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CURE/C.W. WAYMON Meeting
February 1, 1970
Shuf Swift's 7:30 p.m.

Present: S & P Swift, M. Margolis, E. Wing, C. McMahon, M. Smith, D. Lloyd, C. Waymon

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