 photo, a major figure in London's Black Power movement a decade ago, died on the gallows Friday in his homeland of Port of Spain, Trinidad, despite international pleas that his life be spared. Malik, 41, was hanged at the Royal Jail for the murder of his cousin, Joseph Skerritt, a barber and follower of Malik. The bodies of Skerritt and British divorcee Gale Ann Benson were unearthed in the garden behind Malik's home February, 1972 a month after they had died.

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Friendly Liquors
El Rio Club
Bruce's Liquors
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All Places of Business on "D" Street
Vegas Village
Thriftimart
Skagg's
Sugar Hill
Poor People Pulling Together
Mc Neal Quick Check
Carey Arm Apartments (at Office)
Villa Capri (at Office)
Dr. West's Office
Baby Bug's Coffee Shop
Clark County Court House
Windsor Park - All residences
Berkley Square - All residences
Regal Estates - All residences
Vegas Heights - All residences
Sunset Manor - All residences
Rancho Circle Theatre
Blue Bird Auto Parts
Love's Cocktail Lounge
Golden Egg
Town Tavern
Hughes' Liquors
Mom's Kitchen
Beauty Shops on Jackson Street
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Community Store
Fashionette Beauty Shop
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