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Results from polygraph given to Spencer Houk on July 16, 1954 about Marilyn's murder

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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...No.
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, Supt.