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On the first day of the Senate Watergate hearings, Mae Brussell was in the Bay Area for appearances on talk shows. She had about 45 minutes on KPFA, interviewed by a fairly sharp Southern girl named Fran Watkins and Larry Bensky, whom you already know about. She was so rambling and uncontrollable that I hesitate to put much credence in what she says, and she completely demoralized her interviewers, who normally are quite capable. I suspect they were petrified at the danger of her libelling someone. She seems incapable of finishing out one thought at a time and her rambling is aggravated by what I suspect to be a newly-stimulated ego trip due to recent attention due to the Watergate affair, which as you know she has claimed from very early in the game has all sorts of connections with Dallas and other similar events.

Anyway, we taped the interview, which I consider largely worthless ~~for~~ for the reasons stated above, but will keep it around a while. I include a sample which I've transcribed, in which she appears to charge that Louis Tackwood, in his forthcoming book, *The Glass House Tapes*, places McCord in Dallas on 22 Nov 63 as part of the team. This passage grew out of her explanation that Sturgis had been questioned by the FBI (but not by the Warren Commission) in connection, she thinks, with the Miami tape about the plot to kill JFK there which didn't come off because he took a shopper into town from the airport.

That evening (17 May 73) she also appeared on KGO's nighttime talk show (Roy Elwell) for three or four hours. We also taped this, and have both programs on a 7-inch reel of 1/4 inch tape. We have not heard her appearance with Elwell, being too busy taping and listening to Odle, Kehrl, McCord et al, but I hope to dip into the Elwell thing soon and see if she makes any more sense than she did on KPFA. This too, we shall keep around a while in case you're interested. If you can't handle a 7-inch reel, we'll have to dup the whole thing on a cassette for you, hopefully weeding out God knows how many commercials.

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