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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached letter from Los Angeles outlines in rather extensive form the facts and background in so far as they are known concerning the killing of "Bugsy" Siegel. I thought you would be interested in this since undoubtedly if you make a trip West, this case will be the subject of considerable discussion on the part of people with whom you may be in contact.

We are advising Hood by letter today that there would appear to be no reason why the Bureau should turn over any information [redacted] but that any person offering information concerning the killing of Siegel should be referred direct to the police department to report their information.



Respectfully,

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*I talked with Hood on this 15-47 for [unclear]*

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1. I think Hood should refer persons to [redacted] rather than to [redacted]
2. Also if we do get any real H had she we ought to follow it out regardless in view of our general interest in the gangster activity

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 13, California  
July 1, 1947

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ON 11-2-85

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AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Salt Lake City teletype dated June 24, 1947 wherein is requested complete details and subsequent developments of the murder of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL in Los Angeles.

The killing of SIEGEL was brought to the attention of this office after the shooting, at 10:50 P.M. on June 20, 1947, when [redacted] telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] had telephoned him.

At this time [redacted] told [redacted] that SIEGEL had been shot five times; that seven bullets of .45 caliber were shot; that one bullet grazed the coat of ALLEN SMILEY who was present with SIEGEL in the living room at 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California - VIRGINIA HILL'S residence; and that CHARLES "CHICK" HILL, brother of VIRGINIA HILL, and JERI MASON, believed to be VIRGINIA HILL'S Secretary, were upstairs at the residence at the time of the shooting. Immediately after the shooting an automobile which was proceeding north toward Sunset Boulevard from the residence had been reported seen by neighbors.

[redacted]

Los Angeles newspapers, on the morning of June 21, 1947, submitted headline publicity of SIEGEL'S murder, relating the following additional information:

I. [redacted] was sleeping at the residence at the time of the killing.

II. ALLEN SMILEY made the statement: "I heard the glass shattering and I ducked; I don't know how many shots were fired, but when I looked at SIEGEL I could see he had taken most of them."



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WIFE SURVIVOR

[REDACTED] heard the car and the car in time to  
hear a high powered automobile rear away toward Sunset Boulevard. Another  
neighbor reported that he had observed strange men sitting in automobiles  
in front of Miss HILL's residence on the night of the killing.

IV. A tiny sticker advertisement which had been stuck on the Los Angeles  
Examiner newspaper which SIEGEL had been reading when killed read: "Good-night,  
Sleep Well".

V. SIEGEL's body was taken to the Los Angeles County Morgue and when  
police went through his clothes they found two 14-carat gold keys, a Mexican  
gold piece fashioned into a money clip, a wrist watch, and an undisclosed  
amount of cash.

VI. Recounts of SIEGEL's connection in the "BIG GREENY GREENBERG murder  
were set out in various newspapers.

VII. [REDACTED] was held as a material witness by the Beverly Hills  
Police Department.

[REDACTED]

CONF. INFO.

Significantly it is noted that [REDACTED] advised this office on  
May 14, 1946 that [REDACTED] contacts [REDACTED] and made an appointment  
to see him immediately. On August 1, 1946 this informant again advised that  
[REDACTED] had contacted [REDACTED] again.

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[REDACTED] telephonically advised on June 21, 1947 that he was surprised to hear of the killing of SIEGEL. He stated that he discredited the story that SIEGEL was killed because he owed money to the Mafia Syndicate, headed by FRANK COSTELLO and JOE ADONIS, concluding: "You can't collect money from a dead man".

[REDACTED] telephonically volunteered on the same date that SIEGEL was fighting a big force, meaning "The Unione Sicillione Syndicate", and that he didn't deserve this because he hadn't done them any wrong.

[REDACTED] advised that he had been present at Jack's Cafe in Ocean Park, California on the night of June 20, 1947 and he observed [REDACTED] and SIEGEL "in a huddle" with one of the co-owners of Jack's Cafe [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] observed SIEGEL [REDACTED] leave the cafe, which gave out free newspapers with the stickers on them reading "Good-night, Sleep Well". [REDACTED]

From June 21, 1947 through June 26, 1947 SIEGEL's death received newspaper headline publicity in Los Angeles. Many proposed reasons for the killing were set out, including gang warfare and dope smuggling; the fact that Las Vegas gambling clubs were losing money because of the Flamingo Club; that SIEGEL's interest in the Flamingo Club and Hotel drained his resources to the extent that he was applying pressure to the Los Angeles bookmakers who subscribe to the Trans-America Wire Service; that a patron of the Flamingo lost heavily betting and had undertaken reprisals; etc. etc. Copies of these articles were forwarded to the Bureau by confidential letter dated June 27, 1947.

Significantly, one article related that VIRGINIA HILL had had a quarrel with SIEGEL in Las Vegas and that she had departed for Paris, France.

On June 21, 1947 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is known to be friendly with [REDACTED]

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telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. B. HOOD that he had been on the murder case of SIEGEL constantly and requested to know if the FBI was interested in the case. He had learned that SIEGEL had flown into the Los Angeles area on the morning of June 20, 1947

[REDACTED] SIEGEL was expected to keep an appointment with his attorney, [REDACTED] in Beverly Hills, California.

[REDACTED] had been in VIRGINIA HILL's house and said seven cartridges were found outside of the window. These cartridges were of 30 caliber size. The bullets were copper jacketed, which were no doubt shot from a U. S. Army Carbine Rifle.

The victim SIEGEL was seated four feet from the window which was fourteen feet from the spot where the carbine was rested on a lattice between VIRGINIA HILL's residence and the neighbor's driveway. Nine shots were evidently fired. Two bullets had entered SIEGEL's body through the head -- one bullet came out through an eye, and a portion of an eyelid was found ten feet from him. There were five holes in the wall about as big as a silver dollar, and other bullets hit other objects in the room.

The couch on which SIEGEL and SMILEY were sitting was at right-angles to the window, with the back in line with the right side of the nearby window. SMILEY was believed to have been next to the window with his left arm resting along the back of the couch. SIEGEL was at the far end of the couch, leaning over a little and reading a Los Angeles Examiner newspaper. Apparently the first two bullets just singed SMILEY's coat at his left arm. According to [REDACTED] the killer almost had to shoot around the corner and obviously was a very good shot.

[REDACTED]

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WIRE SERVICE

[REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Times newspaper dated June 22, 1947 reflected that Chief Deputy District Attorney S. ERNEST ROLL, who with Captain W. W. WHITE headed the investigation of the murder, obtained a lengthy statement from BARNEY RUDITSKY who was absolved from having any connection with the investigation. ROLL stated that RUDITSKY's information furnished little if any light on the murder.

[REDACTED]

From a confidential source [REDACTED] which is being developed now as an informant by this office, the following was furnished: SIEGEL had encroached upon the activities of [REDACTED] in Las Vegas, Nevada and they retaliated.

SIEGEL had a fight with [REDACTED] two weeks previous to the killing and SIEGEL told [REDACTED] that he no longer had anything to do with the wire service and that [REDACTED] should get out of the town of Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] subsequently learned from [REDACTED] believed by this office to be [REDACTED] the following two reasons for the killing of SIEGEL:

A. SIEGEL had been losing money heavily in Las Vegas in his operation of the Flamingo Hotel and was attempting a recoup through his friend GEORGE RAFT and others by attempting to gain bookmaking trade in the motion picture colony. This move clashed with [REDACTED] who had SIEGEL killed.

B. A meeting was held in Las Vegas between SIEGEL and his associates wherein it was decided that the Trans-America Wire Service was not doing so



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On June 25, 1947 Special Agent [redacted] attended the Coroner's Inquest of SIEGEL's death, held at the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles. Captain W. W. WHITE, Beverly Hills, Police Department, ALLEN SMILEY, JERI MASON, and CHARLES HILL testified. b7c

Captain WHITE testified that the killing happened at approximately 10:50 P.M. on June 20, 1947 and he arrived at the residence at approximately 11:00 P.M. He stated that he had picked up nine 30-caliber U. S. Army carbine shells at the scene; that two shots entered SIEGEL's head, one entering the right eye and exiting at the left eye, the other entering the right cheek and exiting the left neck, shattering the neck vertebra, and that the distance from where the victim was shot to the window of the residence was four feet.

ALLEN SMILEY identified the body at the inquest and related the activities of JERI MASON, CHARLES HILL, SIEGEL and himself before the shooting. He stated that at 3:00 P.M. he drove SIEGEL to JERRY ROTHCHILD's Barber Shop, 222 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, where he left SIEGEL. SMILEY returned to his apartment and made an appointment to see his doctor. SMILEY completed the appointment which lasted forty-five minutes, and returned to pick up SIEGEL at JOE ROSS's law offices in Beverly Hills, California, and returned with SIEGEL to the Linden Drive address. SMILEY, SIEGEL, HILL and MASON then proceeded to Jack's Cafe at Ocean Park, California because they had heard that the cafe had just opened and all of them were curious to see what it was like. SMILEY related that after having dinner at Jack's Cafe they returned to the Linden Drive address and the only stop made was at the Beverly Wilshire Drug Store where SIEGEL purchased some camphor. They arrived at the Linden Drive address at approximately 10:00 or 10:20 P.M. and after being in the house for about ten minutes both SIEGEL and SMILEY sat on the Chesterfield couch talking while SIEGEL looked over the Los Angeles Examiner newspaper.

SMILEY first heard a lot of noise, "like firecrackers, and thought it was a gag", but when he saw blood he knew SIEGEL had been shot. SMILEY

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said: "Quicker than I can say, I dove to the ground and immediately heard CHICK HILL, who was upstairs with JERI MASON, call down, 'what's the matter, BEN'". SMILEY then hollered for them to call the doctor and the police and to turn off the lights. He yelled, "BEN is shot; call the police; call a doctor". He added, "someones called BARNEY RUDITSKY, a very good friend".

JERI MASON and CHARLES HILL both testified, stating that they were upstairs pulling tacks out of the carpet because they were getting ready to go to Florida. Miss MASON was asked information concerning her occupation which she stated was secretary to VIRGINIA HILL, however she was embarrassed when asked direct questions concerning from whom VIRGINIA HILL rented and if Miss MASON had received correspondence recently from Miss HILL. Miss MASON knew very little concerning VIRGINIA HILL's personal business and was very very vague. It was later disclosed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office that CHARLES HILL and JERI MASON, who was formerly the secretary for MARIE MacDONALD, the motion picture actress, are engaged to be married.

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Subsequent to the Coroner's Inquest, Special Agent [REDACTED] ascertained [REDACTED]

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THE BODY

From June 20 through June 25, 1947 SIEGEL's body remained at the Los Angeles County Morgue unclaimed. However, after the Coroner's Inquest Dr. MAURICE SIEGEL, brother of the victim, claimed the body and secret funeral services for the slain underworld big shot were held at the Grossman Mortuary in Los Angeles. The services lasted five minutes and only six mourners, including SIEGEL's divorced wife and his two daughters, were present. The ornate \$5,000. silver-plated bronze casket remained closed throughout the funeral, the body having been hermetically sealed in the coffin on the night of June 25, 1947. The rights of the Jewish Church were conducted privately by Rabbi MAX KERT of the Olympic Jewish Center at the request of the family to thwart plans of SIEGEL's friends and business associates for a lavish Chicago-style funeral.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In connection with the investigation conducted [REDACTED] it is noted that GEORGE RAFF was thoroughly questioned and as a result he stated that SIEGEL was a very good friend of his and furnished no detrimental information about his activities. b7D

Mrs. ESTHER SIEGEL, the divorced wife of the victim, was also questioned [REDACTED] Mrs. SIEGEL stated that she was a schoolday sweetheart in New York City with SIEGEL and that about twenty years ago while he was in the garage business there she married him. She talked freely [REDACTED] b7 b7C

[REDACTED] however there was no mention made of SIEGEL's background as a "tough slugger from New York City". Instead, she called SIEGEL "a fine husband and thoughtful father".

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From highly confidential sources the Los Angeles Office ascertained the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
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THE MURDER

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The killing of SIEGEL brought to the attention of Governor EARL WARREN the fact that gangsterism was rampant in California and he publicly announced through the newspapers that he was appointing a Police Commission to study the influx of racketeers and gangsters in California.

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It is significant that [REDACTED] previously advised on July 8, 1946 that [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and told him that he was going by private plane to Las Vegas. On July 26, 1946 [REDACTED] contacted SIEGEL and went with him to [REDACTED] Los Angeles. From various contacts with [REDACTED] ascertained that [REDACTED] had been obtaining horse racing tips [REDACTED] during September of 1946.

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Looking for information by various local agencies may yield some  
heretofore overlooked clue to the motive of SIEGEL's assassination.

In connection with this meeting, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that he would not be present  
at this meeting because he did not intend to furnish information to the  
State Attorney General's Office [redacted]

On June 30, 1947 [redacted] advised that he had been in contact  
with [redacted] who stated that  
he was certain that the FBI in Los Angeles had much information concerning the  
killing of SIEGEL and that this information could certainly assist in the  
possible solution of the murder. [redacted] however stated that [redacted]  
had told him that the [redacted] had not yet requested  
any information from this office.

In view of this remark made by [redacted] this  
office requests to know whether any or all of the above information should  
be submitted [redacted]

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD,  
SAC

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cc: CHICAGO  
NEW YORK  
PHOENIX  
SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN DIEGO  
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Director, FBI

July 1, 1947

Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
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On June 28, 1947 an anonymous informant telephonically advised that an individual by the name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was connected with "BUGSY" SIEGEL and had trouble with him. This informant stated that [REDACTED] knew all the facts concerning the demise of SIEGEL. b7c b7d

This informant subsequently contacted this office on the same date and advised that [REDACTED] had a big argument with SIEGEL concerning the narcotic traffic. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On June 29, 1947 [REDACTED] declared that all his evidence accumulated in the investigation of SIEGEL's murder pointed nowhere. He said: "We have the gambling angle, the love angle, the narcotic angle — you can take your choice. Everyone tells us how much they loved SIEGEL, but it's a cinch somebody didn't".

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[REDACTED] ordered a liaison officer assigned to obtain a line on the movements of gangsters and racketeers who, [REDACTED] in increasing numbers have been making Hollywood, California a base of nationwide operations.

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In a concerted move to catalogue criminal elements moving into Southern California which was precipitated in the slaying of SIEGEL, local law enforcement chiefs were scheduled to meet at 10:00 A.M. on July 1, 1947 in the office of the California State Attorney General's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MEXICO CITY

June 25, 1947

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RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,  
CRIME SURVEY.

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Dear Sir:

MEXICO - F. I. C. MISC - A

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 3, 1947, which advised that VIRGINIA HILL, mistress of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, contemplated visiting Mexico City on January 15, 1947. Referenced letter also indicated that HILL had requested [redacted] to allow her to use his apartment in Mexico City.

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[redacted]

In view of the recent murder of "BUGS" SIEGEL, and information appearing in the newspapers to the effect that HILL is in Paris, [this stop is being discontinued.]

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Very truly yours

[signature]  
John N. Speakes  
Legal Attache

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MURKIN - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
WILSE BROWN

An article appearing in one of the Washington newspapers relates Sanford B. Miller disclosed that he had purchased the late Siegel's Flamingo Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, for \$3,000,000.

It is requested you endeavor to verify this information through your confidential informants and promptly advise the Bureau.

AIR MAIL

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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**Rival Buys Siegel's  
Las Vegas Hotel**  
United Press  
LAS VEGAS, Nev., July 12—Sanford D. Adler, one of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel's rival hotel owners, disclosed today that he had bought the slain gangster's ornate Flamingo Casino for \$3,000,000.  
The Flamingo reportedly had been losing money faster than the customers at its gaming tables. Siegel's need to make up the losses was believed to have contributed to his assassination June 20 in Beverly Hills.

Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel  
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[REDACTED] LANSKY DISCUSSED SIEGEL KILLING AND LANSKY STATED POSITIVELY THAT SYNDICATE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KILLING. LANSKY STATED THAT HE, FRANK CASTELLO, AND JOE ADONIS WERE AS SURPRISED AS ANYONE WHEN THEY HEARD THAT SIEGEL [REDACTED] HAD BEEN KILLED. THEY RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ASSOCIATES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY INQUIRING ABOUT SIEGEL'S DEATH BUT [REDACTED] WERE UNABLE TO ANSWER THEM. LANSKY SAID HE AND OTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. HE STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT CONTACTED BY VIRGINIA HILL WHILE HILL WAS IN NEW YORK CITY BEFORE LEAVING FOR PARIS AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT HILL MAY HAVE TOLD ODONIS OR LANSKY ABOUT SIEGEL'S ATTEMPTS TO DEFRAUD MEMBERS OF THE SYNDICATE AT THE FLAMINGO HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS. LANSKY BELIEVES THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT HILL'S BROTHER MAY HAVE KILLED SIEGEL. [REDACTED]

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QUOTE THOSE NOT HEADED SOUTHERNERS WHO MAY HAVE KILLED SIEGEL BECAUSE OF SIEGEL MISTREATING HILL. LANSKY SAID THE SYNDICATE IS CONDUCTING AND INVESTIGATION OF ITS OWN TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF THE

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LEAST ONE WAS TO BE KILLED. [REDACTED] HAD PLANNED TO KILL [REDACTED]

TO DETERMINE [REDACTED] KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE KILLING IN VIEW OF FACT [REDACTED] HILL'S HOUSE [REDACTED] IN LOS ANGELES ONE WEEK PRIOR TO SIEGEL'S DEATH. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WANSKY SAID THAT SIEGEL'S DEATH WAS NO SERIOUS LOSS TO SYNDICATE AND THAT NO MEMBER OF SYNDICATE SERIOUSLY REGRETTED HIS DEATH SINCE SIEGEL HAD BROUGHT TOO MUCH UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY TO SYNDICATE AS RESULT OF MISHANDLING BUSINESS AT FLAMINGO HOTEL AND RACE WIRE SERVICE AND RACE BOOKS IN THE WEST BUT THAT SYNDICATE IS DUTY BOUND TO ATTEMPT TO SOLVE KILLING ITSELF AND OBTAIN REVENGE BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF QUOTE LOSING FACE UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

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LAS VEGAS BY PLANE EIGHTH INSTANT. NEW YORK ADDRESS [REDACTED]

DATE OF PROSPECTIVE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES NOT KNOWN BY [REDACTED]

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It is noted in file to Salt Lake City...  
...information is set out that...  
...New York City...  
...is believed to have registered at a large hotel previously operated  
by the Hall interests at the end of Ellshire and Santa Monica Boulevards in  
Santa Monica, California, under his correct name on his last known visit to  
Los Angeles several months ago, and probably registered at the same hotel  
recently under his correct name.



cc - Salt Lake City  
cc - Phoenix

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: July 14, 1947

*On*

*to*

[REDACTED] advised on June 25, 1947 that MRS. ESTHER SIEGEL, wife of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, planned to have a very private funeral service at Los Angeles, California for the slain gangster. Only members of SIEGEL's immediate family were expected to attend the service and no outsiders were invited. Informant stated that he understands no publicity whatsoever is to be given to the funeral planned and that the funeral may come as a surprise to even intimate associates of the former gangster.

This information was born out by newspaper articles of June 26, 1947 which reflected that MRS. SIEGEL and her daughters together with SIEGEL's sister and [REDACTED] appeared at the mortician's office and requested that an immediate funeral service be conducted.

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 Mr. Rosen  
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 DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BIGGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, WAS. MISC. REBUTEL YESTERDAY  
 LOS ANGELES WAS ADVISED JULY ELEVEN LAST THAT THEIR TEL JULY TEN  
 LAST INDICATED NO INVESTIGATION THIS DIVISION AND NO REFERENCES  
 COULD BE LOCATED THIS OFFICE. APPARENTLY THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD  
 HAVE BEEN REQUESTED OF BIRMINGHAM DIVISION AND LOS ANGELES UNDOUBTEDLY  
 HAS COMMUNICATED WITH BIRMINGHAM.

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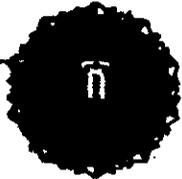
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 July 18, 1947

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Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.  
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Rebulet June 26, 1947, referring to mylet May 26, 1947 and  
 mytel June 20, 1947.

Any indication that may have appeared in any of my correspondence  
 to the Bureau indicating that [redacted] may have been  
 apprised of the disposition of information furnished by him has been en-  
 tirely in error and unintentional. This correspondence has been reviewed  
 and I have not located any statement to the Bureau reflecting that such  
 procedure has been followed.

At no time has this Informant been advised as to what action  
 the Bureau or this division was taking or contemplating with regard to  
 information furnished by him or in connection with any other matter.  
 Each time he has asked if the Bureau was taking any action with regard  
 to SIEGEL he was told that any information furnished by him would receive  
 appropriate attention and disposition. He has never been told that SIEGEL  
 was being investigated by the Bureau. The Bureau's jurisdiction was ex-  
 plained to him [redacted] and has  
 been reiterated to him from time to time when occasion required.

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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.

MISC.-INFO. CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

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The sole purpose of requesting immediate advice from the Bureau as to the disposition by the Bureau of the information [REDACTED] was for the guidance of this office and not to be divulged in any manner to the Informant.

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Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*

JAY C. NEWMAN  
SAC

*|| This is explanation  
but letters ought to be  
carefully worded  
so they say what  
is meant particularly  
in such matters of  
import.*

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SAC, Salt Lake City **PERSONAL ATTENTION**

August 4, 1947

Director, FBI

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Reurlet July 26, 1947, entitled Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel, with aliases, Information Concerning Crime Survey. You advise that the above-captioned informant is not being apprised of information received by the Bureau.

Your attention is directed to the following sentence appearing in urlet dated July 22, 1947, entitled Vice Conditions Lower California, Mexico, Crime Survey: "Informant believed that [redacted] had received some information that was erroneous on his trip to Sacramento and San Francisco, California".

[redacted] has undoubtedly furnished information of value on criminal matters. However, it appears from the above-quoted sentence that he is being furnished information which has been received by the Bureau. This practice will not be tolerated and must cease at once. You are instructed to immediately discuss this matter with the Agents handling this informant and it should be specifically pointed out that no information is to be furnished this informant.

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Mr. Nease	
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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to San Diego letter dated July 1, 1947, to the Bureau, copies of which were furnished interested offices, stating that [redacted] has been advised by his own highly reliable and confidential source that during the month of June, 1947, BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL had learned at Las Vegas, Nevada that [redacted]

[redacted]

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, it is believed that [redacted] is in the possession of erroneous information regarding this [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

It is believed that this information may help to clear up this matter.

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Very truly yours,

JAY F. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - San Diego, Los Angeles,  
and Phoenix

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, WAS  
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DATE: 7/10/47

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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

As of possible interest to the Bureau, there are being forwarded herewith autopsy photos of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL taken at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

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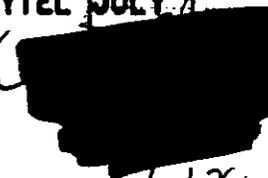
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PLS NOTE THAT BIRMINGHAM WILL BE ADVISED

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- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Mr. Egan.....
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 15, 1947

The attached was sent  
to the Director by Walter  
Winchell.

read: The notations thereon

"To Hoover

"from two top  
detectives."

Attachment

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- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Glavin
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MEMO.

The Police expect to tie up the Bugsy Siegel killing with the Ragen killing in Chicago last year. (However, the cops do not expect to be able to put the finger on the actual murderer of Siegel). Despite anything written about narcotics, etc., the real cause of the whole thing is bookmaking and racing interests. Here's the story....

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There are two supposedly rival services interests who have the racing wire ~~interest~~ sewed up. (Also all the various 'scratch sheets'). They are the Ragain-Annenber crowd and the Trans American News Service and Publishers, Inc. The latter is run by the 'boys' from the east here, and has an office in Brklyn and one in Chicago---address in Chi is 6 East Lake St. phone Medallion 1931). Actually, the two syndicates are linked up secretly, their rivalry is a front to stop the Gov't from any possible anti-trust, monopoly injunctions...Now all the big bookmakers throughout the country need these wire services, and are charged a nominal rate---about \$75 per day. Bugsy, against the advice of the biggest 'boys' here: (ML, JA, started charging double that rate to the west coast bookies. Th where the fight started !.....

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
San Diego 1, California  
July 1, 1947

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Director, FBI

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DATE 11-7-95 BY 50-7 [signature]

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the San Diego Division letter of May 21,  
last to the Director entitled "VICE CONDITIONS, LOWER CALIFORNIA, MEXICO,  
CRIME SURVEY".

That communication and others from the Salt Lake City Division  
under the same title indicated that

[REDACTED]

In this connection, [REDACTED] has been advised by his own highly  
reliable and confidential source that during the past thirty days "BUGS"  
SIEGEL had ascertained at Las Vegas, Nevada, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This information is particularly interesting at this time in view of  
SIEGEL's murder.

The Salt Lake City Division might be able to obtain additional  
information concerning this particular matter [REDACTED]

AIR MAIL

[REDACTED]  
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- cc - Los Angeles
- cc - Salt Lake City
- cc - Phoenix

Very truly yours,  
W. A. MURPHY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Gurnea	.....
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**TO :** Director, FBI  
**FROM :** SAC, Phoenix

**DATE:** July 22, 1947

**SUBJECT:** BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] came to the Phoenix office on July 21, 1947, ostensibly to make a social call, but advised while here that they were working under cover on a lead which they had received in the SIEGEL case. This lead, the source of which was not mentioned, was to the effect that two short stocky swarthy Italians were supposed to have done the job and that they were brought out here by GUS GREENBAUM and were known to have hung around the Adams Hotel in Phoenix; further that they were driving a tan Buick with no license plates. *b7c*

[REDACTED] advised that they would remain in Phoenix for a few days in an attempt to run this lead out, without disclosing their presence here. They said they had made a check of the automobiles passing through Blythe, California, for a short period of time immediately preceding the death of SIEGEL, and had located approximately 95 cars which could have fit the description they had. *b7c*

Any further information developed through this source will be promptly furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

cc-San Diego  
cc-Los Angeles  
cc-Salt Lake City

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ON *11-7-85*

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- Mr. Mohr .....
- Mr. Pennington .....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm .....
- Mr. Nease .....
- Miss Gandy .....

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: "BUGOSKY" SIEGEL - DECEASED  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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DATE: July 19, 1947

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SA [redacted] working in the Wichita Area, has furnished me a memorandum with respect to "BUGOSKY" SIEGEL, reading as follows:

"Reference is made to the letter of Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY at Chicago to Kansas City dated June 18, 1947, and entitled [redacted] Theft of House of Hesse Royal Crown Jewels in Germany, NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

"While making preliminary inquiries in connection with the aforementioned case, Agent learned that [redacted] an acquaintance of former SA [redacted] now practicing law in Wichita, had furnished the following information:

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This is being furnished the Bureau, the Los Angeles Office, and Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY in Chicago for information purposes. The Los Angeles Office may desire to furnish the information contained herein to the law enforcement agency conducting an investigation relative to the murder of SIEGEL.

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cc Los Angeles

cc Chicago - Attention Assistant Director E. J. DONNELLEY

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) BY DATE

RE: THE KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INVESTIGATION - MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Reference is made to the Bureau division letter to the Director dated July 1, 1967, entitled as above, pertinent to page 9 thereof which indicates that

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above is submitted for general information in connection with the letter of reference.

Very truly yours,

*C. J. Murphy*  
SAC, MEMPHIS

FOR FACTORY  
Los Angeles (62-800-20)  
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Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Enclosed herewith are seven photographs as follows:

- 1 and 2: Mergue slab photographs of slain "BOSS" SIEGEL.
- 3, 4 and 5: Photographs of slain SIEGEL taken at the home at VIRGINIA HILL at 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 6 and 7: Photographs of [redacted] both of whom were present in the home at the time of the slaying of SIEGEL.

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- Mr. Nease ✓

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, CRIME SURVEY. BROADWAY  
 COLUMNIST JACK LATT IN COLUMN CARRIED BY UNITED STATES NEWSPAPER  
 QUOTE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT UNQUOTE DATED [REDACTED] STATES C b1  
 VIRGINIA HILL BELIEVED UNITED STATES G-MEN IN MEXICO WERE IN-  
 VESTIGATING HER IN CONNECTION WITH NARCOTIC MATTERS. FOR BUREAU'S  
 INFORMATION IT IS BELIEVED THAT VIRGINIA HILL WAS REFERRING TO  
 INVESTIGATOR OF LOCAL OFFICE OF UNITED STATES TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE.  
 IN MY LETTER OF [REDACTED] CONCERNING SIEGEL I ADVISED DISCREET  
 INVESTIGATION HAD THUS FAR FAILED TO REFLECT PRESENCE OF HILL IN b7D  
 MEXICO.

[REDACTED] BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

TO: *Rao* [Redacted] Director, FBI  
FR: [Redacted] SAC, Birmingham

DATE: July 25, 1947

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

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VIRGINIA HILL, was  
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Under date of July 11, 1947, the Los Angeles Office directed a teletype to Birmingham in the SIEGEL case, referring to the report of Special Agent [Redacted] Birmingham, dated August 27, 1942, in the closed case entitled VIRGINIA HILL, was; [Redacted] INFORMATION CONCERNING, Los Angeles file No. 62-2290, Chicago file No. 62-3114, in which teletype it was stated that [Redacted]

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The teletype further reflected that [Redacted]

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It will be seen from the above [REDACTED] may probably be considered capable of performing most any type crime and it is not known at the Birmingham Office just how far the Los Angeles Office or the Bureau may desire to follow up his whereabouts on the date of SIEGEL's demise. A copy of this communication, however, is being made available to the Mobile Office in the event it might be desirable to check on his whereabouts at Pensacola, Florida on that date.

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Under date of July 14, 1947, the "Birmingham News" carried photographs and a feature story concerning VIRGINIA HILL, copies of which are being forwarded to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office for informative purposes. It is noted that the article states that VIRGINIA's father, a

Director, FBI

former horse and mule trader in Bessemer, Alabama, has recently moved to Marietta, Georgia, and for that reason, a copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Atlanta Office in the event it might be desirable to interview members of her family there.

In the absence of any further request for active investigation this case is being considered RUC, and a copy of instant letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office due to their interest in SIEGEL, as well as the fact that the Chicago Office was formerly office of origin in the VIRGINIA HILL case.

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Enclosure

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc - Los Angeles (2) (Enc)

Atlanta

Chicago

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : *RA* MR. ROSEN

DATE: August 6, 1947

FROM :

[REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT:

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

*m/m*

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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PURPOSE:

[REDACTED]

DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] *G. L. K. 3*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

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These data are submitted for your information. No information has been received from the War Department.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Leonard \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

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 6- [REDACTED]

**Ex-Convict Says  
 He Drove Car for  
 Killer of Siegel**

Waurika, Okla., Aug. 5 (AP).—  
 County Attorney John Hannah  
 said today a man who "feared for  
 his life" signed a statement declar-  
 ing he drove a car for the man who  
 killed gambler Bugsy Siegel in  
 Beverly Hills June 20.

Hannah identified the man as  
 Virgil Clark Manning, 28, of Los  
 Angeles. He said Manning told  
 him he had served a term for  
 forgery in the Missouri Peniten-  
 tiary. (Records at the penitentiary  
 show a Virgil Clark Manning  
 served four years on a forgery  
 conviction and was released in  
 February, 1945.)

Siegel was shot to death through  
 an open window as he sat reading  
 a newspaper. Nine slugs ripped  
 into his body.

The killer is still at large.

In Beverly Hills, Police Chief  
 C. H. Anderson said he had wired  
 for a copy of the man's complete  
 statement.

*Benjamin Bugsy Siegel*

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 [REDACTED]

*Memo A Rosen*  
 8/6/47 [REDACTED]

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 DATE 8/6/47

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL. CRIME SURVEY. REFERENCE OUR  
CABLEGRAM

[REDACTED] *b1 b7c*

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*Call to Mexico*  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM : *RA* Rosen

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SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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DETAILS

[REDACTED] On March 6, 1946, he was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles, California, together with others in a nation-wide narcotic conspiracy case. He was formerly associated with the late Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel (Bureau File #62-81518-5-286). b2

[REDACTED] (c) b1 b2

A review of the Bureau files and identification records reflects [REDACTED] is not wanted on any federal violation except for a narcotic violation. b2

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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LEGAL ATTACHE  
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

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MEXICAN NEWS STICK, OR THE SURVEY. IN YOUR OFFICE

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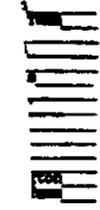
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*John Lawing*  
*11/8/56*  
*ck Mac*

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Mr. Tolson .....  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
 Mr. Clegg .....  
 Mr. Glavin .....  
 Mr. Ladd .....  
 Mr. Nichols .....  
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 Mr. Gurnea .....  
 Mr. Harbo .....  
 Mr. Mohr .....  
 Mr. Pennington .....  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
 Mr. Nease .....  
 Miss Gandy .....

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : *Ward* SAC, San Diego

DATE: August 7, 1947

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
~~INFORMATION CONCERNING;~~  
 CRIME SURVEY

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 DATE 11-7-85 BY SP-2 *[Signature]*

The July 14, 1947, issue of the bi-monthly magazine "Fortnight" a California publication published at 4504 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California, carries a feature article under the heading of "Justice", entitled, "A New Mob Takes Over.....The Killing of Bugsy Siegel Marks a New Era for the Rackets in California".

This article reports at some length the known facts of the Siegel murder giving what purports to be Siegel's background and his connection with the "Unione Siciliana" and "Mafia", with CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, GEORGE RAFT, and with an unidentified narcotics ring. The article states a rumor had it that the big mob would soon be calling the turns in California with a new representative in MEYER LANSKI, pal of SIEGEL's.

In this connection this office advised the Los Angeles Office by letter dated August 29, 1946, in a letter entitled as above that a confidential source, whose reliability is well known, when questioned concerning other interests from the East who may be moving westward indicated that MEYER LANSKI was interested in the "Flamingo Club" with SIEGEL, which club was then under construction at Las Vegas, Nevada.

The above is furnished for whatever interest it may have to the Bureau and auxiliary offices.

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cc-Los Angeles  
 Chicago  
 New York City  
 Salt Lake City

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

DATE: August 14, 1947

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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Benjamin Siegel

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Refer Bureau Office Memorandum of August 4, 1947, calling attention to phraseology in a communication from this office which indicated that the informant might have been furnished information in an interview, and instructing that in the handling of this informant no information whatever is to be furnished the informant.

As instructed by the Bureau, I discussed this matter on August 13, 1947 with Special Agents [REDACTED] Resident Agents at Las Vegas, Nevada, [REDACTED]. I specifically pointed out to them that under no circumstances is any information which has come into the Bureau's possession to be furnished this informant at any time. I also discussed with them the absolute necessity of their being guarded in any conversations they have with the informant, so that no information will be imparted to him.

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My communication to the Bureau dated July 22, 1947, referred to in the Bureau's Office Memorandum, was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I had discussed with him how his conversations with the informant would have to be carried on with the utmost discretion in order that information of any kind would not be furnished the informant. Agent [REDACTED] I am sure, realized the importance of the situation; and although the wording of our communication of July 22, which was dictated by him, would seem to indicate that the informant made the evaluation of information which the Bureau had received, I would be more inclined to believe that this is [REDACTED] evaluation.

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At any rate, I have discussed the importance of this matter with the two Agents [REDACTED] and shall go into the matter thoroughly with any other Agents who might be assigned [REDACTED] so that there will be no possibility of a misunderstanding.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: August 25, 1947

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mistakenly opened the letter and found it to contain the letter and check in the amount of \$10,000. The letter was from attorneys in Los Angeles, who [REDACTED]. It is noted that this was SIEGEL's law firm.

The letter stated that they could send no more money at this time as they were losing money at the Flamingo Club (apparently referring to the Flamingo in Las Vegas, Nevada) but that they would send more money as soon as possible.

[REDACTED] desired that his name be kept out of the matter but felt that since SIEGEL's murder had intervened that this office should be advised.

It is suggested that the New York Office may desire to make discreet inquiries [REDACTED] in an effort to determine the identity of the individual to whom the letter was addressed and whose name may [REDACTED] or some name similar thereto.

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cc: New York City  
cc: Los Angeles

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cc [REDACTED]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 CRIME SURVEY

DATE: August 20, 1947

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For the Bureau's information, on August 12, 1947, [redacted] of the Las Vegas, Nevada Police Department advised Special Agents [redacted] that he had been working on a "pet" theory as to who killed SIEGEL. [redacted] stated he believed the person who engineered the killing was MOE SEDWAY of the Flamingo Hotel.

[redacted] informed that it was common knowledge among the gambling element in Las Vegas that SIEGEL had been out to "break" SEDWAY, and SIEGEL was reported to have made the statement that he would make a "shill" out of SEDWAY. [redacted] expressed the belief that SEDWAY had acted peculiarly just before SIEGEL was killed, and that since the killing he has been "nervous as a cat" whenever [redacted] has seen him. He stated that for several days prior to the SIEGEL killing SEDWAY was not around town and was not at his home in Las Vegas.

[redacted] further advised that SEDWAY would have had the motive for killing SIEGEL and is smart enough to have engineered the actual killing; further, that SEDWAY seems to have considerable authority at the Flamingo Hotel since the reorganization.

[redacted] stated that he had passed on his "theory" to investigators from the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, as they had contacted him in Las Vegas. He mentioned that an investigator of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office was in Las Vegas on August 9 and 10, 1947, conducting further investigation concerning the killing of SIEGEL.

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 cc: Los Angeles (Confidential)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California

August 27, 1947

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AIR MAIL

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

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~~DATE 11-9-85 BY SP-7 MZ/BJB~~

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are three carbine shells obtained from [redacted] of the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, who received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department. These carbine shells were found on the grounds at the scene of the murder of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL at 810 Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. The shells are marked on the inside with the initial "I" and on the outside with the initials "A.H.K."

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The Laboratory is requested to hold these shells pending instructions from the Bureau relative to any comparisons of carbine guns found in hoodlum centers in the United States. The Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to authorize certain comparisons and will advise the Laboratory of these instructions when they are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*me*

*R. B. Hood*

R. E. HOOD  
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*cc - [redacted]*  
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August 19, 1947

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The above call was made, and [REDACTED] desired to contact an agent in front of the Post Office [REDACTED] the same night. [REDACTED] was contacted by the resident agent at [REDACTED] and stated that she wished to furnish information concerning [REDACTED] because she believed [REDACTED] was connected with "BUBBLES" [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] whose reliability is not known, stated that upon the death of "MUSKIE" SIEGEL and the publication of his picture in the paper, she had immediately recognized him as a guest on numerous occasions during the past winter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] from various statements he had made and was of the opinion [REDACTED] owned a part interest in the Flamingo Club in Las Vegas, and was closely associated with SIEGEL and the SIEGEL gang.

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In conversation with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

shortly after SIEGEL's death that he had heard from friends in Las Vegas that there was a distinct possibility that SIEGEL had been killed through the efforts of competitors of the Flamingo Club in Las Vegas due to the fact that the Flamingo Club had offered such stiff competition to the other gambling setups in Las Vegas.

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In view of the foregoing information it is requested that the San Diego Office be advised of any information in Bureau files which might be pertinent, and it is also requested that offices receiving copies of this letter furnish the San Diego Office with information appearing in their files.

Due to the fact that [REDACTED] is completely unknown in the San Diego Office, efforts will be made [REDACTED] to identify her and secure some information regarding her background, inasmuch as she may be totally un-

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Director *b7c*

... During the entire interview set forth above  
it was noted ... nervous and tended to regard things  
in a ...

[Redacted block]

[Redacted block] *b7c*

- cc - San Diego File 62-677
- Los Angeles
- Salt Lake City
- New York
- New Orleans

August 19, 1947

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
510 South Spring Street, Room 900  
Los Angeles 13, California  
September 15, 1947

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 62-2837

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 11-1-85

RE: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL:  
[REDACTED]  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

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Dear Sir:

On July 31, 1947, [REDACTED] was interviewed in the U. S. Marshal's Office in Los Angeles by SAs [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] volunteered information concerning the slaying of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, [REDACTED] who was slain at approximately 10:45 p.m., June 20, 1947 at VIRGINIA HILL'S residence, 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. This information, together with this office's attempt to verify the same, is set out as follows:

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MOTIVE FOR THE KILLING OF SIEGEL:

[REDACTED]

When SIEGEL came to California in 1937, he was authorized by the Syndicate to organize the State for them and act as a front man for their various Syndicate interests. However, he was strictly forbidden from "muscling in" or touching the motion picture industry because the Syndicate already had it "set up." SIEGEL violated his orders, and the Syndicate thought the time right, they had him killed. [REDACTED] SIEGEL was not killed because he was mixed up in the horse-race wire service, or because he had [REDACTED] with VIRGINIA HILL, or because he owed the Syndicate money which he borrowed to operate the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was killed because he had gained a foothold in the

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motion picture industry. [redacted] of this could be established  
determining how much stock SIEGEL controlled in BOTH CENTURY FOX MOTION PICTURES  
STUDIOS, and just how he did obtain the control of the same. However, he added  
that this could not be determined by going to the motion picture industry direc

b7C Informant knew that the background of certain motion picture executives  
including [redacted] and others, was unsavory.  
SIEGEL through his criminal associations also knew the past including the criminal  
connections of these executives and he used this knowledge to "blackmail and  
shake them."

The Informant knew that many of the motion picture executives in  
Hollywood have gained respectability in their present positions and could not  
stand any exposure threatened by SIEGEL through his associate [redacted]

b7C b7D rather than be faced with such exposure, which was evident, or else pay-up,  
because SIEGEL was losing money in his operations of the Flamingo Hotel.  
[redacted]

The killing of SIEGEL was brought up in the interview when Agents pointed  
out [redacted] that SIEGEL was killed, no doubt, by paid killers and probably paid  
killers also could slay [redacted]

b7C The motive in killing SIEGEL was to eliminate him from their operation  
on the West Coast because he had served them their purpose and SIEGEL'S protege,  
[redacted] was ready to take SIEGEL'S place as their new top gangster. The  
existence of a top gangster to keep other criminal elements in line with their  
operations is always necessary in the Syndicate's functions.  
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To date none of the above information ascertained concerning the killing of SIEGEL has been given to any law enforcement agency and this office will continue to keep this information confidential unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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[REDACTED]  
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[Signature]  
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October 1, 1947

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Reference is made to your letter of September 25, 1947 in the captioned matter.

It appears that there are several points which are in need of clarification and it is desired that you advise whether any further information is available regarding these items which are set forth below.

It is stated on page 3 of reference letter that, [REDACTED]

However, on page 4 information is set forth which [REDACTED]

While the above inconsistencies in the information submitted by the informant are not of extreme importance, they would appear to be significant in evaluating his information, since further indications are given in reference letter that [REDACTED]

On page 5 it is stated that, [REDACTED]

You are requested to clarify this point inasmuch as it would appear that any Police officer in a locality the size of Beverly Hills, California would readily recognize one of the vehicles used by his own Department.

On page 6 it is stated that [REDACTED]

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Special Agent [redacted] was interested. It is also desired that you advise as to the classification of the fact that [redacted]

It is also suggested that you thoroughly consider the advisability of furnishing the information [redacted]

If the information is supplied, the matter should be handled in such a manner that the identities of the two informants will in no way be jeopardized.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. [REDACTED]

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

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The attached letter dated September 22, 1947, from the San Diego Division contains information allegedly given in the presence of [REDACTED] was present at the interview which is reported in the letter. The letter of reference mentioned in this communication reflects that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Federal Narcotics Bureau, which on September 23, 1946 had a conspiracy case against [REDACTED] and 33 other defendants, planned to recommend to the Narcotics Bureau in Washington that no prosecution be taken against Siegel since such prosecution at that time would have delayed for another year the trial of the 34 defendants.

Bureau representatives interviewed [REDACTED] several occasions in connection with the Siegel investigation and during these interviews he related information concerning Siegel's alleged narcotic activities.

[REDACTED]

ACTION TO BE TAKEN - These data are for your information.

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Respectfully,  
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 22, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Diego

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY  
 (Bureau File 62-81518)

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Reference is made to my communication to you entitled [redacted] above and dated June 30, 1947.

I am now in receipt of a report from a confidential informant which I believe should be made a part of the Bureau files. The memorandum is quoted below:

[redacted]

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Director

September 22, 1947

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cc - Los Angeles (62-2837)  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

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Washington, D. C.

Having read your recent remarks in the Los Angeles Times pertaining to Bugsie Siegel and 'his criminal, scum were lionized' I wish to offer as further evidence the subtle ways they have in keeping this and his social crowd before the public.

"She's Just a simple, Old Fashioned Girl"

As you know the American Weekly reaches about twenty million readers.

This supplement is carried by some independent sheets.

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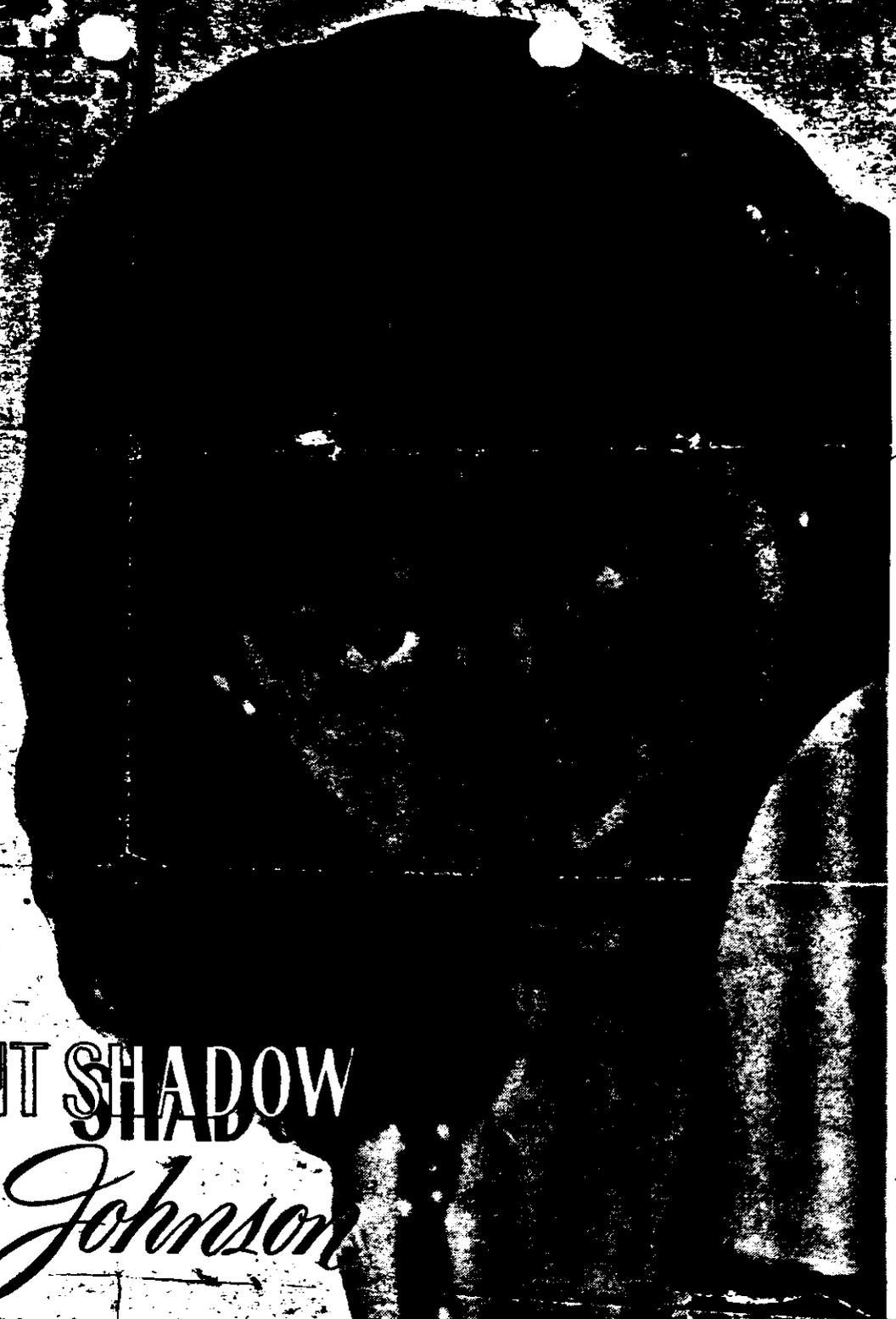
**D**IOSA DIOSA, 32, whose husband had been a man in the army, was a movie star in the 1930s. Another movie star, Van Johnson, whom she married last year, was going to marry her in New York City. The wedding was called off, and she is now in New York City, where she is performing in a popular after dark cabaret. It reveals the little known and now dead romance with Van Johnson and recites Pupi's jealous accusations from the time of their marriage.

Diosa says she met Van early in 1941 when both were playing in "Too Many Girls" and the future darling of the bobby-soxers was dreaming of leading his own band. Everybody in the show wanted to date him and Diosa did—"seeing how his popularity was a sort of challenge to me."

She was doubling at a night club at the time and says Virginia Hill, in whose Beverly Hills, Cal. home she was dancing, thought it would be fun to give an engagement party for her and Van.

Van arrived wearing a rough plaid shirt with the tail hanging out and no tie and the music was played by a new band just in from Havana.

The leader was a skinny little fellow named Pupi Campo.



# PERSISTENT SHADOW OF Van Johnson

"I didn't notice him much at first," Diosa recalls, "but he chose that night to pay a lot of attention to me. He asserted himself that night and even more later, but I had only a motherly interest in him."

"Then, poof, just like that, my interest shifted. Van faded out of the picture for me. I was hopelessly in love with Pupi and we were married in May, 1941, a few months after the engagement party."

Diosa says Pupi danced with her and sent flowers daily while Van was busy making pictures. She was entranced when Pupi played "Que Pasa?" for her and whispered the phrase (que pasa means what happens) while they rhumbaed.

"Que Pasa?" was one of the songs he made popular and he kept asking her, "Que pasa with you and me?"

Then they were married and he changed the words. Now, according to Diosa, and for six long years the question has been, "Que pasa with you and Van?"

"You know," observes Diosa,

"when a Latin is jealous he's really jealous. As Van kept rising in the world, Pupi had the feeling I must still be in love with him."

"I kept telling him how ridiculous it was, because if I had wanted to marry Van I would have done so. I told Pupi I chose him because I loved him. But he wasn't convinced."

Diosa says Pupi was forever reminding her and others that she was once engaged to the movie idol and suggesting that perhaps she was still in love with him.

"It was awful. I couldn't reason with him. When I bought a house for my family in Brentwood, Cal., Pupi said I did it to be near Van. Always it was Van. What a headache!"

She never saw a Van Johnson movie, says Diosa, in all the years she was married to Pupi—and she only met Van on one occasion.

"We had a very pleasant chat," she says. "He asked me about my marriage and I told him I was crazy about Pupi. A little later, Van married Mrs. Keenan Wynn."

For all her supple swaying on the stage, Diosa declares she's just a simple, old-fashioned girl who takes her nieces to Coney Island and prefers to settle down and raise a family.

"No, no," she exclaims, "my show is not what I am."

As for comparisons between Pupi and Van, as seen through Diosa's discerning eyes:

"Van is six foot two and well built. Pupi is five-10 and on the skinny side. But Pupi has so much personality and life that to me he was always better looking than Van. Van is cold and lets nothing in the world interfere with his afternoon nap. Everything must be just so,

punctual, to the minute. Pupi is full of life and fun."

"Pupi is warm, full of ardor, keen, always on the go. Van is slow and easy going. He never gets under your skin the way Pupi does."

"Van is terribly serious. Pupi is full of practical jokes and humor."

Diosa finds Pupi's vaulting ambition a shortcoming—"He's got a lot of talent and wants to get to the top. His work counts for everything, day and night. He won't have me wick his hand even for \$25 a week (Diosa gets \$2500 now). At first I was everything."

"Now it's his hand."

Ms. Diosa is asking the courts for a separation she doesn't want and posing an old familiar question: "Que pasa next?"

October 18, 1947

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 5, 1947.

I want you to know that I appreciate your interest in writing me  
and making available the information which was enclosed with your communica-  
tion.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**United States Department of Justice**  
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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL  
 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
 CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Three of the nine carbine shells found on the grounds at the scene of the murder of BENJAMIN SEIGEL in Beverly Hills have been forwarded under separate cover to the FBI Laboratory. These shells were obtained from [redacted] of the District Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, who previously received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department.

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No specific request has been made of the Laboratory relative to what comparison is desired at this time. It is felt, however, that all carbine guns coming to the attention of the Bureau Offices in hoodlum centers in the United States should be forwarded to the Laboratory and appropriate examinations conducted in an effort to locate the killer's gun. It is suggested, therefore, that New York, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Salt Lake City, Phoenix and San Francisco be alerted to recover carbines for the purpose of the above examination. No further action is being taken pending instructions from the Bureau regarding this suggestion.

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Very truly yours,

JMB

R B Hood

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED] b7c

DATE: 9-10-47

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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There is attached hereto copy of a letter received from the Los Angeles Office forwarding three carbine cartridge cases said to have been obtained from [REDACTED] of the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, who in turn received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department. The letter states that these three cartridge cases were found on the grounds at the scene of the murder of Benjamin "Bugsy" Seigel in Beverly Hills, California. b7c

It will be noted that the attached letter requests the laboratory to hold these three fired cartridge cases "pending instructions from the Bureau relative to any comparisons of carbine guns found in hoodlum centers in the United States." The letter further states that the Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to authorize certain comparisons and will advise the laboratory of these instructions when they are received from the Bureau.

I am calling this to your attention in view of the unusual nature of this matter. The three cartridge cases have been received in the laboratory and are being held pending further advice.

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SAC, Los Angeles

October 2, 1947

Director, FBI  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Reference is made to your letter dated August 27, 1947, in the above entitled case, wherein you suggested that designated field divisions be alerted to recover cartridges for the purpose of having them compared with the three cartridge cases which were found at the scene of the murder of Benjamin Siegal and which have been forwarded to the laboratory.

An examination has been made of the three cartridge cases forwarded to the laboratory. It has been determined that the breech face, firing pin and ejector marks on these specimens are not sufficiently distinct for comparison with test specimens from suspected carbines. The extractor marks on one of the cases are also not adequate for comparison. A few similarities were found between the extractor marks on the other two cases but the marks were of such a nature that it was not possible to identify these cases as having been loaded into or extracted from the same weapon. It may be possible to identify the extractor marks on these cases with tests from suspected weapons.

It is therefore suggested that since referenced letter indicates nine cartridge cases were found on the grounds at the scene of the murder, the Los Angeles Division may desire to obtain the six additional shells for examination by the laboratory.

The three cartridge cases which have been examined are being retained in the laboratory until advice is received from the Los Angeles Office as to whether the additional six cartridge cases recovered are to be forwarded to the laboratory for examination.

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DATE: September 26, 1947

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SUBJECT: Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel  
Miscellaneous information concerning  
Crime Survey

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Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
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Mr. Nease	

I have had the three caliber .30 carbine cartridge cases re-covered in connection with the above-entitled case examined by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advises me that the firing pin impressions in these three cartridge cases do not bear sufficient microscopic marks for determining whether or not these three specimens were fired in the same weapon or for comparison with test specimens. This is also true of the head of the cartridge cases with respect to breech face marks and ejector marks. There are on these three cartridge cases a few extractor marks, however, the marks are not sufficiently distinct to identify these three specimens as having been extracted from the same weapon. The marks on one of them are entirely inadequate for comparison and only a few similarities were found between the extractor marks on the other two specimens. There is a possibility that the extractor marks on the latter specimens could be identified with those on test cartridge cases fired from the same weapon.

[REDACTED] *b7c*

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 10/8/47

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SUBJECT: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUCK" SIEGEL;  
[REDACTED]  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

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Several of the points of information [REDACTED] furnished do need clarification, and it is suggested that future interviews be conducted with him in order to clarify same.

[REDACTED]

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The information set out in Bulet 9/15/47 is set out exactly as it was furnished to Bureau Agents. More complete details concerning the operations of [REDACTED] is set out in Bulet from this office dated 9/18/47. It is believed that in each of the points mentioned for clarification as set out in Bulet 10/1/47, [REDACTED]

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Re: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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[REDACTED]

Regarding the request that the Bureau be advised as to the significance of the fact that [REDACTED] did not mention [REDACTED] again in this office. The exact significance is not known. However, in the opinion of SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has previously requested to know from this office information regarding the presence of racketeers and hoodlums in Los Angeles from other cities and confidentially has advised Agent [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]