Moore Went To Buy Gun With T-Man 9126175 By Stephen D. Isaacs

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25 -The man accompanying Sara Jane Moore on her visit to a gun collector last Sunday was an agent for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau of the Treasury Department, it was confirmed here today.

Moore, officials said, returned alone to the collector the following day, bought a .38-cal. Smith & Wesson re-volver and, several hours later, fired it at President Ford.

The Danville, Calif., collec-tor, Mark Fernwood, 26, said yesterday that Moore brought a man with her Sunday, whom she introduced as "Chuck.". Fernwood said he could not recall Chuck's last name.

The two talked to him for about 15 minutes, Fernwood

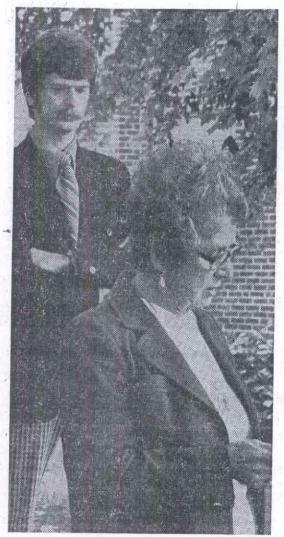
San Francisco police sources said today that Chuck is an ATF agent and that they had arranged for him to accom-pany Moore because Fernwood was suspected of dealing

in illegal weapons.

According to the sources, the agent asked Fernwood to see another type of gun than the 38, hoping to see if Fernwood "would show him another stockpile of guns. He thought Fernwood might have some automatic weapons." But Fernwood didn't show hir anything, they said.

San Francisco police detective Joe O'Sullivan, who wa one of Moore's two regula contacts on a special detail ir

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Ruth Kahn and her grandson, Sydney Kahn.

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him several weeks ago that gun investigation. she had purchased a gun, "but she wouldn't give us any information about where she'd bought it. We knew it was a guy named Mark, but she wouldn't tell us the last name, and we didn't know what he as an informer and had "only had."

O'Sullivan, who said Moore used to pester him with calls home frequently, "vacillated all this time" over revealing Fernwood's identity.

On Friday night, he said, "she finally was willing to come across."

He had gone fishing for the weekend, he said, so she called his partner, Sgt. Jack O'Shea, Saturday.

"He acted on it right away." said O'Sullivan, and called vestigating gun trafficking, ATF agents, who had been cosaid today that Moore had told operating with them on the

"O'Shea did just as we had planned," O'Sullivan said, "once she came through with the information."

O'Sullivan said that Moore had been relatively untested been working with us for a couple of months."

O'Shea has said that Moore not only agreed to help during her Saturday call, she also mentioned going to Stanford University Sunday, where President Ford was due to speak, to "test the system."

O'Shea notified the AFT of the offer to help investigate Fernwood, and also notified the FBI and Secret Service of her veiled threat against the President.

While she was still in Danville Sunday, O'Shea took steps to have her arrested to keep her from going to Stanford, and had the gun she had bought from Fernwood three weeks earlier confiscated.

Neither the AFT nor the San Francisco police knew that Moore went back to Fernwood's Monday to buy the .38, officials said.

Woman Has Doubts Moore Is Daughter

By Joel D. Weisman Special to The Washington Post

Ruth Kahn today refused to County records also show that accept that she is the mother Mrs. Kahn and her husband, of Sara Jane Moore, who is ac- Olaf Kahn, adopted three of cused of firing a shot at Presi- Moore's children, Mrs. Kahn's dent Ford, "until I have defi- grandchildren, nite proof such as fingerprints daughter, still using the name or a statement from her."

scribed as being in her 70s, ond husband, for the second told a press conference, how-time in 1957. daughter."

Sydney Kahn, 24, one of three Jane Moore. Moore was the children apparently aban-maiden name of Ruth Kahn. doned by Moore when she left she grew up.

seen her in 20 years and she California. has broken all ties with the Mrs. Kal family.

such as fingerprints or a state- husband in Charleston. ment from her, I cannot say

CINCINNATI, Sept. 25- birth to Sara Jane Kahn. after her Sara Jane Kahn, divorced Syd-Kahn, whom neighbors de- ney Lewis Manning, her sec-

ever, that "circumstances indicate" that Moore "is my daughter."

It was after her divorce from Manning that Sara Jane Kahn went to California, Kahn was introduced by where she is known as Sara

One of her classmates at the West Virginia, the state where she grew up.

School in Charleston, W.Va., Mrs. Kahn read the following statement:

"I had a daughter named Sara Jane Kahn, born Feb. 15, 1930. She was living some-learned that her high school learned that her high school learned that her forwerded to where in California. I have not records had been forwarded to

Mrs. Kahn moved here with her grandchildren in 1967, "Until I have definite proof shortly after the death of her

She first lived 10 blocks Sara Jane Moore is my daugh- from her present four-family, ter - even though circum- two-story building, which she stances seem to indicate she is purchased two years ago, my daughter, I must be sure." neighbors said. She apparently Kanawha is supported by rents from the Records in Kanawha is supported by rents from the County, West Virginia, show that Mrs. Ruth Kahn gave Bushman, 38, a neighbor.