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MEMORANDUM

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1 Mr. Sheridan. I was a close friend of the Attorney General.

2 Mr. Postal. Do you recall hearing at the time of the
3 Baletti wiretap case?

4 Mr. Sheridan. No.

5 Mr. Postal. Do you recall hearing of a wiretap that
6 occurred in Las Vegas at the end of October of 1960, in which
7 the hotel room of Phyllis McGuire was bugged?

8 Mr. Sheridan. No.

9 Mr. Postal. Did there come a time when the Attorney
10 General ever mentioned to you a pending prosecution involving
11 Sam Giancana?

12 Mr. Sheridan. No.

13 Mr. Postal. Did you ever discuss with the Attorney General
14 his interest in Sam Giancana?

15 Mr. Sheridan. No. Well, I can't say no to that. You know,
16 I discussed with him his interest in organized crime in
17 general, and I'm sure Sam Giancana's name was mentioned as one
18 of the people in organized crime, that he was interested in.
19 We had many discussions going back to 1957 about that subject
20 matter.

21 Mr. Postal. Right.

22 Well, you worked with the Attorney General on the McClellan
23 Committee, is that correct?

24 Mr. Sheridan. Yes, I did.

25 Mr. Postal. And during the McClellan Committee you had

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1 an opportunity or the Committee had an opportunity to look into
2 the relationship of the Teamsters with the rackets, is that
3 correct?

4 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah.

5 Mr. Postal. And one of the areas that came under scrutiny
6 was the Chicago area, is that correct?

7 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah.

8 Mr. Postal. And in that light, the same Sam Giancana
9 probably became known to you.

10 Mr. Sheridan. Sure.

11 Mr. Postal. And do you recall that one of the first things
12 the Attorney General did when he became Attorney General was
13 to target for the Bureau and the other investigative agencies
14 of the government certain figures in organized crime that he
15 wanted investigated vigorously?

16 Mr. Sheridan. Well, I think what he did was to first of
17 all beef up the organized crime section. He certainly indicated
18 he wanted the organized crime section to pursue more vigorously
19 the whole problem of organized crime. In that process, certain
20 organized crime figures were, if you want to use the word,
21 targeted, and Sam Giancana was one of them.

22 Mr. Postal. Okay.

23 Is it fair to say that Sam Giancana was fairly high on the
24 list?

25 Mr. Sheridan. Well, he was one of the major organized

1 crime figures in the United States.

2 Mr. Postal. Okay.

3 Do you recall in any of your discussions of organized
4 crime or specifically Sam Giancana, with the Attorney General,
5 any mention of either a wiretap case in Las Vegas or the
6 name Johnny Roselli and Bob Maheu in conjunction with the name
7 Sam Giancana?

8 Mr. Sheridan. No.

9 Mr. Postal. Do you recall having any discussions with
10 the Attorney General concerning the CIA involvement or connec-
11 tion with Sam Giancana or John Roselli?

12 Mr. Sheridan. No.

13 Mr. Postal. What were your specific functions in the
14 Department of Justice?

15 Mr. Sheridan. I was in charge of a group of attorneys
16 who were looking into and holding Grand Juries concerning and
17 directing investigative activities concerning labor racketeering.

18 Mr. Postal. Specifically James Hoffa?

19 Mr. Sheridan. There was more emphasis on Mr. Hoffa and
20 the Teamsters, but there were also other unions and other
21 union leaders involved in that. Certainly there was more
22 effort involved in the Teamster investigation than in the
23 others.

24 Mr. Postal. Did you work closely with Carmine Bellino
25 in that regard?

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1 Mr. Sheridan. Only in the beginning. Carmine had been on
2 the McClellan Committee with us, and he became a White House
3 Consultant, and in the very beginning he also had a desk over
4 in our area and was involved in preliminarily what we were doing.
5 But after a few months he no longer was involved in that
6 activity.

7 Mr. Postal. What about Courtenay Evans? Did you work
8 closely with Courtenay Evans?

9 Mr. Sheridan. Well, I certainly knew Courtenay Evans.
10 He was not our direct link with the FBI. Our direct link with
11 the FBI was Al McGrath. And Al McGrath was in charge of the
12 accounting, and he was the supervisor of the accounting section.
13 I guess they call it, at the Bureau. And I think that arose
14 because our initial, major efforts were in the area of the
15 central states, southeast, southwest area pension fund, which
16 required a lot of accounting expertise, and we were using the
17 FBI accountants. And that's how I think he happened to become
18 the contact. So I knew Courtenay, and I knew Courtenay was the
19 contact with the Attorney General, but my direct dealings were
20 more with McGrath than with Courtenay Evans.

21 Mr. Postal. Let me ask you this question: was there a
22 group of people in the Department of Justice at that time that
23 the Attorney General would sound out problems with, have
24 discussions with, things that were of particular concern to
25 him if a problem arose, that he was concerned about personally?

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1 were there people that he would deal with directly in thrashing
2 out a problem outside of the normal line of authority normally?

3 Mr. Sheridan. Yes. He would usually consult mainly with
4 the heads of the various divisions of the Department. That
5 would be Jack Miller, Lou Oberdorfer, and he was the head of
6 the Tax Division, and Jack Miller was the head of the Criminal
7 Division, and Ramsey Clark was the head of the Lands Division,
8 and John Douglas was in charge of the Civil Division. It is a
9 long time ago. Dick Katzenbach, who was the Deputy Attorney
10 General, these were the people that he would discuss, you know,
11 all major problems with.

12 Mr. Postal. Did you ever have occasions to meet with the
13 Attorney General either late in the evening or during the day
14 and discuss with him matters of concern to him outside of a
15 particular problem that you were working on?

16 Mr. Sheridan. I am sure I did, I am sure I did.

17 Mr. Postal. Did you ever --

18 Mr. Sheridan. Most of our discussions were on the problem
19 I was working on, and we had numerous discussions on that at
20 all times of the day.

21 Mr. Postal. Okay.

22 Mr. Sheridan. But I am sure occasionally there were other
23 matters discussed.

24 Mr. Postal. The group that was working on the racketeering,
25 and insofar as it related to labor problems, worked closely

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1 with the organized crime section, is that right?

2 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah.

3 Mr. Postal. And were you given access to any of the
4 intelligence reports coming from the Bureau relative to
5 organized crime that you felt related to what you were working
6 on?

7 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah. If there was, if there was a need.
8 In other words, the two areas often intertwined, so if we got
9 into an area that we were interested in, we would share informa-
10 tion with them and they would share information with us.

11 Mr. Postal. In the course of your investigation into the
12 labor rackets, did you have occasion to do a good deal of
13 investigating concerning the mob's activities in Las Vegas?

14 Mr. Sheridan. Not really.

15 We were aware of it, but the only place that our investi-
16 gations and theirs came in contact, or for the most part, anyway,
17 were the pension fund loans by the Teamsters Pension Fund to
18 Las Vegas casinos, and to that extent, there was a mutual
19 area. [But the actual investigation of organized crime in Las
20 Vegas was really the organized crime section work, and we,
21 we didn't get into it as such.]

22 Mr. Postal. Well, as I understand it, there were two
23 major areas of interest insofar as the organized crime section
24 was concerned about Las Vegas. One was your interest in the
25 pension fund investments, and the other was their interest

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1 in the skimming operation that was going on by some of the mob?

2 Mr. Sheridan. Right.

3 Mr. Postal. But as I understand, they were fairly closely

4 Mr. Sheridan. I think that's a fair statement.

5 Mr. Postal. -- related?

6 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah.

7 Mr. Postal. So in your activities in Las Vegas you
8 must have come into contact with the names again of Giancana
9 and Roselli and the other group that was in Las Vegas as opposed
10 to the Cleveland group with Moe Dalitz and some of the other
11 mobsters?

12 Mr. Sheridan. With Dalitz, yes, because Dalitz and his
13 group were in the Stardust, and the Desert Inn, and they both
14 had received pension fund loans.

15 The people like Giancana and the others, the Mafia people
16 like from Chicago were not involved in any of these loans, and
17 I don't recall, therefore, any direct involvement on our part
18 with those people.

19 Mr. Postal. Uh-huh.

20 Mr. Sheridan. You see, Dalitz was up front, and it is
21 kind of a unique situation because what you are talking about
22 is the Cleveland group who moved from Cleveland to Las Vegas,
23 and in the process acquired some degree of respectability, and
24 they owned the casinos, and they were on record, and they were
25 out front.

1 The Mafia types like Giancana, who it was believed had
2 secret interests in these casinos, were not up front and so
3 our interests were on the loans, and the pension funds, and the
4 pension fund was dealing directly with the Dalitz people, loans
5 to other casinos, where the Mafia may have had direct interest.
6 it was not apparent and we never got into it.

7 Mr. Postal. Did you ever have occasion to look into
8 interests in Miami?

9 Mr. Sheridan. Sure.

10 Mr. Postal. Did you ever look into the Fontainebleu
11 Hotel?

12 Mr. Sheridan. No.

13 There again, there was no -- it was their -- but there
14 was no pension fund involvement, there was no -- there was no
15 direct interest of ours in the Fontainebleu Hotel.

16 Mr. Postal. Okay.

17 How about Los Angeles? Did you ever get involved in
18 mob activities in Los Angeles?

19 Mr. Sheridan. We got involved in pension fund activity
20 in Los Angeles.

21 Mr. Postal. Uh-huh. In conjunction with that, did you
22 ever run across Johnny Roselli?

23 Mr. Sheridan. I knew who Johnny Roselli was, but he never.
24 as far as I know, was involved in any of our investigations
25 or in any of the pension fund loans, or in any of the Teamster

1 activity. It was just one of those things. Some of the mob
2 people were, and some of them weren't, and it just depends which
3 ones were as to whether we were going to be interested, like
4 Gus Zapaz, for instance, in Chicago was involved in, so we
5 were interested in him.

6 Mr. Postal. Did you know a man named Letterer from Chicago?

7 Mr. Sheridan. Not offhand.

8 Mr. Postal. Let me step out of this particular line for a
9 second.

10 Mr. Sheridan. Okay.

11 Mr. Postal. And ask you this: at the time of the Bay of
12 Pigs operation, did you have occasion to discuss with the
13 Attorney General any of his feelings about the Bay of Pigs or
14 the whole Cuba situation?

15 Mr. Sheridan. Not really. I knew, I knew it had happened,
16 I knew it was a disaster, and I knew he was very concerned, but
17 I don't recall any conversation directly about that that he and
18 I ever had.

19 Mr. Postal. Did he ever discuss with you his escalation
20 involvement in the intelligence community after the Bay of Pigs?

21 Mr. Sheridan. No. Again, I knew that he, I knew that he
22 had taken a significant role in that, but I don't think he
23 ever discussed it with me.

24 Mr. Postal. Uh-huh.

25 Mr. Sheridan. It was his nature that he discussed that.

1 with me that, I mean, so far as he was concerned what I was
2 doing was a full time job, and very important, and 90 percent
3 of our discussions were about that subject.

4 Mr. Postal. Okay.

5 Were you aware, for example, of the fact that the Attorney
6 General was participating with General Maxwell Taylor, among
7 others, in a board of inquiry shortly after the Bay of Pigs to
8 determine --

9 Mr. Sheridan. Yes.

10 Mr. Postal. What had or had not happened with our
11 paramilitary operations?

12 Mr. Sheridan. Yes.

13 Mr. Postal. Did he ever discuss any of it?

14 Mr. Sheridan. Findings or anything?

15 Mr. Postal. Yes, findings or information?

16 Mr. Sheridan. No.

17 Mr. Postal. Okay.

18 Do you recall ever -- well, let me ask you this way: Do
19 you recall ever hearing in April or May of 1961, this was
20 shortly after the Bay of Pigs, of a problem that arose with
21 the prosecution because of the Central Intelligence Agency's
22 involvement?

23 Mr. Sheridan. No.

24 Mr. Postal. Never heard of that?

25 Mr. Sheridan. Not at that time. I have heard of it

1 subsequently, and I have heard it in Jack Anderson, but I had
2 no knowledge at all of that at that time.

3 Mr. Postal. Okay.

4 You were never shown at the time any documents that were --

5 Mr. Sheridan. No.

6 Mr. Postal. Prepared contemporaneously with that problem?

7 Mr. Sheridan. No.

8 Mr. Postal. But if I showed you, might refresh your
9 recollection?

10 Mr. Sheridan. No. Again, there was, there was no need
11 for me to, there would be no occasion for me to.

12 Mr. Postal. Well, I understand that. But it seems that
13 a fair number of people at Justice who were either involved in
14 a particular wiretap case, or were in a position to have had
15 access to certain people who might have known about it, and
16 heard the skuttlebutt, as it were, and while they may not have
17 had an institutional need to know, the word was around.

18 Mr. Sheridan. I am sure that's true. But we -- I didn't
19 and easily could have, but I didn't.

20 Mr. Postal. So you never heard any mention of the Baletti
21 wiretap case, or Dan Rowan, or Phyllis McGuire or any of that
22 business?

23 Mr. Sheridan. No. No.

24 Mr. Postal. Did you ever hear at that time, perhaps later
25 on in that summer of 1961, anything concerning a need to put

1 that prosecution to rest?

2 Mr. Sheridan. No.

3 Mr. Postal. [Because of national security problems?]

4 Mr. Sheridan. No.

5 Mr. Postal. The Attorney General never discussed anything
6 like that with you?

7 Mr. Sheridan. No.

8 Mr. Postal. Did you ever at the time, and I'm going to
9 focus your attention on September through January of 1962, hear
10 the name --

11 Mr. Sheridan. What time period?

12 Mr. Postal. September '61 through January of '62.

13 Mr. Sheridan. Okay.

14 Mr. Postal. Did you ever hear of the name Judy Campbell?

15 Mr. Sheridan. No.

16 Mr. Postal. If I can extend that period through April
17 of 1962 --

18 Mr. Sheridan. I have never to this day heard of Judy
19 Campbell.

20 Mr. Postal. Do you recall in March of 1962 the President
21 and the Attorney General taking a trip to Los Angeles?

22 Mr. Sheridan. March of 1962?

23 Mr. Postal. Perhaps I can fill in a little.

24 The President was making a speech at Berkeley, I believe.

25 Mr. Sheridan. They took so many trips, you know, I can't

1 separate a trip in March '62 out.

2 Mr. Postal. Well, let me ask you this, did you ever
3 recall hearing of the fact that certain phone calls were made
4 by either Judith Campbell, or if you don't know her name, some
5 woman that had connections to the mob to Evelyn Lincoln in the
6 White House?

7 Mr. Sheridan. No.

8 Who is Judith Campbell?

9 Mr. Postal. Judith Campbell is a woman who had ties to
10 both Johnny Roselli and Sam Giancana.

11 Mr. Sheridan. I never heard of her.

12 Mr. Postal. I show you a memorandum, sir, and ask you if
13 you have ever seen this document?

14 (Pause)

15 Mr. Sheridan. No.

16 Mr. Postal. Have you ever heard any discussions relative
17 to the information contained in this document?

18 Mr. Sheridan. No.

19 Mr. Postal. Then or now?

20 Mr. Sheridan. No. I have never heard the name Judith
21 Campbell until you brought it up today.

22 Mr. Postal. Have you ever heard of any phone calls being
23 made to the White House, if not by her by name, identified as
24 someone, some woman having called Evelyn Lincoln in the White
25 House?

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1 Mr. Sheridan. No.

2 Mr. Postal. I would like to ask you, were you familiar
3 with the Secret Service practice and procedures that were in
4 effect John Kennedy was President?

5 Mr. Sheridan. Not really. I knew they were there, and I
6 saw them, but I didn't know any of them personally, and the answer
7 is no.

8 Mr. Postal. Uh-huh.

9 [Do you know the name Carlos Marcello?]

10 Mr. Sheridan. Sure.

11 Mr. Postal. [Did you ever have an opportunity to investigate
12 Carlos Marcello?]

13 Mr. Sheridan. [Not really. Not directly.] And since I
14 left Justice when I was with NBC, we did a three and a half
15 hour documentary on organized crime, and there was some
16 investigational travels of Marcello in connection with that,
17 but even there I didn't directly do that investigation, but I
18 was aware of it. But it had nothing to do with the Department
19 of Justice. I am well aware of who he is, what he is.

20 Mr. Postal. You are?

21 Mr. Sheridan. Yes.

22 Mr. Postal. Did you ever hear mention that Carlos
23 Marcello had any connection with the Central Intelligence Agency?

24 Mr. Sheridan. No.

25 Mr. Postal. In any of your --

1 Mr. Sheridan. No.

2 Mr. Postal. Investigations?

3 Did you ever hear either rumors or theories that Carlos
4 Marcello might have been involved in the assassination of John
5 Kennedy?

6 Mr. Sheridan. I have heard rumors of that, sure.

7 Mr. Postal. What is your evaluation of that information?

8 Mr. Sheridan. Well, that's a good question. You see, when
9 I was with NBC, we did another special on the Jim Garrison
10 investigation of the assassination, and we discredited that
11 investigation very strongly to the extent that Mr. Garrison
12 charged me with public libeling and arrested me or had me
13 arrested. I surrendered, and ultimately we went into Federal
14 court and got the charge dismissed. So I am quite familiar
15 with Garrison's investigation, and as a result of that, with
16 the Warren Commission investigation in the New Orleans area.
17 I must say not to the extent that many of the buffs are, but
18 I do know that Garrison and his investigation focused on a
19 man named David Ferry, who is a rather strange fellow, who was
20 an Eastern Airlines Pilot, or a former Eastern Airlines pilot,
21 and he theorized that Ferry was involved somehow with a bunch
22 of Cubans, and that they had conspired with a fellow named
23 Clay Shaw to kill John Kennedy.

24 Our investigation of that investigation indicated to us
25 that Mr. Garrison had not one scintilla of evidence of any

1 that. He ultimately tried Clay Shaw for the crime, and Shaw
2 was acquitted, as he should have been. He had nothing to do with
3 it.

4 So consequently, David Ferry, if you want to start a David
5 Ferry investigation, David Ferry at the time of the assassination,
6 was working for Carlos Marcello's attorney, and Carlos Marcello
7 was on trial just prior to the assassination and I believe was
8 acquitted, I think, the day of or the day before the assassination.
9 But Garrison never went into that area I think for, I think I
10 know where it leads him, but I think if Garrison was going to
11 investigate and start with David Ferry as the focal point, the
12 logical way to go instead of toward the Cubans, was towards
13 Carlos Marcello.

14 I just think overall one of the forces that had a great
15 deal to gain by the assassination of John Kennedy was the mob,
16 so I think any theory as to what might have been, or who might
17 have been involved, if anyone was involved other than Oswald,
18 would have to include the mob. I have no question that Oswald
19 killed Kennedy. I know of no evidence that anyone else was
20 involved. And so at least at this point I have to conclude that
21 the Warren Commission was right. I don't preclude the possibility
22 that there were others involved, and that the Warren Commission
23 was wrong in holding Oswald as being singly involved.

24 Mr. Postal. You said you had a suspicion that when you
25 mentioned that had Garrison commenced with David Ferry and

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1 proceeded instead of going towards the Cubans, rather towards
2 Marcello, that that particular line of inquiry would have borne
3 perhaps a good deal more fruit?

4 Mr. Sheridan. No, I didn't say that. I said that if you
5 are going to start with Ferry, it is just logical that you not
6 only investigate his connections with the Cubans, you also
7 investigate his connections with Marcello. Garrison may have
8 been and probably was completely erroneous in starting with
9 Ferry in the first place.

10 Mr. Postal. Okay.

11 Mr. Sheridan. Because I don't know of any involvement of
12 Ferry in the assassination. There was more involvement of
13 Ferry with Marcello than there was I think in any assassination
14 plot. He worked for Marcello.

15 Mr. Postal. Okay.

16 Do you know of any specific reason why Marcello, as opposed
17 to any other particular mobster, would want to involve himself
18 in this?

19 Mr. Sheridan. No. No. And I didn't think, you know,
20 if there was mob involvement, I don't think it would be on any
21 local level. It would have to be something approved at the
22 highest level, it would be a total mob involvement, not just the
23 involvement of one.

24 Mr. Postal. So if Marcello was, in fact, involved, it
25 would have been only as an instrumentality for the national

1 people rather --

2 Mr. Sheridan. Right. Right.

3 Mr. Postal. Rather than as a lone wolf, as it were?

4 Mr. Sheridan. Yes.

5 Mr. Postal. Did you ever hear of anything to indicate
6 that there had been a national edict issued or any national
7 discussion relative to doing something about the Kennedys?

8 Mr. Sheridan. No. I think like anyone else, you look at
9 the people involved, and you look at Jack Ruby, and Jack Ruby
10 was certainly a fringe mob character. He knew a lot of people,
11 mob people, and Teamster people, and if you look at his toll
12 calls just prior to the assassination, you will see that most
13 of them were to those type people. And his explanation of that
14 was that he was having difficulty with the union that had
15 jurisdiction over his help, I guess, dancers, waitresses, or
16 whatever they were, and that he was trying to solve that. And
17 that's why he was calling all of these people.

18 The FBI investigated that, the Warren Commission was
19 satisfied with the investigation. It is just one of the things
20 that arouses people's curiosity.

21 Mr. Postal. Were you privy to the private life of John
22 Kennedy?

23 Mr. Sheridan. No.

24 Mr. Postal. Were you as close to John Kennedy as you were
25 to Robert Kennedy?

1 Mr. Sheridan. No, nowheres near.

2 Mr. Postal. Nowheres near?

3 Did you ever hear that Carmine Bellino had conducted an
4 investigation on a very, very confidential basis out of the White
5 House into either Judith Campbell or into some woman that you
6 didn't know who she was?

7 Mr. Sheridan. No.

8 Mr. Postal. But perhaps had heard that such an investigation
9 had been done?

10 Mr. Sheridan. No.

11 Mr. Postal. Did you ever hear that anyone in the White
12 House had hired an investigator to look into certain aspects
13 of John Kennedy's private life?

14 Mr. Sheridan. No.

15 Mr. Postal. Including his wife?

16 Mr. Sheridan. No.

17 Mr. Postal. Off the record a second.

18 (Discussion off the record.)

19 Mr. Postal. I would like to focus your attention on the
20 relationship between Robert and John Kennedy, and Frank Sinatra.

21 Let's start at the beginning. Do you know when approxi-
22 mately that relationship was begun?

23 Mr. Sheridan. So far as I know, during the '60 campaign.

24 Mr. Postal. The '60 campaign?

25 Where, to the best of your knowledge, were the Kennedys?

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1 Mr. Sheridan. I would think it would have been before that.
2 I would think it would have been fairly early on in the campaign
3 or in the administration.

4 Mr. Postal. Do you have any recollection of any reason
5 why that break occurred?

6 Mr. Sheridan. It was my understanding -- and I don't know
7 again why it was my understanding, but it was my understanding
8 that it was because of [Giancana's relationship or Sinatra's
9 relationship with Giancana.]

10 Mr. Postal. [Were you familiar with Sinatra's relationship
11 with Giancana?]

12 Mr. Sheridan. I am sure I was, I am sure I was, and I
13 know Sinatra's background pretty well.

14 Mr. Postal. You do?

15 Mr. Sheridan. And I think I have always been a great
16 Sinatra fan, vocally, and a great Sinatra critic because of
17 his connections with the mob.

18 Mr. Postal. You were aware, for example, that Sinatra
19 was more than just a friend of Giancana?]

20 Mr. Sheridan. I don't know what you mean by that.

21 Mr. Postal. Well, they had mutual business interests.

22 Mr. Sheridan. No. I didn't know that.

23 Mr. Postal. [Did you ever have occasion to discuss
24 Giancana's relationship with Sinatra] with either John or
25 Robert Kennedy?

1 Mr. Sheridan. '55.

2 Mr. Bushong. That was in 1955?

3 Mr. Sheridan. Right.

4 Mr. Bushong. He was mentioned to you as working with the
5 CIA?

6 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah.

7 Mr. Postal. Was it fairly common knowledge amongst
8 ex-agents that Bob was, had some sort of ties with the Central
9 Intelligence Agency?

10 Mr. Sheridan. I don't know. I can't speak for most
11 ex-agents.

12 Mr. Postal. Did you ever have occasion to mention that
13 fact to Robert Kennedy?

14 Mr. Sheridan. I don't think so. I can't recall hearing of it.
15 He was never of any interest to me from that time he was
16 out until fairly recently when all of this stuff came out.
17 That's when he became a common figure again in the news.

18 Mr. Postal. [Do you ever recall hearing Bob Mahoney
19 in conjunction with any wiretap case?]

20 Mr. Sheridan. No.

21 Mr. Bushong. Do you know Joe Shimon?

22 Mr. Sheridan. No.

23 Mr. Postal. Do you ever recall or do you recall a
24 between Mr. Hoover and the President in March of 1962?

25 Mr. Sheridan. No.

1 Mr. Postal. Do you recall a meeting between Robert Kennedy
2 and Mr. Hoover in May of 1962?

3 Mr. Sheridan. No.

4 Mr. Postal. Did you know Henry Petersen while you were at
5 Justice?

6 Mr. Sheridan. Oh, sure.

7 Mr. Postal. Were you close to him?

8 Mr. Sheridan. I was a good friend of Henry's.

9 Mr. Postal. How about Bill Hundley?

10 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah.

11 Mr. Postal. Did you know an attorney by the name of
12 Phil White?

13 Mr. Sheridan. Sure.

14 Mr. Postal. Did you know Ed Silberling?

15 Mr. Sheridan. Sure.

16 Mr. Postal. Silberling?

17 Mr. Sheridan. Silberling.

18 Mr. Postal. Silberling.

19 Bill Foley?

20 Mr. Sheridan. Sure.

21 Mr. Postal. Harry Miller?

22 Mr. Sheridan. Who?

23 Mr. Postal. Jack Miller. I'm sorry.

24 Mr. Sheridan. Oh, Jack Miller. Sure. He was my boss.

25 Mr. Postal. When section meetings were held in the

1 organized crime and racketeering section of Justice, did you
2 group or representatives of your group participate?

3 Mr. Sheridan. No.

4 Mr. Postal. You had your own meetings with the Attorney
5 General?

6 Mr. Sheridan. Yes. Yes.

7 Mr. Postal. Did anyone from the organized crime section
8 sit in on those?

9 Mr. Sheridan. No. In some key meetings, Bill Hundley
10 would sit in, meetings leading up to the indictment of Hoffa,
11 for instance, Hundley sat in.

12 Mr. Postal. Did you ever have occasion to discuss with
13 any attorney of the organized crime section any of the matters
14 we have been discussing today?

15 Mr. Sheridan. I don't think so. I don't think so.

16 Mr. Postal. In other words, if it had been skuttlebutt
17 in the organized crime section, say from the level of Henry
18 Petersen on up, or from the level of Jack Kennedy on up that
19 people had heard rumors or stories about the Central Intelligence
20 Agency involvement in a wiretap case, or had heard about Susan
21 Campbell or had heard about any of these things, would you have
22 been privy to the basic skuttlebutt that was going on, or do
23 you think they would have told you?

24 Mr. Sheridan. Well, all I know is that there didn't --
25 you know, it's a fortuitous thing. We were in and out of

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1 other's thing all of the time. At any time any one of them
2 could have told me that. The fact that he didn't is probably
3 just coincidence, if they were thinking, if they had had
4 those rumors. I never heard of this thing until I read it in
5 the Jack Anderson.

6 Mr. Postal. When you read about it in Jack Anderson, did
7 you have occasion to discuss it with anybody at that time?

8 Mr. Sheridan. Oh, probably. Maybe Hundley. But I don't
9 remember what he told me, if I did.

10 Mr. Postal. At the time of the Jack Anderson column --

11 Mr. Sheridan. I don't remember when that was. Do you
12 know when that was?

13 Mr. Bushong. In January, 1971.

14 Mr. Postal. In any of your discussions, did you learn of
15 any information that went beyond the information contained in
16 Jack Anderson's column?

17 Mr. Sheridan. Well, I don't remember what was in the
18 column, but I don't think so. Generally what I remembered as
19 being the alleged facts are what was in that column.

20 Mr. Postal. Did you ever hear, from whatever source,
21 that Frank Sinatra had made certain representations to certain
22 people in the mob relative to his position with the Kennedys?

23 Mr. Sheridan. Yeah.

24 Mr. Postal. You have heard that?

25 Mr. Sheridan. I have heard that.

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1 Mr. Postal. Can you tell us what you did hear?

2 Mr. Sheridan. I have heard that in effect that he made
3 representations that he could have influence, and that when he
4 attempted to exert that influence, that precipitated the break
5 in the relationship.

6 Mr. Bushong. Well, that's not what you heard. What you
7 heard was that he made those representations, and then the rest
8 of that, that when he attempted to, that that precipitated the
9 break, you didn't hear that at the same time, those two things?

10 Mr. Sheridan. No. Really, it's the other way around. I
11 heard that the break was caused because he had apparently made
12 those representations, and went to either Robert Kennedy or the
13 President on behalf of Giancana, and was rebuffed, and that that
14 caused the break.

15 Mr. Postal. But you did hear that Frank Sinatra went
16 to the President on behalf of Cinacana --

17 Mr. Sheridan. Or Robert Kennedy. I never know which.

18 Mr. Postal. I see. And then he was involved in that
19 attempt, and as a result, the split with Sinatra followed?

20 Mr. Sheridan. Yes.

21 Mr. Bushong. What time did you hear this?

22 Mr. Sheridan. I don't know. I don't know if it was back
23 then or maybe a little later.

24 Mr. Bushong. And from whom did you hear it?

25 Mr. Sheridan. I don't know.

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1 Mr. Postal. Did you ever hear of any other attempts, not
2 necessarily Giancana only, but the mob made to try to get to
3 either of the Kennedys?

4 Mr. Sheridan. I don't think so.

5 Mr. Postal. Were the Kennedys also friendly with Bing
6 Crosby?

7 Mr. Sheridan. I seem to remember they were.

8 Mr. Postal. Prior to the time of the break with Sinatra,
9 would the President stay at Sinatra's house in Palm Springs?

10 Mr. Sheridan. I have heard that he did.

11 Mr. Postal. If the President were given information or were
12 told that it would be inadvisable for him to stay at Frank
13 Sinatra's house, would that most likely occur around the time
14 of or after the time of the break with Sinatra?

15 Mr. Sheridan. This is all speculation. I assume they
16 would all be connected.

17 Mr. Bushong. Well, isn't it true that the Attorney
18 General and perhaps the President were receiving counsel
19 from persons such as J. Edgar Hoover and others who were
20 of Sinatra's ties?

21 Mr. Sheridan. That is true, I'm sure.

22 Mr. Bushong. All along, that it was inadvisable, perhaps
23 not using that strong a term with either of those two
24 gentlemen, but all along that it was not a good idea to
25 chumming with Sinatra?

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1 Mr. Bushong. Do you know of that firm now?

2 Mr. Sheridan. No. I know who Ed Morgan is. I have never
3 heard of Tom Walsh.

4 Mr. Bushong. Now, there are a number of Ed Morgans, as
5 might be expected, in the District of Columbia. One of them
6 is a newspaper, television, radio news person, and another is
7 an Ed Morgan who took a plea after Watergate. [And the third
8 Ed Morgan is a gentleman who has a professional relation --]

9 Mr. Sheridan. Is an attorney.

10 Mr. Bushong. Is an attorney and has a professional
11 relationship with John Roselli, and at the time that this log
12 was made, had a professional relationship with Robert Maher.

13 Mr. Sheridan. Right. I assume that is the Robert
14 Morgan you are talking about.

15 Mr. Bushong. It is.

16 Mr. Sheridan. I know those things now. I did not know
17 them or him then.

18 Mr. Bushong. I see.

19 Thank you.

20 Mr. Postal. Do you know Phil Reagan?

21 Mr. Sheridan. Phil Reagan? The Singer?

22 Mr. Postal. Uh-huh.

23 Mr. Sheridan. I have heard of him, sure.

24 Mr. Postal. To the best of your knowledge, did he or was
25 he a friend of the Kennedys?

1 Mr. Sheridan. I don't know.

2 Mr. Postal. You don't know?

3 Mr. Sheridan. No.

4 Mr. Postal. Were the Kennedys either -- let's specifically
5 home in on Robert.

6 Was he friendly with Mayor Daley?

7 Mr. Sheridan. I assume he was.

8 Mr. Postal. Do you happen to know if Evelyn Lincoln is?

9 Mr. Sheridan. No.

10 Mr. Postal. Did you ever accompany Robert Kennedy to
11 Los Angeles?

12 Mr. Sheridan. No.

13 Mr. Postal. To the best of your knowledge, did anyone
14 ever investigate the possibility that the mob could have been
15 involved in the assassination of Robert Kennedy?

16 Mr. Sheridan. Robert Kennedy?

17 Mr. Postal. Robert Kennedy.

18 Mr. Sheridan. No.

19 Mr. Postal. I have nothing further. I would like to thank
20 Mr. Sheridan for coming down and talking to us this morning.

21 (Whereupon, at 11:24 o'clock a.m., the interview was
22 concluded.)

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