

SIGNED LETTER CITED

Marcello, Lupo Linked

Real estate dealer J. Folse Roy today said he has a signed letter from Carlos Marcello attesting to Marcello's relationship with Regional Planning Commission member Thomas J. Lupo.

Marcello's letter stated that he was "always reluctant to do business with Lupo because of Lupo's reputation," according to Roy.

Roy said Lupo has had far more contact with Marcello than RPC Chairman Joe D. Lindsay and had "attempted to be a partner of Mr. Marcello in many instances."

LUPO LAST night branded as "blatant lies" Roy's claims that he had been in Lupo's presence at least 15 times when Lupo tried to transact business with Marcello.

Roy said he would release Marcello's letter "at the proper time."

"Mr. Lupo trades himself as a saint," Roy said in a prepared statement, "and Mr. Lindsay a sinner."

The controversy arose when Lupo demanded Lindsay resign from the RPC after it became known that Lindsay had written a letter in Au-

gust, 1968, in which he said he had dealt with Marcello and considered him to be a man of unquestioned ethics.

LUPO SUBMITTED his own resignation to Mayor Moon Landrieu, saying he does not want to serve on the RPC if Lindsay does not resign voluntarily or is not forced to resign.

Roy said today: "Now the truth comes out that Mr. Lupo is the sinner, who has so many skeletons

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in his closet he cannot any scrutiny, so he is asking Mayor Landrieu to accept his resignation because he does not want any more truthful publicity concerning him.

"Mr. Lupo called me a 'blatant liar' and he is so hypocritical that it has prompted the usually quiet

Mr. Carlos Marcello to voluntarily provide me with a letter attesting to the relationship between himself and the holier-than-thou Tommy Lupo. In fact, Mr. Marcello stated that he was always reluctant to do business with Lupo because of Lupo's reputation.

"I will release this letter at the proper time.

"MR. LUPO will not tell you that he was a guest at Churchill Farms and was warmly greeted and entertained by Mr. Marcello and was actually the guest of Mr. Marcello.

"In addition to Mr. Lupo's relationship with the Marcellos someone should ask Lupo if he has ever sold parking meters to the city of New Orleans and if he has, was he on the Regional Planning Commission at that time, and does he consider this a conflict of interest?"

Roy charged that Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, had told an "absolute lie" stating that Lindsay's income from the Roy Corporation was in part derived from the Marcello interests.

"A. K. ROY, Inc., the firm for which Mr. Lindsay worked and who paid Mr. Lindsay's salary, has never made one dime on any interests of, or any real estate owned by, controlled by, in part or in whole, by Mr. Marcello or any of his family and-or his associates," Roy said.

"Using the same perverted logic, Mr. James Schwartz, MCC president, should search his records and admit that in October of 1969 the firm of JIMCO, owner or controlled by Mr. Schwartz, did furnish ready-mix concrete to the Town and Country Motel, 1225 Airline Hwy., the Marcello-owned enterprise, and in view of this he should consider himself ineffective and should resign from the MCC," he added.

There were 3,000 other people besides Lindsay "who have passes to Churchill Farms and all of them used these passes many, many more times than Mr. Lindsay. Among them are very prominent attorneys, doctors, businessmen and officials in every walk of life, he said.

"These people certainly have not forfeited their right to serve the community because they enjoyed some fishing or some hunting on Churchill Farms, a corporation from which Mr. Marcello and-or his family are part owners, along with myself.

"NO ONE SERVING on any public body can serve effectively as long as great pressure is being brought to bear

by the news media or such organizations as the MCC when they state that you cannot objectively plan a road, or an improvement, because if you do you are going to benefit Mr. Marcello and-or his family.

"The fact that you are also helping the whole population is beside the point."

Lupo yesterday said he had been in Roy's presence only three times and never has had any business dealings with him.

Lupo last night asked the mayor to accept the resignation, saying he is "convinced that my

personal relationship with the public officials of Jefferson Parish will have deteriorated to the point wherein I can no longer function effectively as a member of the RPC."

LUPO SAID in his statement that he was making a final comment on the Lindsay controversy in order to "protect the dignity and integrity of my family's investment portfolio and to protect the positions taken by me and those hundreds of people and organizations in this community who have supported that position.

"I must publicly brand the statements attributed to Roy, in which he refers to me and other members of the real estate fraternity, to be blatant lies, and I so do," said Lupo. "It must be apparent to everyone, as it is to me, that this may not be the last desperate attempt to cloud the issue and discredit those of us who have publicly stated the desirability and necessity that Lindsay resign as chairman and member of the RPC.

"In my entire lifetime, I know of no more than three occasions at most, upon when I might have been exposed to the presence of one Folse Roy, and then, only very briefly. Upon none of those occasions were any of the persons mentioned by him present. In fact, if Roy were standing next to me at this very moment, so brief have been my exposures to him, that I would not even know him. Roy is a blatant liar and flatters himself when he alleges that I have been exposed to his presence more than upon three occasions. . . .

"I am compelled to categorically state . . . that upon no occasion have I or any member of my immediate family ever been associated in any business venture of any type with Folse Roy or the others mentioned by him; nor are there any real estate transactions of any type in which I or my family have ever participated with him or others mentioned by him; nor have we ever acquired any property or leased any property from any of them; nor have we ever sold or leased any or our holdings to them.

"IN FACT, I wish to publicly state that I can envision no situation or circumstances under which I or any member of my immediate family could be encouraged, coerced or threatened to transact any business with Roy or his associates; and I am hereby branding as a lie the statement by any person to the contrary. . . .

"Inasmuch as Roy's malicious, inaccurate, false statements have required public

comment from me, I feel that I am entitled to the privilege once again to restate and emphasize my position concerning the Lindsay matter and I humbly believe any clear-thinking citizen in retrospect must now realize how appropriate my position was when I was the first person to publicly call for Lindsay's resignation. . . .

"It is now apparent to me, as it must be to my colleagues and the citizens of this area, that on Aug. 30th I miscalculated in my appreciation of Lindsay's possible devotion to the RPC or his colleagues. It is apparent that I also miscalculated in my feeling that he would voluntarily withdraw; therefore, it is my personal judgment that it is now incumbent upon me, not as a member of this commission, but as a taxpaying citizen affected by the regional planning process, to publicly call upon the

responsible elected officials of Jefferson Parish to urge them to request Lindsay's resignation. . . .

"Despite the personal grief I experience in having to do so, fully realizing and with due consideration for the urging of hundreds of people not to do so, I am hereby publicly, respectfully urging the Honorable Moon Landrieu, mayor of the City of New Orleans, who has held my undated resignation since Aug. 30th to immediately take the necessary formal steps to accept my resignation and to expeditiously appoint a replacement to the position presently held by me on the RPC for Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes. It is distasteful for me to have to take this action publicly without consulting with the members of the commission; however, the urgency of the situation at the moment has left no alternative if I were to protect the integrity of the commission, the dignity of some of my colleagues and my personal position and family real estate portfolio.

"I would hope that the commission members and the officials to whom I have addressed myself publicly without private knowledge would accept my humble apologies in the circumstances. I shall have no further comment to make on this subject and my position is unalterable."