

1 Next witness called, Officer Harry Hansen.

2 Q Do you solemnly swear that all the statements that you are
3 about to make before this Committee of the Whole of the Los
4 Angeles County Grand Jury, will be the truth, the whole truth
and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

5 A I do.

6 Q Take the stand. Your name is Harry Hansen?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q You are a member of the Los Angeles Police Department?

9 A I am.

10 Q Been such for how many years?

11 A 23 years and 11 months.

12 Q And you have worked most of the details of the Los Angeles
13 Police Department at one time or the other?

14 A At one time or another I have.

15 Q What is your present assignment?

16 A I am attached to the Homicide Division of the Detective Bureau.

17 Q And with what rank, sir?

18 A Sergeant.

19 Q And how long have you been on Homicide?

20 A Since May 1 of 1943.

21 Q Prior to that what was your detail?

22 A Immediately prior to that I was uniformed Sergeant at
23 Central Division, on January 1st of 1943 until May 1st of '43.

24 Q Now, in the course of your work on Homicide, had you
25 participated in the investigation into the death of Elizabeth
Short, the murder of Elizabeth Short?

26 A I have.

27 Q About when did the matter of that investigation come first
28 to you?

29 A On the morning of January 15, 1947.

30 Q And in that connection you were one of the officers who
31 participated in the circumstances of viewing the physical
32 condition and what-have-you?

33 A I was.

34 Q Now, this Jury at this time is engaged in a review, we might
35 call it, of the records and information of the Los Angeles

1 Police Department regarding suspects in that matter, with
2 particular attention to such evidence as has been procured
3 and gathered or might be obtained, concerning the following
4 persons as being connected or not connected with the murder of
5 one Elizabeth Short, one Leslie Dillon, two, and/or Mark Hansen,
6 three, and/or Henry Huber Hoffman, and the fourth might be Cleo
7 Short, who is the father of Elizabeth Short. Now we are paying
8 attention, as I say, the material in hand or what could be
9 done in connection with an investigation that would determine
10 whether or not any of those persons should be charged with that
11 crime. And will you, therefor, directing your thoughts along
12 those lines, tell us what you have done and what you have
13 discovered in those respects?

14 A I recognize the name of Dillon, I recognize the name Cleo
15 Short, but I do not recognize the name of Hoffman.

16 Q Henry Huber Hoffman, for your information, is the man who
17 operated the motel at 2901 S. Flower Street at the time when the
18 murder occurred. During that period of time, and for some
19 months afterwards, some little while afterwards.

20 A I did not participate in that phase of the investigation.

21 Q All right, if you can, and as far as Mark Hansen, had you made
22 any inquiry and investigation with respect to his connections?

23 A Yes sir.

24 Q Then you can touch here to us upon Leslie Dillon....

25 A Right.

26 Q Cleo Short, Mark Hansen. Go ahead and do that for us and
27 start at the beginning of your contacts with any of those
28 investigations?

29 A Well, I think perhaps it might be well to take them in order.
30 The first of the three was Mark Hansen, first time I had ever
31 seen Mark Hansen, he came into the office of the Homicide
32 Division located Room 42 of the City Hall, and he was accompanied
33 by a woman by the name of Ann Toth. And the initial phase of
34 the investigation the name was confused, Ann Toth, was confused
35 with Ann Todd.

36 Q There has been publicity about Ann Todd?

37 A That's right, motion picture actress.

38 Q And this was about what time, with regard to the date of the
39 murder?

40 A I wouldn't remember exactly, but it was shortly after the body
41 was found, which was on the 15th of January.

42 Q In a couple or three days?

43 A Yes, I would say that.

1 Q So here to your offices, the offices of your squad, came
2 Mark Hansen and Ann Toth?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q All right now.

4 A They were questioned as to their knowledge of the actions, so
forth of Elizabeth Short.

5 Q It was introduced to you by Ann Toth, having reference to
6 Ann Toth being the friend of Elizabeth Short?

6 A Was not Ann Todd, was Ann Toth.

7 Q Go ahead.

8 A They were both questioned in our office, I believe, as I
9 recall, most of the questioning was done by Capt. Donahugh, who,
10 at that time, was in charge of the division. I did not
11 participate too much in the questioning of the two at that time,
12 however, Mark Hansen's name was connected with the case in this
13 way. Later on, I might say, when the effects of Elizabeth Short
14 came into our possession, there was a small memo book, little
15 note book, and on the face of that in gold letters, I believe,
16 appeared the name of Mark Hansen.

17 Q That did come by virtue of the fact a postal inspector had
18 intercepted in the mail addressed to the newspapers?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And had been delivered by the inspectors of the Postal
21 Department to the Police Department, and it had thus come into
22 your hands?

23 A That's correct. I merely related that to show what the
24 connection was between Mark Hansen. It developed then that
25 Mark Hansen had known the victim, Elizabeth Short, for some
26 period of time. She had even stayed at his house, Ann Toth
also lived at Mark Hansen's house, which is located on Carlos
Street, I believe, 6000 block on Carlos Street in Hollywood.
From questioning Mark Hansen and Ann Toth as to Elizabeth Short's
activities, her associates and so forth, we learned that the
victim had gone to San Diego and that it was shortly, I believe
it was shortly before Christmas of 1946, at any rate, we learned
that she had been staying with a family by the name of French in
San Diego. Mrs. French and her daughter came to Los Angeles
voluntarily and offered what information they had. It was
through them that we learned how the victim, Elizabeth Short,
left San Diego, she came to Los Angeles with a man, later
identified, as a result of our investigation, as Robert ^Manley.
He was a salesman, I believe, he owed a Studebaker automobile.
They left San Diego, I believe it was on the 8th of January.
If my memory serves me correctly, they stayed in a motel enroute
to Los Angeles, they came on into Los Angeles the next day,

1 which would be January 9th. They left her baggage at the
2 Greyhound Bus Depot, the victim then, Elizabeth Short, then
3 asked Mr. Manley to take her to the Biltmore Hotel. I believe
4 he told us that she said she was going to meet her sister from
5 Berkley, her name, I believe was Ocean, rather peculiar name,
6 the file, if you have the file here, would bear that out.

7 Q Was the name West?

8 A That's the name, Ocean West. I remarked about it at the time
9 that it was an unusual name. He dropped her at the Biltmore
10 about 5:30, I believe, 5:30 or 6 o'clock, and that was the
11 last time that she was seen by anyone that we know of. We have
12 never been able to find anyone that saw the victim after Robert
13 Manley dropped her at the Biltmore Hotel at--on the 8th day of
14 January. She was next seen when she was found.

15 Q In other words, you found somebody that remembered having seen
16 that girl?

17 A Well, it wasn't too definite, you know how an identification
18 is, some people can look at a picture, "Yes, I think I saw her,
19 I'm quite sure I did."

20 Q Well, it was quite strongly indicated that the girl had been
21 seen around the hotel?

22 A Manley definitely dropped her at the hotel.

23 Q There was a partial identification at least, that that girl
24 had been observed loitering about the hotel?

25 A That's correct.

26 Q All right, go ahead in your own way.

27 A Now, I saw Mark Hansen on numerous occasions after that, and
28 usually in the presence of Sgt. Brown, F. A. Brown, who was
29 my partner at that time. As part of our investigative
30 technique, we decided that one of us should rough him. In other
31 words, make yourself hated by him, that was me, that's the part
32 I took.

33 Q And the other fellow was to sooth you?

34 A That's right.

35 Q Gets sympathy and confidence?

36 A Yes, I'm sure various members of this body are acquainted
37 with that type of investigative technique.

38 Q Well, I don't believe members of the Jury are, but I know
39 exactly what you mean. Go ahead.

40 A Well, as to Dillon, I don't have the dates, but my attention
41 was first called to Mr. Dillon.....

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1 Q Have you finished with Hansen?

2 A Yes, I'm going--I'm just going over roughly right now.

3 Q While Hansen was talking with you about the matter, did
4 Hansen mention anything about having received a telephone call
5 from Beth Short, Elizabeth Short?

6 A Yes, he did, he received a call from her wanting to know
7 if she could come back and stay there, that she was broke,
8 and I believe, he wanted to send her some money. I'll tell
9 you frankly, ladies and gentlemen, we have talked to so many
10 people, so many people, and so many times that it would be
11 humanly impossible for anyone to remember the exact conversations,
12 however, everything is in file.

13 Q Well now, I think you are aware, because of the fact that
14 the Police Chief issued the orders and you have probably known,
15 going around the Department, we have gone through those files
16 completely, we have gone through your reports and the reports
17 of all the officers that are in the Department, but we appreciate
18 the opportunity to have you develop your own ideas in regard
19 to the investigation on these suspects, that you may supplement
20 those reports of something that might be of value, we are not
21 going to hold you to a word by word evaluation of those reports?

22 A Thank you. It's impossible to remember.

23 Q But you do remember about having received the call from
24 Elizabeth Short, wanting money and wanted to get back up here
25 in town?

26 A That's correct.

27 Q Had you told us about all Hansen said about the girl having
28 been there, remember, did he tell you that time having asked
29 the girl to leave on one occasion, he had been gone for a while
30 and she was dumped on his porch after she got back from San
Diego?

31 A Yes, I think in his own words, "She's a little tramp. I
32 didn't want her there, and I told her to leave."

33 Q Do you remember the fact that she got on to his porch, about
34 2 o'clock in the morning after he had had her depart previously?
35 A Yes, she came back, she had no place to stay, he felt sorry
36 for her, so he took her in again.

37 Q And kept her there for about three weeks, let her stay there?
38 A Just about.

39 Q What did Ann Toth have to say about this conversation of
40 the girl, her movements and so forth, and her friends and
41 acquaintances, as far as you can remember?

42 A Well, she said that she never went out with Elizabeth Short,

1 in other words, they didn't double date, they didn't run
2 around socially, together, but she said that she did have lots
3 of dates, she went out with this one and that one, and there
4 was no steady, you might say, no steady boyfriend.

5 Q All right, you have completed your substance of your
6 reaction as to Hansen?

7 A Yes, that's the highlights on Hansen.

8 Q Well, give us the highlights on the next situation, which
9 would be one of the two.

10 A Next one Dillon.

11 Q Tell us about that.

12 A The first I knew there was a person by the name of Dillon,
13 I received a phone call at home, I believe I was on a day off,
14 I received a phone call at home from Capt. Kearney, who was
15 at that time in charge of the Homicide Division. Captain
16 Kearney says, "How soon can you get downtown?" I says, "Why,
17 what's up?" Well, he says, "Something pretty hot, how soon can
18 you get down?" So I says, "Well, just as soon as I can get
19 cleaned up, change clothes and drive down." He says, "Come on."
20 I met Capt. Kearney, and he told me that there was a man in
21 custody of our officers by the name of Leslie Dillon, and it
22 was felt that he was a pretty good suspect in the case, that he
23 apparently knew something about it.

24 Q Now, about as close as you can, fix the day, when was that?

25 A I can fix the date in this way, it was the same date that
26 Dillon was booked at Highland Park Station.

27 Q And that would have been the 10th of January, according to
28 my recollection?

29 A The 10th of January, if the records so show, that's when it
30 was, I was told...

31 Q That was the first date, January 10, 1949, that you ever
32 heard of Dillon?

33 A That's correct.

34 Q And you got downtown as you told us?

35 A Capt. Kearney said he was in custody of our officers, and
36 he was being brought to Los Angeles, from up north. I believe
37 he had been to San Francisco, that's hearsay on my part, I
38 didn't know. However, I was instructed to go to Highland Park
39 Station and there await the arrival of officers from our
40 Department who had Dillon in custody. Sgt. Brown was also
41 called at home by Capt. Kearney and told to get down as soon as
42 he could. He came down, and I went to Highland Park Station
43 and waited there and at about 2:30, as I recall, in the afternoon,

1 Officers Case and Keller, I believe, came into the station
2 with a man I later learned to be Leslie Dillon. He was booked
3 at Highland Park Station, booked Suspicion of Murder, 187 of
4 the Penal Code, and after he was booked and fingerprinted,
5 according to instructions, I took him to Chief Horral's office
6 in the City Hall. Various members of the press were there,
7 photographers and so forth, they took pictures and after that
we took Dillon out to the Police Academy. He was questioned
until about 3 o'clock the next morning, present at that time were
Deputy Chief Bradley, who at that time was Deputy Chief in
charge of the Detective Bureau, Inspector Hugh Farnum, Capt.
Kearney, Dr. DeRiver, DDA John Barnes, Sgt. Brown and myself.
And a reporter was present taking down the conversation, I
wouldn't be sure on that, frankly I don't remember.

8 Q Just to keep us all oriented, we have a 54 page statement
9 reputedly taken at that time by a statement reporter, in
which various of you men were--principally Barnes, but the rest
10 of you men intermittently questioned this fellow?
A That's right, most of the questioning was done by Mr. Barnes.

11 Q Go ahead.

12 A We returned Mr. Dillon to Highland Park Station, we went out
13 again the next day and got him, took him back to the Academy,
14 and there we questioned him further, exhaustedly, you might
say, and after a convergence with DDA John Barnes, it was the
15 opinion that there was not sufficient evidence to obtain a
complaint, much less to prosecute the man. As a result he
was released from custody the next morning.

16 Q That was just prior to the fact...

17 A Just prior to the time that a writ was returnable in Superior
Court, the writ was returnable 1:45, and I think he was released
at 11 or 11:30, if my memory serves me correctly.

18 Q Okay.

19 A That's all I know about Dillon.

20 Q GRAND JUROR: Could you tell us who asked for that writ
and who he was contacted...?

21 A I don't know, not of my own knowledge.

22 Q MR. VEITCH: Well, to clear up something, see if I'm right
on this, folks, as I recall, he had thrown a postal card out of
the window directed to the newspapers, asking for an attorney
and for help. Saul Bernard showed up as his attorney, got a
writ of habeas corpus, returnable on this, as the officer
stated to us.

23 Q GRAND JUROR: Thrown out of a window, I have never been able
24 to tie down where the window was located, where the card was
thrown out of. I'm sure we would all like to know that.

1 Q MR. VEITCH: I forget which it was, it's in DeRiver's
2 statement, he was being kept in a hotel, they had him in some
3 hotel. It seems to me it's the Alexandria.

4 A I heard that he had thrown a card out of the window, and it
5 was scuttlebut, as we say, that the Examiner had gotten this
6 attorney and now that Mr. Veitch mentions Bernard, I do recall
7 that that was the attorney's name, and he did get a writ.

8 Q GRAND JUROR: But the writ was not necessary because the
9 complaint was refused prior to that.

10 Q MR. VEITCH: Well, in any event, if that writ was coming
11 up, the decision had to be made quickly, otherwise you defend
12 against the writ. Go ahead.

13 A That's the extent of my personal knowledge of Dillon,
14 that's all the contact that I had with Dillon.

15 Q Your contacts consisted of these conversations to which
16 you have referred?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q You did not make field work investigation of Dillon's
19 location, whereabouts and movements in and around Los Angeles?

20 A I did not.

21 Q GRAND JUROR: I'd like to ask a question there, Mr. Hansen.
22 Did you form any opinion or would you be willing to state any
23 opinion to the Jury that you might have formed after this
24 third degree on Dillon?

25 A Yes, I actually felt in my own mind that the man had no
26 connection with the murder. Had I felt that there was any
connection, more investigation would have been conducted on our
part.

Q Sgt., who is in charge of the general investigation of the
Elizabeth Short case?

A In charge of the general investigation?

Q Seeing you had nothing to do with field investigation, and
you only came into the picture on office inquiries.

A I made many field investigations, we interviewed scores of
people, associates and so forth of the victim's, we talked to
a great number of people, but in this particular instance, in
the Dillon instance, I knew nothing about Dillon until Capt.
Kearney called me and told me what they had. We merely took
over the questioning to determine whether or not this was
sufficient evidence to obtain a complaint and enter into a
prosecution.

1 Q MR. VEITCH: Had there been other suspects considered?
2 You said you hadn't heard anything about Dillon, but had you
3 been giving consideration to other suspects?

4 A As a matter of fact, there has been 19 confessions and
5 18 confessors, I believe that number is correct.

6 Q Beyond that, there were many, many person who were open
7 to legitimate suspicions with some basic reason for being
8 considered the culprit?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q I believe our investigation showed something over 300.

11 A In our files everyone was a suspect that had any connection
12 with her at all, and we had to eliminate them.

13 Q Mainly other sex perverts?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q GRAND JUROR: What would be the procedure, what could you
16 have done to have retained him or gone on with the investigation?

17 A Well, we could have continued, in other words, in a murder
18 investigation, it is more difficult to disprove a false
19 confession than it is to prove a case. Mr. Veitch will tell
20 you that. In other words, if a person comes in and confesses
21 that they had done something, that they committed a murder,
22 we have to do a whole lot more leg work, as we call it, to
23 disprove that. We can't just say, "Well, as long as you have
24 confessed, all right, let's go to court." You have to have
25 evidence.

26 Q MR. VEITCH: At the moment, the man had already been arrested
27 before the investigation was complete. You have to make a move
28 there, you either had to confess in open court to the writ,
29 or you had to go in court, in open court and fight the writ
30 because you had filed a complaint, or you had to beat the writ
31 to it so you wouldn't have to make a statement in court of your
32 belief concerning it. Those are the three things that would
33 confront you as a policy matter.

34 A As a policy matter that always confronts us.

35 Q GRAND JUROR: I mean about his statement, he believed the
36 man had nothing to do with the case, if he thought the man
37 had been guilty, something would have happened. I asked you
38 what would have been the procedure, what next move on your
39 part?

40 A We would still have continued to check on him, and try to
41 put him in Los Angeles, especially, between the dates of January
42 9th and January 15th. That would be the prime purpose of our
43 investigation, to put him in Los Angeles. In other words, if
44 he was in Los Angeles between those dates, then he would be a

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1 logical suspect, if, of course, we can show that he knew the
2 victim.

3 Q You didn't feel that was necessary?

4 A No, we felt that we had established he was in San Francisco.

5 Q Sgt. Hansen, you stated you had considerable field work, did
6 you ever hear of a motel at 2901 S. Flower?

7 A No sir, I did not, that's during the time that I was on the
8 investigation.

9 Q MR. VEITCH: That came up, we'll tell you, after that
10 investigation came up after Dillon's existence had been
11 disclosed?

12 A I believe so.

13 Q Well, I'll tell you that the records show that.

14 A I don't know, I only heard.

15 Q Well, when a man is arrested and then dismissed, as far as
16 policy, the man has been appraised by now that he is a suspect,
17 when he's arrested, he knows of course, he's told what he's
18 arrested for. The regular policy of the Department should be
19 in a major case of that sort, not to put yourself up against the
20 point of the defendant's gun by making an arrest prematurely,
21 isn't that true?

22 A That's always true, we always try to make a case before we
23 arrest the man.

24 Q Until you are ready to stand on it in court?

25 A That's right. It must be in order to have a successful
26 prosecution.

27 Q GRAND JUROR: In reaching your conclusion on this suspect,
28 it was because that you felt that he had established an alibi,
29 not being here at the time the crime was committed?

30 A Well, he proved to our satisfaction that he was in San
31 Francisco.

32 Q You mean to our satisfaction or to your satisfaction?

33 A Well, we all discussed it, Mr. Barnes, the Chief, Capt.
34 Kearney...

35 Q Are you familiar with the DeRiver's report?

36 A No sir, I'm not, I have never seen it nor had I discussed
37 it with anyone.

38 Q That was not presented in at that time?

39 A Dr. DeRiver wasn't present if I understand your question,
40 correctly, he wasn't present all during this questioning, we were
41 there several hours. Dr. DeRiver was there a portion of the

1 time, I'd say, oh, maybe two or three hours, maybe more.

2 Q Well, the records show that DeRiver's matter come up much
3 later, his correspondence with Dillon was much later.

4 Q Was he interrogated as to whether he knew Mark Hansen?

5 A You mean Leslie Dillon? I don't know, I mean I don't
6 remember if the reporter took a statement, question and answer
7 statement, I'm sure that statement would reveal that fact. I'm
8 sure that was covered, naturally it would be.

9 Q Sgt. Hansen, at the time of this third degree of Mr. Dillon,
10 did you have any knowledge of the background of Leslie Dillon
11 at that time?

12 A Just what do you mean, background?

13 Q Whether or not he had been a law abiding citizen, whether
14 he had run afoul of the law, the character of the man, the
15 character or reputation or anything favorable?

16 A We only knew what we were told by Dr. DeRiver, Dr. DeRiver
17 explained how Dillon first came to his attention, and his
18 behavior in certain statements that he had made while he was
19 in the custody of these other officers.

20 Q Mr. Foreman, I wondered if Mr. Hamner didn't make a mistake
21 the way he lead up this question, he meant in questioning,
22 instead of third degree, that doesn't sound good in any report.

23 Q Strike third degree and put it question.

24 A That's a term that's kicked around pretty freely, that sort
25 of police work is not condoned.

26 Q How's he checked up, that is, Dillon, as to his whereabouts
27 in San Francisco at the time of the 15th of January?

28 A He gave us...

29 Q Just took his word?

30 A He gave us addresses where he lived, hotels where he lived at,
31 the room number, he gave us the dates of employment at avarious
32 hotels, third and fourth class hotels in San Francisco where
33 he worked as a bellhop, or possibly as a relief night clerk.

34 Q Was that checked on?

35 A Yes sir, it was.

36 Q Completed investigation?

37 A Yes, it was.

38 Q Sgt. Hansen, you stated that on a number of occasions you
39 met with Mark Hansen, was he ever represented by counsel in

1 these conferences that you had with him?

2 A No, he never brought an attorney with him or never insisted
3 on one being present. I mean he always gave me the impression
4 that he wanted to cooperate and assist us in any way he possibly
5 could.

6 Q Did you ever make the statement on occasions, one or more
7 occasions, to the effect that in your opinion you thought Mark
8 Hansen knew the answer to all this?

9 A Did I make that statement? Not to my knowledge, I don't
10 ever remember having ever made such a statement.

11 Q Had you ever had that opinion?

12 A No.

13 Q Had you had any opinion of this case, as to who the guilty
14 party might be, I'd like to know, the Jury is merely after
15 information.

16 A You're asking for an opinion now, I'd be glad to give you my
17 opinion.

18 Q I'd like to raise this question right here, Sgt. Hansen
19 had started out to tell of his knowledge and information regarding
20 certain suspects, and you have covered two and there is still
21 two more.

22 Q I want to ask another question, when Dr. DeRivers in agreement
23 with the rest of you that there was no case against Dillon?

24 A I don't believe we asked Dr. DeRiver for his opinion on that
25 because, after all, he's not a law enforcement officer, he's
26 a medical man.

27 Q What is his connection with the Department?

28 A Psychiatry, he's a psychiatrist.

29 Q MR. VEITCH: I can answer that for you, he's a full time
30 civil employee of the Department, his rating is that of
31 psychiatrist, created in 1936, that position was created, he's
32 a civil service full time employee of the City, civil employee
33 like a stenographer or a civil employee would be in the Police
34 Department.

35 Q GRAND JUROR: So as a psychiatrist, he's not entitled to
36 an opinion.

37 Q Had you finished with Hansen or is there something more to
38 finish with Hansen?

39 A No, I don't know anything more.

40 Q Then you have made no investigation about Huber Hoffman, not
41 prepared to say anything about him, but you do know about the man
42 Cleo Short?

1 A Yes. We located the father of the victim, Elizabeth Short.
2 Found him to be a man by the name of Cleo, he had an apartment
3 I believe on Mariposa, the file....

4 Q MR. VEITCH: 1020 Kingsley, is the record we have on file.
5 A That's right, South Kingsley Drive. We went up there and
6 first time we ever saw him, we knocked and knocked and knocked
7 on the door, and finally aroused him, and we found him to be
8 in a drunken stupor. Found wine bottles all over the place, he
9 was very uncooperative, especially in view of the fact that
10 after all, his daughter had been murdered.

11 Q About when was this, with relation to the other circumstances?
12 A Oh, it was probably a week or so after the body was found,
13 the file will also reflect the date of that. We had some
14 difficulty locating him. At any rate, we decided we'd better
15 talk to him again when he was sober, and we did arrange to see
16 him the next day and we asked him at length, and in substance
17 he told us that he had been separated from the family in
18 Massachusetts for a number of years, and that the daughter,
19 Elizabeth, had contacted him, I believe he was living up in
20 Richmond, California...

21 Q Vallejo, we have on record.
22 A Yes, it's in the record. However, it was up north someplace,
23 and she lived with him a few days and he said he kicked her out
24 because she was so dirty, and she wouldn't keep the house clean,
25 she wouldn't cook his meals, and he'd give her money and he
26 could never understand what she did with the money, but as fast as
he'd give it to her, she'd spend it. So he finally kicked her
out, and that was the last time he had ever seen her. They
didn't correspond, and we found that Mr. Short was working
as a refrigeration repairman or engineer in a place on Santa
Monica Blvd., Santa Monica near Fairfax, just east of Fairfax on
the south side of the street. The file will also reflect that
address. We were satisfied after going out to the store, seeing
the employment records, the time sheets and so forth, checking
up on various bars where he would go and drink after he was
through work, we were satisfied that he could be eliminated.
He was never booked; and now that covers Mark Hansen, Leslie
Dillon and Cleo Short. Hoffman I do not know.

27 Q GRAND JUROR: What was the first name?
28 A Cleo, C-l-e-o.

29 Q Getting back to Mark Hansen, just another question or two
30 on that, did Mr. Hansen ever tell you that he retained these
31 women for--or girls, in his home for intimate relations with
32 them or just a charitable institution?

33 A No, I accused him of that, in our way of trying to get him
34 mad and so forth, I accused him of that, and he emphatically

1 denied it. He said that he was only being charitable. He
2 felt sorry for these kids that had no place to stay, and he'd
3 let them stay there in his place, until they got on their feet.

4 Q MR. VEITCH: About that notebook, something that I've been
5 giving thought to here, that notebook, as we understand,
6 that's the address book of this girl, had some sheets torn
7 out of it, had Mark Hansen's name and the year 1937, as we have
8 been told, the records show us, that notebook came in just a
9 few days after, after publicity occurred as to her death, if
you recall?

10 A Just a few days that it was mailed to the papers.

11 Q Within a week, the 24th, came in and the postal inspector
12 grabbed it. Now, was there any communication with that, had
13 you ever heard, anything to indicate the man from whom it came?

14 A No, that has never been established.

15 Q Yet the man that sent that must have gotten it from the
16 person or immediate presence of the dead girl, in all probability?

17 A It would be safe to assume that, yes, her personal belongings.

18 Q The fair assumption might be, then, if we can ever discover
19 the man that sent that notebook, we would be pretty close to
20 the murderer?

21 A That would be a marvelous break, at least we could have
22 something to sink our teeth into.

23 Q There has never been anything that--by whom that thing was
24 dropped in the mail box?

25 A Nothing.

26 Q GRAND JUROR: Did they try to get any fingerprints off of
27 those articles?

28 A Oh yes, a lot of blurs, smudges.

29 Q I'd like to resume our questions, you have covered all your
30 suspects?

31 A I have covered the three mentioned here, yes.

32 Q Had you, in your observations in connection with the case,
33 could you give the Jury, form any opinion as to the suspects?

34 A As to the identity, no, not as to identity.

35 Q Could you elaborate on that, is there anything that you can
36 give the Jury?

37 A Well, I have a little pet theory of my own, I think that
38 a medical man committed that murder, a very fine surgeon. I
39 base that conclusion on the way the body was bisected.

40 Q Did you yourself see the body, Sgt.?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q You have handled many murder cases, had you not, Sgt., you
3 have seen bodies that have been dissected and bisected and so
forth?

4 A And otherwise mutilated, yes.

5 Q MR. VEITCH: Is this kind of cutting that occurred at all
unusual?

6 A Yes, it is unusual in this sense, that the point at which
7 the body was bisected is, according to eminent medical men,
the easiest point in the spinal column to sever.

8 Q And he hit the spot exactly?

9 A He hit it exactly.

10 Q And he made clean cuts?

11 A That, in my estimation, I'm still only quoting my opinion,
12 my own pet theory, that wasn't an accident, I've seen many
horrible mutilation cases, many of them, and if any of you ladies
and gentlemen ever seen a case like that, and would see the
13 pictures of this Elizabeth Short case, you could detect the
difference immediately.

14 Q GRAND JUROR: Could a student, that had three months
15 training studying to be an embalmer, three weeks, could that
have been possible that he could have had the knowledge to dissect?

16 A My opinion would be only a layman's, I'm not a medical man,
17 I rather think that question should be answered by a doctor, my
18 own personal opinion is that a person whom you have just
described, would not be capable of doing it.

19 Q Following up your thought, you say as an individual, had you
20 thought very much about that medical side of it, have you
elaborated in your own mind where that party could be, who it
could possibly be?

21 A Well, this we know, the body had been thoroughly bled, and
22 the body had been washed, common sense tells us that it couldn't
be done in an automobile, couldn't be done on a bed.

23 Q Had you discussed your pet theory, as you call it, with any
24 medical expert?

25 A Yes, I have discussed at length with Dr. Newbarr, the County
Autopsy Surgeon.

26 Q And I suppose he concurs in your opinion as to the ability of
one?

27 A Well, he said himself, his remark, "There's a fine piece
28 of surgery." And he said further that couldn't be done in any
15 minutes, half hour or an hour.

1 Q Had you had any suspects among medical profession?
2 A No, we have not.

3 Q Do you know why an autopsy wasn't held over the stomach
4 of the victim?

5 A I wasn't present at the autopsy, the whole time, I was there
6 only part of the time, however, I believe that Mr. Ray Pinker, our
7 chemist, was present.

8 Q MR. VEITCH: I think it might be just as well to ask you a
9 question which in itself would be directly leading, but you
10 are aware, I presume, of the investigation with respect to the
11 fact that within 60 days of her death, this girl roomed and
12 stayed in the rooms of a medical student at U.S.C., Marvin
13 Margolus, who entered U.S.C. in September of 1946, and whose
14 first obligation under his entry was to dissect a human corpse,
15 and that Marvin Margolus is now in Chicago and that a checkup
16 is being made. Are you aware of that?

17 A No, I am not. The name is very familiar.

18 Q I don't want to confuse us or lead us astray, that Frank is
19 busy checking with certain police upon that very item, my
20 friends.

21 Q GRAND JUROR: I think that, Arthur, I don't think that
22 party knows he's been under investigation at this time.

23 Q MR. VEITCH: Let us affirm to each other, nothing that's
24 said in this room is said outside the walls of the room. If
25 we do that, we might inadvertently, the culprit to escape
26 punishment forever.

Q I certainly appreciate that admonition, many good cases
are lost by one little break, one slip.

Q I thought while we're on this topic, among ourselves, I
might tell you there is an investigation going on. Anything
else, any further questions?

A I have nothing to volunteer, be glad to answer any questions,
if I could.

Q Thank you.

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