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Marge took me to the Steak Pit, 609 Bourbon, for dinner tonight. While there I spoke to Paine, the owner, about Godfrey and the case. He broadened the discussion.

He says the one who knows most about Godfrey is "Buddy" Ott, social counsellor at Jackson and a psychologist (Marge says new one, Johnson).

Although he says he has seen Godfrey but a few times, the other things he said are inconsistent with his having seen G but six times, his estimate. He says he has loaned him money, cashed checks, allowed him to take a shower, and fed him free. He showed me a check Godfrey forged in his mothers name for \$5 May 3, 1964.

Godfrey has a fixation, he says, to get out and accumulate enough money for a coming-out party for the girl, whose age he underestimated by a large percentage. He says Godfrey married Maude Ellen for social standing, that she was the leader of the Bohemian set that hung out at Lafittes under Caplinger. He says of Clay Shaw that had Kennedy not been killed, Shaw would have been a minister plenipotentiary to Latin America because he knew every Latin diplomat by his first name. He also says Shaw visited Kennedy in Washington. When I said this was too much for the Shaw defense to have silent about and asked him for his proof, he had none.

He said Layton Martens and Laurel had been in the Steak Pit the other day. Laurel is a long-time customer. After she introduced him to Lay ton, he was surprised.

He says Pershing Gervais wants to be State "chief of police".

Never saw Godfrey with anyone else, when he wasn't untidy and unwashed. Couple times before he went to Jackson he came in to be fed when he escaped Mandeville. He had heard of Godfrey's attack on his mother and when Godfrey appeared he estimated about two months ago he phoned the police. When they did not appear he then phoned the First District and spoke to a Sergeant Teddy, who happened to be eating in the restaurant. He called Teddy, who confirmed this, but placed the time about January. Paine said Teddy had just made sergeant. Teddy has apparently been off duty for a while.

Marge had said she heard Godfrey had holed up there for about a week. He says not.

He apparently has never seen Godfrey except when ill, for he found it impossible to believe Godfrey was a sensitive poet and artist.

We sat at the rearmost table, next to his desk. Marge had her back to him. He apparently did not know her. I went to his desk, turned the chair next to her around, and sat and chatted with him. She could hear part of the conversation.

He said that at the time of his escape from Jackson, Godfrey apparently paced Bourbon St., for he saw him walk past about eight times.