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As mentioned yesterday, this morning 8/3/54 I had a talk with [redacted] and the [redacted].

He feels that the following information may prove useful in the investigation of the Sheppard matter and offers it as such. His source for this as to points 1, 2, and 3 is from a neighbor of the Sam Sheppard family and although he gave me this name to establish possible credibility he has asked me not to use it. If you find information useful call him for the name of source.

1.) That Mayor Spencer Houk has had illicit intercourse with Mrs. [redacted], the wife of one of the [redacted] Council members for a period of about 1 month. (This occurred prior to death of Mrs. Sheppard.)

2.) Mayor Houk then transferred his affections to Marilyn Sheppard and is said to have had illicit intercourse with her prior to her death.

3.) It is a generally known fact in Bay Village that Mayor Houk had opened his butcher shop about two hours late several days a week for about a period of four months prior to the death of Mrs. Sheppard.

As far as I can gather the following number four was not obtained from the neighbor of Sheppards but knowledge he has gathered from Bay Village.

4.) That Dr. Hovestein who was staying with the Sam Sheppard family for a period of about one week is known or supposed to have homosexual tendencies.

[redacted] wished me to give you this information for what it is worth to you.