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Maheu was told he would receive \$35 per day or \$17.50 per half day when his time was involved. He volunteered to place someone in the Middle East for about one year and also noted that he had two men on a training mission in the Dominican Republic.

In September 1956, Maheu told his contact in the Office of Security that he had been approached to consider performing some investigative work for the Dominican Republic. He was asked to report fully to the Office of Security in the event he did travel to the Dominican Republic, [REDACTED] Trujillo was informed on the matter (See Tab 3).

According to a report in Maheu's file of an FBI interview with Allan F. Hughes, an associate of Maheu during this period, Hughes, Maheu, and John Joseph Frank were involved in selling a quantity of electronic and X-ray detection equipment to the Dominicans in 1955-1956. Hughes told the FBI that he visited the U. S. Embassy in Ciudad Trujillo in 1956 when he traveled to the Dominican Republic to install the X-ray detection equipment. During that visit, he reportedly informed the U. S. Ambassador that Maheu had kept CIA fully informed of the equipment transaction with the Dominicans before and after its sale. In October 1957, a dispatch from Ciudad Trujillo transmitted information concerning Maheu which the Dominican Government had passed to US officials in an apparent attempt to quash proceedings against Maheu's sometime associate, John Joseph Frank. Frank, a Washington, D. C., attorney whose activities on behalf of the Dominican Republic were under investigation, was indicted on 13 May 1957

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for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. Frank may have been the source of the information passed by the Dominicans which alleged that Maheu had been involved in violation of the Mann Act with the tacit approval of the Department of State. Maheu's involvement in the Niarchos-Onassis matter was also included in the Dominican material (See Tab 2).

Mr. Maheu contacted the Office of Security at this time to advise that the Mann Act allegations were without foundation and stated that he would take steps immediately to have his attorney see that appropriate Dominican officials would retract the charges. This was subsequently done. Edward Bennett Williams acted as Maheu's lawyer in this matter.

[REDACTED] n June of 1957

two DDP officers contacted the Director of Security and outlined a project wherein they envisioned a [REDACTED]

~~the ruler.~~ In July of 1957, Robert Maheu was given this assign-

ment. He used a trusted male employee of his organization (since deceased) and the employee's fiance. [redacted]

[redacted]

was taken, only Maheu and the two participants were in the studio. The project known as "Happy Days," was never completed and the film was not distributed.

Files of this Office reflect that during the 1958-1959 period, DDP officers were put in touch with Maheu by the Office of Security for assistance in another operation relating to the

[redacted] This project was originated in May 1958 when DDP officers initially contacted the Director of Security and briefed him on the project. Basically, the project [redacted]

[redacted] Robert Maheu was given the

[redacted]

[redacted] In August of 1958, the plan was concurred in by the DDP Chief of Operations and

the DCI.

In September of 1958, Maheu and a CIA officer of the Office of Security met with the attorney in New York City. The attorney was briefed on Agency interest in the matter. [redacted]

[redacted]

Records of the Office of Security do not reflect any of the

[redacted] during the course of her mission. ~~It is known~~

[redacted]

[redacted] Consequently, the purpose of the mission was not fulfilled. [redacted]

[redacted]

A negative

[redacted] response was given.

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In June of 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] Maheu had been hired by a union leader as a consultant for his Union. [redacted]

[redacted] On 7 October 1959, a covert security approval was granted for Maheu's use in the United States. [redacted]

[redacted] to the United States is set forth in

Tab 4.

In August 1963, Maheu was contacted in Los Angeles by a Cover and Commercial Staff (CCS) officer for the purpose of re-establishing communication regarding CCS interests after an undetermined lag in such communications. The report of that contact is contained in Tab 6.

From 1964 to 1966, Maheu furnished public relations cover for an Agency officer in contact with Soviet Bloc officials in this country.

In 1966 information was received by the Agency indicating that the Senate Administrative Practices Subcommittee, under the