

# Maraziti Describes Duties For 'No Show' Office Aide

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BOONTON, N. J., Oct. 18— Representative Joseph J. Maraziti, republican of the 13th District, issued a statement today in which he said the woman he hired as a research assistant on his Congressional payroll earned \$19,970 working on a "project basis" over the last 20 months.

The statement was designed to refute newspaper allegations that the woman, identified as "Ann Leclerc" on federal payroll records, was a "no show" employe on his staff.

Records of the clerk of The House of Representatives show that "Ann Leclerc" was the sixth highest paid of 22 employes listed on the Congressman's payroll this year. "Ann Leclerc" has been identified as Linda Collinson, a long-time friend of the Congressman, who works as a receptionist in a Whippany law firm and has done so during the time she was on the Federal payroll.

#### Names Not Denied

Aside from the issuance of his statement, Mr. Maraziti was still unavailable to newsmen, although he has been in his district for two days, ostensibly running for re-election. In his statement, he did not deny that Ann Leclerc was Linda Collinson, as reported by newspaper articles, nor did he explain how she could work as a receptionist in a law firm and still perform her duties as a member of his staff.

A senior member of the law firm of Sweetwood and Cahn in Whippany has confirmed that Miss Collinson works there, although her present status is as a "per diem" employe. She formerly worked full time.

Mr. Maraziti, in his statement, said that Ann Leclerc did research in a number of areas, including inflation, welfare reform, narcotics traffic, mass transit, air piracy, amnesty, housing and education.

Mr. Maraziti also denied "absolutely" any involvement in a real estate business, although

records on file in the office of the New Jersey Secretary of State show that the Joseph Maraziti Realty Company was incorporated in June, 1973, and listed the Congressman's law office here as its main office.

The dual identity of Ann Leclerc and Linda Collinson, an attractive 35-year-old divorcee, has been confirmed by Washington sources and through records at the Social Security Administration computer center in Baltimore, which show that both names have the same number.

#### Signed Letter Obtained

In addition, The New York Times has obtained a copy of a letter written by Miss Collinson on a Sweetwood and Cahn letterhead to a member of Mr. Maraziti's staff that is signed "Linda Aka Ann Leclerc."

Mr. Maraziti has called publication of this story a "smear" and attributed publication of the stories to the efforts of unnamed "operatives" of his Democratic opponent for his seat in Congress, Helen Meyner.

Today, Thomas Berrigan, press aid to Mrs. Meyner called the Congressman's allegation "outrageous."

"That's an absolute lie," Mr. Berrigan said, "If he has any proof, he'd better come up with it soon."

None of the material published by The Times came from any member of the Mayner campaign organization.