

## **FAQ 34**

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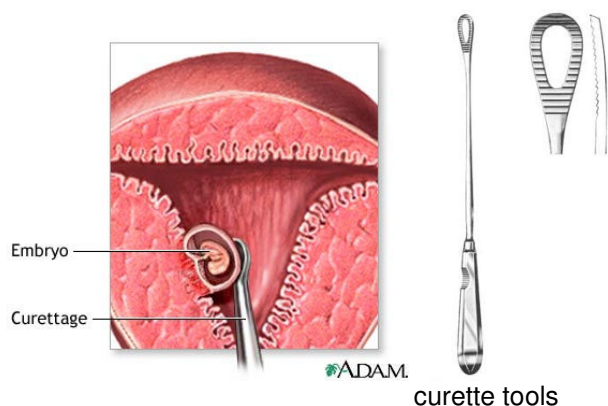
**Q: In an earlier FAQ you mention that your father admitted on the DA transcripts to performing abortions at his downtown clinic. If this is so, it seems like a huge discovery confirming his connections to the LAPD protected abortion ring and Gangster Squad detectives.**

It is true, and yes you are CORRECT. It is thanks to readers like you that keep me on my toes. Your point is very well taken.

Initially, overlooked by me, I found the following statements during a careful review of the District Attorney's 1950 Hodel Surveillance Transcripts. (It is important to remember that this "bugging" is not of his telephone, but of several rooms inside the residence. What we are reading are live conversations at the house, and not telephone calls.)

The date is March 19, 1950. (The thirty-first day of electronic surveillance at the Franklin House.) As we know, the detectives were recording and monitoring the conversations two-miles away, in the basement of LAPD's Hollywood Police Station. Below is a scanned copy of page 133 (my numbering). Between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m., George Hodel and "a colored woman" are at the Franklin House, discussing the possibility of the woman being provided a room in exchange for her maid service. Father tells her he is a doctor. They discuss medicine, and she mentions having had a "currettement" (abortion) in 1944. Father informs her that he owns the *First Street Clinic*, located downtown, at First and Central, and incredibly, goes on to tell her, "He has done lots of them." (Abortions)

The below transcript shows the word as "*currettement*" This is the shortened term for a 1940s abortion procedure known as a D&C, or Dilation and Curettage. The patient was first administered an anesthetic and then the physician performed a surgical abortion where after dilating the cervix, used a curette (sharp metal instrument) to scrape the uterus. In modern times this scraping has been replaced with a suction technique, to reduce the chances of heavy bleeding and infection. Tamar's 1949 abortion by Dr. Ballard was a "D&C" and according to my sister, "resulted in a large amount of blood loss."



curette tools

DA FILEDr. Hodel 1950 Electronic Surveillance Transcript page 133 (unaltered)

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1:45P Hodel answers door bell, lets in woman - he talks to her about renting her a room in return he will knock off the rent - any work she does for him such as cleaning and taking care of his quarters. Negro woman has her minor daughter with her.

1:50P Phone rings - Hodel says "Mrs Hodel is out - I can take message. He said he is going down to the beack about 4 PM today - talks about renting room.

2:00P Hodel again talking to negro woman. Hodel asks her daughter where she goes to school - the girl says-a catholic school.

2:10P Colored woman and child leaving. woman is going to think it over - about renting room. Woman then starts talking about Doctor's-Hodel tells her about his clinic at 1st and Central Woman said she had a ~~curettment~~ (curettement ?) in 1944. Hodel said he has done lots of them. Hodel and woman continue to talk about doctors, sickness, and other medical subjects. (Hodel seems to be acting overly nice to this woman He must be trying to talk her into renting the room, or ?) Hodel tells her that Dr. Hill, a colored Doctor, lives next door.

2:30P Woman leaves

2:50P Phone rings 2 times, must have been answered in another room. Hodel moving about desk.

3:15P Hodel leaves room - all quiet.

3:45P All quiet.

SPOOL 4:00P Hronek, D.A.'s office, on duty.

Prior to the discovery of these statements, I had speculated that at least part of my father's source of power and influence came from the information he had locked in his *First Street Clinic* V.D. files. Highly sensitive medical charts listing the identity and specific medical treatment of connected police and politicians documenting their sexual and moral indiscretions. Now, with absolute certainty, we can add to it—his and their criminal actions. In 1950, abortion was a felony, punishable by state imprisonment. Anyone (including a police officer or deputy mayor, or film director) that brought his pregnant girlfriend or mistress in for a *quick cure*, was guilty as an accessory or accomplice. Once *the procedure* had been performed that person would be beholden to and at the mercy of the man he had entrusted.

From 1938 through March, 1950, at least at the *First Street Clinic*-- that man was—Dr. George Hill Hodel.

Prior to this discovery, all we could do is speculate that in his position as Head V.D. Control Officer, George Hodel likely knew who was doing what and where. But, now, the surveillance transcripts have captured for us, his own admissions to performing abortions, ("lots of them") and we can now place him INSIDE THE ABORTION RING. It is no longer "speculation." Clearly, he was one of the many LAPD "protected doctors."

Ruth Spaulding was my father's personal secretary at the V.D. clinic. Certainly she knew of his illegal activities, and this is probably what she was about to reveal in her written papers.

These latest admissions establish powerful motives for the 1945 Ruth Spaulding overdose-murder and reinforce what my investigation has demonstrated time and time again—in 1950 Los Angeles-- George Hodel was- UNTOUCHABLE.

**NB:** In the above transcript we see the officers record George Hodel's mention to the woman of "**Dr. Hill**" living next door to us on Franklin. Dr. Hill was actually a dentist, and a powerful "mover and shaker" in L.A.'s Black Community. He owned a Bail Bond company and was very well connected to the power structure. Joe indicated that Dr. Hill knew Thad Brown and believes that the doctor was possibly a "LAPD Reserve Officer."