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SUBJECT: Robert Mahen - Foreign Head of State

1. In connection with the official state visit of the Foreign Head of State in 1959, the Office of Security was requested to render special support during the Los Angeles and New York phases of the tour. According to the personnel, the foreign official was exceptionally desirous of formal communications during his Los Angeles visit and it was requested that appropriate arrangements be made through a controlled source of the Office in order to assure a satisfied visit.

2. On 3 April 1959 Mr. Robert Mahen, a cleared Office of Security contact, was asked to arrange a party for the foreign official at Los Angeles, California. This was done by Mr. Mahen through Mr. Gregson Baugher, Mr. Baugher is a prominent Los Angeles actor and Hollywood figure previously granted a covert security approval for use by the Division. By present arrangements, during the course of this party the foreign official was introduced to a party of the foreign official and stage actresses. For the duration of the foreign official's stay in Los Angeles, 3 through 7 April 1959, he and the actress became intimate friends. It was indicated by a CIA employee who was introduced into the state party, that the foreign official desired to continue his friendship with the actress and that he wished to meet with her during his stay in New York City from 13 through 18 April 1959.

3. On 13 April 1959 arrangements were made to rent the home of [redacted] an Office of Security source, at Long Beach, Long Island, for the period 14 through 18 April 1959. The home was to be used as a confidential meeting place for the actress and the foreign official. At the same time the actress was registered at the Hotel Barclay, 111 East 13th Street, New York City, under an assumed name. The publicity concerning the relationship had become more pointed since some publicity mention had been made of the Jewish background of the actress. On 14 April 1959 a CIA employee and the actress were transported to the home on Long Island which was taken over as

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the meeting place for the foreign official and the actress. Later the same day, by pre-arrangement, two Department of State Security Agents, a New York City police lieutenant and a hired chauffeur arrived with the foreign official. The actress remained at the site through 18 April 1959, and the foreign official and his party visited each evening and remained for about four to five hours.

4. During the stay at the Long Beach site, the actress discussed the publicity in the case at some length with the Security representatives. She speculated about the possible sources of certain personal information that she felt had been leaked to the press. Additionally, she spoke of her deep feeling for the foreign official & commented on how Gregson Bautzer initially sought her out to serve as a party companion for the foreign official. At the time she said she was unclear as to just what part Mr. Bautzer wanted her to play. In attempting to clarify his case Mr. Bautzer said, "I am employed by the CIA. He want you to go to bed with him." The actress said she rejected the proposal but finally went to the party. She became quite taken with the foreign official and found him to be most charming.

5. All personal contacts by Security representatives in this case were under alias and implied State Department affiliation. There is no record or indication in any of the files in this case that involves Robert Maheu by name or reference. It is believed that Mr. Maheu was never introduced to the actress, and as far as can be determined Bautzer "fronted" for all arrangements. Office of Security investigation conducted variously from 25 May through 17 September 1959 of the actress reflected no substantive derogatory information regarding her.

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