

U.S. Cites 'Foul Play'

According to the official court transcript of the trial of Representative Angelo D. Roncallo, Thomas P. Puccio, head of the criminal division of the United States Attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York, spoke to Federal Judge Edward Neaher in his chambers on Friday, May 10, with defense counsel present. Excerpts follow:

"Subsequent to Mr. Schlam taking ill yesterday, he was examined by two different doctors. First, his father, Dr. Isaac Schlam . . . and also by an independent doctor selected by the U.S. Attorney's office and the F.B.I.

"The diagnosis and the opinion of both doctors was that Mr. Schlam was drugged. He was given tests by a toxicologist from the Suffolk

County Medical Examiner's office—in fact, the chief toxicologist.

"Last night I met with Mr. Boyd on this matter. And this is—the suspicion[s] of both of these doctors were confirmed at which time Mr. Boyd, the U.S. Attorney, directed the F.B.I. to conduct a full-blown investigation, which is now being conducted. To be specific, there were two different drugs by the examination. One was a barbituate. The other was a—what is called Methaqualude. . . .

"All investigation has shown that Mr. Schlam voluntarily never has taken any drugs, as we all suspected, and that the F.B.I. is now convinced, and we are all convinced, that the—his sickness—was the result of foul play."

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