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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350)  
 SAMMY DAVIS, JR.  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed herewith is one copy of an article appearing in the "Chicago Courier", 12/21/63.

The Chicago Division files contain no information concerning the allegations mentioned in this article.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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# Reveal Sammy Davis Kidnap By Chi Thugs

Sammy Davis Jr. was kidnapped from Las Vegas several years ago by a pair of tough Chicago gangster and quietly released when he was told by them to "forget about any plans you have to wed movie actress Kim Novak" with whom he was carrying on a hot romance at the time.

The snatch of the top entertainer was just disclosed a few days ago following the kidnapping of 19-year-old Frank Sinatra Jr., from a gambling resort at Lake Tahoe in Nevada where he was appearing with members of the late Tommy Dorsey band.

The younger Sinatra's father, Frank, Sr., is one of Davis' closest friends. When he was abducted from his motel room at Harrah's Club in Stateline, Nev., by two men, Frank Jr., was singing with the Dorsey band that features well-known trumpet player Charlie Shavers.

Though it was known by a

few of his close associates that he was grabbed by the imported hoods while he was playing at a Las Vegas nightclub, Davis never discussed it at the time and newspapers shied away from the story. A few columnists carried items about the incident but did not identify the principals.

However, Broadway columnist Frank Farrell leaked the news a few days ago that could interest the FBI. It was not known at Courier press time what action the federal authorities might take or whether they would probe into the case.

Reported to be in love with the blonde actress at the time, Davis had planned to wed her.

From a close informant it was learned that a movie contract to play the role of Sporting Life in the "Porgy and Bess" movie had been dangled before him if he forgot about Kim. Even though her friends had told her a marriage with Davis would wreck her career, she elected to ignore them.

As a last resort, "certain people" in show business hit upon the idea of arranging a "friendly kidnapping" with two tough guys with guns to carry it out. This is said to have "shook up" Davis



SAMMY DAVIS JR.

They Kidnapped Him, Too

more than many hours of prolonged conversation and caused him to change his mind in a hurry.

Only last week when Davis, Sinatra, Sr., and Dean Martin played a benefit show in Santa Monica, Calif., a death note was left in Davis' dressing room. According to an informed source, this upset him for a while, but his clan friends laughed him out of any fright.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 CHICAGO COURIER  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 12-21-63  
Edition: WEEKLY  
Author:  
Editor: S. B. FULLER  
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Submitting Office: CHICAGO

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 12-27-63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNSUBS  
SAMMY DAVIS, JR.  
ALLEGED KIDNAPING

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This is to advise that the Chicago Courier, a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper on 12-21-63 carried an article alleging that Sammy Davis, Jr., the well-known entertainer and associate of Frank Sinatra, Sr., was kidnaped in Las Vegas several years ago by a pair of tough Chicago gangsters. According to this article, Davis was released when told by his kidnapers to "forget about any plans you have to wed movie actress Kim Novak." The article went on to state that this incident was just disclosed a few days ago following the kidnaping of Frank Sinatra, Jr.

The article states that this incident was known by a few of Sammy Davis, Jr.'s close associates but that Davis did not discuss it at the time. The article alleges that Broadway Columnist Frank Farrell leaked this item a few days ago and that it was not known what action Federal authorities might take in regard to this matter. It is reported that this kidnaping was arranged by certain people in show business as a "friendly kidnaping" to convince Davis not to marry Kim Novak. The article concluded by alleging that a "death note" was left in Davis' dressing room at a benefit show in Santa Monica, California, within the past week.

No information was located in Bureau files concerning the above-mentioned kidnaping or the recent "death note." This story may well be an attempt by Davis to obtain publicity similar to that afforded the Sinatras in the recent kidnaping of Frank Sinatra, Jr.

### ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. In view of the publicity afforded this matter and the likelihood of press inquiry, it is recommended that we interview Sammy Davis, Jr. to determine if this alleged kidnaping or the "death note" recently received by him constitutes a Federal violation. If approved, attached is a teletype instructing our Los Angeles Office to conduct this interview.

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2. This teletype also instructs Los Angeles and Las Vegas to submit any information those Offices may have received concerning this matter.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: UNSUBS;  
SAMMY DAVIS, JR.  
ALLEGED KIDNAPING

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Addendum (AHB: [redacted], 12/27/63:

I do not think we should interview Sammy Davis, Jr., based on information in the Chicago Courier, alleging Davis was kidnaped "several years ago," nor concerning the alleged death note left in his dressing room last week. If there is any substance to either of these allegations, Davis had a responsibility to notify the FBI or other appropriate authorities.

A.H. Belmont

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October 17, 1966

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FBI

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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[redacted] has requested an FBI name check concerning Sammy Davis, Jr., the noted Negro singer. Mr. Davis has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. However, our files reveal the following information concerning him.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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Honorable Marvin Watson



The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Mr. Davis based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

10-13, 1966

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 Service Unit - Room 6524  
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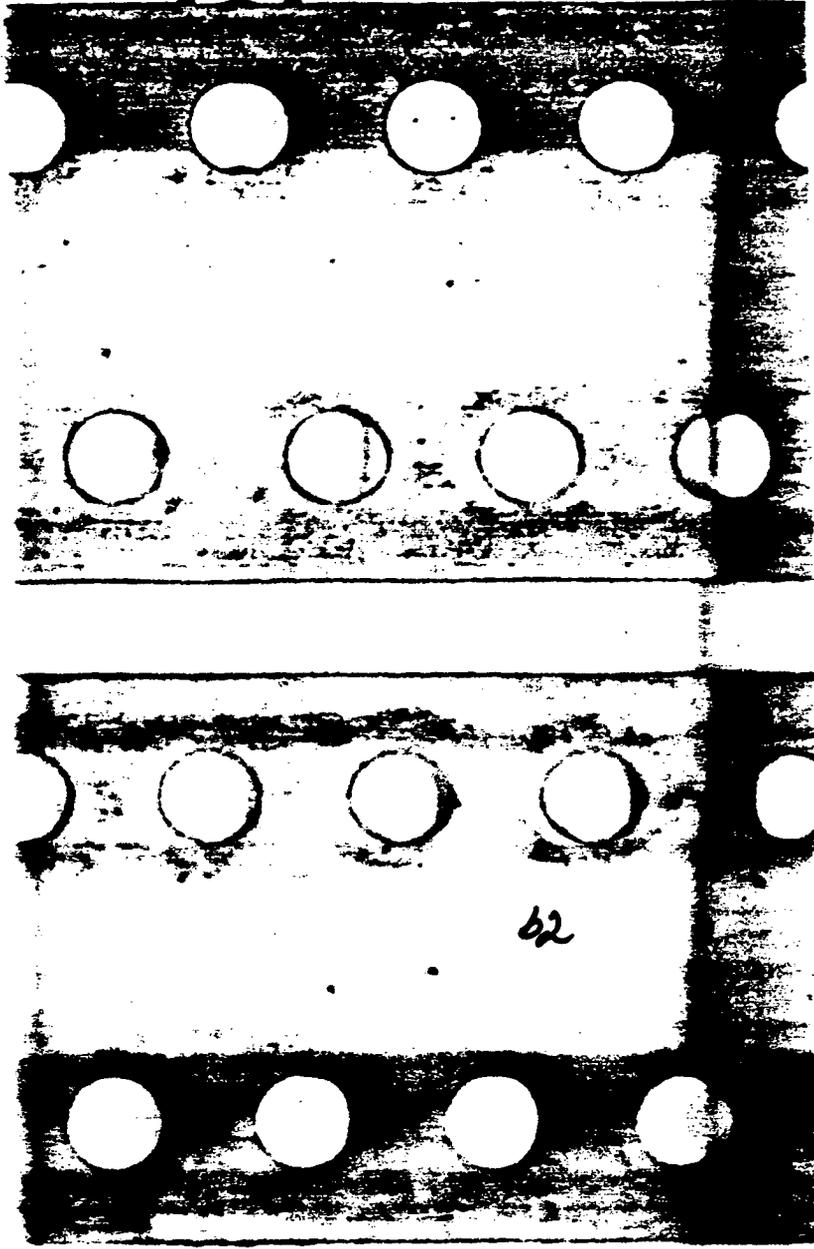
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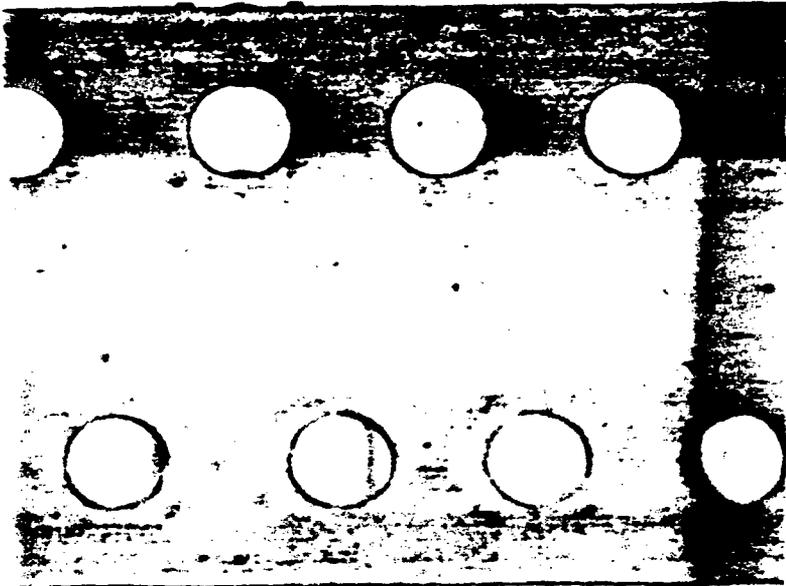
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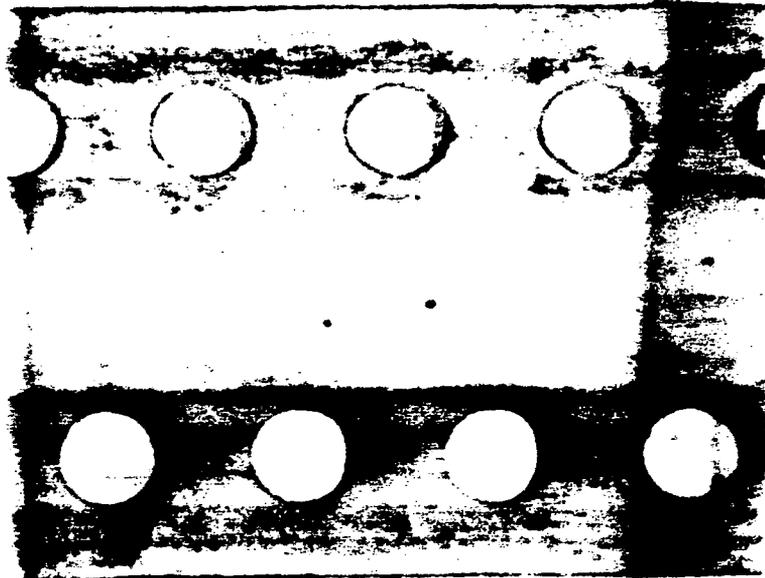
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