

**SECRET**

20 November 1967

**SUBJECT:** STERN, Edith  
(See SHAW, Clay L.)

ALLEGATION:

Clay SHAW attended a black-tie party given by an old friend, Edith STERN, at her palatial home on Garden Lane, New Orleans.

SOURCE:

STATES-ITEM article by Thomas GRIFFIN dated 11 October 1967.

CIA CONNECTION:

NONE. However, husband, Edgar B. STERN, was granted a covert clearance in January 1953 [for use as a donor in Project LPCOIN.] This clearance was cancelled in September 1956. Subject's son, Philip Maurice STERN, was granted a liaison clearance in March 1961 when he was employed by State Department as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. *Q4*

OS INDICES RESULTS:

The file on Subject's husband Edgar B STERN, reflects that Subject is the daughter of one of the principal stockholders of Sears and Robuck Company and inherited several million dollars from her father's estate. Subject's deceased sister, Marion Rosenwald STERN, had been married to Alfred K. STERN who fled behind the Iron Curtain from Mexico in 1957 with his second wife, Martha DODD STERN.

Subject's son, Philip M. STERN, is a former owner of the Northern Virginia Sun. In 1961 Philip M. STERN was named as one of a "board of advisors" to Hubert HUMPHREY.

In June 1967, the Office of Security was advised by Mr. GOODWIN's office (Assistant to the DCI), that a Mrs. FULLER had called the Agency on behalf of Philip STERN, a writer, to request a copy of the current security questionnaire which is used for new applicants to CIA. Mrs. FULLER also said that Mr. STERN was "doing a piece on security" and had obtained a copy of the secrecy form used by the State Department and wished to have a copy of the CIA form. Mr. GOODWIN explained to Mrs. FULLER that CIA has no standard form; it varies on an individual basis depending on the employees duties. OS advised Office of Security, Department of State (Mr. GENTILE) of Mrs. FULLER's claim that Mr. STERN had obtained a copy of the State Department secrecy form for the purpose of publication.

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DETAILS:

No other information is available concerning Clay SHAW's relationship to Edith STERN other than the brief article in the STATES-ITEM of 11 October 1967.

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