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# Let Dr. Sam Take Lie Test, Magazine 'Court' Pleads

By HOWARD BEAUFAIT

The Court of Last Resort, a magazine promotion, said today it would make every effort to give Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard lie tests he has agreed to take despite opposition of Warden Ralph W. Alvis at the Ohio Penitentiary.

"Dr. Sam asked for the tests and we certainly intend to give them if it is possible," said Dr. LeMoyné Snyder, medical-legal consultant member of the court, headed by Erle Stanley

Gardner, mystery story writer.

Snyder said that polygraph tests given the convicted slayer's two brothers and their wives showed they had not concealed, withheld or destroyed any evidence in the case.

"They had never heard Sam Sheppard make any guilty or damaging admission in connection with the case and they had not misrepresented Dr. Sam's injuries received at the time of the murder," Snyder said at his home in Paradise, Calif.

Dr. Sheppard, 33, serving a life term for the bludgeon murder of his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in their Bay Village home July 4, 1954, has maintained he was knocked out by a bush-haired intruder who beat his wife to death in her bedroom.

Both Snyder and Gardner said they wanted, to find out from Dr. Sam through lie tests if he knows where the missing weapon can be located. Both the death instrument and a T-shirt Dr. Sam was wearing at the time of the murder have never been found.

Gardner said his Court of

Last Resort has entered the case with an open mind at the request of Dr. Sam's brothers, Drs. Richard and Stephen Sheppard.

The writer said the Court was  
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using as source material newspaper stories, a brief from the trial and transcript of tape recordings made of conversations between Coroner Samuel R. Gerber and members of the seven-man court.

Dr. Gerber said he had talked with Gardner, a personal friend, and other members of the "court" about the case and assured them "that if anything would arise that would indicate Dr. Sheppard's innocence I would be the first one to seek his release."

Gardner revealed that "an important witness" in the murder case is missing. He said the witness wrote a letter to Dr. Richard Sheppard last Jan. 15 from outside Ohio.