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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

STATE New York

NAME OF WORKER Terry Roth Sam Schwartz

ADDRESS 47 West 69 Street 152 West 13 Street

DATE April 6, 1939

SUBJECT And I Was Playing Poker

1. Date and time of interview

April 2, 1939

2. Place of interview

Louis Wiesen's Shop

3. Name and address of informant

Anna Lavanka

4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant.

5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you

Sam Schwartz

6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

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“Here we are in the shop, and playing poker. I am losing about a few dollars. So I thought to myself. “Where will I get the rest of the money?”

So in comes a man from the other shop. He asks me if I'll go in and make a few coats for him.

“Yes, I'll go.”

“How much an hour?”

“I'll make it a flat price. How many coats you have?”

“About 200 coats.”

“I want to make it a flat price. Give me \$2.00.”

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So I went in and I made the coats up right away. In half an hour I was all finished and I went right back to my poker game again. So I'm sitting there, feeling good and the boss comes in. "Well, why don't you go in and make the coats?"

"What coats? Give me the \$2,00."

So he gives me the money and I'm sitting. I came out with \$7.00. I made my day's pay and I was playing poker all day."