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am not too far off in what I am about to tell you. The contract was structured in such a way that as the bottoms of other companies became obsolete, they could only be replaced with Onassis' tankers. Even ARAMCO had to, by attrition, within a period of four-and-a-half to five-and-a-half years, would have, if their tankers became obsolete, they could only be replaced by Onassis tankers.

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

While this analysis is going on, we also found that a million dollar pay-off had been made to one of the top ministers in Saudi Arabia and we had the evidence

in other words, contrary to what a lot of people believe that they can't be broken, even in these days, they were broken and we had the evidence with all of the documentation.

We then prepared our inputs and presented them to the
National Security Council --

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Mr. Maheu. -- of the United States, and within a matter, I believe, of forty-eight hours, our State Department denounced the agreement. It was the first time that anyone had actually seen what this meant, and frankly, there was an innate fear that with the initial $17 million, then there would be no way of stopping, I mean, he might go to Venezuela and do the same thing, and there were also other inputs about the background of Mr. Onassis that I would just as soon not make a matter of record, but they were not too favorable, that we presented to the National Security Council verbally but not in writing.

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old King Saud. had spent time in the country as a mining engineer to help them in the exploitation of mines. It was in fact that the old king gave the power of attorney to come to the United States government or come back to the United States and try to form a consortium for the exploitation of oil from which emanated ARAMCO.

was the type of man who was only reimbursed for his expenses. I think his total expenses were slightly in excess of $8,000. He didn't even keep the banking and percentage for himself, or a piece of the action, so to speak, and he was highly, highly loved by the Saudis and although the old king was then gone and King Saud, the son, was in power, had the same respect and reverence from the present leaders as he did from the father and I convinced that -- he already had a clearance, a satisfactory clearance, and I convinced him to precede me to Saudi Arabia to try to lay the groundwork.

Senator Schweiker. What year was this, roughly?

Mr. Maheu. This, I believe, was in '54 or '55, yes.

Anyway, I finally ended up going to Saudi Arabia, having a meeting with the King's confidential assistant, presenting all of this evidence, frankly at the time not knowing if the King himself had a piece of the action --

Senator Huddleston. Had some of this evidence come from the wiretap?
Mr. Maheu. That tap was entirely unproductive, entirely unproductive.

Senator Schweiker. What happened then at your meeting?

Mr. Maheu. Well, it's very interesting, if we could take a little time, I mean, I was scheduled to have the meeting "with the King," but he doesn't show, he stays somewhere else and the confidential assistant shows up and one trusted minister that he had with present.

And my meeting was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. one night, and this happened to be the last day that the King was supposed to be in Jidda, he was then leaving for the capital further inland, Jidda being the only major port in Saudi where he spends his summers, and they were having a big parade for him, and from the balcony of the hotel, I'm watching the parade go by, and finally the King's car comes and he is arm and arm with the man on whom I'm going to give the evidence that night, and I frankly was not too comfortable, particularly in view of the fact that in those days -- and I don't know whether it has changed, but in Saudi, the same document did not give you permission to enter and leave; you had to make application for an exit visa after you arrived, and I was in constant contact with the then-United States Ambassador. He made it very clear that the government approved of everything I was doing, but if something went wrong they could not come to my rescue, I would have to be the fall guy, and I was prepared to do it. That was
Saudi Arabian government would have its flag flying the high seas, and at the time that all of this is going on they are building what then, upon completion of production, had been the biggest tanker in the world at that time, a ship named after the old King, a tanker which was scheduled to go and take a maiden flight and take off, and it turned out the biggest problem that we had was to find a save-face gimmick. But finally the whole thing was accomplished, and it took two and a half years to do it.

Senator Schweiker. I didn't mean to get you off the track.

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

Senator Huddleston. You said you bought a paper in Athens? You mean by that you actually bought the paper or just paid them to run the story?

Mr. Maheu. We bought a newspaper.

You'll have to understand, Senator, that in Rome, in those days, there were fifty newspapers. I mean, the big circulation in those days, big circulation in Rome was 20,000. It's hard for us to visualize that.

Senator Huddleston.

Mr. Maheu. Yes.

Can we go off the record?

Senator Schweiker. Yes.
Mr. Liebengood. Was this listening post that you referred to, was that a project that was related to work for the Central Intelligence Agency?

Mr. Maheu. I don't believe it was.

Mr. Madigan. Did you have any New York assignments other than Onassis that you gave to Frank?

Mr. Maheu. I don't remember any.

Mr. Madigan. How about [redacted] I may have asked you that yesterday. Do you recall whether he had any relationship with your company during the 1950's?

Mr. Maheu. I don't remember a [redacted]

Mr. Madigan. A CIA employee.

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall his name.

Mr. Madigan. I got sidetracked off of my question of whether you recall a prosecution or an investigation of the Onassis wiretap. You may have already have answered that.

Mr. Maheu. I think I did, yes.

Mr. Madigan. What did you say?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I appeared before a Grand Jury that was investigating Mr. Frank on another matter.

Mr. Madigan. On another matter, but you had no recollection of any investigation of that particular tap?

Mr. Maheu. No, I don't.
Mr. Madigan. Either an investigation of you or Frank or Leone or anyone?

Mr. Maheu. No, I don't.

Mr. Madigan. No interviews by the FBI?

Mr. Maheu. It's conceivable, but I don't remember it.

Mr. Madigan. You don't remember it?

Mr. Maheu. No.

Mr. Madigan. Let's go off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Madigan. Did there come a time when you were asked by the Central Intelligence Agency to be involved in a project which would involve sending a woman by the name of over to a foreign country?

Mr. Maheu. Yes, sir.

Mr. Madigan. And what were you asked to do with regard to that?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I was asked to find a woman, preferably from Los Angeles, who would agree to go to a foreign country and under some pretext try to meet the leader of the country and hopefully change his basic philosophy which at the time were thought to be detrimental to the United States, and that they were very, as a result, very seriously jeopardizing the national security of the government of the United States.

Mr. Madigan. Did you find such a woman?
Mr. Maheu. Yes, I did.

Mr. Madigan. And did the Agency sponsor her trip overseas?

Mr. Maheu. I placed her in touch with a representative of the CIA. He made certain commitments, financial commitments to her. With the completion of the assignment, she claimed that she had additional funds coming to her with which I paid out of my own pocket, so that I guess a more accurate way of saying it is that the Agency and I sponsored her trip.

Mr. Madigan. Did she ever see to meet the foreign leader whom we will call A?

Mr. Maheu. I do not have any recollection.

Mr. Madigan. You don't know whether she did or she didn't?

Mr. Maheu. I don't have any recollection.

Mr. Madigan. Do you know how long she was gone?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that she was gone for several months.

Mr. Madigan. And this person is the woman I referred to earlier by the name of . . . is that right?

Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

Mr. Madigan. Now can you date that assignment as sometime in 1956 or '57, does that sound about right, or do you have any recollection of what year it was?

Mr. Maheu. I don't have any recollection. It was before
1960.

Mr. Madigan. It was sometime after you had begun in '54
with your Agency operation?

Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

Mr. Madigan. Or your sponsorship?

Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

Mr. Madigan. Subsequently, did this Leader "A" come to
the United States to your knowledge after this?

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall whether he came subsequently or
prior to.

Mr. Madigan. When the same leader did come to the United
States, were you involved in any assignment for the CIA with
regard to his presence in the country?

Mr. Maheu. Yes, I was.

Mr. Madigan. And what was that assignment?

Mr. Maheu. I was told by the State Department and the
that the government was very much concerned that the type of
women that would be secured for him might eventually be very
destructive to the national security of the United States
government unless said women had been cleared by local police
departments in several of the cities in which he was scheduled
to travel.

Mr. Madigan. Who was the Agency representative that gave
you this assignment? Did you go through Mr. O'Connell, or was
it someone different?

Mr. Maheu. This request emanated from, directly from the State Department.

Mr. Madigan. Who in the State Department?

Mr. Maheu. Mr. Scott McCloud, who was then Director of the Office of Security and Consular Affairs.

Mr. Madigan. Was it coordinated with the CIA, or was this strictly between yourself and the State Department?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that the CIA was kept apprised, however that the coordination was with the State Department, in connection with the security that was being provided for this leader during his visit to the United States.

Mr. Madigan. Did you meet with the State Department or CIA people or both in New York City when the leader arrived there?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I met with Security Personnel of the State Department.

Mr. Madigan. What did you do in New York for this assignment?

(Pause)

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.

Mr. Madigan. And did you meet with the New York police with regard to the assignment?

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.

Mr. Madigan. Did you obtain or send over any females over
Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.

Mr. Madigan. Do you recall telling me yesterday that you did send girls over there?

Mr. Maheu. No, I don't.

Mr. Madigan. Did you travel from New York to any other city with this leader?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I did.

Mr. Madigan. What occurred when you arrived at the other cities?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I contacted the security representatives of the State Department.

Mr. Madigan. And after you contacted the security representatives, what were you supposed to do in these other cities?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I, through local Police Department officials or law enforcement officials, made certain that the women who would gain access to the leader's suite were such that they would not be a security risk insofar as the national security of our government was concerned.

Mr. Madigan. Were these women that would not be a security risk the women the police department had some relationship with?

Mr. Maheu. I don't know what you mean by relationship.

Mr. Madigan.
Mr. Madigan. You indicated in our discussion yesterday that the women that were allowed access, as you put it, to this leader "A" were to be women that the police would have some control over so that they would not be a possibility of a later blackmail problem with the United States government, is that not correct?

Mr. Maheu. That is my recollection, yes.

Mr. Madigan. Did you participate in sending these women or providing these women over to the hotel where the leader was staying?

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.

Mr. Madigan. Do you recall telling me yesterday that you did?

Mr. Maheu. No, I do not.

Mr. Madigan. Do you recall telling me yesterday when I asked you whether someone had travelled from city to city, you indicated that you thought maybe one did, but you weren't sure about how many others.

Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

Mr. Madigan. How many cities did you visit during the trip that this Leader "A" made?

Mr. Maheu. Several cities.

Mr. Madigan. How were the women that were provided known to you or represented to you as prostitutes in any of these cities?
Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.

Mr. Madigan. Do you recall telling me yesterday that they were?

Mr. Maheu. Do you recall yesterday identifying the leader?

Mr. Madigan. I do.

Let's go off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Madigan. According to your understanding, Mr. Maheu, of the project that you were involved in,

In providing the women to this foreign leader in the various cities starting from New York and going through the other cities he stayed at, do you believe the women that were sent over to his hotel were prostitutes?

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

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

Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

Mr. Madigan. And that occurred in New York and the other cities that he stayed at while he was in the United States?

Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

Mr. Madigan. And as far as these women travelling with you from city to city, your recollection is that one may have...
Mr. Maheu. No.

Mr. Madigan. But you did not bring a crowd of six or seven.

Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection that any woman travelled with me, may have travelled independently, but I have no recollection of being on the same plane with any of these people.

Mr. Madigan. You think may have traveled from city to city, or four or five?

Mr. Maheu. One may have gone to one further city. That is the best of my recollection.

Mr. Madigan. And the others that were provided in each city were sort of local, so that they could be controlled more or less, by the local police?

Mr. Maheu. That's my recollection.

Mr. Madigan. Is that the theory of the project?

Mr. Maheu. That's my recollection.

Mr. Madigan. Now with regard to this same leader did you ever receive an assignment from the CIA to produce any film with regard to him?

Mr. Maheu. Yes, I did.

Mr. Madigan. Do you remember when that assignment was in terms of whether it was before or after this visit to the United States?

Mr. Maheu. Subsequent to his visit to the United States
he made a trip to Russia. Our ship[s] were to the effect that
he brought back from Russia with him an attractive
Russian
agent, and that his philosophies relative to the United States
began to change appreciably and that the security of the United
States was in great jeopardy. As a result of whatever influence
this female-agent was able to have upon him,

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

Mr. Maheu. As a result, I was asked, well, as a
result I was provided with pictures reflecting the quarters,
allegedly reflecting the quarters to which she was assigned.
During his trip to Russia, photographs of the female agent
and I was asked if I could find some contacts in Los Angeles
who could produce a set resembling the headquarters reflected
in the pictures, a woman who looked like the female agent, a
man who looked like the leader, and take some pictures,
subsequently showing them together within the confines of the
alleged headquarters.

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

Mr. Maheu. Yes, I did.

Mr. Madigan. Who was that?

Mr. Maheu. I recruited a man who was working for me in
Tucson, Arizona by the name of [redacted] a female agent
who was known to -- I mean a female who was known to the Law
Mr. Madigan. Did the CIA provide the set for that, or did you do the background and all that business making it look like it was in Moscow?

Mr. Maheu. The CIA provided me with photographs, and I secured the services of a person in Los Angeles who has in the industry on behalf of the CIA.

Mr. Madigan. Was that Bautzer?

Mr. Maheu. No, sir.

Mr. Madigan. Who was that?

Mr. Maheu. First I discussed the matter with Howard Hughes and he recommended that I contact Mr. Larry Crosby, which I did.

Mr. Madigan. Did Hughes have to approve your being involved in this?

Mr. Maheu. I am not sure he had to approve. I was just seeking his advice.

Mr. Madigan. You were more or less just telling him about it?
Mr. Maheu. I beg your pardon?

Mr. Madigan. You were just telling him about it?

Mr. Maheu. No, Mr. Hughes had been in the industry, he had been in movie studios, I thought he could be helpful to this contract.

Mr. Madigan. Did you deal with O'Connell with regard to this contract or with somebody else?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that I dealt with Mr. O'Connell and Colonel Edwards.

Mr. Madigan. Colonel Edwards?

Mr. Maheu... I really don't remember. The one and only time I have been near in my life.

Mr. Madigan. Could this film have been described as a pornographic film, or was it something less than that?

Mr. Maheu. By today's technology, I would say definitely no.

Mr. Madigan. You say this woman was known to the law enforcement authorities. Did she suspect by yourself to be a prostitute?

Mr. Maheu... Not at all.

Mr. Madigan. Not at all?

Mr. Maheu. Not at all.

Mr. Madigan. She has just an actress of some kind.
Mr. Maheu. I don't recall, but my recollection is she was highly respected by the law enforcement authorities. Whether she was an informant for them or what the relationship was, I don't know.

Mr. Madigan. So you produced one film? One filmcame as a result of this movie film?

Mr. Maheu. Very short.

Mr. Madigan. Did you take any still photographs or anything like that?

Mr. Maheu. No, I did not.

Mr. Madigan. That is correct.

Mr. Madigan. And thereafter do you know what happened

Mr. Maheu. No, I do not.

Mr. Madigan. Were you told what was going to be done

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

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

Mr. Maheu. Not that I recollect, no.
Mr. Madigan. Did you ever hear of project Happy Days?

Mr. Maheu. No.

Mr. Madigan. Or Project Harp Star?

Mr. Maheu. No.

Mr. Madigan. Or Project Norfok?

Mr. Maheu. No.

Mr. Madigan. Did you have an occasion to receive an assignment from the CIA with regard to the leader of another foreign country, whom we will refer to as Leader "B"?

Mr. Maheu. Yes, sir.

Mr. Madigan. What was your assignment in that regard?

Mr. Maheu. I was told that said leader would be visiting, that he was enthralled with our culture and asked if I could find someone to have a party, preferably in a private home with a reasonably large attendance on his behalf during his trip.

Mr. Madigan. And who did you contact with regard to that?

Mr. Maheu. I contacted Mr. Gregson Bautzer.

Mr. Madigan. Is that B-a-u-t-z-e-r?

Mr. Maheu. B-a-u-t-z-e-r, a Hollywood attorney.

Mr. Madigan. And did he hold the party that you refer to?

Mr. Maheu. Yes, he did.

Mr. Madigan. Was part of your assignment to line up a woman who was to try and associate herself with this leader?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that the intent was to
Mr. Madigan. So your understanding was to have a number of people available at the party, that's all. Not to have anyone:

Mr. Maheu. To have the party, period.

Mr. Madigan. Not to introduce one to him?

Mr. Maheu. That is correct.

I did not go to the party. I do not know who all was there. I do recall that there were quite a few people present.

And again, my recollection is that since this particular leader was enthralled with Hollywood that the intent was to have present people who — with whom he would have an opportunity to converse concerning his interests in the movie industry, and the making of movies, and talk to not only stars, but I believe that some men stars were also invited to the party.

Mr. Madigan. As a result of the party, did the leader associate himself with one particular female?

Mr. Maheu. I was subsequently told that as a result of the — having met a young starlet at the party, that her subsequently invited her to spend time with him in his country.

Mr. Madigan. Are you even aware to be involved in providing a house for him to stay at with this particular female?
Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection that I was asked.

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

Mr. Maheu. I do not recall the name.

Mr. Madigan. You indicated that your recollection was that there was some embarrassment later on with regard to this female.

Mr. Maheu. I was subsequently told that after a subsequent date after he had taken this person with him to his country there was some embarrassment because it turned out that the leader was from and that the young lady...

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

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

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

Mr. Maheu. I have no recollection.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Madigan. Does the name mean anything to you with regard to that assignment in
Mr. Maheu. That name is familiar, yes, now that you mention it.

Mr. Madigan. Do you think she might have been the person?

Mr. Maheu. I think she might have been, yes.

Mr. Madigan. Did you contact Howard Hughes with regard to that assignment?

Mr. Maheu. No, I did not. However, Mr. Bautzer was, in those days, Mr. Hughes' personal attorney.

Mr. Madigan. Would you date that assignment as being around 1959?

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall. It was before 1960, but that would sound approximately right.

Mr. Madigan. Did you ever have your office in Washington used for cover purposes by the CIA?

Mr. Maheu. Yes, I have.

Mr. Madigan. Do you know on how many occasions?

Mr. Maheu. On several occasions.

Mr. Madigan. Do you know what the purpose of the agent that would be using it for cover was?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that my role was limited simply to fund their income. In other words, they would be on the payroll of Robert A. Maheu Associates and that I would be reimbursed the exact amount of their payroll.

As to the specific assignments, I have no recollection.

Mr. Madigan. What types of duties would they have for
an employee who was working in at some point in their career?

Mr. Maheu. Yes, we did.

Mr. Madigan. Would you recall that to be around 1968, or do you have a specific recollection?

Mr. Maheu. It would be about that time.

Mr. Madigan. About that time.

Mr. Maheu. Yes.

Mr. Madigan. And did you ever hear of the name with regard to that cover arrangement?

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall. My recollection is that the guy's name was but I don't recall the name Perhaps he was placed on the payroll as but I don't recall.

Mr. Madigan. You did not address him as

Mr. Maheu. No, not to my recollection.

Mr. Madigan. What was he supposed to be doing in do you know?

Mr. Maheu. Covertly or overtly?

Mr. Madigan. Both.

Let's start with covertly.

Mr. Maheu. Covertly he was -- he had an assignment from the Agency which I don't know. Overtly he was an employee of Robert A. Maheu Associates trying to exploit the possibility of business ventures in the country
Mr. Madigan. You have no inclination or no feeling at all for what his assignment was?

Mr. Maheu. No, I do not.

Mr. Madigan. In covert terms whether it was an espionage assignment or whether it was a PR kind of assignment? No idea?

Mr. Maheu. I don't know.

Mr. Madigan. Was there ever an island involved with that assignment to your knowledge?

Mr. Maheu. Not to my knowledge or recollection.

Mr. Madigan. You never heard of an island called have you?

Mr. Maheu. Not to my recollection.

Mr. Madigan. During the 1960's did you employ a fellow by the name of Jack Buckley? We may have discussed this before.

Mr. Maheu. I believe that from time to time a Jack Buckley did work for Robert A. Maheu Associates. I don't believe he was an employee.

Mr. Madigan. Would he be on a kind of an intermittent contract basis like Frank was? You would use him every once in awhile?

Mr. Maheu. My recollection is that he did some work for Robert A. Maheu Associates and, as I say, not an employee.

Mr. Madigan. Do you know what types of assignments he did?
Mr. Liebengood. Mr. Mort Jackson?

Mr. Maheu. I don't remember his name.

Mr. Madigan. Mort Jackson being an attorney --

Mr. Liebengood. -- in Los Angeles.

Mr. Al Long of the Secret Service?

Mr. Maheu. Don't remember his name.

Mr. Liebengood. Formerly of the Central
Intelligence Agency, a resident of Florida.

Mr. Maheu. Don't remember his name.

Mr. Liebengood. James McCord?

Mr. Maheu. Only what I saw in the newspapers.

Mr. Liebengood. But you had no dealings with him while
you were in Washington?

Mr. Maheu. Not to my recollection.

Mr. Madigan. Just briefly, in that regard, we discussed
yesterday whether you had any recollection of Mr. McCord
being involved -- or at least I think we discussed it -- in any
either sweeping of your office or electronic equipment or
using of your office as a listening post or anything like that?

Mr. Maheu. I don't remember.

Mr. Madigan. And your indication was you didn't have
any recollection?

Mr. Maheu. No.
payroll, and for the second time I was turned down by Mr. Hughes. I believe it was in September of 1969 that I finally called Mr. Meier in and requested his resignation and then I informed Mr. Hughes that he had resigned.

After the departure of Mr. Meier, while going through his files, Mr. Ellson ran into some documents that indicated some very serious double escrows on mining properties and we recommended to Mr. Hughes that all the information be made available to the authorities and let the chips fall where they may.

Mr. Liebengood. Do you know why Mr. Hughes was not inclined to follow your recommendations with regards to Meier's termination at earlier dates?

Mr. Maheu. He was afraid that Meier would embarrass him. At least, that is what he told me.

Mr. Liebengood. You are aware of no CIA interest in Meier?

Mr. Maheu. The only thing I know is that Meier was cut in on the cover of and was aware of that operation.

Mr. Liebengood. How did that come about? How was he cut in on that?

Mr. Maheu. Because it was he who initially had worked on a deal for a venture in Mexico on the part of Hughes Aircraft for cable television and subsequent to -- well, when that
collapsed, the person who was to be the partner of Hughes Aircraft in that particular venture threatened to sue Howard Hughes and all of the Hughes interest for non-fulfillment of contract, and I made a recommendation to that person whose name slips my mind, but I believe his last name was Jamie, J-a-m-i-e or something like that, I don't recall. But to try to discourage him from filing such a lawsuit I suggested that he and I put up $10,000 in and check into the possibility of developing business there.

I put up my ten, he never put his up, and Meier was the one who was involved. But when the Agency needed a cover for an assignment in Meier was made privy of this by the Agency.

Mr. Liebengood. Just to be certain I understand, this was because of Meier's role in reestablishing the operation in Is that correct?

Mr. Maheu. Well, of trying to save the lawsuit, yes. That's right.

Mr. Liebengood. And you think the name of this would-be partner was Jamie?

Mr. Maheu. I don't remember whether that was the first name or last name.

Mr. Liebengood. How did whatever way do you spell his last name, do you recall?

Mr. Maheu. I don't recall.
Mr. Liebengood. Do you know who accompanied Meier and F. Donald Nixon on this trip to the Dominican Republic, the celebrated trip?

Mr. Maheu. No, I do not.

Mr. Liebengood. As far as you know, they had nothing to do with any Agency interest in that?

Mr. Maheu. No, sir, not as far as I know.

As a matter of fact, it's my recollection I found out about this afterwards.

Mr. Liebengood. Who else was witting of the cover arrangements that you had with the Agency through Robert A. Maheu Associates? You mentioned Meier and this particular one. Did you have other employees who were witting of the cover?

Mr. Maheu. I believe Bill Staton was aware of some of it.

Mr. Liebengood. And did he keep your books?

Mr. Maheu. Yes.

Mr. Liebengood. And outside of the... Meier was not witting of any other cover arrangements, I take it?

Mr. Maheu. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Liebengood. Do you recall who the other personnel were through the years that obtained Robert A. Maheu Associates cover for the Agency?

Mr. Maheu. I don't.