

OPINIONS OF INDIVIDUAL JUSTICE
IN CHAMBERS

PATTERSON *et al.* - SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF FRESNO *et al.*

ON APPLICATION FOR WRIT

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Mr. Justice Douglas, Circuit Justice.

Applicants are two California reporters and the managing editor of their newspaper. In January 1955, they published a series of articles containing references to the testimony offered in a Fresno County grand jury proceeding, despite the fact that the transcript of that proceeding had been ordered sealed by the local district judge before whom the grand jury's indictment was returned. The judge instituted an investigation seeking to uncover any possible violation of his order sealing the grand jury transcript; in the course of that investigation, numerous witnesses were called, including applicants. Applicants state that they were excluded from the courtroom during the testimony of the other witnesses, and that their

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