

## FAQ 26

### 26.1

**Q: Did the actress, Carol Forman (Spider Woman) actually live at the Franklin House? What years?**

Yes. Carol was a roomer at the Franklin House, at the same time Joe Barrett was there. (1948-1949) At that time Carol was dating the actor Tim Holt and she had just completed making THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN serials. She played the villainess, SPIDER LADY, in a fifteen episode series. (Each serial ran about 18 minutes.) Initially shown in theatres, now they can be seen on television and soon to be released on DVD.



Above are clips from the serials. Superman was played by Kirk Alyn. In the clips shown in the second row (left and center) we see Superman about to take flight, where he immediately changes into his comic book animation. On the bottom row we see Carol Forman as Spider Lady holding a gun on Superman. She has also taken Lois Lane and Jimmy Olsen prisoners in her "spider web."

Below is a hyperlink to Carol Forman on the IMDB showing her filmography:

<http://imdb.com/name/nm0286329/>

(See FAQ 2 pg. 48 for additional on Carol Forman)

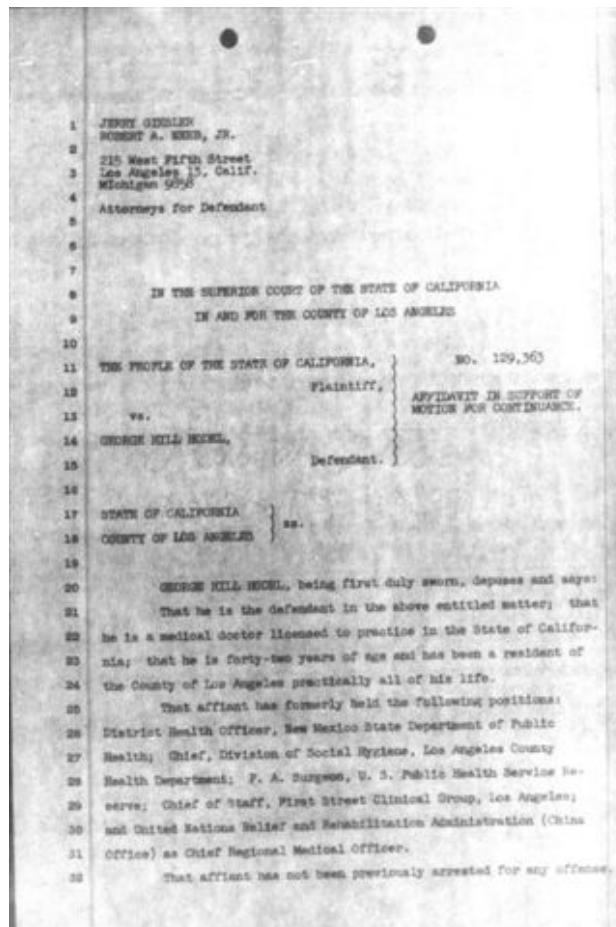
## 26.2

**Q: Do the court transcripts from the Tamar trial exist? Any records from the incest trial?**

Not to my knowledge. Since my father was acquitted of the charges, there was no need to transcribe the court reporter's notes. I do have a few court documents connected to the 1949 incest trial that are of interest and are relevant to the investigation.

Below is a defense motion presented to Superior Court Judge Ambrose by attorney Jerry Giesler requesting the jury trial be continued until 1950 due to "adverse publicity." The motion was denied. Giesler in listing Dr. George Hodel's background includes in his summary, that Dr. Hodel was a **"P.A. Surgeon, U.S. Public Health Reserve."**

**Attorney Jerry Giesler's 1949 Court Request a Continuance in the Dr. Hodel trial until later in 1950, due to negative publicity. Here he informs the court of Dr. Hodel 's former standing as a respected member of the community and a , "P.A. Surgeon, U.S. Public Health Reserve." (5<sup>th</sup> line from bottom) Request denied and trial held in Dec. 1949**

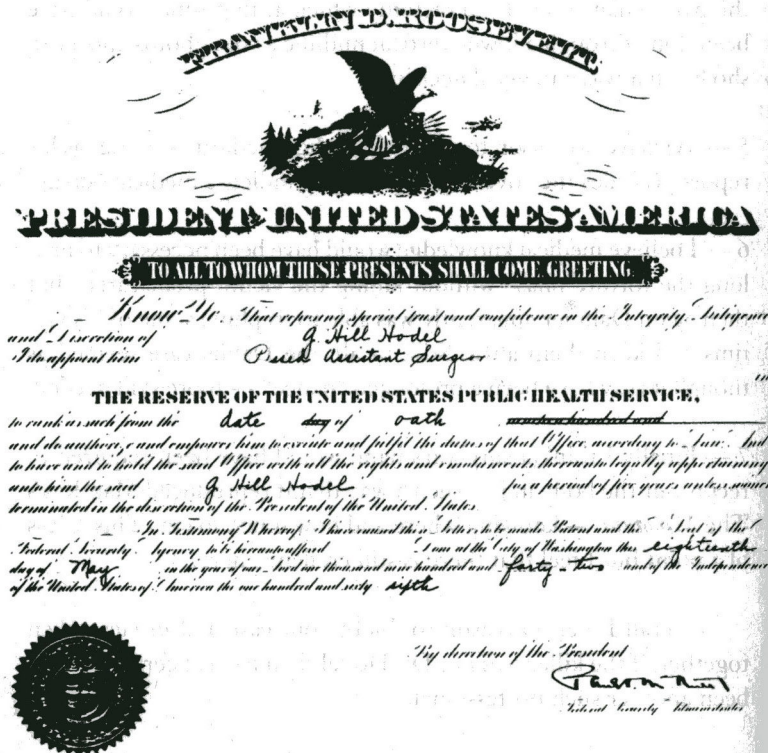


Below is a copy of Dr. George Hodel's certificate, showing him to be a Commissioned Officer and surgeon in the U.S. Public Health Reserve. His four-year commission as a "P.A. Surgeon", began on May 18, 1942, by then President, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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## Exhibit 76



1942 diploma wherein President Franklin D. Roosevelt certified  
Dr. George Hill Hodel as a Public Health surgeon

This second Incest Trial Superior Court Document is of equal interest. It shows that the physical evidence recovered in the original search warrant of the Franklin House by LAPD was released to Lt. Jemison and the DA's Office on Jan. 12, 1950. Lt. Jemison took possession of this evidence which included:

**a pornographic book, a lewd statue and 15 separate photographs**

**Jan 12, 1950 Superior Court Judge Ambrose's court order releasing Dr. Hodel's LAPD seized evidence, including lewd statuary, erotic books and 15 lewd photographs-- to D.A. Lt. Jemison's office.**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Department No. 42

January 12, 1950. Present Hon. THOMAS F. AMBROSE, Judge

The People of the State of California,	Plaintiff,
vs.	
GEORGE HILL HODEL,	129363
Defendant.	

The Court orders People's Exhibits Nos 1, 4 (Each a book), 2 (Statue), part of 3 (15 photographs) and 5 (3 photographs) released to the District Attorney's office for disposition.

I certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Superior Court, in the above entitled case.

Attest my hand and the seal of the said Superior Court, this 12th day of January, 1950

HAROLD J. OSTLY, County Clerk,  
By James H. H. H. H. Deputy

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## 26.3

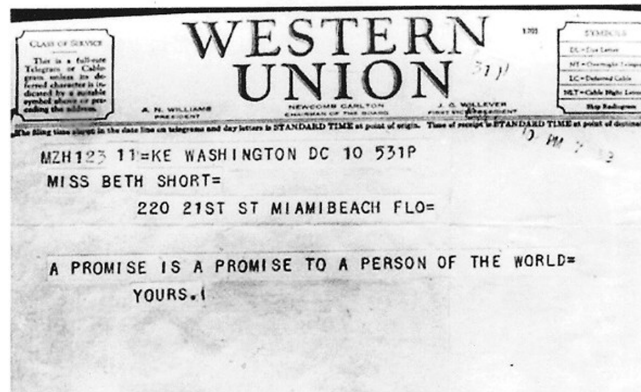
**Q:** Another Black Dahlia theorist on his website claims that the telegram sent to Elizabeth Short from Washington D.C. was sent to her in 1944 and quotes your book [pg. 428] where you say you believe your father sent it in Oct-Dec, 1945. Obviously, that is incorrect. How do you answer this?

Yes. Generally speaking, that particular critic only includes what appears to serve his own personal agenda-- and therefore his "editing" provides only self-serving half-truths. By example, here is what I had to say earlier in the book regarding LAPD finding the telegram in Elizabeth Short's luggage on January 18, 1947.

BDA, page 156:

One of these telegrams—**undated**—was sent to "Beth Short 220 21<sup>st</sup> Street Miami Beach, Florida," presumably from an unknown suitor in Washington, D.C., who gave no name and no return address. The telegram simply read:

**Exhibit 15**



**A promise is a promise to a person of the world=Yours.**

BDA pg 157: LAPD sent investigators to Miami Beach, but whatever they found was not released to the public. As curious as the telegram may seem today, it's obvious the sender knew that Elizabeth would know who it was from. The telegram was too familiar, too confident in tone, to have been a prank or a joke. This was a real message from someone in an ongoing relationship with Elizabeth, someone who felt he or she had been crossed because Elizabeth had gone back on her word. Given Elizabeth's oft-related fears about a jealous boyfriend, and Myrl McBride's report to her superiors of spotting Elizabeth in downtown L.A. too afraid to go back into a bar to retrieve her purse, there is no doubt Elizabeth was very afraid of someone not just during the second week in January, but much earlier.

As I indicated, in my 2003 publication, neither the date nor the year was readable on my copy of the "promise" telegram. Based on the other information we had, and having documentation that my father was IN WASHINGTON D.C. IN THE FALL OF 1945, preparing to go to China, I speculated that he could have had the opportunity to send it at that time. The post-publication discovery that the "promise" telegram was sent in 1944 CHANGES NOTHING. The U.S. Public Health Department was headquartered in Washington D.C. and George Hodel would have made frequent trips during the years 1942-1945 in his dual capacities as Head V.D. Control Officer for L.A. County Public Health and as an officer in the Public Health Reserve. [No month and day are readable on the telegram. Elizabeth was in L.A. in the summer of '44, so the telegram was likely sent to her in FLA in the fall or winter of '44]