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Frank Sinatra (left) was named as the link between Judith Campbell Exner (center) and both mobster Giancana (right) and President Kennedy

# Sinatra, the 'Mutual Friend'

Washington

Singer Frank Sinatra is named in Senate testimony as the secret "mutual friend" who introduced Judith Campbell Exner to both mob chief Sam Giancana and President John Kennedy.

Mrs. Exner described at a news conference in San Diego Wednesday how she met the two men but refused to identify the "mutual friend" who handled the introductions.

In answering questions, she conceded that she knew Sinatra but would not go beyond her opening statement.

It said, in part: "I originally met Jack Kennedy in early

February, 1960, in Las Vegas. We were introduced by a mutual friend. I was introduced to Sam Giancana by the same friend at a party in Miami Beach in late March, 1960. I will not, at this time, reveal the identity of that friend but will do so when the entire story is told."

Following the press conference, however, Senate sources confirmed that the "mutual friend" to whom Mrs. Exner referred was Sinatra, according to her secret testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations.

Sinatra, who in 1963 was forced to surrender his license in

a Lake Tahoe, Nev., gambling casino because of his friendship with Giancana's visits to the casino, could not be reached for comment.

In San Diego, Mrs. Exner's attorney said she plans to reveal more about her relationship with the late President.

Attorney Bryan Monaghan said Mrs. Exner met with CBS "60 Minutes" representatives shortly after telling reporters of her friendship with Kennedy.

Monaghan declined to say if an offer was made to appear on the program but left the door open to potential bids from other

interested parties by saying, "We're looking for the proper forum to tell this complicated story."

"It may be a book, or series of articles or television interview, but it certainly is not going to be further news conferences."

Mrs. Exner, the wife of professional golfer Dan Exner since April, declined to give her age, but county records showed it as 35. That would mean she was 20 when Kennedy went to Las Vegas Feb. 7, 1960, to address the Women's Democratic Club of Clark County the following night. She said that was when she met the President.

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