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FC Susan Hays and I remarked to
one another more than once that
our feeling for one another was
a combination of physical attraction
and friendship due to professional
ability, mostly the physical attraction
I remarked after remarked to Sue
what a fine girl Marilyn was
and that I loved her in many
ways. I loved her as a lover
though she was not a tremendous
passionate companion. For this
fact I was truly grateful because
she was a better wife having no
tendency ~~to~~ or desire for sexual
contact elsewhere. I was able to
satisfy Marilyn sexually but her
need for satiation frequently was too
great. Care and gentleness was necessary
as she was tender (more than average).

I loved her as my wife in the home as she was an ideal house-keeper and cook. She learned to cook from my mother and I therefore was pleased with all her activities of this sort. She was also an ideal wife in her representation of me and my profession in local clubs, high school activities, and professional auxiliary work. — I told her of my pride in her as the Browns will recall. I often complimented her by telling others, (Browns, my parents, chapmans etc) about her activities in her presence. We saw the other portion of the family ^{Pease} seldom ~~but~~ have remarked similarly to them at times. I loved Marilyn and still do as the

Mother of my son Chap. He is a
living tribute to her. She always
did a wonderful job with him and
he ~~shows~~ displays her background how
to man in his right mind would
want a wife who had ~~or~~
would live with him or anyone
else ~~without~~ the benefit of marriage.

This is so particularly of a professional
person such as I, because I am
away a great deal of the time and
even if activity with other men
did not bother me personally, it
could affect my reputation - even
more than if I'm supposed to
be going out.

There were rumors about Marilyn
and Honk among other rumors
but Marilyn kept me well informed,
I thought, of the basis for that!

I am not so vain as to think that if I could sleep with a girl and no one else could unless true love and marriage was involved. Susan is nice and as I say attractive physically but that's it and she I think she will confirm this although it may be difficult for her.

Her feeling for me is tied up with her knowledge and respect for my ability. She has seen me work many times etc. and knows my temperament well-enough to know I couldn't be guilty. She is fair and I believe she will be honest. Sue Hayes as you know talked with Hank about his love for Marilyn. She was also told of it by me some time ago. Hovesten also knew of this. -