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1 Saudi Arabian government would have its flag flying the high
2 seas, and at the time that all of this is going on they are
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
11 track.

12 Mr. Maheu. Well, I'm sorry I am so verbose.

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
18 days, there were fifty newspapers. I mean, the big circulation
19 in those days, big circulation in Rome was 20,000. It's hard
20 for us to visualize that.

21 Senator Huddleston. **The CIA supplied the money to buy**
22 **the newspaper?**

23 Mr. Maheu. Yes.

24 Can we go off the record?

25 Senator Schweiker. Yes.

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1 1960.

2 Mr. Madigan. It was sometime after you had begun in '54
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
12 States, were you involved in any assignment for the CIA with
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~~
17 ~~CIA that this leader would be in need of female companions and~~
18 ~~that the government was very much concerned that the type of~~
19 ~~women that would be secured for him might eventually be very~~
20 ~~destructive to the national security of the United States~~
21 ~~government unless said women had been cleared by local police~~
22 ~~departments in several of the cities in which he was scheduled~~
23 ~~to travel.~~

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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1 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. According to your understanding, Mr. Maheu,
10 of the project that you were involved in with the State
11 Department in providing the women to this foreign leader in the
12 various cities starting from New York and going through the
13 other cities he stayed at, do you believe the women that were
14 sent over to his hotel were prostitutes?

15 Mr. Maheu. That they may have been, yes.

16 Mr. Madigan. And you did participate under instructions
17 of the government, to send these women over to his hotel or to
18 make them available to him at his hotel, not knowing what
19 happened after they got to the hotel?

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 travelling with
25 you from city to city, your recollection is that one may have

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1 he made a trip to Russia. [REDACTED] our inputs were to the extent that
2 [REDACTED] brought back from Russia with him an attractive Russian
3 agent, and that his philosophies relative to the United States
4 began to change appreciably and that the security of the United
5 States was in great jeopardy as a result of whatever influence
6 this female agent was able to have upon him.

7 Mr. Madigan. As a result of that, what assignment did you
8 receive, if any, from the CIA?

9 Mr. Maheu. [REDACTED] As a result, I was asked, if -- well, as a
10 result I was provided with pictures reflecting the quarters,
11 allegedly reflecting the quarters to which she was assigned
12 during his trip to Russia, photographs of the female agent,
13 and I was asked if I could find some contacts in Los Angeles
14 who could produce a set resembling the headquarters reflected
15 on the pictures, a woman who looked like the female agent, a
16 male who looked like the leader, and take some pictures,
17 subsequently showing them together within the confines of the
18 alleged headquarters.

19 Mr. Madigan. Did you recruit anybody to be in this?

20 [REDACTED]

21 Mr. Maheu. Yes, I did.

22 Mr. Madigan. Who was that?

23 Mr. Maheu. I recruited a man who was working for me in
24 Tucson, Arizona by the name of Charles Kays, a female agent
25 who was known to -- I mean a female who was known to the law

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1 Mr. Maheu. I don't recall, but my recollection is ~~she~~
 2 was highly respected by the law enforcement authorities.
 3 Whether ~~she~~ was an informant for them or what the relationship
 4 was, I don't know.

5 Mr. Madigan. ~~So you produced one film? One film,~~
 6 ~~camister as a result of this, movie film?~~

7 Mr. Maheu. Very short.

8 Mr. Madigan. ~~Did you make any still photographs of~~
 9 ~~anything like that?~~

10 Mr. Maheu. No, I did not.

11 Mr. Madigan. ~~And then you turned the film over to the~~
 12 ~~CIA?~~

13 Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

14 Mr. Madigan. And thereafter do you know what happened
 15 ~~to it?~~

16 Mr. Maheu. No, I do not.

17 Mr. Madigan. Were you told what was going to be done
 18 ~~with it?~~

19 Mr. Maheu. ~~I was told that the stills would be distributed~~
 20 ~~in the country of the leader in an attempt to embarrass him,~~
 21 ~~and hopefully as a result remove what was considered to be a~~
 22 ~~very serious threat to the national security of our country.~~

23 Mr. Madigan. Were you ever familiar with the project names
 24 that were attached to these assignments by the CIA?

25 Mr. Maheu. Not that I recollect, no.

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1 Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection that I was asked.

2 Mr. Madigan. Do you know who that person was?

3 Mr. Maheu. I do not recall the name.

4 Mr. Madigan. You indicated that your recollection was
5 that there was some ~~embarrassment later on with regard to this~~
6 ~~leader~~

7 Mr. Maheu. ~~I was subsequently told that after a subsequent~~
8 ~~date after having taken this person with him to his country~~
9 ~~there was some embarrassment because it turned out that the~~
10 ~~leader was from an Arabic country and that the young starlet~~
11 ~~was of Jewish extraction.~~

12 Mr. Madigan. Was your assignment in that regard solely
13 ~~to set up the one party?~~ was that the end of it?

14 Mr. Maheu. That is my recollection of it, yes.

15 Mr. Madigan. Did you have any other assignments with
16 regard to that Leader "B"?

17 Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection.

18 Mr. Madigan. Did you have any other assignments with
19 regard to Leader "A"?

20 Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection that I did.

21 Mr. Madigan. Did you undertake any other Agency assignments
22 with regard to any other leader of any other country?

23 Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection that I did.

24 Mr. Madigan. ~~Does the name Susan Cabot mean anything to~~
25 ~~you with regard to that assignment in Los Angeles?~~

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1 an employee who was working in [REDACTED] at some point in their
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 [REDACTED]
10 with regard to that cover arrangement? [REDACTED]

11 Mr. Maheu. I don't recall. My recollection is that the
12 guy's name was [REDACTED] but I don't recall
13 the name [REDACTED]. Perhaps he was placed on the payroll as
14 [REDACTED] but I don't recall.

15 Mr. Madigan. You did not address him as [REDACTED]

16 Mr. Maheu. No, not to my recollection.

17 Mr. Madigan. What was he supposed to be doing in [REDACTED]
18 do you know?

19 Mr. Maheu. Covertly or overtly?

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 [REDACTED]

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