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Susan Relaxes to Records While Awaiting Police Call

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"I can't see why the police think I'm so important in this case. But I will do what they want . . ."

Thus Susan Hayes, auburn-haired one-time companion of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, affirmed her readiness to testify against him before the Grand Jury and at a murder trial.

The freckle-faced 24-year-old laboratory technician is a key witness in the case because her testimony charges the unfaithfulness of Dr. Sam to his murdered wife, Marilyn.

"This has been a terrible ordeal for me," sighed the girl who came back home from California to aid the murder investigation. "I've lost 11

pounds since this thing started."

Miss Hayes weighed 126 pounds when she was first questioned in California by Cleveland investigators.

The interview took place at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hayes, at 1680 Wagar Rd., Rocky River.

She smilingly declined to discuss the Sheppard murder case.

"All I've said since I came home to Cleveland," she said, "is 'no comment'. I'm afraid I've got to keep on saying that to certain questions, except to the authorities."

During her stay at a down-

town hotel as a "guest of the police," she said she "saw enough television and listened to the radio enough to last for years."

One of the TV events she watched was the "Fun for Funds" street fair on Short Vincent. She recalled attending the event last year—"and I almost got blown away by the tornado."

Clad in blue jeans, a red and blue striped short-sleeved shirt and sneakers, she said she planned to relax and play records "until the authorities want me again."

Once the case is closed, Miss Hayes plans to return to her California job and "try to forget all this."