

H. Morris' Sexual Appetite

Maureene was literally forced to file suit for divorce in March, 1979, because of Morris' obstinate refusal to give up his mistress who he was then supporting and who had become pregnant by him. However, Maureene did not give up her marriage easily. Prior to Morris' permanent involvement with the McGaha woman, Maureene had endured a long series of degrading incidents which evidenced Morris' voracious and eclectic sexual appetite. Since early in their marriage, Morris repeatedly bragged to Maureene that with his looks and his money he could have any woman he wanted, and he constantly bragged about women propositioning him (R. 350, et seq). [Some insight into the size of Morris' ego is provided by his letter of January 22, 1979, to "Ham" Jordan (a copy of which he sent to Vicki) in which he makes application to be appointed Attorney General of the United States to replace Griffin Bell, giving as one of his principal qualifications the fact that "... all my life, I have been a winner."] (Pl. Ex. 91). Later in the marriage he repeatedly told her of women that he had had sexual intercourse with during the marriage (R. 354). He said further that he enjoyed trying to turn on gay people and he expressed a desire to have an experience with a gay (R. 354).

Early in the marriage, Morris gave her a book on "Open Marriage" and started encouraging her to have sexual intercourse with other men (R. 419-420). During the year or so after they were married, Maureene became aware that her husband was having an affair with a woman named Becky Logan (R. 458). During the same period, she began receiving anonymous telephone calls concerning her husband and a black woman in town (R. 459).

A. Dianne Hicks. In his deposition, Morris admits that in the spring of 1973 (Morris depo. p. 27), or during the summer of 1973 (Morris depo. p. 25), he had an affair with Dianne Hicks, a Mobile lawyer who was working for the Southern Poverty Law Center (Morris depo. p. 25). He had sex with her during a canoe trip down the Tallapoosa River (Morris depo. p.25), and also in Brewton where they were working together on a trial (Morris depo. p. 26-27).

B. Cathy Bennett. In the fall of 1974, Morris brought to the family home in Mathews a girl named Cathy Bennett who was a psychologist who had worked with Morris on several cases (R. 284). She stayed in their home in Mathews for about a week, during which time they had Bobby Kennedy there as a guest (R. 285). Maureene was suspicious of her husband's relationship with this girl (R. 286), and later Morris admitted having an affair with her (R. 1325). Morris told Mrs. Dees that his affair with her was over in December, 1974, but she later found that he and Cathy continued to conduct an affair in Atlanta where Morris lived for a period during the Jimmy Carter campaign (R. 287, 291).

C. Judith Rogers. In the fall of 1977 (R. 1344), Morris and Maureene held a Little Theatre party at their home, attended by Dr. Rogers, a Montgomery physician, and his wife Judith, who is a criminal psychologist (R. 292, 1344, 1345). During the party Morris admits that he took Judith into a back room of his house, while the party was going on, and had intercourse with her (R. 1344, 293).

D. Deborah Levy. In the spring of 1976, Morris invited to the house Deborah Levy who worked for the American Civil Liberties Union in New York, and the man with whom she lived in New York, Michael Gaas (R. 299, 303). The Southern Poverty Law Center was considering starting a magazine in opposition to the death penalty, and Morris was interviewing Deborah Levy for the job of running the magazine (R. 301). She was not hired for the job, but she and her boyfriend did visit the Dees home in Mathews for several days on two different occasions (R. 301). In August, 1976, Morris and Maureene

took them on a canoe trip down the river (R. 202-203). After supper, they had all gone to bed in sleeping bags, when Maureene woke up and found Morris and Deborah naked, having sex on the sandbar (R. 306). Morris turned to Maureene and insisted that she have sex with the other man. (R. 306). Later Maureene went back to sleep and woke up shortly before dawn, and found Morris and Deborah having intercourse again right next to her (R. 307). While having intercourse with Deborah, Morris leaned over and kissed Maureene (R. 308). The next morning Maureene objected strongly to the night's events and stated emphatically that she did not want anything of that nature to happen again (R. 309). The following month, in September, 1976, she and Morris went to New York for a tennis tournament and to take one of the children to a special school in Boston (R. 310). Over Maureene's objections, Morris insisted upon visiting Deborah Levy and Michael Gaas (R. 310). While the group was having dinner together in a restaurant Maureene, returning from the restroom, overheard Morris and Deborah making plans to be together the following afternoon (R. 315). Later when confronted with this Morris admitted having such plans (R. 320). Later in a conversation among the four of them, Morris stopped the conversation in the middle and said to Michael Gaas "I've just got to tell you this because I feel bad about it. I want to tell you that Deborah and I were planning to go off this afternoon and make love and I just want to tell you that." (R. 322). This embarrassed Maureene and made her furious (R. 324). Gaas responded that if that's what Morris was here to do he should just get up and go do it, following which Morris and Deborah got up and went into the bedroom where they remained for about forty-five minutes (R. 325, et seq). While they were gone Maureene had sexual intercourse with Michael (R. 326). Afterward Morris left the apartment, returned in about thirty minutes and hit Michael in the face (R. 327).

E. Pamela Horowitz. In the spring of 1977 Morris planned a trip to Kentucky and invited Maureene to go with him, knowing that she could not go because she was in rehearsal for a play (R. 330). Over Maureene's objection, he took with him, on his motorcycle Pamela Horowitz, a lawyer working for the Southern Poverty Law Center at that time (R. 331). He drove the motorcycle and she rode behind him from Montgomery to Kentucky, and they were gone for four or five days, during which they shared the same hotel accommodations (R. 331-332) F. Charlie Springman (homosexual). On August 11, 1978, Maureene and Morris' tenth anniversary, they were having dinner at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C., and afterward had drinks in the bar (R. 333, et seq). In the bar, they saw Charlie Springman, who Maureene knew as a Regional Coordinator for the National Endowment of the Arts (R. 335). She had told Morris that Springman was gay, but Morris had never met him. When they saw him in the bar, Morris suggested inviting him over for a drink (R. 335). After a while, to Maureene's surprise, Morris suggested that Charlie come up to the room with them (R. 336). In the room, they drank wine and talked, and Morris unbuttoned his shirt to the waist (R. 336). Charlie tried to leave several times but Morris wouldn't let him (R. 337). Finally Morris proposed that Charlie spend the night with them (R. 337). Mrs. Dees protested, and put on her robe and nightgown to go to bed (R. 337-338). Soon Charlie and Morris were in the bed naked, with Maureene in the middle with her gown on (R. 338-339). Springman and Morris hugged and kissed, and Morris tried to get Charlie to have relations with Maureene, but Springman was physically unable to because he was not interested (R. 340). In fact, no one made any effort to have sex with Mrs. Dees during this incident (R. 341). Springman kissed Morris' penis, and in fact,

Morris complained that he bit him and that it hurt (R. 340). Morris kissed Springman on Springman's penis (R. 341). After about thirty minutes they all went to sleep (R. 342). When Maureene woke up the next morning, Morris was gone (R. 342), but Springman was still asleep in the bed. After five or ten minutes Morris returned and found Maureene crying. He apologized for the incident and said that he would not let anything like that happen again (R. 343). Morris denies parts of this episode, he admits its essential features: Morris admits that he invited Springman to the room (R. 1571); that Maureene put on a nightgown and robe and got into bed (R. 1537); that Morris got into bed with nothing but his underclothes on (R. 1575); and that Springman got into the bed naked (R. 1590).

G. Morris' Step-Daughter. Holly Buck, Maureene's daughter by a previous marriage, is eighteen years old (R. 728). She was seven years old when her mother and Morris married, and she has lived with them in the house at Mathews from then until the separation (R. 728). Holly testified that, in the summer of 1977, Morris attempted to molest her in the following incident (R. 729): One night Maureene and Morris were sitting drinking wine and discussing a case Morris was trying. She was with them. Around eleven or twelve o'clock Maureene went to bed and Holly stayed up with Morris discussing the case. Morris kept offering Holly wine, some of which she accepted. At Morris' suggestion, they went outside to the pool, and he suggested that they go for a swim, but Holly was tired and declined (R. 731). She went to her room and then went into the bathroom. Looking out the window, she saw Morris in the bushes beside the bathroom window looking in (R. 731). She said "Morris, is that you", but he said nothing and ran away (R. 732). Two months later, she was asleep one night and Morris entered her room from Ellie's room, through the bathroom. He was in his underwear and he sat on the bed where Holly was lying on her stomach facing away from the door. He touched her on the back and woke her up. He told her that he had brought her a present, and he presented her with a vibrator. He plugged it in and said he had brought it to her. He proceeded to rub it on her back and said, "Let me show you how to use it" (R. 733). She said that's not necessary, but he started to place it between her legs when she raised her voice and said no loudly. He then took the vibrator and left (R. 734). All he had on was a pair of bikini underwear shorts (R. 734). About two hours later, she had fallen back asleep and he came back in (R. 735). He brought the vibrator with him, plugged it in and said again, "Let me show you how to use it." He tried to show her again by putting it between her legs, but she raised her voice again and he stopped. He took it and left (R. 635). She did not tell her mother about this incident until the separation when they moved out of the Mathews house in the spring of 1979 (R. 736).

H. Morris' Future Daughter-in-law. Karen Sherman Dees is Morris' daughter-in-law, who is married to Morris' son Scooter (Morris, III) (R. 345). Before Karen and Scooter were married, when they were eighteen or nineteen, which was three or four years ago, an incident occurred on Mother's Day at the family home in Mathews (R. 345). The Dees had Karen and Scooter to dinner at the house, and they cooked out (R. 346). While Scooter and Maureene were cleaning up and washing dishes, Karen and Morris went out to go swimming (R. 345). Five or ten minutes later, Maureene and Scooter started down the path toward the pool, with Maureene in front. As she approached the gate, she could see Morris and Karen standing with their arms around each other with no clothes on, and Morris had an erection. Maureene immediately turned and told Scooter that she did not want to go swimming and the two of them headed back to the

house without Scooter having seen anything (R. 347). Later, Karen and Morris returned from the pool, fully dressed, and the group stayed in the den for a little while (R. 349). Morris got up and went to bed, and Maureene joined him a few minutes later. While lying in the bed, Maureene looked up and saw that Karen had entered the room (R. 349). She didn't have any clothes on but had a towel or sheet wrapped around her (R. 350). She came over and got in the bed on Morris' side (R. 350). Nothing happened, but she remained there for about ten minutes, and eventually got up and left (R.350-351). Morris told Maureene that he just couldn't understand why she came in the room (R. 351).

In 1974 and 1976, after Maureene had become aware of some of Morris' infidelities, she had two brief sexual liasons; one with Charles Morgan, with whom she was co-starring in a Little Theatre production, and the other with Steve Denton, who was visiting in Montgomery for a tennis tournament.