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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

NOREEN RENIER,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
JOHN DOUGLAS MERRELL,)
Defendant.)

Case No. 85-3781-J-1

DEPOSITION OF ROBERT RESSLER

BE IT REMEMBERED that the deposition of ROBERT RESSLER
was taken on behalf of the Plaintiff by means of a telephone re-
cording on the 5th day of September, 1986.

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1 Parapsychology where we were discussing our techniques of
2 psychological profiling and because of the student response
3 to her at that time we invited her...we thought it might be
4 interesting to invite her to talk to students and since that
5 time her 3 or 4 lectures...I can't remember how many exactly,
6 we have not had any other psychics.

7 Q All right.

8 A Oh...that was another thing Merrell wanted to know...whether
9 the P.B.I. used psychics in our investigative process and I
10 told him that was absolutelysomething I wouldn't discuss,
11 but in reality we don't.

12 Q Do you happen to know whether or not Mr. Depue, your Super-
13 visor, ever had any telephone conversations with John Merrell
14 about Noreen Renier, or whether Mr. Merrell made any tele-
15 phone inquiries of Roger Depue?

16 A Mr. Depue isn't here today but to the best of my knowledge I
17 don't think he spoke to Merrell. I may be wrong on that but
18 I don't think that Depue got involved in this at all.

19 Q One last subject I would like to ask you about. In this law-
20 suit there is some material about a prediction ...a report
21 of Ms. Renier making a prediction about President Reagan being
22 shot and some news articles about that. Were you familiar with
23 whether or not she made such prediction?

24 A Yes, I am.

25 Q Could you tell us about that briefly?

26 A Well that was the first time she lectured and it was the small

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1 group. I don't have the exact date of the lecture and I'm
2 sure I could pick it up if I had to but it was, I believe,
3 it was certainly before Reagan's shooting which occurred in
4 March of '81 and it was I believe January of '81 was the
5 first lecture that she gave to the group of about 50 police
6 officers and shethere was an inquiry when she was doing
7 the questions and answers and she did also a psychic demon-
8 stration by what she called psychometry, feeling metal objects,
9 and getting whatever you call it from the owner of that object,
10 vibrations I guess...whatever. There were questions and
11 answers following the demonstrations and one student had
12 indicated as what she was in Reagan's future as. (Reagan was
13 was newly elected at that timefrom the standpoint of his
14 leadership, etc., and she stated that, she was feeling her side
15 and she said she felt that he was having a heart attack in
16 the future and she said some sort of chest pains, heart at-
17 tack and then she clarified it by saying no it's a sharper
18 pain and it is a gun shot. He was shot and then she con-
19 tinued to say that he would be shot in the future during his
20 administration and I believe she said in the left chest be-
21 cause she was patting her left side and that he would not die
22 that he would become stronger in office because of the sym-
23 pathy and then she went on to say in November of that year or
24 later in fall, October, November that he would be killed in
25 a machine gun assault on a parade stand by many in foreign
26 uniforms wearing automatic weapons. There would be foreign

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1 uniforms, military...there would be a parade, there would
2 be people on the parade stand and a volley of machine gun
3 fire by several of these uniformed foreign people would re-
4 sult in his death.

5 Q Did she date that second shooting?

6 A Pardon?

7 Q Did she date that second shooting?

8 A She said that would be in the fall of the year. It turned
9 out of course that Anwar Sadat was killed in that fashion.

10 Q Do you recall if she specifically said the second shooting
11 would be President Reagan?

12 A She thought it was President Reagan.

13 Q She was wrong on which President it was then?

14 A Yeah...circumstances were uncanny in their accuracy. It
15 turned out that that was not Reagan...it was Sadat, but of
16 course the first one came through pretty much later.

17 Q I believe that's all I have at this time. It's Roxie Cuellar's
18 turn to ask the questions.

19 CROSS-EXAMINATION

20 BY MS. CUELLAR:

21 Q Agent Ressler my first question is ...well I believe you
22 kind of answered it but I want to verify it some more. Ms.
23 Renier indicates in her promotion material that she had
24 worked as a psychic detective for the F.B.I. in criminal
25 investigations. To your knowledge is that true?

26 A A psychic detective for the F.B.I.?

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Q Yes. In criminal investigations?

A The only thing I can say about that is it is not true from the standpoint of being a paid employee and it is not true from the standpoint of her being on a retainer or being used in any regular capacity. She does not work on F.B.I. cases, however, she has ...we have referred her to police departments who requested information about her address or phone number or whatever, mailing address and she has been used in numerous cases in that fashion. She was very well known in Virginia and a ...because she F.B.I. lectures, many people called in here asking to be in contact with her. She never really worked for the F.B.I. on any cases officially.

Q She indicated in her deposition she gave me two specific cases where she worked for the F.B.I. and she said that one was the Atlanta murder cases and she says that an F.B.I. Instructor by the name of Joe came to her house in Barboursville with a belt, I believe of one of the children, and that he later came back to her house at night and paid her \$300 cash from the F.B.I.

A Yeah well now....that's why I say....she never was used officiallybut apparently she did do some assessments on that case. And a tape was made and it was forwarded to the Atlanta Task Force butas far as the payment I don't know about that at all. I do know that Joe DelCampo brought material for her to analyze and that a tape was done, the tape was transcribed and the transcription was sent to Atlanta,

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but as far as a payment being met or aofficially working for us on contract I would say to the best of my knowledge I don't think so.

Q She also indicated that she was hired by a family in California to find their kidnapped daughter...that the F.B.I. was also working on the case and that because she discussed the case with the F.B.I. that that constituted working for the F.B.I. In yourwould you consider that....under those circumstances would you consider someone working for the F.B.I. that had been hired by a private party?

A No, I do not because many times, for example in kidnapping matters we will have a jurisdictional interest in the kidnapping and the family will want to use a psychic. This comes up frequently and we will not refer a psychic in a case of that nature. The family will often time get their own psychic and the family will pay out of their own purse for that psychic. We would act on that information if it proved to be valid and useful but that would not constitute working for the F.B.I.

Q She indicated in a deposition that at one time she modified her promotional material because you had reproached her for exaggerating the association with the F.B.I. Do you recall that?

A Yes I do.

Q Could you describe the circumstances that caused you to reproach her?

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A Well the problem with the brochure, she had a professional brochure that she had prepared for stimulating business and at that time she had some affiliation with the University of Virginia...from the School of Continuing Education. The F.B.I. is also affiliated with the School of Continuing Education. We are aone of the off campus connections to the University through the School of Continuing Education. She had made some statements in theI really can't recall the statements...specifically, but they were stronger than they should have been reference or affiliation with the F.B.I. I told her that she could state that she lectured here on several occasions but she could not....I think it was something along the line that she was an instructor for the F.B.I. something along that line, and I told her she could not say that. On a contract basis she could only say she had lectured....you have to be on a permanent retainer and you know, on a contract basis and that is provided to very very few people here at the F.B.I. Academy.

Q You indicated in your conversation to Mr. Merrell that you discussed the plane crash that occurred in Massachusetts?

A Yes.

Q And you indicated that Mr. Merrell did not press you for the names of those involved.

A To the best of my recollection I don't think the issue came up. The specific names of the parties. And at that particular time I might....I did not personally know this Agent