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Our statistics, after having studied the contract and 8 making what we considered to be proper projections, indicated 9 that at the completion of approximately five-and-a-half years, 10 Mr. Onassis would control more dead weight tonnage than the 11 United States controlled in its entirety, that he would control 12 on the high seas annually more oil by tens of thousands of 13 gallons more than were used by all of the Allied nations during 14 the most severe year of the Korean War, that in the first year 15 his profit would be approximately \$17 million dollars, that 16 after five-and-a-half years his annual profit would be in the 17 area of \$200 million. 18

While this analysis is going on, we also found that a million dollar pay-off had been made to one of the top ministers 20 in Saudi Arabia and we had the evidence out of the Swiss bank gooveres, in other words, contrary to what that they can to be broken, even in those days of sty mone throusen and we had the evidence with all of the doamantation. We then prepared our inputs and presented them to the

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15 Senator Schweiker. What subsequently happened then with 16 the Security Council denunciation, et cetera?

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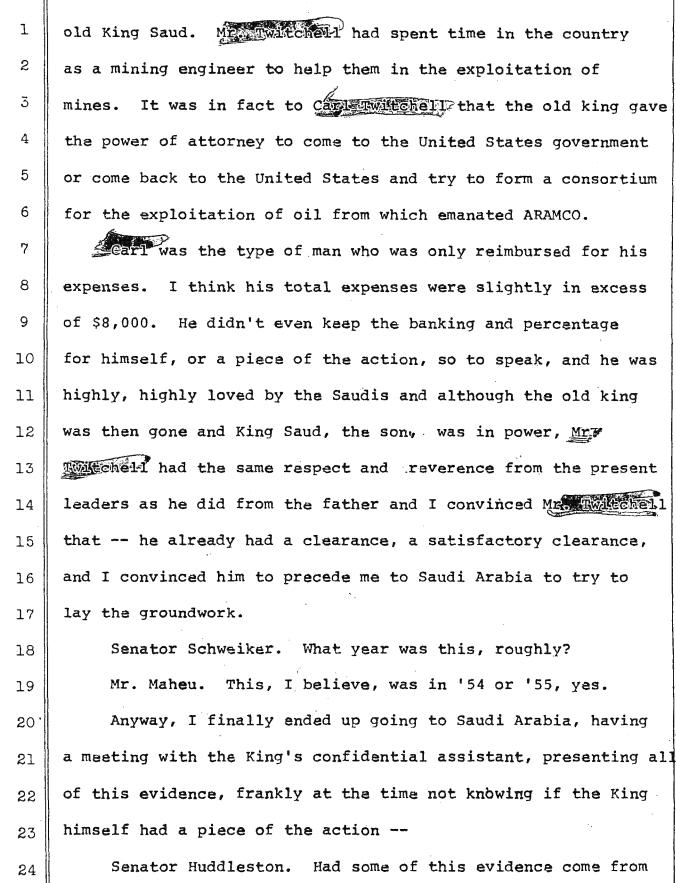
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ı	Mr. Maheu. That tap was entirely unproductive, entirely
2	unproductive.
3	Senator Schweiker. What happened then at your meeting?
4	Mr. Maheu. Well, it's very interesting, if we could take
5	a little time, I mean, I was scheduled to have the meeting
6	"with the King," but he doesn't show, he stays somewhere else
7	and the confidential assistant shows up and one trusted
8	minister that he had with Carl Awitchell present.
9	And my meeting was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. one night, and
10	this happaned to be the last day that the King was supposed to
11	be in Jidda, he was then leaving for the capital further
12	inland, Jidda being the only major port in Saudi where he
13	spends his summers, and they were having a big parade for him,
14	and from the balcony of the hotel, I'm watching the parade go
15	by, and finally the King's car comes and he is arm and arm with
16	the man on whom I'm going to give the evidence that night, and
17	I frankly was not too comfortable, particularly in view of the
18	fact that in those days and I don't know whether it has
19	changed, but in Saudi, the same document did not give you
20 .	permission to enter and leave; you had to make application for
21	an exit visa after you arrived, and I was in constant contact
22	with the then-United States Ambassador. He made it very clear
23	that the government approved of everything I was doing, but if
24	something went wrong they could not come to my rescue, I would
25	have to be the fall guy, and I was prepared to do it. That was

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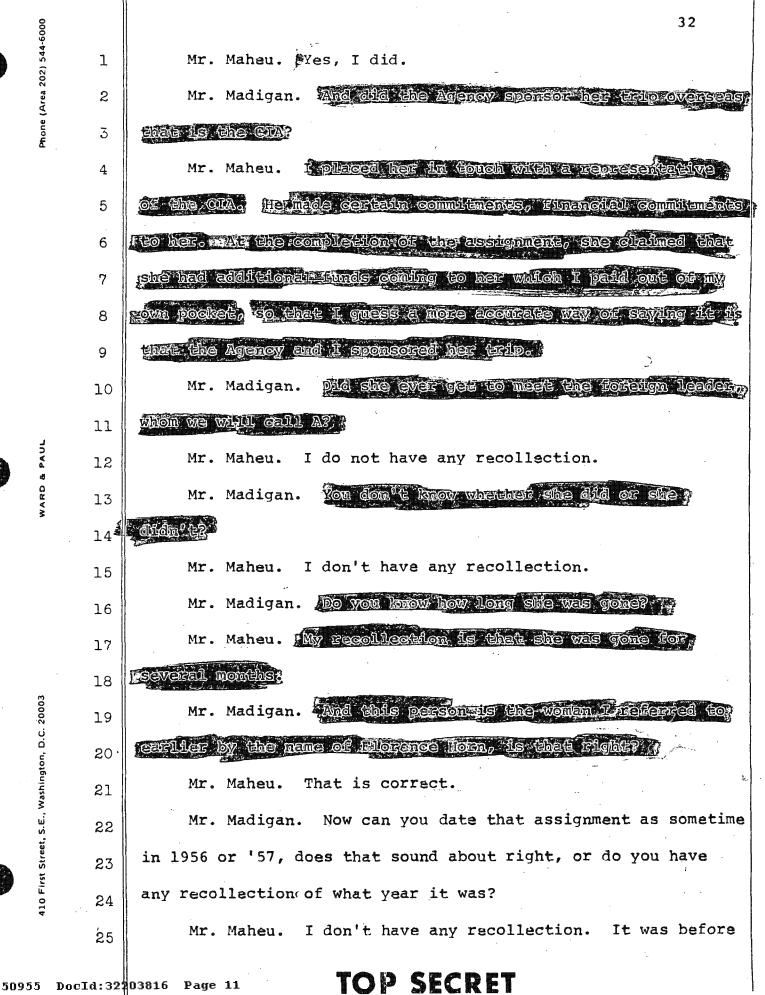
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02) 544-	1	Saudi Arabian government would have its flag flying the high
Phone (Area 202) 544-6000	2	seas, and at the time that all of this is going on they are
Phone	3	building what then, upon completion of production, had been
	4	the biggest tanker in the world at that time, a ship named
	5	after the old King, a tanker which was scheduled to go and take
	6	a maiden flight and take off, and it turned out the biggest
	7	problem that we had was to find a save-face gimmick. But
	8	finally the whole thing was accomplished, and it took two and
	9	a half years to do it.
	10	Senator Schweiker. I didn't mean to get you off the
لہ	11	track.
& PAUL	12	Mr. Maheu. Well, I'm sorry I am so verbose.
WARD &	13	Senator Huddleston. You said you bought a paper in
	14	Athens? You mean by that you actually bought the paper or just
	15	paid them to run the story?
	16	Mr. Maheu. We bought a newspaper.
	17	You'll have to understand, Senator, that in Rome, in those
m	18	days, there were fifty newspapers. I mean, the big circulation
410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003	19	in those days, big circulation in Rome was 20,000. It's hard
gton, D.	20 .	for us to visualize that.
Washing	21	Senator Huddleston.
at, S.E.,	22	
rst Stree	23	Mr. Maheu. Yes.
410 Fii	24	Can we go off the record?
	25	Senator Schweiker. Yes.
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Æ	Phone (Area 202) 544-6000	1	Mr. Liebengood. Was this listening post that you referred
×.	Area 20	2	to, was that a project that was related to work for the Central
	c Phone	3	Intelligence Agency?
	_	4	Mr. Maheu. I don't believe it was.
		5	Mr. Madigan. Did you have any New York assignments other
		6	than Onassis that you gave to Frank?
		7	Mr. Maheu. I don't remember any.
		8	Mr. Madigan. How about Whomas Byans?, I may have asked
		9	you that yesterday. Do you recall whether he had any relation-
		10	ship with your company during the 1950's?
		11	Mr. Maheu. I don't remember a Thomas Evense. Thomas
A	PAUL	12	Byans?
		13	Mr. Madigan. A CIA employee.
	5	. 14	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall his name.
		15	Mr. Madigan. I got sidetracked off of my question of
		16	whether you recall a prosecution or an investigation of the
		17	Onassis wiretap. You may have already have answered that.
		18	Mr. Maheu. I think I did, yes.
	20003	19	Mr. Madigan. What did you say?
	on, D.C	20 ·	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I appeared before a
	Vashingt	21	Grand Jury that was investigating Mr. Frank on another
	Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003	22	matter.
		23	Mr. Madigan. On another matter, but you had no recollection
Q	410 First	24	of any investigation of that particular tap?
	4	25	Mr. Maheu. No, I don't.
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	Phone (Area 202) 544-6000	1	Mr. Madigan. Either an investigation of you or Frank or	
	rea 202)	2	Leone or anyone?	
	hone (A	3	Mr. Maheu. No, I don't.	
	٩	4	Mr. Madigan. No interviews by the FBI?	
		5	Mr. Maheu. It's conceivable, but I don't remember it.	
		6	Mr. Madigan. You don't remember it?	
		7	Mr. Maheu. No.	
		8	Mr. Madigan. Let's go off the record.	
		9	(Discussion off the record.)	
tape	2a	10	Mr. Madigan. Did there come a time when you ware asked	
	•	11	by the Central Intelligence Agency terlos involved in a	
	k PAUL	12	project which would involve sending a women by the name of	
	WARD, & PAU	13	Florence Nort over te clorelign commery?	
		14	Mr. Maheu. Yes, sir.	
-		15	Mr. Madigan. And what were you asked to do with regard	
	÷	16	to that?	
		17	Mr. Maheu. My Recollection is thet I was asked to find	
	e	18	a wamen, preservably from Los angelles, who would sarry so go to	
	C. 20003	19	a forelyn country and under some preters try new the	
	gton, D.	20.	Leuder of the country and hepefully change his besic phillosophiles	
	Washin	21	which at the trime were thought to be detrimented. So the United	
	et, S.E.,	22	States, and that they were very, as a result, very seriously	
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	410 F	24	rumited States.	
		25	Mr. Madigan. Did you find when a woman?	
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	2	Mr. Madigan. It was sometime after you had begun in '54
Phone (	3	with your Agency operation?
	4	Mr. Maheu. That is correct.
	5	Mr. Madigan. Or your sponsorship?
	6	Mr. Maheu. That is correct.
	7	Mr. Madigan. Subsequently, did this Leader "A" come to
	8.	the United States to your knowledge after this?
	9	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall whether he came subsequently or
	10	prior to.
	11	Mr. Madigan. When the same leader did come to the United
WARD & PAUL	12	States, were you involved in any assignment for the CIA with
VARD &	13	regard to his presence in the country?
>	. 14	Mr. Maheu. Yes, I was.
	15	Mr. Madigan. And what was that assignment?
	16	Mr. Maheu. I was told by the state Department and the r
	17	andre
	18	lange governmente was very much concerned tank the type of
. 20003	19	women that would be seauced tor win might eventually be very
ton, D.C	20.	Clestructive to the net longl security of the United States
S.E., Washington, D.C.	21	government: unless said women had been cleared by local police
, S.E., V	22	departments in several of the cities in which he was scheduled ,
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	24	Mr. Madigan. Who was the Agency representative that gave
	25	you this assignment? Did you go through Mr. O'Connell, or was
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l	it someone different?
2	Mr. Maheu. This request emanated from, directly from the
3	State Department.
4	Mr. Madigan. Who in the State Department?
5	Mr. Maheu. Mr. Scott McCloud, who was then Director of
6	the Office of Security and Consular Affairs.
7	Mr. Madigan. Was it coordinated with the CIA, or was this
8	strictly between yourself and the State Department?
9	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that the CIA was kept
10	apprised, however that the coordination was with the State
11	Department, in connection with the security that was being
12	provided for this leader during his visit to the United States.
13	Mr. Madigan. Did you meet with the State Department or
14	CIA people or both in New York City when the leader arrived
15	there?
16	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I met with Security
17	Personnel of the State Department.
18	Mr. Madigan. What did you do in New York for this
19	assignment?
20.	(Pause)
21	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.
22	Mr. Madigan. And did you meet with the New York police
23	with regard to the assignment?
24	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.
25	Mr. Madigan. Did you obtain or send over any femilies over

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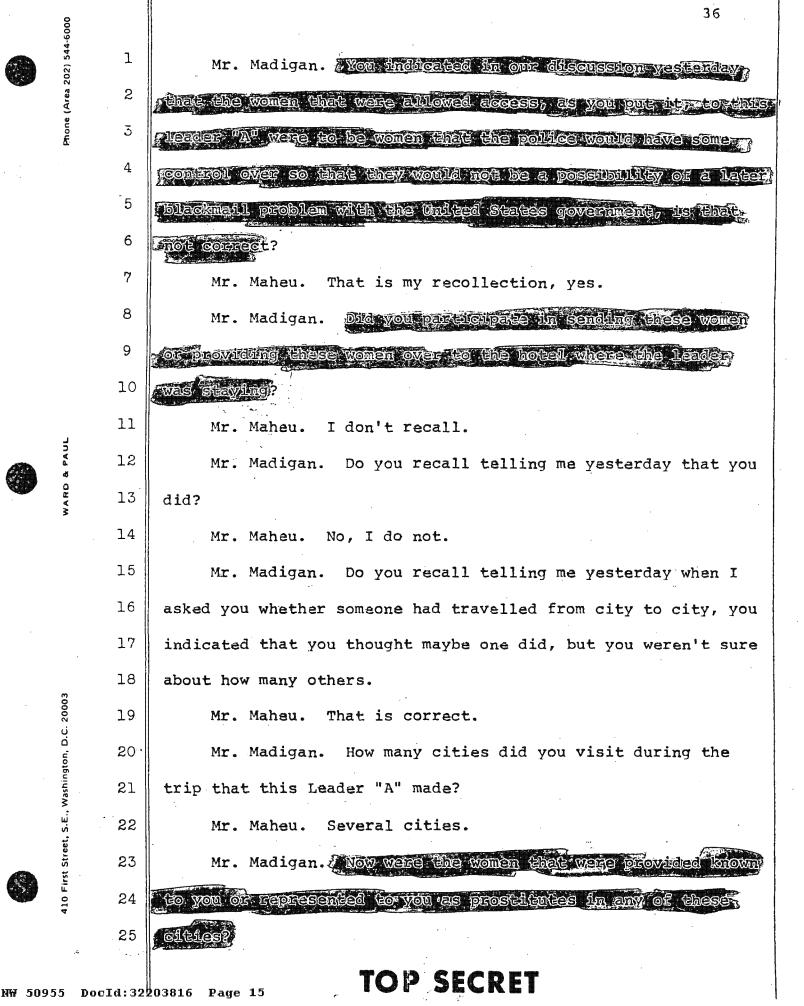
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1	teo the hotel that person A was staying at?	
2	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.	
3	Mr. Madigan. Do you recall telling me yesterday that you	
4	(did send gurls over there?)	
5	Mr. Maheu. No, I don't.	-
6	Mr. Madigan. Did you travel from New York to any other	
7	city with this leader?	
8	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I did.	
9	Mr. Madigan. What occurred when you arrived at the other	
10	cities?	
11	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I contacted the	
12	security representatives of the State Department.	
13	Mr. Madigan. And after you contacted the security	
14	representatives, what were you supposed to do in these other	
15	cities?	
16	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I, through local	
17	Police Department officials or law enforcement officials made	
18	Gernaulin, Girla Hine women, who would griftin access to the leader's	
19	Sulte were such that they would not be a security risk insofar	
20.	as the national security of our government was concerned.	
21	Mr. Madigan. Were Chase women Chaiz would not be a security	
22	Tisk be women who the .Police Department had some relationship	
23	Walteba	
24	Mr. Maheu. I don't know what you mean by relationship,	
25	Mr. Madigan.	
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l	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.
2	Mr. Madigan. Do you recall telling me yesterday that they
3	were?
4	Mr. Maheu. Do you recall yesterday identifying the
5	leader?
6	Mr. Madigan. I do.
7	Let's go off the record.
8	(Discussion off the record.)
9	Mr. Madigan. Accoulding to your understanding, Mr. Malien,
10	off the project thet you were involved in
11	in providing the women to this toraign leader in the
12	versions cities starting from New York and going through the
13	jocher cities ha stayed at, do you believe the women that ware.
14	Feate over teo his hotel were prostikites?
15	Mr. Maheu. That they may have been, yes.
16	Mr. Madigan. And you did participate under instance instance
17	ros the government, to rand these women over to his hotel or to
18	malka them availlable to win at wis hotel, not knowing what
19	Bened Biller Cheff of the hotelf is a set for the bounder is
20	Mr. Maheu. That is correct.
21	Mr. Madigan. And that occurred in New York and the other
22	cities that he stayed at while he was in the United States?
23	Mr.Maheu. That is correct.
24	Mr. Madigan. And as far as these women thravelling with
25	You from all w to all y o your recolled ton is that one may have -
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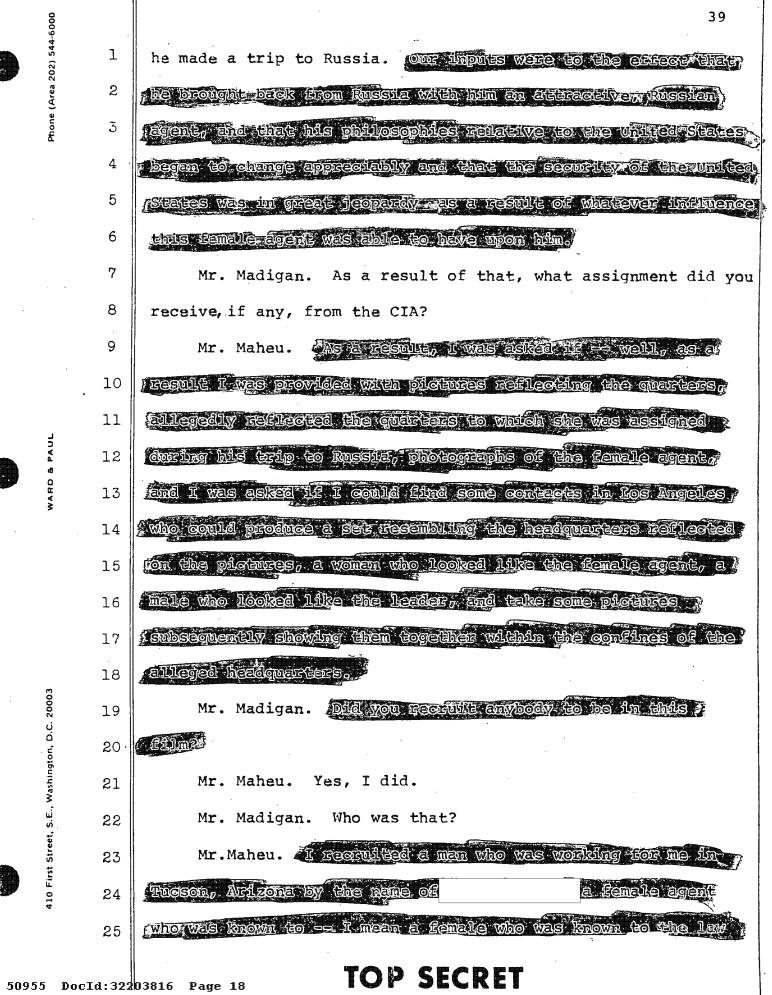
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1	Mr. Maheu. No.
2	Mr. Madigan. But you did not bring a crowd of six or
3	seven.
4	Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection that any woman travelled
5	with me, may have travelled independently, but I have no
6	recollection of being on the same plane with any of these
7	people.
8	Mr. Madigan. You think may have traveled from city to
9	city, or four or five?
10	Mr. Maheu. One may have gone to one further city. That
11	is the best of my recollection.
12	Mr. Madigan. And the others that were provided in each ?
13	Gitty ware sort of local, so that they could be controlled.
14	more or less, by the local policer
15	Mr. Maheu. That's my recollection.
16	Mr. Madigan. Is that the theory of the project?
17	Mr. Maheu. That's my recollection.
18	Mr. Madigan. Now with regeral to this same leader, dia?
19	Byou ever realized in easignment, from the CLA to produce day r
20.	Ellm witch regard to him?
21	Mr. Maheu. Yes, I did.
22	Mr. Madigan. Do you remember when that assignment was
23	in terms of whether it was before or after this visit to the
24	United States?
25	Mr. Maheu. Subsequent to his visit to the United States
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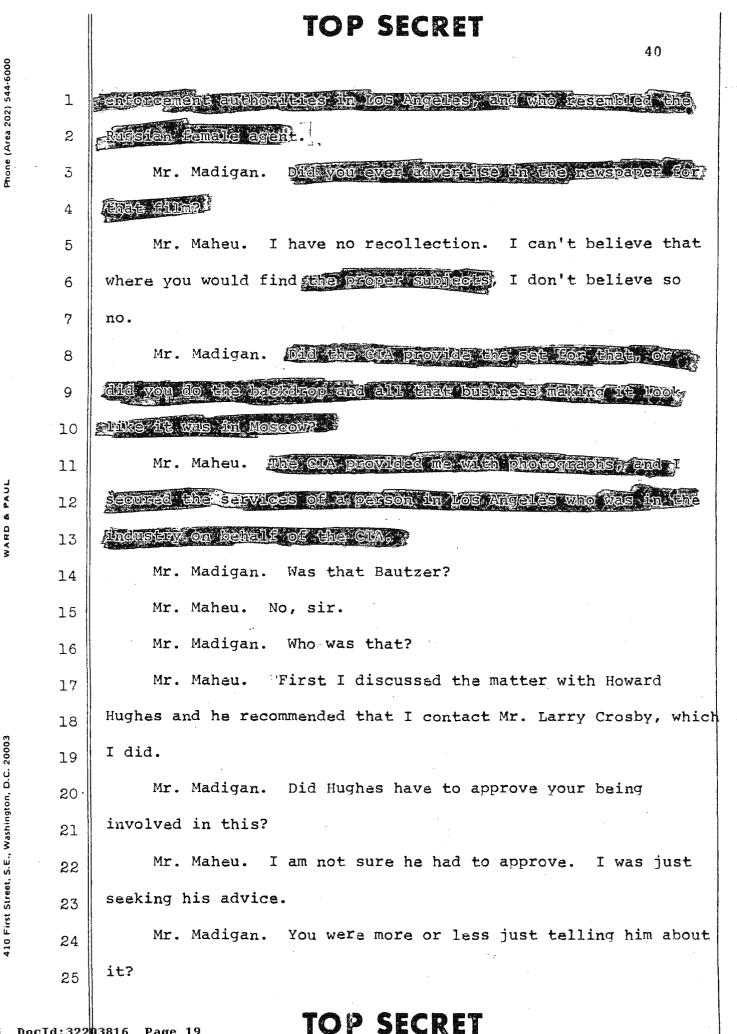
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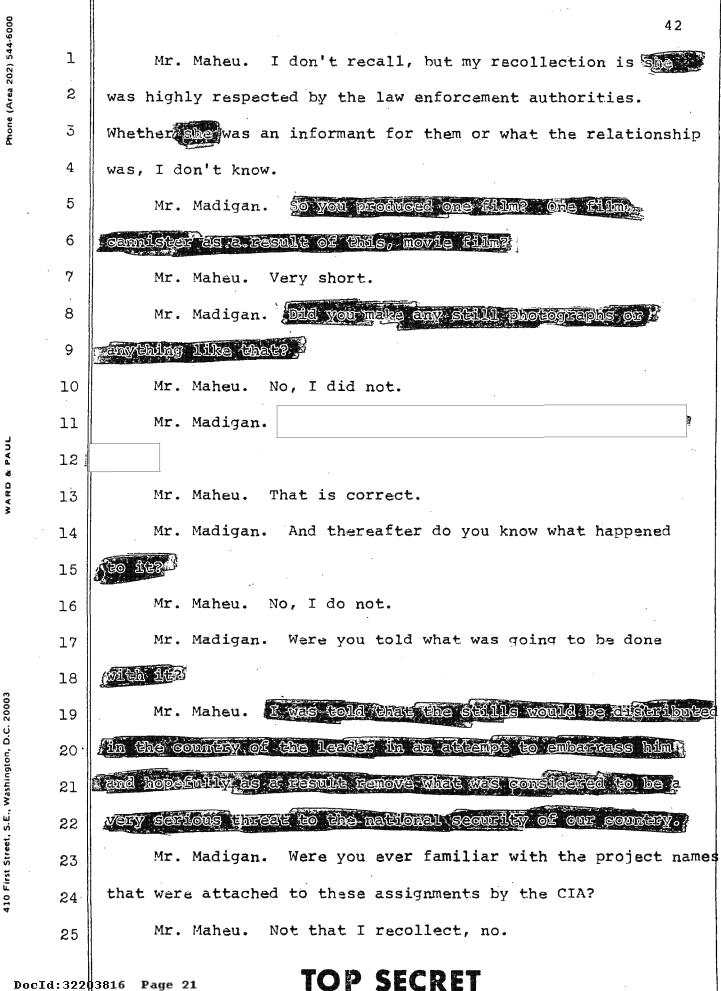


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		l	Mr. Maheu. I beg your pardon?
	Phone (Area 202)	2	Mr. Madigan. You were just telling him about it?
	Phone	3	Mr. Maheu. No, Mr. Hughes had been in the industry, he
		4	had been in movie studios, I thought he could be helpful to
		5	this contract.
		6	Mr. Madigan. Did you deal with O'Connell with regard to
		7	this contract or with somebody else?
		8	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I dealt with Mr.
		9	O'Connell and Colonel Edwards.
		10	Mr. Madigan. Colonel Edwards?
		11	Whigh these fersion a the female who was known
	2 V V V	12	
Y	٥	13	Mr. Maheu I really don't remember. The one and only
:	-	14	seime I bave seen her in my life.
		15	Mr. Madigan. Gould this film have been described as a
		16	Loonhographic film, or was it something less than that?
		17	Mr. Maheu. By today's technology, I would say definitely
		18	no.
		19	Mr. Madigan. Wou saw this woman was known to the law
ć	ů ú	20.	antoroemant authorities was she suspeated by yoursalt to be
	ashingt	21	ta prostitutes s
:	S سُ	22	Mr. Maheu. Not at all:
	410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.	23	Mr. Madigan. Not at all?
	10	24	Mr. Maheu. Not at all.
	A	25	Mr. Madigan. She was just an actsess of some kind?
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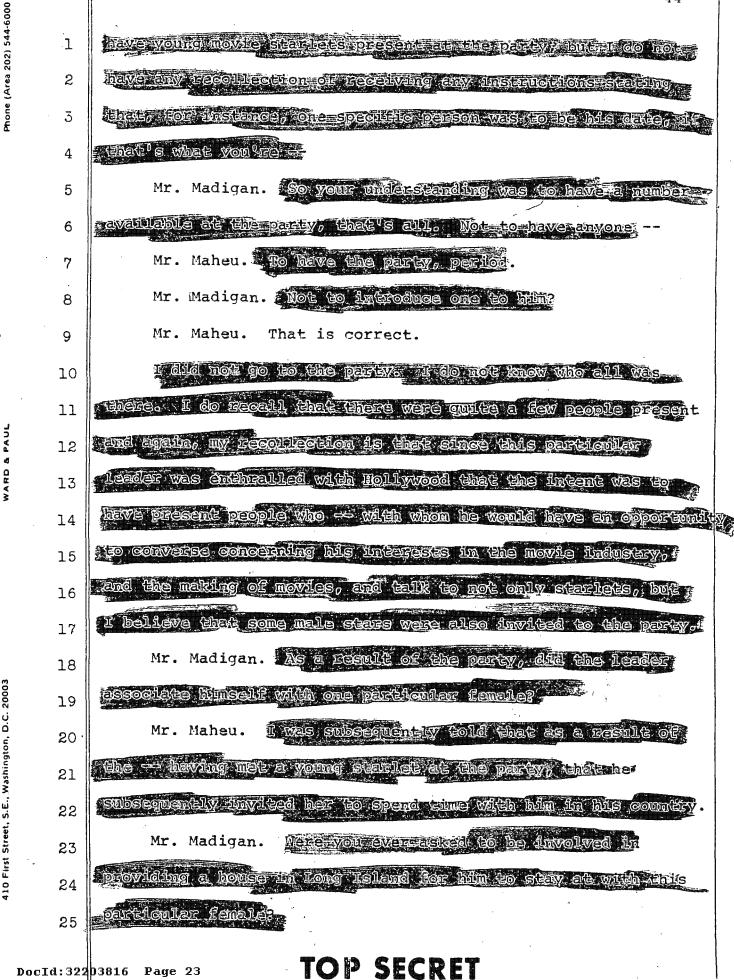


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	Phone (Area 202) 544-6000	l	Mr. Madigan. Did you ever hear of project Happy Days?	
	Area 20	2	Mr. Maheu. No.	ر ،
	Phone (	3	Mr. Madigan. Or Project Harp Star?	
		4	Mr. Maheu. No.	
		5	Mr. Madigan. Or Project Norfok?	
		6	Mr. Maheu. No.	
		7	Mr. Madigan. Did you have an occashon to receive any	
		8	assignment infom the CLA with regard to the leader of another	
		. 9	Horelyn Countery, who we will refer to as leader "B" ?!	
		10	Mr. Maheu. Yes, sir.	
	J.	11	Mr. Madigan. What was your assignment in that regard?	
	& PAUL	12	Mr. Maheu. I was cold that said leader would be visiting)	
	WARD	13	los Angeles, liet he was enthalled with Hollywood and asked .	
		14	se I could find someone to have a party, preferably in a T	•
		15	private hone, with a reasonably large attendance on his behalf	
		16	during his Frip to los Angeles.	
		17	Mr. Madigan. And who did you contact with regard to that?	
	cî.	18	Mr. Maheu. I contacted Mr. Gregson Bautzer.	
	C. 20003	19	Mr. Madigan. Is that B-a-u-t-z-e-r?	
	gton, D.	20 ·	Mr. Maheu. B-a-u-t-z-e-r, a Hollywood attorney.	
	Washin	21	Mr. Madigan. And did he hold the party that you refer to?	
	et, S.E.,	22	Mr. Maheu. Yes, he did.	
	410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D	23	Mr. Madigan. Was part of your assignment to line up a.	
	410 Fi	24	woman who wass to lary and associated herescale within while leader?	
		25	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that the intent was to	×
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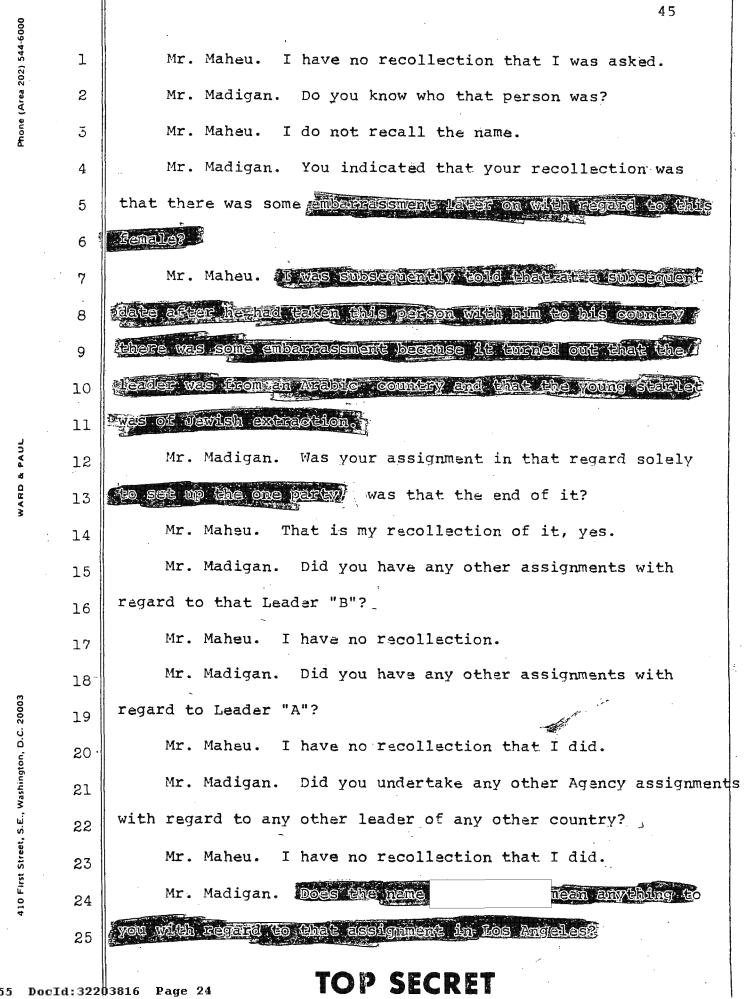


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02) 544	1	Mr. Maheu. That name is familiar, yes, now that you
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Phone	3	Mr. Madigan. Do you think she might have been the person?
	4	Mr. Maheu. I think She might have been, yes.
	5	Mr. Madigan. Did you contact Howard Hughes with regard
	6	to that assignment?
	. 7	Mr. Maheu. No, I did not. However, Mr. Bautzer was, in
	8	those days, Mr. Hughes' personal attorney.
	. 9	Mr. Madigan. Would you date that parts assignment as
	10	being around 1959?
	11	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall. It was before 1960, but that
& ₽AUL	12	would sound approximately right.
WARD	13	Mr. Madigan. Did you ever have your office in Washington
-	14	used for cover purposes by the CIA?
	15	Mr. Maheu. Yes, I have.
	16	Mr. Madigan. Do you know on how many occasions?
	17	Mr. Maheu. On several occasions.
œ	18	Mr. Madigan. Do you know what the purpose of the agent
C. 2000	19	that would be using it for cover was?
aton, D.(	20 ·	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that my role was limited
First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003	21	simply to fund their income. In other words, they would be on
r, s.f.,	22	the payroll of Robert A. Maheu Associates and that I would be
st Stree	23	reimbursed the exact amount of their pavroll.
410 Fir	24	As to the specific assignments, I have no recollection.
	25	Mr. Madigan. What types of duties would they have for
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	2	career?
	. 3	Mr. Maheu. Yes, we did.
	4	Mr. Madigan. Would you recall that to be around 1968,
	5	or do you have a specific recollection?
	6	Mr. Maheu. It would be about that time.
	7	Mr. Madigan. About that time.
	8	Mr. Maheu. Yes.
	9	Mr. Madigan. And did you ever hear of the name
	10	with regard to that cover arrangement?
L	11	Mr. Maheu. I don't recall. My recollection is that the
& PAUL	12	guy's name was Mike Manrage or Mikrage but I don't recall
WARD	13	the name Perhaps he was placed on the payroll as
3	14	but I don't recall.
	15	Mr. Madigan. You did not address him as
	16	Mr. Maheu. No, not to my recollection.
	17	Mr. Madigan. What was he supposed to be doing in Beuedlos
	18	do you know?
20003	19	Mr. Maheu. Covertly or overtly?
410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003	20.	Mr. Madigan. Both.
	21	Let's start with covertly.
	22	Mr. Maheu. Covertly he was he had an assignment from
	23	the Agency which I don't know. Overtly he was an employee of
	24	Robert A. Maheu Associates trying to exploit the possibility
	~+ 25	of business ventures in the country of Bouadors
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l	Mr. Madigan. You have no inclination or no feeling at
2	all for what his assignment was?
3	Mr. Maheu. No, I do not.
4	Mr. Madigan. In covert terms whether it was an espionage
5	assignment or whether it was a PR kind of assignment? No idea?
6	Mr. Maheu. I don't know.
7	Mr. Madigan. Was there ever an island involved with that
8	assignment to your knowledge?
9	Mr. Maheu. Not to my knowledge or recollection.
10	Mr. Madigan. You never heard of an island called
11	Paletler have you?
12	Mr. Maheu. Not to my recollection.
13	Mr. Madigan. During the 1960's did you employ a fellow
. 14	by the name of Jack Buckley? We may have discussed this
15	before.
16	Mr. Maheu. I believe that from time to time a Jack
17	Buckley did work for Robert A. Maheu Associates. I don't
18	believe he was an employee.
19	Mr. Madigan. Would he be on a kind of an intermittent
20 ·	contract basis like Frank was? You would use him every once in
21	awhile?
22	Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that he did some work for
23	Robert A. Maheu Associates and, as I say, not an employee.
24	Mr. Madigan. Do you know what types of assignments he
25	díd?

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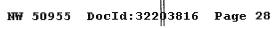
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1 Mr. Liebengood. Mr. Mort Jackson?
2 Mr. Maheu. I don't remember his name.
3 Mr. Madigan. Mort Jackson being an attorney
4 Mr. Liebengood in Los Angeles.
5 Mr. Al Long of the Secret Service?
6 Mr. Maheu. Don't remember his name.
7 Mr. Liebengood. Mer. Jack Bauman, formerly of the Central
8 Intelligence Agency, a resident of Florida.
9 Mr. Maheu. Don't remember his name.
10 Mr. Liebengood. Mr. Jack Stewart?
11 Mr. Maheu. Don't remember his name.
12 Mr. Liebengood. James McCord?
13 Mr. Maheu. Only what I saw in the newspapers.
14 Mr. Liebengood. But you had no dealings with him while
15 you were in Washington?
16 Mr. Maheu. Not to my recollection.
17 Mr. Madigan. Just briefly, in that regard, we discussed
18 yesterday whether you had any recollection of Mr. McCord
19 being involved or at least I think we discussed it in any
20 either sweeping of your office or electronic equipment or
21 using of your office as a listening post or anything like that?
22 Mr. Maheu. I don't remember.
23 Mr. Madigan. And your indication was you didn't have
any recollection?
25 Mr. Maheu. No.
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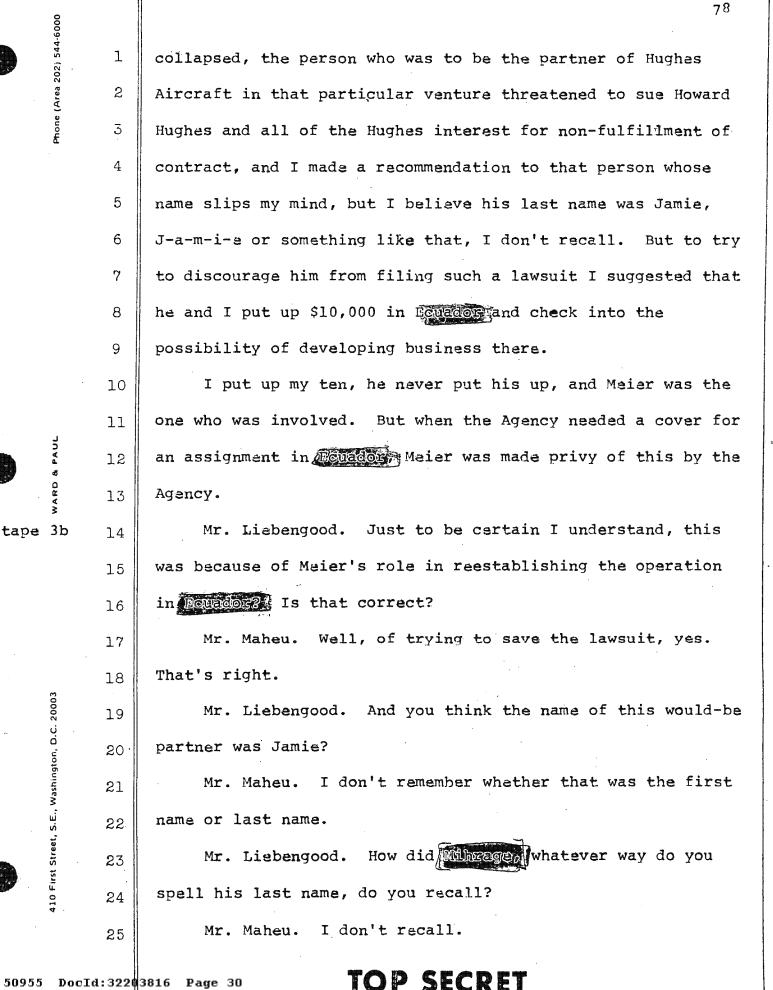
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02) 544	payroll, and for the second time I was turned down by Mr.
Phone (Area 202) 544-6000	Hughes. I believe it was in September of 1969 that I finally
Phone	called Mr. Meier in and requested his resignation and then
4	I informed Mr. Hughes that he had resigned.
Ę	After the departure of Mr. Meier, while going through his
6	files, Mr. Ellson ran into some documents that indicated some
7	very serious double escrows on mining properties and we
8	recommended to Mr. Hughes that all the information be made
ç	available to the authorities and let the chips fall where they
l	may.
J.	Mr. Liebengood. Do you know why Mr. Hughes was not inclined
A A A A	to follow your recommendations with regards to Meier's termina-
0 8 8 8 1	tion at earlier dates?
1.	Mr. Maheu. He was afraid that Meier would embarrass him.
l	At least, that is what he told me.
1	Mr. Liebengood. You are aware of no CIA interest in
1	Meier?
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gton, D	that operation.
410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. ひ ひ ひ ひ ひ ひ ひ	Mr. Liebengood. How did that come about? How was he
st, s. E.	cut in on that?
st Stree	Mr. Maheu. Because it was he who initially had worked on
410 Fu	a deal for a venture in Mexico on the part of Hughes Aircraft
. 2	for cable television and subsequent to well, when that
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Phone (Area 202) 544-6000	1	Mr. Liebengood. Do you know who accompanied Meier and
	2	F. Donald Nixon on this trip to the Dominican Republic, the
	3	celebrated trip?
	4	Mr. Maheu. No, I do not.
	5	Mr. Liebengood. As far as you know, they had nothing to
	6	do with any Agency interest in that?
	7	Mr. Maheu. No, sir, not as far as I know.
	8	As a matter of fact, it's my recollection I found out
	9	about this afterwards.
	10	Mr. Liebengood. Who else was witting of the cover
1	11	arrangements that you had with the Agency through Robert A.
& PAUL	12	Maheu Associates? You mentioned Meier and this particular
WARD 1	13	one. Did you have other employees who were witting of the
-	.14	cover?
	15	Mr. Maheu. I believe Bill Staton was aware of some of
	16	it.
	17	Mr. Liebengood. And did he keep your books?
m	-18	Mr. Maheu. Yes.
410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003	19	Mr. Liebengood. And outside of the Mubrage cover. Meier was
	20 .	not witting of any other cover arrangements, I take it?
	21	Mr. Maheu. Not to my knowledge.
	22	Mr. Liebengood. Do you recall who the other personnel were
	23	through the years that obtained Robert A. Maheu Associates
	24	cover for the Agency?
	25	Mr. Maheu. I don't.
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