

9:00 o'clock A.M., Thursday, July 22, 1954.

DR. SAMUEL R. GERBER: At this time under the authority vested in me by the statutes of the State of Ohio, I am opening an inquest into the death of Marilyn Sheppard. For those who are assembled here the School Board requests that you do not smoke, and as far as other instructions are concerned I request that the newspaper photographers will take their pictures of the witness at the time that he or she is seated in the chair; not to take pictures during the process of testifying. I also request that persons do not leave the room and come back in indiscriminately. I would like to have complete and orderly decorum. If I do not have complete and orderly decorum I will have that person removed from the room.

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