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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: DR. SAMUEL HOLMES SHEPPARD
FILE: 63-HQ-3206

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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12-15-54

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, FBI CLEVELAND....U R G E N T....

DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD MURDER CASE. INFO. CONCERNING. AT SIX PM TODAY
 A WOMAN CALLED OFFICE SWITCHBOARD EXCLAIMING SHE HAD INFORMATION RE-
 GARDING SHEPPARD CASE THAT WAS MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH. CALL TAKEN BY
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 PROVIDE DETAILS OVER PHONE AND INSISTED AGENT COME TO HER HOME. ASAC
 IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED SA [REDACTED] WHO REPORTS AS FOLLOWS COLON

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[REDACTED] IN THE MORNING AND GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CALLING SOME AUTHORITY IN CLEVELAND. STATES SHE HAS NO ULTERIOR MOTIVE AND WANTS ONLY TO BARE THE FACTS. SHE HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED WHAT IF ANY ACTION THIS OFFICE WOULD TAKE. SUGGEST CLEVELAND, IN ABSENCE CONTRARY INSTRUCTION FROM BUREAU, PROMPTLY COMMUNICATE [REDACTED] DECLARATION OF POSSESSION OF MATERIAL INFORMATION TO BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE. ALSO ADVISE BOTH AS TO HER WILLINGNESS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY EITHER AS WELL AS WILLINGNESS TO ANSWER SUBPOENA. INSTRUCT BOTH THAT FBI MERELY RELAYING HER DECLARATION AND FBI NOT INVESTIGATING OR EVALUATING INFORMATION RELATED BY HER. BELIEVE THIS APPROACH NECESSARY TO IMPARTIAL HANDLING AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE REPERCUSSION IN EVENT NO IMMEDIATE DIRECT CONTACT MADE BY HER WITH CLEVELAND AUTHORITIES, AND INFO LATER BEING DISCLOSED WITH INFERENCE FBI RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPRESSION DURING PRESENT TRIAL WHICH PRESS RELATES IS RAPIDLY COMING TO CLOSE.

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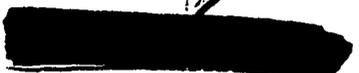
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Mystery Man Reported Seen Near Sheppard Slaying Scene

CLEVELAND, July 10 (AP)—A steelworker today belatedly told police he saw a strange man near the Bay Village home in which Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard was slain a week ago.

He gave a description—tall, bushy-haired, wearing a white shirt—which was similar to the one related by Dr. Samuel Sheppard, the victim's husband, who says he grappled with the slayer and was hurt.

Leo Stawicki, 48, who lives across town in Cuyahoga Heights, went to the Bay Village police station today to tell his story.

He said he was returning from a fishing trip at Sandusky, about 2:30 a. m. Sunday. Police believe the murder occurred between 1 a. m. and 6 a. m.

The glare of his headlights clearly showed a husky man of about 190 pounds, 6 feet tall, standing by the side of the road in front of the Sheppard house, and "he kinda stared at me as I passed."

The steelworker said he had not thought much of the incident until he read in a newspaper yesterday that Dr. Sheppard described the killer as having bushy hair.

Dr. Sheppard, dictating his story before a stenographer for the first time, today answered questions for the third straight day about the slaying of his 31-year-old wife.

This time neither members of the osteopath's family nor his attorney were present at the Cuyahoga County sheriff's office. Earlier quizzings were at his hospital bedside and at his home.

Told by Detective Carl Rossbach that he was a suspect in the murder, the husband replied:

"You don't think I killed her? My God, do you think I'd do that when we were expecting our baby?"

Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard was four months pregnant.

It was a week ago tonight that Mrs. Sheppard was bludgeoned to death. The mystery appeared no nearer a solution than last Sunday.

Dr. Samuel R. Gerber, county coroner, reported that blood found on a pair of pants belonging to the doctor and on other articles could not be typed, the International News Service reported. He also said blood and hair found on the victim's hands had no significance.

The coroner said the only possible clues he has examined are two tiny fibers found under the fingernails of Mrs. Sheppard. The fibers are as yet unidentified but Dr. Gerber said they will be preserved as possible evidence.

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Private Investigator Says Sheppard Case Is Not Yet Closed

By the Associated Press

CLEVELAND, Jan. 26.—Dr. Paul L. Kirk, University of California criminologist, declared "the Sheppard case is not closed," as he prepared to return to the West Coast today after spending three days investigating the July 4 murder of Marilyn Sheppard.

He said his private investigation was "going along satisfactorily," and added:

"I found a few things."

Dr. Kirk, who declined to elaborate, was hired by defense attorneys to make the investigation. He spent an hour yesterday at county jail with Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, convicted of the wife murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Not Sorry He Took Case.

"I'm not sorry I looked into this case," the criminologist said.

The crime expert said he had conducted extensive scientific tests in the lakefront home where Mrs. Sheppard was clubbed to death. Much of his work, he said, was in the Bay Village socialite's blood-spattered second-floor bedroom.

Dr. Kirk said he was taking some physical evidence—presumably material found at the house—with him to Berkeley, Calif., where he will make laboratory tests. He had been denied permission to take along any items introduced as evidence in Dr. Sheppard's 10-week trial and now held by the county prosecutor.

Questions Answered.

Dr. Kirk called the Sheppard family "forthright" in answering his questions, and added:

"They did not hold back anything; they told me things they had not discussed among themselves."

Dr. Kirk said Dr. Sheppard's chief counsel, William J. Corrigan, had told him the case should be "investigated thoroughly."

Dr. Sheppard, who maintains an intruder killed his wife, is appealing his second-degree murder conviction. Mr. Corrigan said he plans also to appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court a recent appellate court decision denying bail to the prisoner.

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U.C. Crime Expert to Seek New Clues At Scene in Doctor Sam Murder Case

By TOM RILEY
 The state appears to have done a poor job of scientific investigation in the Dr. Sam case.
 At least this is the opinion of one of the Nation's top scientific crime investigators. Dr. Paul L. Kirk, professor of criminalistics at the University of California.
 Today the 53-year-old biochemist is busy going over the scene of the Cleveland murder.
 Called to the city by the university professor says "I'm not promising anybody anything."
 Asked if he will review scientific data collected and analyzed by the state, Kirk replied "I really don't think they have done much of a job of it."
 Kirk said he would look for "physical evidence only" and added that he was entering the case with an open mind.
 He promised to reveal his findings regardless of whom they hurt.
 Kirk explained that it is nearly impossible to turn a room into a criminalist's laboratory.

Consequently, he plans to complete extensive analyses of any new evidence he uncovers here at his U.C. laboratory.
 Among things Kirk hopes to do is to extensively analyze the blood.
 "By my knowledge, there has been any serological tests produced and that is one of the things I want to check on," said Kirk.
 The U.C. scientist, who first gained his reputation in the field of microchemistry — the technique of making chemical analyses of tiny slivers of matter — entering his 20th year in criminal investigations.
 He explained that his first court appearance as an expert witness was made in the Alameda County Court House in January, 1935.
 "I recall," said he, "that Coakley, now the district attorney, was the assistant prosecutor and was handling the case. Cecil Mosbacher was the judge. She is now a Superior Court judge here."
 In the case, Kirk resolved a labor dispute between an Oakland firm and striking laborers was involving creosote in a store's furnishings, and tests developed by a guilty man was identified.
 "Coakley got his case and I understand

boss real happy," said Kirk. Coakley's boss in those days was a smiling attorney named Earl Warren.
 Down through the years, Kirk has developed many new techniques for conclusively identifying the source of evidence gathered at the scene of a crime.
 "Many of these techniques will be used at Cleveland," he explained.
 Of all the devices used by the criminologist, perhaps the so-called "density gradient tube," a product of Kirk's research, is the most useful.
 Not only are the results of the "gradient tube" universally recognized among experts, explained Kirk, but the device is simple to operate and works with only fragmentary pieces of matter.
 At Cleveland, Kirk will satisfy himself with a careful search of the murder scene, gathering and labeling any clues he finds.
 Specimens Kirk may collect include: soil, glass, paint, human hair and paper scraps, and of course, blood.
 "I expect to be back in about a week," Kirk told colleagues as he drew in a long puff from his ever-present, curved stem bulldog pipe.
 And, into his laboratory he will retreat to assimilate and evaluate the evidence gathered. It may be weeks before the other evidence comes to light supporting Dr. Sam's claims that he was busy during the murder and entered the Sheppard residence and murdered the beautiful Marilyn.
 And, as Kirk points out, any never be found.

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Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN → *[Handwritten initials]*

DATE: 12/16/54

FROM : A. ROSEN *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD MURDER CASE
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With reference to the attached wire, I called SAC Hawkins, Cleveland, and advised him that he was not to conform to the instructions suggested by the San Diego Office. He was instructed to call the Prosecutor's Office and advise the Prosecutor of the name of the individual and her willingness to impart information which she states she possesses concerning this matter. He is to give the Prosecutor her address and telephone number in the event they desire to communicate with her. He was also to confirm his conversation with the Prosecutor in a letter which is to be directed to him.

After completion of this action, he will advise the Bureau of the action which he has taken.

The above action is taken inasmuch as it is not deemed desirable to furnish this information to the Judge or Defense Attorney. Our obligation is to advise the legally constituted police authority and it is the responsibility of such an authority to properly dispose of the matter.

SAC Hawkins stated that he objected to the suggestion of the San Diego Office as to the procedure in handling this matter but did agree thoroughly with the Bureau in the manner in which this should be handled.

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ADDENDUM - EHW: [redacted] 10 a.m., 12/16/54
[Handwritten notes: Letter enclose to [redacted] this re-communicating [redacted] advised.]

SAC Hawkins called to advise that at 9:55 a.m., he contacted [redacted] an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, and pointed out that [redacted] had what she believed pertinent information concerning the Sheppard case and that she would be willing to discuss it telephonically or, if she were subpoenaed, to come to Cleveland. SAC Hawkins has prepared a letter confirming this and it is being sent to Mr. Frank T. Cullitan, Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County. Hawkins advised that the case will go to the jury tonight or tomorrow and that the summation for the prosecution and the defense has been in progress for two days and is continuing today.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *fw*

DATE: July 26, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *BPX*

Time of Call: 12:16 a.m.

SUBJECT: DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD
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[redacted] called to report that he had information concerning the captioned murder case.

[redacted] (name unknown) was [redacted] from Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] told him that [redacted] Mrs. Sheppard at either the Rockdale or Rockville course near Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] not sure of the name. [redacted] Mrs. Sheppard was dating a Jewish man (name unknown) with whom she frequently played golf on this course. [redacted] they often planned when and where they would meet in the evenings for dates while they were playing golf. [redacted] on the morning of July 4, when Mrs. Sheppard was found murdered, someone called the golf course and told the caddie master or someone at the course, [redacted] not sure who, that they should destroy Mrs. Sheppard's golf clubs and bag because she had just been murdered. [redacted] they removed Mrs. Sheppard's name tag from the golf bag and he did not know what became of the clubs and bag.

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[redacted] he had given this information to [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] obtain more information concerning this matter. [redacted] did not remember [redacted] name, [redacted]

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[redacted] wanted his name to be made a matter of record in the event he was eligible for the \$10,000 reward posted for information concerning the murder of Mrs. Sheppard.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, attached airtel will be sent to our Cleveland Office furnishing it with the above information and instructing that Cleveland furnish the information to local authorities.

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[Redacted]

Canton 9, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 13, 1955, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted your writing.

After a careful review of the material you sent, I would like to point out that the FBI has no jurisdiction in this matter, and we are precluded from conducting any investigation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: [Redacted] wrote a letter to the White House in 1940 which was referred to this agency and acknowledged. [Redacted] No other data identifiable in Bufiles. She believes that Dr. Samuel Sheppard, convicted of murdering his wife in Ohio, is innocent of that charge and indicates that all of the information set forth here has been made available to proper authorities.

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Canton 9, Ohio
5-13-55

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of the Director
J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Dr. Sam Sheppard *Ohio*

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Every time Dr. Sam Sheppard loses a round with the Court, it is like driving another nail into this persons heart and coffin.

Surely there is something your department could do for him. [redacted] left Ohio, he, without a doubt, did so to escape prosecution. He apparently felt he had some reason for doing so, and unless, he has an iron clad alibi, he is always going to be my A-1 suspect. This should bring the matter within your department's jurisdiction his leaving the State. [redacted]

I am so sure that Dr. Sam couldn't have committed this murder, and I feel that we could have been of some help to him at the time, [redacted]

[redacted] remarks, "we shouldn't have taken that trip". Well, we did, Mr. Hoover, and we saw such a man as Dr. Sam described, tall, between 175 to 185, dark, bushy, curly hair, (about 2 to three inches). When [redacted] picture appeared in the Cleveland paper, 11-54. [redacted]

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He scared me like I never have been scared before in ^{my} life, and I don't know if it was the smile, the laugh after which he flung his head up into the air, or the fact that he had gotten close to me without my having known he was anywhere near me.

[redacted] This was all reported to Agent [redacted] in a report I typed up in 7-54, and which you, no doubt, have a microfilm copy.

The last letter I had [redacted] was 12-29-54, and he recommended that I correspond directly with Prosecutor Cullitan. But our letter crossed in the mail, as I had then told him in my letter of 12-27-54, [redacted] because of the type of publicity that was going out from the authorities and papers. But I did mail it to Mr. Corrigan when he made the statement, that they would not go out and disapprove themselves after getting the verdict they did. But the Sheppard family is going to need all the help they can get, and I have given all I can. I most certainly would have sent the report sooner, as I stated in my "enclosure" of 7-31-54.

[redacted] made the crack about "everybody wanting to get into the act", and then Prosecutor Parrino making another public crack about "we have a long list of women, anybody wanting to join the parade is welcome." Well, that just did it. [redacted] and do what my conscience most certainly told me should have been done.

I know for a fact that several prominent Cleveland attorneys made the following remark, "the police have no proof he committed the crime, but they think he did. So they have allowed the newspapers to put out a slanted viewpoint. So that when he is arrested and arraigned, the Public will be ready for his conviction". Surely this isn't the American way of trying a man for a crime. [redacted] assuring me that he wouldn't have to stand trial, as they didn't have enough evidence to convict him. But, Mr. Hoover, they did.

With a mother taking her life, because of the terrible pit of hopelessness facing her, and a father, apparently dying from a broken heart, surely there is something which your department, with all their wonderful facilities and abilities could do to help Dr. Sam.

The adults of the Sheppard family, while I do feel extremely sorry for them too. Yet it is the youngsters, six of them, that will have to put up with a cruel Public, that can be so extremely cruel, all the days of the lives. This is the part that hurts so very much.

I know that your department does not indulge in giving out information when they are working on a case, and I know you are an extremely busy man. But, Mr. Hoover, this is almost killing me, to know that maybe we could have helped him [redacted] and that he may have to spent ten years of his life in jail. Just because of the type of publicity this case got, and my being forbidden to do what I felt I should have done at that time.

I don't expect any answer to this letter, but believe me, anything you can or would do to help Dr. Sam Sheppard, and even now Dr. Paul Kirk will be more than appreciated. Since Dr. Kirk now too has stuck his neck out to stand up for Dr. Sam. I don't know Dr. Kirk, but I most certainly believe his integrity, his honor and decency is as high as you, yourself, Mr. Hoover, and that is the highest praise I can give anyone believe me. But I feel so strongly that Dr. Kirk is so right in his facts and findings. It seems very odd to me, that the prosecution was willing to take "excerpts" from his own book to convict Dr. Sam. Yet when the author himself gives out his findings and facts, all they can do is to belittle him.

Mr. Hoover, surely there must be something that you and your very competent department can do for this man. There just must be. Can't your agent, [REDACTED] at least appear at the Appeals hearing and hear for himself the details.

Yet it is only my intuition that keeps telling me, Dr. Sam can't be guilty, and Dr. Kirk has got to be right and correct in his findings.

Thanking you most kindly, I am,

Yours truly,

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Makes New Plea May 23

Dr. Sam's Move for New Trial Vetoed by Blythin

CLEVELAND (AP)—Twice loser in moves to win a new trial from the judge who sentenced him, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard today based his hope of freedom from life in prison on an appeals court hearing scheduled for May 23.

Judge Edward S. Blythin, in whose court a jury convicted Sheppard last Dec. 21 of clubbing his wife to death, rejected late yesterday a motion for a new trial on the basis of newly discovered evidence.

Weeks ago Judge Blythin denied a new trial motion citing numerous alleged errors in the 31-year-old osteopath's 10-week trial. That earlier denial was carried to the Appellate Court, and Sheppard's chief counsel William J. Corrigan said he would "with dispatch" com-

plement it with an appeal from yesterday's decision.

Sheppard remained in county jail, where he was taken last July 30, charged with bludgeoning his pregnant wife Marilyn in her bedroom at their Bay Village home July 4. He had no comment on Judge Blythin's ruling.

The new evidence in the defense case boiled down mainly to a 50-page affidavit by Dr. Paul L. Kirk, University of California professor of criminalistics. Hired by Corrigan, Kirk came here in January

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for several days of investigation.

The key part of Kirk's affidavit was that he found a blood spot on a wardrobe door in the murder bedroom and his tests, he said, showed it was not blood from Sheppard or the murder victim. Kirk said the spot dripped from a sex-slayer's hand, bitten by Marilyn Sheppard when he tried to stifle her screams.

The state had countered with an expert's affidavit discounting the accuracy of methods Kirk used to test the blood spot on the wardrobe door.

Judge Blythin's 16-page opinion, bristling in spots, had this to say of Kirk's findings:

"His conclusions are based on his own theories, do not necessarily eliminate Sam Sheppard, nor are they necessarily consistent with the theories of the defense at the trial. . . ."

(Kirk suggested the slayer used a heavy flashlight as the never-discovered murder weapon, and at the trial the defense suggested a multipronged instrument gashed the victim's skull, the judge noted.)

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DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD
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[redacted] he had given this information to [redacted] [redacted] was going to plant a man to obtain more information concerning this matter. [redacted] unable to furnish name, [redacted] [redacted] was extremely interested in having his name placed on record in the event he would be eligible for what he claimed was a \$10,000 reward for information concerning this case. *mf*

You are instructed to furnish the above information to the local authorities. The Bureau should be advised.

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Office Memorandum



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Cleveland

SUBJECT: DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD
CLEVELAND, OHIO
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 8-1-56

Re Buairtel 7/27/56.

Information contained in referenced airtel furnished to [redacted] Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, by registered mail August 1, 1956, pointing out that information was being furnished to him for any action he deemed appropriate.

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DR. SAM SHEPPARD
MURDER CASE
CLEVELAND, OHIO
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Baltimore letter to the Director,
2 cc's Cleveland, 8-13-56.

The information contained in referenced
letter should be furnished to local authorities.

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NOTE: We previously received information from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had previously furnished
information which he stated he received from [REDACTED]
name unknown who was [REDACTED] from Cleveland, Ohio.

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The information previously furnished was similar to the
information obtained by Baltimore as set forth in the
attached memorandum to the effect that Mrs. Sheppard
was dating an unknown individual with whom she frequently
played golf on the course [REDACTED]

We instructed Cleveland to furnish the information at that
time to local authorities. The information contained
in the attached memorandum indicated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a gang in
the Cleveland area which gang engaged in safe burglaries [REDACTED] the golf

course where Mrs. Sheppard played. According to the
information there was an indication that Mrs. Sheppard was
being blackmailed because of her dating other men and it was
further alleged that Dr. Sam Sheppard did not kill his wife.
According to the information on the morning that Mrs. Sheppard
body was found in the Sheppard home [REDACTED] a
phone call at the golf course from the individual who was
supposed to have dated Mrs. Sheppard with instructions to
destroy Mrs. Sheppard's golf bag and name plate which was
located at the golf course. [REDACTED] did dispose of the golf
bag and name plate [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] knew the identity of the person
responsible for Mrs. Sheppard's death and that this person
was not Dr. Sam Sheppard.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 13, 1956

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (62-0)

SUBJECT: DR. SAM SHEPPARD,
Murder Case,
Cleveland, Ohio
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
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On July 31, 1956 [redacted] Upper Marl-
boro, Maryland, advised SA [redacted] that

[redacted] related a series of facts bearing upon the murder case in
Cleveland, Ohio in which Dr. SAM SHEPPARD was convicted of
the murder of his wife.. [redacted]

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On July 31, 1956 [REDACTED]
furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]

He stated that [REDACTED]
he heard a discussion between two other inmates concerning the
Dr. SAM SHEPPARD Murder Case. These two other inmates are
identified as follows:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that Dr. SAM SHEPPARD was not responsible for the death of his wife.

[REDACTED] a gang in the Cleveland area, which gang engaged in safe burglaries.

[REDACTED] at a Jewish golf course, name unknown, near Cleveland, Ohio and that Mrs. SHEPPARD frequented this golf course. Further that she attended this course with several different men none of whom were her husband.

[REDACTED] one of the men she had frequented the golf course with was the boss of the gang [REDACTED] was associated. [REDACTED] stated he had overheard several conversations between Mrs. SHEPPARD and the unknown associate of Mrs. SHEPPARD in which her companion jokingly threatened her about dating other men.

[REDACTED] on the morning of July 4th, year not recalled, [REDACTED] had received a phone call at the golf course from the person who had been with Mrs. SHEPPARD at the course and who was supposedly connected with the gang [REDACTED] was instructed to destroy or "get rid" of Mrs. SHEPPARD's golf bag and name plate which was located at the golf course. [REDACTED] was advised not to ask any questions but to meet the caller later on and the entire matter would be explained to him.

[REDACTED] indicated he thereafter learned that the body of Mrs. SHEPPARD had been found

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the previous night and [REDACTED] did dispose of the golf bag and name plate of Mrs. SHEPPARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the companion of Mrs. SHEPPARD on the golf course who was the head of the gang [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Further that Mrs. SHEPPARD had played golf with this man the day before the murder and [REDACTED] a conversation between Mrs. SHEPPARD and this man in which he was supposed to meet Mrs. SHEPPARD at 9 P.M. that evening while Dr. SHEPPARD was away attending some kind of a meeting.

[REDACTED] impression from [REDACTED] conversation that this unknown man was black-mailing Mrs. SHEPPARD and that he was to meet her that evening for the purpose of receiving a payoff.

[REDACTED] the entire story could, of course, be complete fabrication but during the conversation [REDACTED] gone into minute details concerning some of the events talked about and [REDACTED] believed there was some degree of truth to the story. [REDACTED] utterly useless to interview [REDACTED]

On July 31, 1956 [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] somewhat familiar with the Cleveland area, stated he recognized this neighborhood as being in the vicinity

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of where Dr. SAM SHEPPARD and his wife had resided [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] thereafter got into a discussion of the
Dr. SAM SHEPPARD Murder Case.

[REDACTED] a golf course near Cleveland Heights and although he could
not recall the name of the course, he had the impression that
it was restricted to Jewish clientele and was the largest such
course in that area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gathered that Mrs. SHEPPARD apparently ran around
with several different men and [REDACTED] seen Mrs.
SHEPPARD on many occasions at the golf course with these men.

[REDACTED] Mrs.
SHEPPARD on many occasions and that she seemed to appear at
the course with one Jewish fellow more frequently than with
the other men.

[REDACTED] this
particular Jewish fellow supposedly headed a gang [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] which participated in safe jobs in
the Ohio area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. SHEPPARD
was at the golf course the day prior to the murder with this
particular Jewish fellow and [REDACTED] conver-
sation wherein the Jewish fellow was to meet Mrs. SHEPPARD
that evening while Dr. SHEPPARD was attending some kind of a
meeting. [REDACTED] the next day
[REDACTED] received a phone call apparently from this Jewish fellow
and was instructed to "get rid" of Mrs. SHEPPARD's golf bag
which was stored at the club house and the reason would be
explained [REDACTED] later.

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[REDACTED] gathered from [REDACTED] conversation that this Jewish man was black-mailing Mrs. SHEPPARD because of her "running around" and was supposed to receive a payoff from Mrs. SHEPPARD on the night of the murder.

[REDACTED] did not definitely say that the Jewish fellow was responsible for the death of Mrs. SHEPPARD, he did indicate that he knew the identity of the person responsible for her death and that this person was not Mrs. SHEPPARD's husband, Dr. SAM SHEPPARD. [REDACTED] could not recall [REDACTED] mentioning the name of the Jewish man talked about nor could he recall the name of the particular golf course in question.

On August 1, 1956 [REDACTED] had told him on that day that the golf course in question was the Oakwood Golf Course at Bay Village, Ohio. He also stated he had been unable to ascertain the name of the Jewish man mentioned; however, [REDACTED] at the time of the murder but that his present location was unknown.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and Cleveland for information purposes in view of the wide press coverage given to the Dr. SAM SHEPPARD Murder Case.

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Sheppard Lawyers Ask Freedom or New Trial

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 17 (AP)—A six-man team of lawyers representing Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, convicted wife slayer, today pleaded with the Ohio Supreme Court to free the thirty-two-year-old osteopath or grant him a new trial.

The appeal was voiced in a packed courtroom less than a dozen blocks from Ohio Penitentiary where Sheppard is serving a life sentence for the bludgeoning slaying of his wife Marilyn on July 4, 1954.

He was convicted just before Christmas, 1954, following a nine-week trial. Ever since, his attorneys have sought his freedom. A decision on his latest appeal might not come for at least a month.

Arguing Sheppard's cause today was Paul Herbert, former Lieutenant Governor of Ohio. He told the seven-judge court that evidence in the case "did not point unerringly to Sheppard's guilt."

Grounds for Challenge

However, assistant Cuyahoga County prosecutor Saul Danaceau, who presented the state's case, said Sheppard lied all along "to save his own hide."

Mr. Herbert challenged the conviction on grounds that:

1. Court bailiffs in Cleveland (legally permitted jurors to communicate with "outside persons.")
2. Two jurors hear a "vicious" broadcast which said a woman who had been arrested in New York was Sheppard's mistress.

"It was untrue—it was false," Mr. Herbert declared.

3. Judge Edward Blythin, who presided at the original trial, refused to allow the defense to ask whether members of the jury had heard a radio broadcast comparing Sheppard's testimony "with that of Alger Hiss, a traitor to his country."

4. Testimony by experts showed that "a rain of blood" would have hit the killer during the bludgeoning which resulted in thirty wounds. Mr. Herbert said Sheppard had no blood on his trousers, shoes, socks or shorts.

5. Although Mrs. Sheppard had traces of blood and wool fibers under her fingernails, no scratch of any kind was found on Sheppard.

6. Cleveland detectives allegedly failed to explain how two pieces of her teeth were found under her body.

7. There were traces of blood under Mrs. Sheppard's watch which were "not her own or that of the defendant."

Speaking for the state, Mr. Danaceau said: "Mr. Herbert is not bothered by the record—he makes his own." He said Sheppard's "brothers and friends prevented any interrogation (of him) by public officers, as in other cases."

Mr. Danaceau said that Sheppard at first denied having intimate relations with other women including Susan Hayes, a technician in the family-owned hospital. "But when we got proof," he said, "he changed his story."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (63-3206)

DATE: August 23, 1956

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (62-0-13718)

SUBJECT: DR. SAM SHEPPARD MURDER CASE
CLEVELAND, OHIO
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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This is to record the fact that the pertinent contents of Baltimore letter dated August 13, 1956, have been furnished to [redacted] Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, by registered mail on August 23, 1956.

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September 7, 1956

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Canton 9, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

Many thanks for your thoughtful note of August 27, 1956, with enclosures.

Your commendatory remarks concerning the FBI's investigative efforts are deeply appreciated by all of us in this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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FBI
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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NOTE: Editorials enclosed by correspondent have been or are being acknowledged separately. Bufiles reflect [Redacted] previously corresponded with the Bureau concerning the Dr. Samuel Sheppard murder case.

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Canton 9 Ohio
8-27-56

Dear Mr. Hoover:-
Many congratulations to you and your organization. Now if you could just perform the super-human miracle of clearing Dr. Sam, it would be just wonderful. I still do not believe he can be guilty, and I still think Dr. Paul Kirk knew his facts, and he certainly is to be commended on his courage and integrity in doing what he believed right. I have wished a thousand times I had followed my own hunch and mailed my enclosure to the FBI or the Sheppard Family in Sept., of 1954 when I meant to, and had not listened to a certain party.

Honestly I have never prayed so earnestly for people I do not know, and it looks like I will have to keep on doing so for awhile longer. The only thing I hope is that I can last until things are made right for them both.

It isn't necessary that you acknowledge this card, because I know you are very busy, but once again my deepest thanks, I am,

Respectfully yours

[Redacted Signature]

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Joy to You
Sincere Congratulations!
And all
Good Wishes, too!
Here's hoping life
will always be
Especially good
to You!

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The FBI Scores Again

It is little wonder that criminals fear the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Its patience is infinite, its resource amazing. It never gives up, and it gets the criminal it seeks. This was never demonstrated more clearly than in the case of Angelo J. LaMarca, accused of having kidnaped baby Peter Weinberger.

Under the then existing law, since changed, the FBI could not move into the case until a full week had elapsed, the legal assumption being that by this time the kidnaper had crossed a state line, and thus had subjected himself to federal jurisdiction.

Upon entering the case, the FBI set up a temporary field office at Mineola, N.Y., near the kidnaping scene. Agents and laboratory technicians brought up from Washington began examining 75,000 fingerprint cards of persons who had been arrested at one time or another in that vicinity. No results.

Now the FBI had two ransom notes, both handwritten. So they went looking for the handwriting that matched. They examined every type of public record involving original handwriting, such as voting registrations, auto license applications, etc.—more than two million samples!

That was how they came across the signature of Angelo LaMarca. It was on file, with a record of LaMarca's arrest on June 22, 1954, at Islip, N.Y., on a charge of attending an unregistered still—an offense for which he was given a 90-day suspended sentence and put on probation for one year.

At the Mineola field office, FBI laboratory technicians identified the signature as identical with the writing in the ransom notes. Confronted with the evidence, LaMarca told of snatching the baby from its Westbury (N.Y.) home on July 4, and later abandoning the child.

It is fortunate that the changed law will permit the FBI to move in on kidnaping cases almost at once, thus cutting short the period of anguish for parents, and perhaps even saving lives. And it is fortunate for every law-abiding American that we have an organization of such high standing and infinite resource as the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We salute you and your fine staff, Mr. Hoover!

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'Just Plain Drudgery'

The FBI's estimate that two million signatures were examined in the hunt for the writing characteristics in the Weinberger kidnap case before a lead was found is testimony to the unique police service performed by this federal bureau.

No other agency could devote that much effort to a task described as "just plain drudgery." No other agency would have the resources to do a job that could have ended in disappointment as easily as it led to discovery of the one signature in hundreds of thousands which led local police to the perpetrator of a crime that could not safely be written off as unsolved.

Americans never have been sure in their minds of the proper place to draw the line between local and federal responsibility. Yet, the evolution of the FBI police function has made it clear there is no reason to doubt that it takes a combination of local and federal responsibility to deal properly with crimes that entail unusual resources of police skill.

In the states, themselves, this is being recognized by development of state police agencies to help out local police when confronted with crimes too tough for them to handle within their limited resources. A federal agency does the same job at a still higher level. If the FBI did not already exist, it would have to be invented — and no invention could duplicate what has evolved through trial and error.

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[Redacted]

Canton 9, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter and thoughtful birthday card have been received, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your kindness in remembering me on this occasion.

With regard to the matters you mentioned in your letter, I wish to point out, as you were previously advised, that the murder case you referred to does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI, and, therefore, it is not possible for this Bureau to conduct an investigation in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 3:25 PM
DATE 1-9-57

NOTE: [Redacted] wrote the Director 5-13-55 stating her convictions that Dr. Samuel Sheppard, convicted of murdering his wife in Ohio, is innocent of that charge. She requested an FBI investigation to prove his innocence. She was advised by letter from the Director, dated 5-20-55, that the FBI was precluded from conducting any investigation since the matter was not within our jurisdiction. She wrote again in August, 1956, enclosing a commendatory editorial from a local newspaper regarding the solution of the Weinberger case. She again mentioned the Sheppard case and her desire that the Bureau would look into it. (63-3206-X2, 6)

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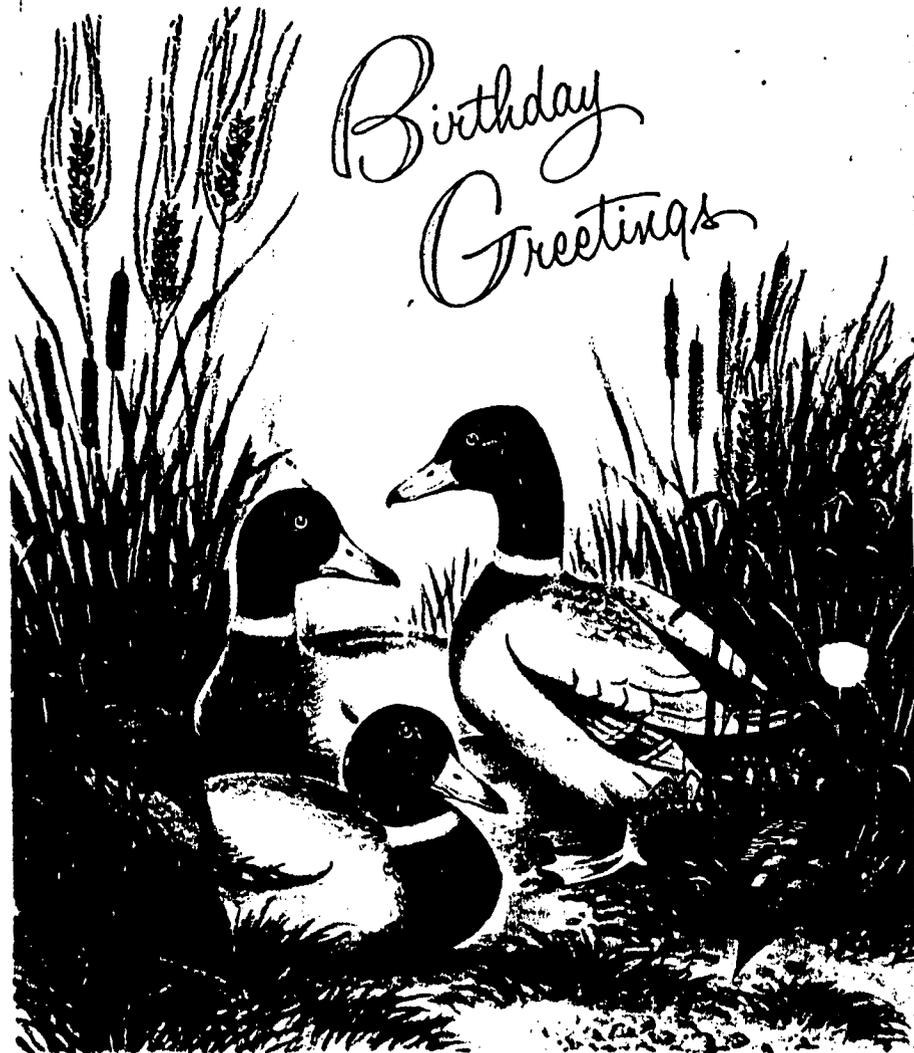
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Greetings*

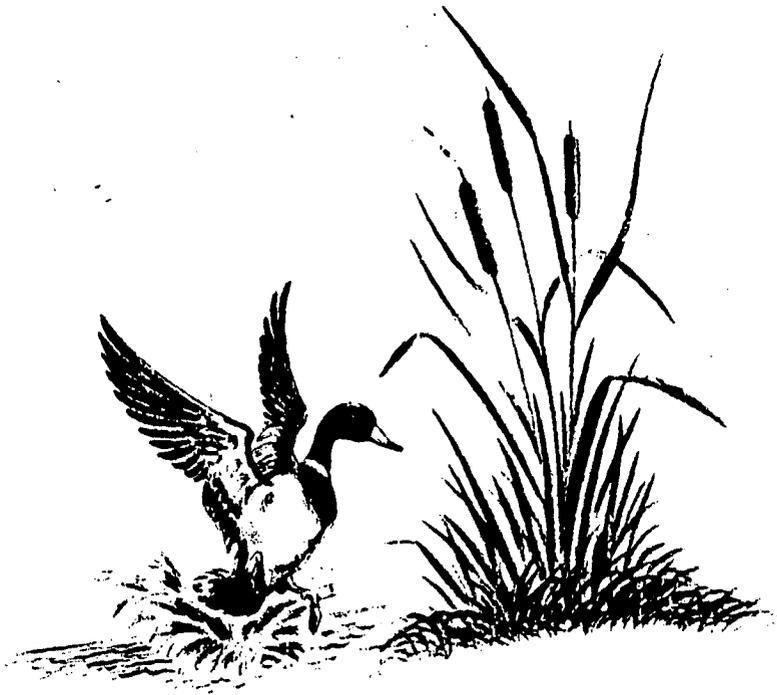


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Hope this birthday is one
you'll enjoy a lot -
In all ways,
your best one of any -
Hope the year will be all
that you wish for and more
And your birthdays
are happy and many



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12-27-56

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Well, I still feel as I did the last time I mentioned the Sheppard Case. I still feel he could be telling the truth.

[REDACTED] was not going to take my nose out of the Sheppard Case until someone in authority tells me I have been all wrong. So you know what I have done, I am enclosing copies of two notes I mailed, the one to Mr. Corrigan will either be mailed when we go to Cleveland 12-28-56, or before Easter.

But you, no doubt, are as tired of hearing me mention it **[REDACTED]**

But I truly hope you have a wonderful birthday and many, many more of them. As we very much need people of the caliber of you and your agents, to help us keep believing in something in this mixed-up, messed-up-and fouled-up world of to-day.

Again my thanks, I am,
Respectfully yours,
[REDACTED]

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12-12-56

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Dear Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Herbert:-
If your last attempt to clear the way for
a new trial for Dr. Sheppard is not
successful, and if your evidence proves
he could be innocent, (and I still
believe he could be telling the truth),
could this suggestion be workable? Since
Mr. Herbert is our next Lt. Governor,
could he not in due time approach the
new governor for an executive pardon or
commute. Then have the Governor have a
private interview with FBI Agent [redacted]
of the Cleveland office, and authorize
them to make a thorough investigation,
which they would do without any fanfare
or publicity. But with the governor
having all the information you have
accumulated, (including mine, privately,
if it has coincided with your new
evidence) he surely would feel inclined
to do what he could, and he certainly
would have the authorization as governor
to O. K. the FBI's entrance into the
case.

This could be asking a lot of a new
governor just taking office, but it is
merely a suggestion, the decision
whether it is a good or bad one, is
up to you as his attorneys.
With the kindest personal regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,
[redacted]

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STRICTLY PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

10/12/56

Well, I have to admit I have missed my morning Plain Dealer, even your articles. Even though I still do not agree with you on the one issue. But I sincerely hope the loss of revenue, especially for The Cleveland Press, has taken care of the excess circulation in the Sheppard case. That is what is known as one type of retribution. But as in so many cases, the tragic part of retribution it hurts the innocent too.

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Sometime, but not now, I would like to have [redacted] answer this pertinent question for me through you. "In his position was it more important that he see that the Freedom of the Press was maintained, or see to it that a human being obtained simple justice?" This last piece of publicity was really a ditzzy, and right before election too. I'll bet it was the weakest clue of the lot. I remarked [redacted] that the publicity in the Sheppard case reminded me of strip coal mining, where they rip open the bowels of the earth, and leave it exposed to the elements. But in the Sheppard case, they just rip peoples lives apart, and care less about its aftermath.

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If I were in the mood to buy you a Christmas present, (which I am not), I would like something I could inscribe this upon it, [REDACTED] the biggest muffer of the century."

[REDACTED] I'll never understand. But how six people could have hallucinations about a bushy haired man is beyond me.

But I do wish you the best of personal regards of the season though, I am,

Sincerely in Xto,
[REDACTED]

P..S.. The enclosed article by David Lawrence might make interesting reading, and since, this is the last on the Sheppard Case, also future reference when my apology should be forthcoming. Even though I might not be around to receive it.

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New Data to Clear Dr. Sheppard Claimed

By Jack Lotto
International News Service

A private detective claimed yesterday he has found three new potential witnesses and proof of the "complete innocence" of convicted wife-slayer Dr. Sam Sheppard.

The New York investigator hired by Sheppard's family, Harold B. Bretnall, asserted that among "significant" new clues he has collected are murdered Marilyn Sheppard's red bedroom slippers and "a small blue-bordered stained towel."

The sensational murder case took a new twist on the third anniversary of the July 4, 1954 bludgeon murder in Sheppard's home in Bay Village, Ohio.

Bretnall, former Senate Crime Committee investigator, said he has evidence that the murder victim left her home between midnight and 3 a. m. when she was killed by 27 blows on the head.

A scientific analysis of the soles of the slippers, Bretnall declared, shows that such a post-midnight journey was made.

Bretnall, one-time UNRRA investigator, insisted that a fragment of tooth found under the murder bed and never identified supports his con-

...tion that someone else committed the crime.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Saul Danaceau scoffed at Bretnall's suggestions.

He said he doubted whether the pregnant woman left the house or that the three new witnesses had anything of value to offer.

Despite his disbelief, however, Danaceau said his office would be willing to check out "anything of significance."

Dr. Sam's oldest brother, Dr. Richard Sheppard, indicated that for the time being the family is now pinning its hopes of clearing Sam on investigators such as Bretnall.

Dr. Sam, now serving a life sentence, has claimed a "bushy-haired" intruder beat his wife to death and then knocked him unconscious in two battles in the darkness.

The United States Supreme Court last November refused to intervene in the case.

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Flaws in 'Sheppard Case' Confession Are Cited

DELAND, Fla., July 19 (AP) — Donald J. Wedler has confessed a crime similar to the slaying of Mrs. Samuel Sheppard in Cleveland three years ago, but officers here and in Cleveland say they aren't convinced.

Wedler, a good-looking blond youth awaiting trial for escape from a State prison camp, told Sheriff Rodney Thursby he hit a woman on the head with an iron pipe a couple of times while he was ransacking her bedroom in an expensive home at Deland in July, 1954.

Mrs. Sheppard was bludgeoned to death July 4, 1954, and her husband is serving a life term for the slaying. He maintained an intruder killed his wife and grappled with him.

Sheriff Thursby said Wedler signed a three-page statement about his life, including the Cleveland incident.

Wanted to Discuss Case

"I don't know the authenticity of his story," the sheriff said yesterday. "All we know is this man wanted to talk about it."

Capt. David E. Kerr of the Homicide Bureau at Cleveland said he placed no credence in Wedler's confession. Thomas Murphy, detective inspector there, also discounted it, but said he would ask for a copy of the statement.

Among the discrepancies between Wedler's account and details of the crime is that he is 5 feet 11 and blond, while Dr. Sheppard said the man he grappled with was large and had dark hair.

Cleveland police said Mrs. Sheppard was hit 35 times. Wedler said he struck two or three times. Mrs. Sheppard's bedroom was not ransacked, police said. Wedler said he was going through a dresser when the woman stirred and he hit her.

He said he ran into a man on the stairs, hit him once with the pipe and left. Dr. Sheppard said he was knocked out twice in fighting the intruder.

Born in D. C. in 1933

Wedler said he was born in Washington, D. C., October 23, 1933, lied about his age and got in the Army at the age of 13. He said he served two years, got out and then was sent to the Maryland Reformatory for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Later, he said, he was in the Air Force and roamed around the country.

Wedler was arrested at Tampa, September 6, 1954, nine minutes after he snatched a pickup note to a restaurant



DONALD J. WEDLER

AP Wirephoto

waitress. He was convicted on a charge of robbery and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Records show that he twice escaped from a road camp this year. He is awaiting trial on the second escape at Deland.

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Confession Raises Doubts

**New Lie Test for Felon
 In Mrs. Sheppard Death**

DELAND, Fla., July 18 (AP)—A bushy-haired convict who said he killed a woman in Cleveland about the time of the Sheppard murder case underwent a new series of lie-detector tests today after earlier tests indicated he might have been telling the truth.

Mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner, whose "Court of Last Resort" sponsored the tests, wired Gov. C. William O'Neill of Ohio that twenty-three-year old Donald J. Wedler was telling the truth when he admitted the slaying. The Court of Last Resort is a non-profit organization of legal and literary experts.

But the lie-detector expert who gave the test, Alex Gregory, of Detroit, said he was not satisfied with a three-hour session last night with Wedler, twenty-fifth self-styled "slayer" of Marilyn Sheppard, whose husband, Dr. Sam Sheppard, is serving a life term for her murder.

In Columbus, Ohio, Lt. Gov. Paul M. Herbert, who was one of Dr. Sheppard's attorneys, said he would advise the osteo-

path's family to "seriously consider" filing murder charges against Wedler.

Gov. O'Neill refused comment on the telegram. In Los Angeles, Mr. Gardner booked passage on a midnight flight to Florida to assist in the investigation.

However, in Berkeley, Calif., Dr. Paul Kirk, criminologist and key defense consultant in Sheppard's trial, said Wedler was a "poor possibility" as a suspect. He said the fact that Wedler is left-handed "is interesting" because the blows that killed Mrs. Sheppard "would have had to be struck by a left-handed man."

But he said the killer was familiar with the layout of the Sheppard home and was "probably acquainted with the family." Dr. Kirk said he still believed Sheppard, who is right-handed, is innocent.

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(SNEPPARD)

DELAND, FLA.--TWO ATTORNEYS OBTAINED A SIGNED MURDER CONFESSION FROM A FLORIDA CONVICT TODAY WHICH THEY WILL USE TO TRY TO FREE DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD FROM A LIFE PRISON SENTENCE FOR THE SLAYING OF HIS WIFE IN 1934.

THE ATTORNEYS, WILLIAM CORRIGAN AND FRED CARRONE, LEFT DELAND FOR CLEVELAND, OHIO, HOPING THE CONFESSION BY DONALD J. WEBLER WILL GIVE THEM A LEGAL WAY TO REOPEN THE CELEBRATED CASE.

THE TWO ATTORNEYS WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THEIR NEXT MOVE AT THIS TIME. CORRIGAN SAID HE PLANS TO CALL A CONFERENCE OF ALL ATTORNEYS CONNECTED WITH DR. SAN'S DEFENSE TO PLAN THE LEGAL STRATEGY THEY HOPE WILL FREE THE CLEVELAND OSTEOPATH.

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Sheppard Asks Ohio Court For Freedom

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 14 (UPI).—Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard today asked the Ohio Su-

pre Court to order his release from the Ohio Penitentiary where he is in term for the murder of his wife, Marilyn, in 1954.



He asked the court for his immediate re-

lease on a writ of habeas corpus in a petition filed by his attorneys, William J. Corrigan, Fred W. Gammone and Arthur W. Petersilge, all of Cleveland. The attorneys said in the petition that Cuyahoga County authorities at Cleveland where Sheppard was convicted had concealed evidence that would have been beneficial to Sheppard.

The osteopath was found guilty of second degree murder on Dec. 21, 1954, for the bludgeoning-slaying of his wife on Independence Day of that year. The Ohio Supreme Court was expected to set a hearing on the new petition next month. The court previously upheld the conviction and the United States Supreme refused to review the case.

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Sheppard Files New Motion *A2*

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 29 (UPI) — Attorneys for Dr. Samuel Sheppard today filed a motion with the Ohio Supreme Court to add three items to the record of the convicted wife-slayer's appeal for release from prison on a writ of habeas corpus.

Sheppard's attorneys have indicated they were setting the legal stage for an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Sheppard, an osteopath in Cleveland's suburban Bay Village, was sentenced to life in the July 4, 1954, bludgeon-murder of his wife, Marilyn.

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To: SAC, Cleveland.

REC-7 From: Director, FBI (63-3206) - 8

DR. SAM SHEPPARD
MURDER CASE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

A letter has been received [redacted] with an envelope postmarked from Sandusky, Ohio. No street address was given on the letter or envelope and a copy of his letter is attached for your information. It is noted that he claims to know Special Agent [redacted] at Sandusky, Ohio. Also, you will note that he requests that no correspondence be sent to him and the Bureau is not answering his letter directly.

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The writer of this letter may be identifiable with [redacted] mentioned in urlet of 3/4/52, Cleveland

File No. [redacted]

MAILED 10
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COMM-FBI

Unless there is some reason to the contrary, not apparent from his letter, have an experienced Agent, possibly SA [redacted] contact [redacted] and explain that his letter has been received in the Bureau concerning the Dr. Sam Sheppard case. Advise [redacted] that the Bureau had no investigative jurisdiction in this case and since it was entirely a local matter, there is nothing that the Bureau can do

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**Airtel to Cleveland
DR. SAM SHEPPARD
MURDER CASE
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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concerning his suggestions. Unless your office has some information which would indicate to the contrary, you may wish to suggest [REDACTED] if he has any new information in the Sheppard case, that he might wish to take it up with the proper state officials.

Advise.

November 2, 1959.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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NOV 3 1959

Dear Mr. Hoover,

SUBJECT:

Dr. Sam Sheppard Murder Case-Cuyahoga County

Some time before Dr. Sheppard went on trial at Cuyahoga County Court House I received information which was from a source that has been very reliable that Mrs. Sheppard was killed by a left handed man- not her husband.

Quite some time later a criminologist from California was called in by Defense Council. He stated that it was his opinion the beating was administered by a left handed person.

Months later I spotted a driver for Shinrock Elevator, Shinrock, Ohio who fitted the description of a man witnesses claimed to have seen near Sheppard home about time of killing. This man was both right and left handed. I was sure I had seen the picture of this man on an old flyer. a long time before. This information I turned over to [redacted]

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[redacted] This man was picked up and I was informed was a fugitive and returned to Florida. I understand He is the one who made an admission regarding the case.

At the time of the trial, on advice of counsel, Dr. Sheppard refused to take a polygraph test. Later, I understand that the authorities refused to let Him do so.

Several of us feel that the conviction was largely due to biased newspaper reporting and the apparent pressure that arose for a conviction.

We believe, if that man and Florida is willing, both He and Dr. Sheppard should receive poly tests.

Is there anything the U. S. Dept. of Justice can do? I never knew Dr. Sheppard or any of His relatives but I do believe there may have been a miscarriage of Justice.

No correspondence please. Your resident Agent [redacted] Sandusky, Ohio knows me.

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Respectfully,

[Redacted signature and handwritten notes]

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Quaintel 11/2/59 [Handwritten initials]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (63-3206)

DATE: December 15, 1959

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (62-1430)

SUBJECT: DR. SAM SHEPPARD
MURDER CASE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

per

Re Bureau letter, dated 11/5/59.

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On December 7, 1959, [redacted] Milan, Ohio, was contacted by SA [redacted] concerning the letter he wrote to the Bureau. He admitted writing this letter and said the only information he had about the SHEPPARD case he learned from reading the newspapers.

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The Bureau's jurisdiction in matters of this kind was explained [redacted] and it was suggested in the event any new information comes to his attention he take it up with the proper state officials.

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To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI

DR. SAM SHEPPARD
MURDER CASE
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated 1-30-61 which was referred to my attention by the Attorney General on 2-7-61. The writer of this communication, [redacted] Cleveland 5, Ohio, is not identifiable in Bufiles and this letter is not being answered.

If correspondent is unknown to your office, establish his mental status through brief, discreet inquiries limited to public sources and established contacts, insuring that he not become aware of such inquiries. Thereafter, unless reason develops to the contrary, he should be contacted by two mature and experienced Agents and admonished relative to the statements he has made concerning the Bureau. The substance of any other specifics he furnishes should thereafter be made orally and immediately available to proper state officials investigating the Sheppard case. Forward background and the results of your contact, if one is made, your reply to reach the Bureau no later than 2-13-61.

MAILED 10
FEB 8 1961
COMM-FBI

Enclosures (2) *Killed in Cleveland advised dated 2-10-61*
Follow-up made for 2-13-61

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NOTE: Correspondent is making reference to the case in which Dr. Sam Sheppard was convicted of the murder of his wife in 1955 in Cleveland, Ohio. Sheppard's chief defense attorney was William J. Corrigan. The Bureau did not investigate the case but information coming to our attention has been forwarded to state officials through the Cleveland Office in the past.

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No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent [redacted] correspondent's name does not appear in the local telephone directory.

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Date: 2-10-61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (62-1430)
RE: DR. SAM SHEPPARD
MURDER CASE RESEARCH
CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS

Card made
[Redacted]
3-7-61
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ReBuairtel to CV, 2-8-61.

On 2-10-61, [Redacted]
CV State Hospital, 4455 Turney Rd., CV, Ohio, advised that

[Redacted] advised that [Redacted] is able to communicate he would not suggest interviewing him as this might possibly stimulate [Redacted] to direct further letters to the Attorney General regarding the SAM SHEPPARD case. He also advised that he will attempt to have [Redacted] letter writing closely watched so that similar letters will not again be directed to the Attorney General.

UACB, the CV office will not interview [Redacted] in order to admonish him relative to the statements concerning the Bureau, and in addition, the information furnished in his letter regarding the SHEPPARD case is not being furnished to the CV PD.

Accordingly, this matter is considered closed.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Approved: E. E. H. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. AD-7
(Ed. 2-10-56)

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PLEASE
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Cleveland, Ohio

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TRUE COPY

Jan 30, 1961

Dear Sir:

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I am writing you this letter because I would like Dr. Sam Sheppard release. I and somelse by the name of [redacted] kill Sheppard the evidence are a poker, T-Shirt, and blood sample found on Sheppard watch, plus the murder weapon that [redacted] knows other that know that we kill Sheppard wife are [redacted] J. Edar Hoover has knowledge of this information but he has been insane for 34 Months because he wants treason, proof not a sign paper by him, without forging his name in Washington D. C. Please help me, he holds my Child in kidnaping for this he gets blow jobs from the Child. He also Rape the Pope. (died) If you don't believe me have J. Edgar Hoover see you in person.

Your truly

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/s/

[redacted signature]

Cleveland 5, Ohio

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Jan 30, 1961

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you this letter because I would like Dr. Sam Sheppard release, I and someone by the name of [REDACTED] kill Sheppard the evidence are a paper T shirt, and blood sample found on Sheppard watch, plus the murder weapon that [REDACTED] knows other that [REDACTED] know that we kill Sheppard wife are [REDACTED] J. Edgar Hoover has knowledge of this information but he has been insane for 34 months because he wants treason, not a sign paper by him, without forging his name in Washington, DC. Please help me, he has a child in kidnaping for this
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he gets blow jobs from the
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If you don't believe me have
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Your truly



Cleveland, Ohio

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MY PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THIS MAN & OUR
CONVERSATIONS HAVE MADE HIM MY PRIME
SUSPECT,

A. - REASONS - ASIDE FROM MEETING [REDACTED]
IN THE AREA WHERE THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED

I DISCOVERED WAS TAILING ME.

[REDACTED] HE PROBABLY ASSUMES I WAS A [REDACTED]

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C. - REASONS - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], IN SHORT AS IT TURNS
THEY HAVE BEEN TAILING ME.

D. - REASONS - [REDACTED] RELATES HE KNOWS
THE SHEPARD & IS SURE SAM COMMITTED
THE CRIME [THERE IS NO PROOF - SAM WAS
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[REDACTED]

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Re your routing slip 5/13/65. Attached is copy of the decision of the U. S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, dated 5/5/65 pertaining to SAMUEL H. SHEPPARD vs E. L. MAXWELL.

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