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# SUSAN SLIPS OUT OF HOTEL ROOM

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Leaves by Freight Elevator  
With Her Parents

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**BY TODD SIMON**

We finally got into Suite 733 at Hotel Carter late yesterday. Susan slept here. But she was gone when we got in.

Susan Hayes' cloak, dagger and secret panel departure left nobody in the luxurious air-conditioned suite but Policewomen Irene Neal and Margaret Kilbane and two disconsolate reporters.

The dark-eyed girl from Downey, Cal., "other woman" in the life of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, had slipped out through a room around the corner of the hallway.

While a cameraman's lens was aimed at the door of 733 she and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert C. Hayes, were walking out of 735 to a freight elevator and sneaking out the back exit of the hotel.

"It's been pleasant," said Mrs. Neal as she looked around the lavishly comfortable room with its soft green wallpaper and the gaudy pictures of pink and

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green cockatoos above the davenport.

There was a refrigerator in the suite for drinks, and 733, the bedroom, with thick, hunter's green chenille spreads in a creamy beige setting, looked somewhat more pleasant than the cells of persons kept in custody by the law.

At the other end of Susan's journey—and she is said to have wanted to return to her parents' home at 1680 W. 210th Street in Rocky River—the mystery was just as thick.

Although all three of the Hayes family got into a taxicab on Bolivar Road S. E., behind the hotel, Mrs. Hayes arrived home in a Baker Motor car. She works at that car agency. And her husband pulled up in his own automobile, neither one with Susan in tow.

County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan said he was assured by Hayes that the slim brunette, once a medical technician at the Sheppards' hospital, Bay View, would be available if the state needed her as a witness.

He quoted Hayes as saying: "If she flew here to tell you what she knew, do you think she'd run away now?"

Cullitan said Hayes also asked whether he had the right to chase newspapermen away from his home or to call police to do it.

## Quizzed at Length

Policewomen had been Miss Hayes' constant companions in the hotel since last Tuesday night after she was questioned at length by police after her flight here.

Before Cullitan's good-by visit, Homicide Capt. David E. Kerr gave her another questioning in the iron-curtain hideout.

Her admissions of intimacies with Dr. Sheppard in March, just about the time the murdered Marilyn Sheppard became pregnant, contradicted the osteopath's version of their friendship. She said they kept in touch by

letters since then. That also was the exact opposite of what the doctor said.

Police and prosecutors said she was a valuable witness. But Cullitan said he would not "dampen the state's ammunition" by giving out to the public—and to defense lawyers—what they had learned from her.