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Subject: Interview with Dr. Samuel Sheppard at Bay view Hospital
July 8, 1954

Dr. Sam Sheppard stated that sometime in the middle of the night he was awoken by his wife Marilyn calling Sam, Sam. That he got up, thinking that it was another convulsion from which she had been suffering from since she had become pregnant. He went up stairs and at the head of the stairs he could see a form, the upper part of which was white, standing at the foot of the bed in the room in which Marilyn and he occupy. Marilyn was making little gurgling noises. As he entered the room he felt that he must have been struck. The next thing he knew was that he was looking at his badge, which he carries in his wallet, that it was reflecting light from some place. He picked it up and stood up. He then looked at Marilyn and examined her by taking her pulse at the throat. He was stunned and dazed but realized she was dead. He then went to Chips room (Sam Jr.) and locked in at Chip. He didn't touch him but was aware that he was alright. He heard a noise downstairs and went down entering into the living room. As he went towards the dining area he saw a dark form outlined by the door leading to the porch on the Lake side of the house. He chased this form out of the house and down the steps to the beach. As this form, which was in dark clothing, and was taller than he with bushy hair seemed to slow down on the beach and wait for him he came upon it with intentions of "really letting him have it". The next thing he knew he was wallowing in the surf with his face towards the beach. He got up and went upstairs to the house and on upstairs to Marilyn's room where he looked at her and covered her a little with a sheet because it came to him that she was always modest and it wasn't right for her to be like she was. He then went downstairs and tried to think of who to call, Mayor Houk was the only number he could think of so he called him. He could not recall where he was when the Houks arrived. He could not state if it was light or dark when this took place but outside there was light from someplace, enough that he could distinguish objects.

He was told that he was a suspect and that he would have to explain many things. He could not explain about his "T" Shirt or why his watch was found on the bank the way it was. He was asked to submit to a lie detector test which he refused because of his knowledge of it, and how it operated, that he would have a reaction because of his nearness to the tragedy.

This interview lasted $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours.