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EXAMINED BY David L. Cowles RANK Supt.

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FROM David L Cowles, Supt. TO James A McArthur, Dep. Insp.

SUBJECT Polygraph examination of John Houk, conn. Homicide of Marylin Sheppard

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Sir;

At about 5:00 PM., July 13th, 1954, interrogated and conducted a polygraph examination of **JOHN SPENCER HOUK**, W-42-M, residing at 29014 Lake Rd., in connection with the homicide, July 4th, of Marilyn Sheppard in Bay Village.

Following are the relevant questions and answers;

- Q...4...Do you intend to lie to any of the questions I am about to ask you?...A..!
- Q...5...Do you know what happened to the murder weapon?...A..No.
- Q...7...Do you know who killed Marilyn Sheppard?...A..No.
- Q...9...Did Dr. Sheppard tell you who killed Marilyn?...A..No.
- Q...11...Did Sam Sheppard tell you he killed Marilyn?...A..No.
- Q...13...Did you kill Marilyn Sheppard?...A..No.
- Q...14...Have you answered all my questions truthfully?...A..Yes.
- Q...16...Do you know anything about the missing T shirt?...A..No.
- Q...17...Have you ever had an affair with Marilyn?...A..No.

Above questions were formulated and given to me by Mr. Thomas Parrino, assistant County Prosecutor. A study of the polygrams made during this examination, reveals that the subject has attempted deception on questions 4 & 16. Observers during this examination were Det. Dombrowski and Mr. Thomas Parrino.

JOHN SPENCER HOUK is Polygram # 5287.

Respectfully,

David L. Cowles.  
David L Cowles, Supt.