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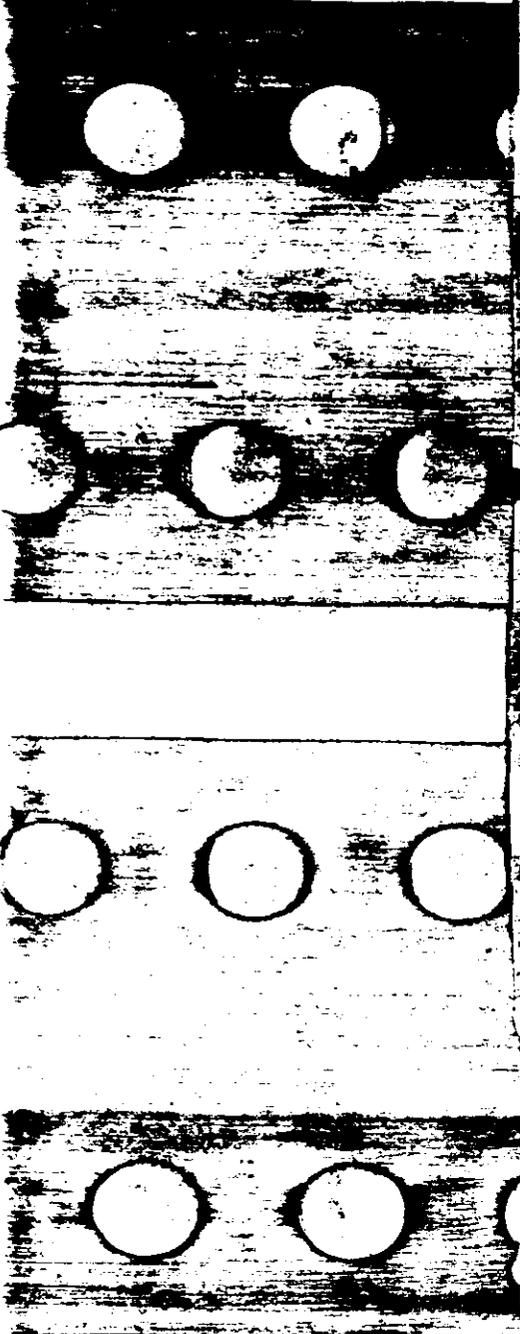
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Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 14th with reference to the installation of a technical surveillance on GEORGE RAFT. As this Bureau has been advised telephonically, I was aware of the technical surveillance to be encountered in such an installation.

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Accordingly, no further letter will be prepared in connection with this matter at the present time.

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SAC Hood of Los Angeles telephonically advised that he believes there is a possibility that we may be able to make a White Slave case against Bugs Siegel and Virginia Hill. He states they have been making social calls at a place known as the Mission Motel and contacting women there who appear to be prostitutes. Mr. Hood is going to continue the investigation of this phase of Siegel's activities and will utilize in connection with this coverage the three Agents who at the same time will be conducting the overall general "crime survey" in the Los Angeles area. I told Mr. Hood that it would be satisfactory to continue this phase of the coverage of Bugs Siegel for a period not to exceed thirty days, but at the end of the thirty days the matter is to be carefully reviewed to determine if we have sufficient evidence of a Federal violation to justify continuation of the inquiries. I also told Mr. Hood about the desirability of the Salt Lake City office keeping in touch

discuss this matter with Mr. Newman.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 9/25/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/6-20/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JACK DRAGNA: JACK DRAGNA and family returned to LA on 9/2/46 after a month's visit in East. [REDACTED] acts as DRAGNA's legman and bodyguard. DRAGNA's present activities consist in attempts to purchase cafes, night clubs or acreage and to establish local F.A. wire service. DRAGNA to date has invested \$5,000 in F.A. set-up, which is handled for him by [REDACTED] at 307 S. Hill St., LA. At present DRAGNA has secured 12 telephones and expects to start operating soon. DRAGNA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is presently under investigation by Calif. State Food & Drug Department relative to olive oil deals. He has made inquiries [REDACTED] to ascertain who is handling pay-offs locally and has been advised that [REDACTED] handles the "juice". DRAGNA apparently putting pressure on [REDACTED] to collect money for friends of MILANO family.

WEST COAST NEWS: West Coast News, local Trans-American outlet [REDACTED] ready to begin operations: [REDACTED]

CLARK DISTRIBUTING COMPANY: No information available locally regarding Clark Distributing Company.

ANTHONY MILANO: ANTHONY MILANO & family still residing in Beverly Hills; have been in contact with JACK DRAGNA [REDACTED]

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [REDACTED]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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[REDACTED] presently engaging in gambling activities
and some operations in stock market whiskey. He has been in contact
on several occasions with [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
Dated 9/11/46 at Los Angeles, California.

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RE: JACK DRAGNA, with aliases Jack Risotto, Jack Dania, Jack Ignazio Dragna, Jack Dragna, Ignazio L. Dragna, Jack Risotto, Charles Dragna, Jack Risotto, Jack L. Dragna, Jack Dania, Jack Di Dragna, Jack Di Dragna, Joe Dragna

My Figure, Crime Syndicate, Los Angeles, California

The following was dictated by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

As previously reported, JACK DRAGNA, his wife FRANCES and two children FRANK and ANNA reside at 5827 Hubert Avenue, Los Angeles, from which address DRAGNA appears to conduct practically all of his business transactions. Inquiry to date has failed to disclose that he maintains any office or other establishment for the conduct of his personal business. With reference to the DRAGNA family, investigation discloses that JACK DRAGNA has two brothers residing in Los Angeles, TOM DRAGNA and EDDIE DRAGNA.

[redacted]

Aside from his relatives, DRAGNA's most frequent contact is probably with [redacted]

[redacted] acts as a leg man and is believed to operate as a bodyguard for DRAGNA when occasion arises. Last summer at the Hollywood Park Race Track DRAGNA was approached by officers of the track for the purpose of examining his ticket. It was noted that [redacted] who had accompanied DRAGNA, became offensive and tough.

[redacted] that JACK DRAGNA left Los Angeles about July 29, 1946 for the East. He returned on September 2, 1946 with his wife, daughter and son, and in his conversation with relatives and friends disclosed that ostensibly the trip was purely a pleasure trip made to New York City for the purpose of visiting friends and relatives there.

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[REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] is "one of those guys who knows everybody" in Hollywood.

[REDACTED]

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In discussing whether or not a new bar was being opened on the Strip the informant recalled that [REDACTED] is opening a restaurant to be called the Chanticleer located near the Cocoambo. On September 5, 1946 Agent [REDACTED] discussed with [REDACTED] the opening of any new restaurant and [REDACTED] stated that he would attempt to find out what new places are opening and who was backing them.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that on the same day (September 8, 1946) an unknown party contacted DRAGNA relative to "joints" which were for sale, and in this connection the party suggested that DRAGNA contact [REDACTED] BEN SIEGEL's lieutenant, regarding the purchase of the House of Murphy, a popular cafe and bar located at 410 South San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, which is frequented by movie celebrities and prominent underworld characters. DRAGNA contacted [REDACTED] who later reported that [REDACTED] had stated that although he is in poor health he has no desire to sell his cafe unless he can secure a price which would enable him to retire. [REDACTED] stated that he would sell the place for \$400,000, but when [REDACTED] advised DRAGNA of the amount of money [REDACTED] was asking, DRAGNA stated that the price was exorbitant and he would not even consider paying that amount of money for the House of Murphy. In this connection, it should be noted that according to [REDACTED] DRAGNA and friends of his have been making extensive inquiries in an effort

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the purchase wires in Southern California for DRAGNA. On September 10, 1946 an individual known [redacted] and subsequently identified as [redacted]

[redacted] called DRAGNA [redacted] JACK had received any word about the House of Murphy. JACK informed [redacted] that the price asked was \$400,000 and that was out of the question. [redacted] informed JACK that he had found a place in Palm Springs and wanted to discuss this with JACK. [redacted]

Continuing this [redacted] stated that [redacted] will operate as a front for DRAGNA in the local Trans-American set-up, was talking with DRAGNA recently with regard to the scratch sheets which DRAGNA had received from Chicago. DRAGNA advised [redacted] that he had the sheets and would send them over to [redacted]

which ostensibly is a picture framing business, behind which the scratch sheet and local Trans-American operations are functioning. [redacted]

During this meeting [redacted] informed DRAGNA that he had talked with [redacted] at Chicago, over the telephone on September 4, 1946 and that [redacted] had put [redacted] on the phone. According to [redacted] he got "what he could" from [redacted] who stated that he was going to New York City, but when he returned to Chicago, [redacted] was coming to Los Angeles, which would be in about ten days. [redacted] also advised DRAGNA that Chicago had wired him regarding a telegraph operator residing in San Diego, California who might make a good man for the Los Angeles Trans-American set-up.

Further information was secured to the effect that DRAGNA was recently contacted by [redacted] an investigator for the Food and Drug Division of the California State Department of Health, that [redacted] wanted to talk with DRAGNA regarding some olive oil which DRAGNA apparently had sold to EDDIE DRAGNA. DRAGNA told [redacted] that he had no olive oil; whereupon [redacted] replied that he wanted to check DRAGNA's invoices covering past transactions in the olive oil business and agreed to examine the invoices at DRAGNA's home.

On September 4, 1946 [redacted] advised that one [redacted] made arrangements with DRAGNA to talk to him concerning the matter of the escrow on JACK's house and they agreed to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 7, 1946, at [redacted] to discuss the matter. On September 7, 1946 Special Agents [redacted] maintained a surveillance of the residences of [redacted] and JACK DRAGNA, 3927 Hubert Avenue. Surveilling agents observed that at approximately 10 a.m. JACK DRAGNA drove from his house to [redacted] house in his 1940

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two-tone 1946 Buick coupe, parked this car in [redacted] driveway and then got into another car parked in front of the house, where he held a conversation lasting about 15 or 20 minutes with another man. This car was ascertained to be registered to one [redacted]

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After the conversation mentioned above, DRAGNA got out of [redacted] car and went into [redacted] house and [redacted] drove away. Also observed at the [redacted] residence at that time was another automobile, which was ascertained belonged to [redacted]. It is believed this individual is the [redacted] previously mentioned by [redacted]

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Surveilling agents also observed parking in the vicinity of the [redacted] residence two 1946 automobiles bearing Michigan License Plates. These cars were a 1946 Black Buick Sedan, Michigan License B P 7225 and a 1946 Black Ford Tudor Sedan, Michigan License B G 8009. By teletype the Detroit Office advised the Los Angeles Field Division that Michigan License B P 7225 is issued for a Buick Sedan registered to [redacted]

The Detroit Office further advised that [redacted] was a known associate of one [redacted] key figure in the Detroit Area in the Capra Case. In this respect reference is made to Detroit letter to the Los Angeles Field Division dated September 20, 1946 calling attention to the fact that the Los Angeles Office had requested the registration of Michigan License B P 7235. It is believed this is in error and the correct license for the Buick sedan is B P 7225.

Michigan License B G 8009, it was ascertained by the Detroit Field Division, is registered to [redacted]

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Later information was secured to the effect that according to [redacted] "the boys" arranged a meeting at his place of business at 1 p.m. on September 9, 1946; that [redacted] wanted DRAGNA to attend as he "represents the money"; and, that at this meeting the whole local Trans-American set-up including salaries would be discussed. Incidentally, on this occasion [redacted] stated that certain individuals including [redacted] the local publisher of a disreputable scandal sheet, were doing too much talking about the new Trans-American set-up. DRAGNA reportedly assured [redacted] that he could take care of [redacted]. This meeting was later changed to occur at [redacted] at 9:30 a.m. on September 10, 1946. On September 10, 1946 a physical surveillance was [redacted]

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At the time the surveillance was conducted, [redacted] a 1935 Plymouth Four Door Sedan was parked in front of [redacted]. This car, bearing 1946 California License 4 D 9646, was ascertained to belong to [redacted].

Surveilling agents had previously observed this car parked in front of the Oliver Products Company, 5166 Hollywood Boulevard, and it is believed that [redacted] is the individual referred to by [redacted] members of the Trans-American set-up in Los Angeles. At approximately 10:30 a.m., JACK DRAGNA arrived at the [redacted] residence in his 1940 two-tone LaSalle Coupe and entered [redacted] home. At approximately 12:30 p.m., another individual drove up to the [redacted] residence in a 1940 Buick, 1946 California License 17 B 498, and entered [redacted] home. It was ascertained that this car is registered to [redacted].

The conference taking place in [redacted] residence continued until approximately 2 p.m. when [redacted] and DRAGNA were observed to leave. They stood on the street in front of [redacted] residence talking together for nearly 40 minutes, then entered their respective automobiles and drove away.

[redacted] further stated that on Sunday (September 8, 1946) [redacted] mentioned above, informed DRAGNA that [redacted] had just returned to Los Angeles from San Francisco, but that BENNY "BUSS" SIEGEL would not return to Los Angeles until the following day as the C.P.A. hearing to determine whether a freeze order should be imposed on the construction of SIEGEL's Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas had been continued. [redacted] also stated he discussed a certain Italian Cafe located in Las Vegas with SIEGEL and [redacted] and that he [redacted] was of the opinion that the place afforded an excellent opportunity provided it was properly managed. [redacted] made tentative plans with DRAGNA to go to Las Vegas to look over this place on the following Wednesday, provided DRAGNA returned from his trip to San Diego by that time. However, [redacted] later advised DRAGNA that SIEGEL did not like the place in Las Vegas, in fact, does not like any place which does not have hotel accommodations in connection with the cafe. DRAGNA informed [redacted] that he recalled this particular cafe in Las Vegas and felt that the ceilings were too low to be comfortable for patrons.

On September 11, 1946 DRAGNA talked with BEN SIEGEL, at which time SIEGEL wanted to know how the wire service was coming along in Los Angeles, stating that he had met [redacted] twice since a certain day. DRAGNA replied that they were coming out on the 25th and that his outfit (Trans-American) had a scratch sheet. When DRAGNA inquired concerning the Las Vegas Fire situation, SIEGEL replied that he was waiting for them to install the wire, that they had been stalling, but that SIEGEL had talked to

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party by the name of [REDACTED] and thought they might have the wire installed the following week. DRAGNA appeared to be surprised to learn that the Las Vegas wire was not installed. He wanted to know what kind of service the Las Vegas "boys" were getting through the California Tracks, to which SIEGEL replied that "they are supposed to be getting very good service" and that if anything comes up which would prevent DRAGNA from getting service in Los Angeles, SIEGEL would furnish DRAGNA service from Las Vegas.

[REDACTED]

During the above-mentioned conversation between DRAGNA and SIEGEL the former asked SIEGEL "Who is handling the juice over here?" (Los Angeles). SIEGEL replied that he could find out; that he, SIEGEL, was going to San Francisco and that he would have [REDACTED] his Lieutenant, find out who was handling "the juice" in Los Angeles and [REDACTED] would report his findings to DRAGNA. Later on, on the same day, [REDACTED] contacted an individual by the name [REDACTED] whose true identity is unknown at the present time, and that [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] a local bookmaker and gambler, was no longer handling "the juice", but that a local character [REDACTED] was handling such matters exclusively. When [REDACTED] inquired whether [REDACTED] wanted to make a meet with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stalled [REDACTED] and said that he would determine later what he wanted to do. However, on September 19, 1946, after having made further inquiries [REDACTED] definitely advised DRAGNA that according to his information [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are handling the pay-offs. During this conversation DRAGNA also mentioned [REDACTED] in connection with the local "juice".

In connection with the conversations between SIEGEL and DRAGNA it should be pointed out that the definite impression is created from their entire conversation that these two individuals are neither very friendly personally or closely connected in a business manner. The conversation appeared to be one between individuals who are fairly well acquainted

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will talk with you later in a rather formal manner.

[redacted] informed that [redacted] who according to other sources of information reportedly collects protection money [redacted] advised DRAGNA that his [redacted] connections were inquiring concerning the new set-up which would operate locally and that [redacted] wanted to know if he should disclose the fact that DRAGNA was connected with the new set-up. DRAGNA advised [redacted] to merely tell them that he was interested. [redacted] then assured DRAGNA that there was not anything he would not do for DRAGNA.

In connection with [redacted] it is significant to note that on September 8, 1946 [redacted] telephoned JACK DRAGNA and engaged at first in a rather formal conversation as if [redacted] and JACK had not seen each other for some length of time. During this conversation [redacted] told DRAGNA that [redacted] had been "shooting off his mouth" about new people moving into things here.

JACK DRAGNA told [redacted] that "he would take care of [redacted] then stated to JACK that the people "with whom I am connected, you know who that is don't you" were asking who the new people would be and [redacted] wanted to know what he should say in that spot. JACK told [redacted] "I can't be in the front on it, but you can tell them that I am interested in it". [redacted] then gave JACK his telephone number, [redacted] and told JACK that he should call him any time that "there ain't nothing I won't do for you".

[redacted] in discussing Trans-American setting itself up in Los Angeles has pointed out that while the City of Los Angeles is closed as far as gambling is concerned the County has some "joints" in operation. These allegedly are paying off [redacted] In order to find out what bookmakers are operating Trans-American would attempt [redacted] to learn the identity of the bookmakers and then approach these characters to attempt to persuade them to take the new service.

In the report entitled "General Crime Survey, Los Angeles Field Division" dated April 15, 1946 it appears that, according to Confidential Sources of Information the largest contributors of "juice" locally were

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[redacted] advised that recently DRAGNA contacted the ANTHONY MILANO family of Cleveland, Ohio, who are presently residing at 9451 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. However, judging from this conversation the relationship between DRAGNA and the Beverly Hills MILANOS appears informal and personal and does not indicate that they are intimate or involved in business dealings. Mrs. MILANO complained that they had not seen or heard from DRAGNA; that she was very anxious to see him while they were in California, mentioning the fact that she had not met Mrs. DRAGNA and was anxious to do so. DRAGNA assured her that both he and Mrs. DRAGNA would drop by and visit the MILANOS at the first opportunity.

Also on September 11, 1946 [redacted] advised that one [redacted] (Phonetic) contacted JACK DRAGNA stating that he was from Cleveland, that his father was a friend of the MILANOS and that his [redacted] father desired to see JACK.

[redacted] DRAGNA suggested that they meet that morning at 10:30 a.m. at CARL's Drive-In, Crenshaw and Vernon, and JACK advised that he would be driving a LaSalle two-tone automobile.

[redacted] A physical surveillance of CARL's Drive-In was undertaken by Special Agents [redacted] and the surveilling agents observed that at 10:30 a.m. DRAGNA drove up in his LaSalle and met two men who were driving a Plymouth Sedan Bearing Ohio license MX 705. DRAGNA conversed with these two men in his, DRAGNA's, car for about one-half hour, after which the two men returned to their Plymouth and drove away. DRAGNA then returned to his residence. The men in the Plymouth were described as follows:

Number 1 (Driver):

Age	Approximately 30 to 35
Height	5' 10" to 6'
Weight	165
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Dark

Number 2:

Age	55 to 60
Height	6'
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Gray

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By teletype dated September 12, 1946 the Cincinnati Field Division advised that Ohio License Number NX 705 is registered to [redacted] and was issued for a 1940 Plymouth coach. Later in the day in the conversation between DRAGNA and Mrs. MILANO, referred to above, Mrs. MILANO asked DRAGNA if that fellow from Cleveland had gotten in touch with him and it is believed that this conversation refers to [redacted]

According to [redacted] on September 12, 1946 DRAGNA talked to [redacted] in San Diego, [redacted] a known friend and business associate of JACK DRAGNA. At this time DRAGNA asked [redacted] if he knew one [redacted] (phonetic) from Perris, California. [redacted] advised JACK that he knew him. During the conversation reference was made to the sum of \$2,000 and it is believed this sum related to this sum which [redacted] owed some one and which JACK DRAGNA was trying to collect through [redacted] apparently for the individuals from Cleveland, [redacted] and his father. On September 20, 1946 [redacted] talked to DRAGNA and asked if there was anything new on the deal. JACK said yes that he had spoken to some one [redacted] was going to see the man [redacted].

On September 11, 1946 JACK DRAGNA attempted to call [redacted] [redacted] On this same date, JACK DRAGNA attempted to contact a [redacted] (Phonetic) [redacted] but was unable to reach him. It is believed that the party who contacted DRAGNA on September 13, 1946 regarding some one on parole was [redacted]. He stated that he had tried to talk to an attorney, [redacted] regarding this matter. He desired to see JACK but an appointment could not be made for that day because of DRAGNA's previous plans to go to San Diego so the matter was left in abeyance. On September 20, 1946 DRAGNA contacted [redacted] and said that he would come over to visit [redacted] at the latter's residence. A surveillance of the [redacted] residence by Agents [redacted] reflected that DRAGNA, accompanied by his nephew LOUIS DRAGNA, who was driving the car, drove to the [redacted] residence at approximately 11 a.m. and JACK went into the house. No other persons were observed entering or leaving the [redacted] residence.

Upon learning that DRAGNA had a matter pending before the Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Agent WILLIAM P. JOHNS contacted [redacted] who made available the file on the DRAGNA matter. This file reflected that in 1934 DRAGNA and 61 other defendants were convicted of failing to pay Federal Excise Tax on alcohol produced in a distillery that were operating and a lien was entered in favor of the Government against these defendants in the amount of approximately \$450,000, and that up until the

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JACK and LOUIS remained in this box until the completion of the day's racing when they re-entered their car, left the race track and drove in the direction of San Diego. At this point the surveillance was turned over to agents of the San Diego Field Division.

[REDACTED] advised on September 17, 1946 that JACK DRAGNA contacted a party whom he addressed as [REDACTED] for tickets to the fights, but that [REDACTED] told DRAGNA he was using his allotment of tickets as he was taking [REDACTED] of New York City to the fights. On hearing this DRAGNA remarked, "If they are friends of COSTELLO, they are friends of mine". Informant further disclosed that DRAGNA is not only attempting to purchase cafes and night clubs in Los Angeles and Las Vegas, but is also interested in the bar and cafe located in the Maryland Hotel in San Diego, which he stated could be purchased for \$25,000. In describing the location of the Maryland Bar, DRAGNA mentioned that it was not far from his place on 3rd Street.

On September 17, 1946 DRAGNA discussed the finances of the local wire service with an individual by the name of [REDACTED] whose true identity has not yet been established. During this conversation, DRAGNA mentioned that he had invested \$5,000 in the wire service and that he wanted to know how much money had been expended. In the conversation, it definitely appeared that [REDACTED] was handling DRAGNA's money in connection with this venture. [REDACTED] advised DRAGNA that everything that had been expended appears on the stubs with the exception of the "under-the-table stuff", involving \$25, \$35 and \$50 to phone men for telephones and that with regard to this expenditure DRAGNA would have to believe that the individuals received the money. [REDACTED] advised DRAGNA that every phone [REDACTED] was installed required a \$100.00 deposit and when DRAGNA asked how many had been installed FREDDIE replied that ten had already been placed and that he had just put down deposits on a couple of more phones on Vermont Avenue, which represents a total of \$1200 in deposits for 12 phones. [REDACTED] advised DRAGNA it would probably be a couple of weeks before DRAGNA could get started, to which DRAGNA replied that they intended to start on the 30th and that [REDACTED] was to take out as much salary as the other guy takes out and DRAGNA would straighten the matter up with him later, indicating that [REDACTED] would start out at \$50.00.

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On September 3, 1946 a 1946 Ford Tudor Sedan bearing Michigan License BG 82-37 was observed in front of the residence of JACK DRAGNA. The Detroit Field Office was requested by letter to furnish the name of the registered owner of this car.

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Spot surveillance on the premises of JACK DRAGNA disclosed that a 1942 Buick Sedan two-tone beige and gray, bearing 1946 Michigan License 90 2087, was parked in front of the DRAGNA residence. However, information was received from the Detroit Office to the effect that there was no Michigan prefix "G.S."

On August 27, 1946 [REDACTED] called this office in a somewhat drunken condition. He said that he had ascertained that [REDACTED] had opened a wire service in the Ferguson Building at Third and Hill.

[REDACTED]

The following results were obtained from a mail cover placed on the residence of JACK DRAGNA:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESSEE</u>	<u>SENDER</u>
8/17/46	JACK DRAGNA	MIGLIACCIO & VALLONE COMPANY 426 North Broadway Milwaukee, Wisconsin
8/19/46	JACK DRAGNA	Treasury Department Los Angeles (12) California District Attorney's Office
8/27/46	JACK DRAGNA	Temple and Broadway Los Angeles, California
9/10/46	JACK DRAGNA	Seattle 1st National Bank 2nd Avenue at Cherryst. Seattle, Washington

TRANS-AMERICAN AND WEST COAST NEWS COMPANY ACTIVITIES

Recent visits to the Ferguson Building, 307 South Hill, Los Angeles, where the West Coast News Service presently occupies Rooms 604 and 608, disclosed no visible activity, although a ticker in operation was heard in the West Coast News offices.

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However, on September 19, 1946 a letter to this office from E. J. CONNELLEY, Assistant Director, advised that [redacted] Trans-American Publishing and News Service Company's drop in Los Angeles, located at 807 South Hill, went into operation the week of September 19th and is presently being used for the receipt and dissemination of racing news.

On September 9, 1946 Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] is constantly being asked for advice by [redacted] and others. Recently, [redacted] went to "BUGSY" SIEGEL and had a little conference.

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[REDACTED]

On September 12, 1946 Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]

who said that the Darby Pest Control which is located on Venice Boulevard is situated next door to a large white stucco residence which will be some sort of outlet for Trans-American. The telephone company is presently installing heavy cable into the residence at this spot.

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Investigation conducted in the vicinity of the Derby Post Control, Union Boulevard and South Hobart reflected that there was a large white studio home located just east to the Derby Post Control at 1645 South Hobart.

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The investigating agents also ascertained that a 1933 Pontiac was parked in front of the residence at 1645 South Hobart, bearing California License NO T 251.

The indices of the Los Angeles Field Division are negative [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted JACK DRAGIA on September 20th regarding the purchase of a linotype machine to be used in connection with the scratch sheet and new wire service, stating that it would cost approximately \$1400.00. They agreed that it would be worth while to purchase this piece of equipment because without it they could not get their sheets printed rapidly enough for their customers. [REDACTED] indicated to JACK that he had given the phone number to a few people and they were calling in for race results, but at the present time they were not selling the service.

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SIMPLEX DISTRIBUTING COMPANY
CLARK DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

Reference is made to the report of the San Francisco Office dated September 16, 1946 by Special Agent [REDACTED] indicating that the Clark Distributing Company, the successor to the Simplex Distributing Company, maintains its Los Angeles branch at 1561 West Washington Street. It advertizes that it is the exclusive Eurlitzer distributor in Los Angeles.

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The files of the Los Angeles Field Division were searched for Clark Distributing Company [REDACTED] with negative results.

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ANTHONY MILANO
441 Sunset Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California
Telephone CRestview 1-3708

It has been ascertained that ANTHONY MILANO, a member of the MILANO family of Cleveland, Ohio, who are reportedly important in the Mafia and the Crime Syndicate, is living with his family at the above address.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] a well-known local hoodlum, has had frequent social contacts with the MILANO family. A spot surveillance of the MILANO residence conducted on August 21, 1946 by Special Agents [REDACTED] reflected that an automobile bearing 1946 Ohio License Plate AA 217 was parked in the driveway

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of the [redacted] residence. By letter dated September 9, 1948 the Cincinnati Field Division advised that the Bureau of Records, Columbus, Ohio reflected that this license was registered [redacted] for a 1941 Mercury Sedan.

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Key Figure, Crime Syndicate, Los Angeles.

The following was dictated by Special Agent [redacted] and it is a summary of information furnished by [redacted]

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[redacted] continues to operate his club, [redacted] and numerous hoodlums, gamblers and petty crooks still hang around this club or contact other individuals there from time to time. Some of these characters are: [redacted] and others. [redacted] and some of these individuals are engaged in black market operations in nylon hose and bonded whiskey. [redacted] apparently handles most of the

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arrangements for the purchase and sale of Zylova and one of their main sources of supply for Zylova is [redacted]

[redacted] apparently handles most of the arrangements regarding whiskey and much of the bonded whiskey is obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he would be able to obtain 2000 cases of White Horse Whiskey and 2000 cases of Canadian Club Whiskey and he had the deal practically sewed up. However, no definite deal was made between [redacted] on that date. On August 27, 1946 [redacted] who was in Chicago on that date, to go ahead with the deal regarding the purchase of the whiskey and [redacted] agreed to do so.

During the recent race meeting at the Del Mar Race Track, [redacted] was at Del Mar on several occasions and some of his henchmen were making book on the races at Del Mar with [redacted] financial backing. Among these individuals were: [redacted]

[redacted] has been in contact with [redacted] on several occasions during the last month and it is believed that these contacts were regarding some [redacted] henchmen who have been checked by the Police for various reasons. It is also possible that some of these contacts [redacted] were regarding a raid made by the Los Angeles Police Department on [redacted] Club on the night of September 5, 1946. At that time [redacted] Club was searched by the Los Angeles Police and all of the individuals who were there at the time the place was raided were questioned by the Police. However, no one was arrested and [redacted] was not present during the time of the raid. [redacted] has also contacted [redacted]

[redacted] on several occasions during the last month. Some of the times when [redacted] has contacted [redacted] he has contacted [redacted] at the Sunset Motors on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, California. The Sunset Motors is a used car lot and is also believed to be a front for a bookmaking establishment. On September 18, 1946 [redacted] contacted an individual named [redacted] last name unknown, at the Sunset Motors, and this individual is believed to be [redacted]. At that time [redacted] advised [redacted] that he, [redacted] were going out to the "joint" right away. [redacted] stated further that [redacted] were already out there and that they were opening tomorrow. [redacted] further advised that there was no phone in the "joint", but that there was a phone next door so they were going to take a fellow along who would move the instrument into the "joint". [redacted] agreed to meet them at the "joint" on that date. It is believed that the references to "the joint" made above, referred to [redacted] which was re-opened as a gambling "joint" on September 17, 1946.

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[REDACTED]

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The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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The file entitled **MARKETING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION**, discloses that Portland and Seattle were formerly interested [redacted]

A letter of Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY dated August 19, 1946 addressed to the Los Angeles Office advised that through a confidential source information was received to the effect that a person by the name of [redacted] had made inquiries of the Continental Press at Los Angeles as to the territory covered by them and as to the names of some of their customers. This letter requested that the Los Angeles Office endeavor to identify the person referred to as [redacted]

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With reference to the Capga Report dated at New York City August 12, 1946 which set forth a lead for the Los Angeles Office to attempt to determine the purpose of [redacted] visit to Los Angeles, Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted]

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The following was dictated by Special Agent [redacted]

Reference is made to the letter from the Los Angeles Field Division dated July 30, 1946 in instant case in which it is stated that [redacted] is allegedly a power among Italians in this locality and an individual of interest in the Capra Case. A review of the files of the Los Angeles Field Division indicate that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

At the present time, [redacted] activities appear to be restricted to minor gambling and book-making and thus far no information has been developed that would connect him with JACK DRAGNA or other members of the Syndicate or that would indicate he had any interest in the new racing news wire service.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] made at Chicago September 12, 1946 in instant case in which there is set forth that [redacted]

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois will attempt to ascertain identity and background of individual referred to as [redacted] reportedly important figure in T.A. set-up at Chicago.

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION:

At Cleveland, Ohio will ascertain background, etc. of [redacted]

Will establish identity and background of [redacted]

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION:

At Detroit, Michigan will secure information concerning [redacted]

THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin will ascertain nature of business and connections of MIGLIACCIO and VALLONE COMPANY, 436 N. Broadway, Milwaukee.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York City will furnish information concerning [redacted] reportedly friends of COSTELLO who were visiting in Los Angeles recently.

THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Perris, California will determine activities of [redacted]

At San Diego, California will secure information concerning [redacted]

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will ascertain identity and secure background information on

[REDACTED]

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Seattle, Washington will obtain pertinent information

[REDACTED]

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California will continue to maintain contact with activities of JACK DRAGNA, [REDACTED] the Trans-American Wire Service and the MILANO family as well as other syndicate figures in the Los Angeles District.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Philadelphia, Portland, Salt Lake City, St. Paul, San Francisco, Phoenix, Newark and Washington Field Divisions for information only.

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[REDACTED] WILLIAM IRVING
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(The above individuals are carried as informants at their specific request.)

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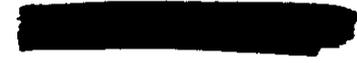
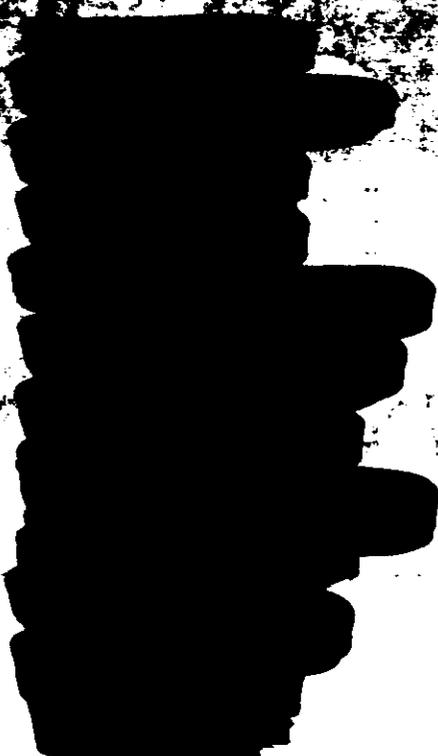
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 17, 1946

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
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Reference is made to the letter of Assistant Director E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois, on October 7, 1946, wherein it was suggested that it might be desirable to determine what agent contacted [redacted]

[redacted]

As the Bureau is aware efforts were made with negative results to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the alleged examination [redacted]. The results were negative and after being informed of the efforts made in this direction by this office, the Bureau on September 11, 1946 instructed that no further inquiries should be made in this matter.

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cc - Chicago (Attention: Assistant Director E. J. Connelley)

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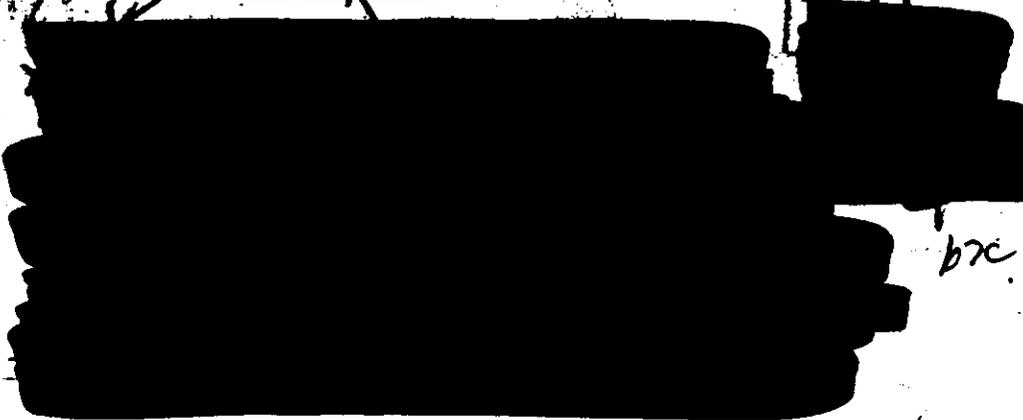
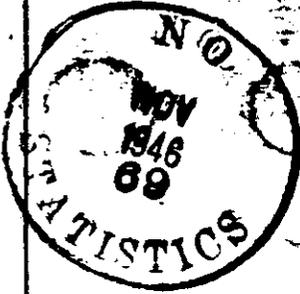
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AT LOS ANGELES

Will place a mail cover on [REDACTED] to determine whether he is acting as an intermediary in the shipment [REDACTED] to BUGSY SIEGEL. b7c

Will conduct an appropriate and discreet investigation into [REDACTED] activities to determine just what his connection with BUGSY SIEGEL is.

The Los Angeles Office is not being requested to place a cover on [REDACTED] as it is noted from their reports that same has already been done.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK

Will continue investigation into the activities of [REDACTED] to determine what his connection with BUGSY SIEGEL is and whether or not he is connected with the more important Eastern mobsters such as FRANK COSTELLO and MEYER LANSKY.

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: October 29, 1946

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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FROM :

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SUBJECT:

CAPGA

TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE [REDACTED]

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The Washington Field Division, by letter dated October 16, 1946, requested that the Bureau give further consideration to permitting the Washington Field to maintain the technical surveillance [REDACTED]

The Washington Field Division pointed out that this source has produced evidence indicating [REDACTED] is involved in various deals concerning surplus property.

Mr. Tamm has agreed to permit the technical surveillance to extend for 30 days more, after which time a careful review should be made to determine the real value of this technical.

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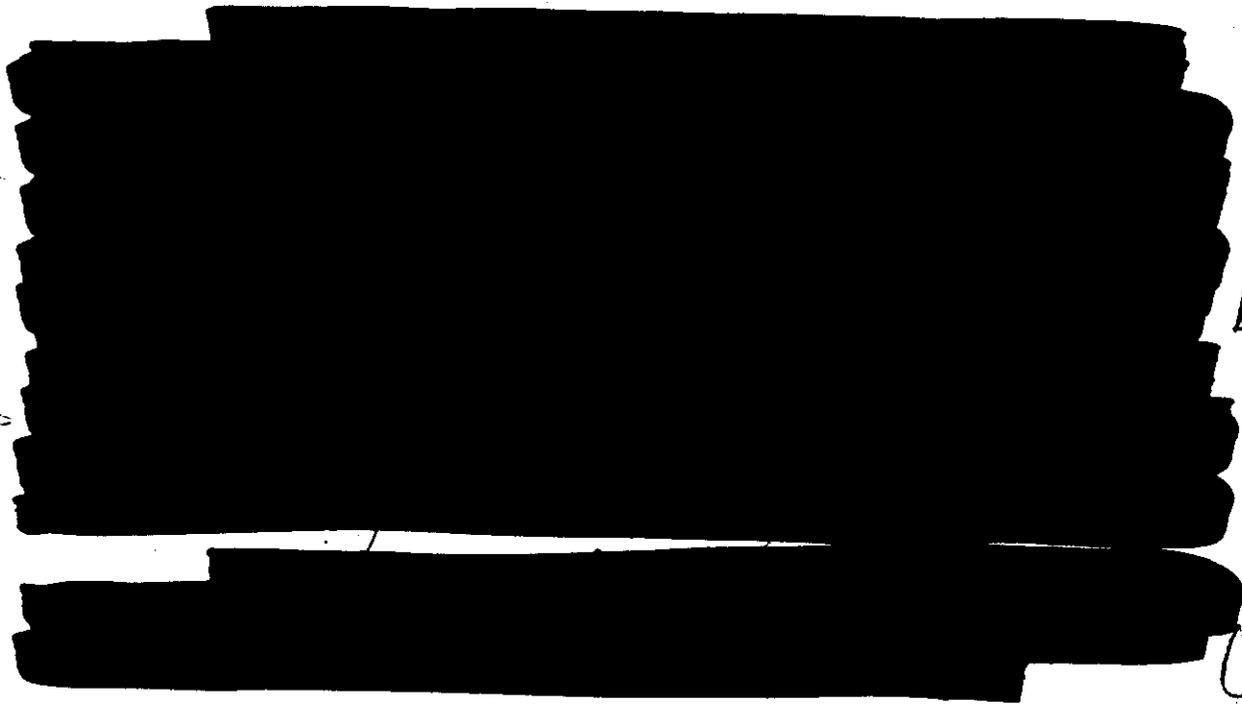
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Re:  *bx*
Ray Figue, Criminal Syndicate,
Washington Field Division

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Washington Field teletype to St. Paul
and Chicago dated October 8, 1946, Chicago teletype to St. Paul dated
October 9, 1946, and Chicago teletype to St. Paul and Washington dated
October 9 last in the above-entitled matter.



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Director, FBI
October 14, 1944

Re: SACFA

The St. Paul Field Division by teletype on October 10, 1944, to the Washington and Chicago Field Divisions advised, in regard to Chicago teletype dated October 9, therein reference was made to

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In regard to the referenced Washington teletype to St. Paul and Chicago dated October 10 concerning illegal sugar stamps, the records of the United States District Court, Minneapolis, reflect that

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At about 8:45 p.m. Special Agent [REDACTED] observed [REDACTED] placing a telephone call [REDACTED] advising him that he would be up to his room immediately.

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Director, FBI
October 11, 1946

Re: SAFTA

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At 9:00 p.m. Special Agent in Charge H. B. KEENE advised that the surveillance was to be discontinued.

The St. Paul Field Division by teletype dated October 11 last, to the Bureau, Washington and Chicago Field Divisions, advised that this office had established [REDACTED] contacts in Minneapolis and the purpose of his trip here, that he was endeavoring to influence and obtain probation in a case that is under CPA jurisdiction, and in view of this situation and in the absence of any violation over which we have jurisdiction, surveillance was requested to discontinue the present surveillance [REDACTED]

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Assistant Director CONNELLEY from the Chicago Field Division by teletype dated October 11, 1946, to the Director, the St. Paul and Washington Field Divisions, advised to discontinue the surveillance, and

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Director, FBI
October 14, 1948

Re: CAPSA

Noted that if the Bureau and the Washington Field had any further requests for St. Paul to further check [redacted] in Minneapolis, based on inquiry at Washington, St. Paul should be advised accordingly. Upon receipt of the above teletype the surveillance was discontinued.

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Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Washington Field Division and the Chicago Field Division.

Very truly yours,

H. B. RHODES, SAC

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2cc - Washington

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : *ml* Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

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

DATE: 10/28/46

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During the time that this case was handled as a special assignment there was inaugurated an informative index for the case. This index makes readily available to agents handling crime survey and general criminal matters the information which was developed during the investigation of the SIEGEL Case. Therefore, unless advised to the contrary by the, it is my intention to maintain intact this informative index.

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CONFERENCE TELETYPE DIRECTOR AND SACS WASHINGTON FIELD AND CHICAGO
ATTENTION MR. E. J. CONNELLEY. URGENT

CAPGA. REFER MY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD
SENT AT TWELVE TWENTYFIVE PM TODAY. ALSO MR. CONNELLEY-S TELETYPE TO
WASHINGTON FIELD AND THIS OFFICE DATED NINTH INSTANT IN WHICH I WAS
INSTRUCTED TO ASCERTAIN ██████████ CONTACTS AND ADVISE THE WASHINGTON
FIELD OFFICE. IT IS SUBMITTED THAT MY TELETYPE OF TODAY ABOVE
REFERRED TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISHES ██████████ CONTACTS IN MINNEAPOLIS
ARE AND THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP THERE. THAT WHAT HE IS DOING IS
ENDEAVORING TO USE INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN PROBATION AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF ANY VIOLATION OVER WHICH WE HAVE JURISDICTION, INSTRUCTIONS ARE
REQUESTED OF MR. CONNELLEY TO PERMIT ME TO DISCONTINUE THE PRESENT
SURVEILLANCE ██████████

BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau and the other offices to whom copies of this letter are being forwarded, [redacted] has advised Special Agent [redacted] SIEGEL returned to Las Vegas, Nevada from New York City on a TWA flight from Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 22, 1946 and retired immediately to his room, which is room 412, Hotel Last Frontier, Las Vegas. [redacted]

[redacted] SIEGEL said that he had realized the trouble he has been having with the F.B.I.; that during his stay in New York City he learned that MEYER LANSKY'S and ABE ZWILLMAN'S, with alias "LONGY" (New Jersey Hoodlum) telephones are tapped and that every word SIEGEL and his friends made were under the constant watch of the F.B.I. SIEGEL said, "They woke me up in the morning and put me to bed at night."

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Director, FBI
Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISC., INFO. CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED]

SIEGEL also stated that he talked with [REDACTED] of the Del E. Webb Construction Company while he was in New York, and [REDACTED] introduced SIEGEL to JOHN R. SMALL, Civilian Production Administrator. SMALL has not issued the cease-work order on the Flaminge Hotel as yet, which cease-work order was mentioned by radio commentator and newspaper columnist DREW PEARSON on the latter's Sunday broadcast about three weeks ago, and in deference to which the Bureau withheld any open and active investigation. SIEGEL claimed that SMALL told [REDACTED] SIEGEL that he cannot take any action to actually assist them on the hotel job until someone "gets PEARSON off SMALL'S BACK".

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SIEGEL plans to open the casino part of the hotel on December 26, 1946, and have as his entertainment XAVIER CUGAT'S orchestra, JIMMY DURANTE, and FRANK SINATRA. He expects to pay approximately \$50,000.00 for this entertainment for one week.

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Director, FBI
Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISC., INFO. CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY

SIEGEL estimates now that \$4,000,000.00 will be the total cost of the hotel due to delays in construction and changes in plans.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge



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cc: New York
Chicago
Los Angeles
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" REBEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: 8/20/48

The above file in this office has been reviewed and it was ascertained that Los Angeles, the Office of Origin, and the Chicago Office are in possession of all pertinent information contained in this file.

Inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads in the San Diego ~~Investigation~~ ^{Investigation}, this matter is REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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cc: Chicago
Los Angeles (62-2837)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 10/11/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/19-10/4/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE BENJAMIN BOB SIEGEL, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - RACIAL - CONSPIRACY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
 [REDACTED SECTION]

Re: **SOURCE OF SIEGEL'S INFO:** Background info set forth on [REDACTED]

SIEGEL indicated he would visit NYC to secure lead. He departed 10/6/46 by American Airlines for NYC.

Re: [REDACTED]
 U.S. Narcotics, LA, considering prosecuting SIEGEL.
 Re: **JACK DRAGNA:** Informants report SIEGEL has been in contact with DRAGNA, and [REDACTED] active in contacting parties regarding new wire service and has reported results to DRAGNA.
 Re: **VIRGINIA HILL:** HILL moved to Beverly-Wilshire Hotel and indicated she would leave for Chicago.
 Re: [REDACTED]

Reference: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 9/20/46 at Los Angeles

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In connection with the financing of the Flamingo Hotel, the following information was developed through [redacted]

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[redacted] has been previously mentioned as being one of the attorneys who went to San Francisco, California to assist in representing SIEGEL's organization in connection with the C.P.A. hearings.

The following information was obtained by Special Agent (A)

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[REDACTED] of this contact information was made by SIEGEL in [REDACTED] whether [REDACTED] had contact in touch with [REDACTED]. This reference to [REDACTED] is thought [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] SIEGEL [REDACTED] to use [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is believed to be \$10,000 and may refer to [REDACTED] to be placed in the hotel project. SIEGEL also [REDACTED] to know if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] whose identity is unknown at this time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported on September 24, 1946 that [REDACTED] Los Angeles, contacted BEN SIEGEL at Las Vegas, at which time [REDACTED] remarked he had made arrangements for [REDACTED] and others to come to Las Vegas on the 25th of September and that [REDACTED] will probably do the painting of the hotel. BEN stated he was going to Los Angeles that evening and that he had planned going to New York the next week to try and get some money. However, he could probably postpone his trip to New York.

On September 25, 1946 [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was in contact with BEN SIEGEL and stated he had spoken to [REDACTED] in New York. [REDACTED] stated "that department decided to drop the thing...they won't do anything about it". He further remarked that "I guess they have to clear with that other department in everything they do". This is believed to refer to the R.F.C. and SIEGEL's plan to obtain a loan from the R.F.C. for the Hotel. Referring to "that other department" is thought to mean the Department of Justice. [REDACTED] remarked that [REDACTED] would be in Philadelphia if BEN wanted to get in touch with him.

[REDACTED] reported on September 30, 1946 that SIEGEL had gotten in touch with [REDACTED] at the Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas, at which time BEN stated he wanted him to send all the plans, statements and everything to his place in New York City. The address was furnished as 88 Central Park West, Apartment 8X, New York City. BEN wanted these plans sent by air mail special delivery. SIEGEL told [REDACTED] that he wanted [REDACTED] to hold

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On October 1, 1946, it was ascertained that SINGEL
left an American Airlines Flight 100 for New York City at 10:30 a.m. The
New York Field Office was advised as to SINGEL's departure and requested
they check his arrival and activities in New York City.
On October 2, 1946, it was ascertained that SINGEL's plane
developed engine trouble and he was forced to land in Los Angeles
and intended to leave for New York at 2 p.m. on October 3, 1946.
It was ascertained through the American Airlines that SINGEL's name appeared
on the manifest for Flight 100, departing at 11:30 a.m. by surveillance
Special Agents [redacted] verified the departure
of SINGEL on the above flight and New York was telephonically advised of
SINGEL's change in plans and that he would arrive in New York City at
2:30 a.m. October 4, 1946.

THE SIEGEL'S SOURCE OF INFO

The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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reports are being made to the Bureau by checking mail received by SIEGEL to determine whether the shipments are sent to those addresses.

[REDACTED]

The above information [REDACTED] was furnished to the Bureau and the New York Field Office on September 18, 1946 with the request that the New York Field Office furnish information [REDACTED]

By teletype dated September 19, 1946 the New York Field Office advised that [REDACTED]

By teletype dated September 23, 1946 the New York Field Office advised that on September 13, 1946 [REDACTED]

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[redacted] are set forth in the Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 28, 1946 at New York City and are not being set out again at this point.

[redacted] the following information was developed at Los Angeles, 70026

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Ascertained from Sergeant LEADER, Lynwood Police Department, that a State permit was issued to him to carry a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson, 150092, on July 22, 1943 and the reason given was "personal property protection". His address was shown as above and his business address was given as Houston Company, 622 Main Street, Hollywood and General Service Studios, 11801 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles.

An examination of the Los Angeles Field Division files reflects the following reference to one SIDNEY UNGER. In the case entitled: PACIFIC COAST BANK SWEEP STOLEN BONDS, JOHN ALONIOUS O'BRIEN, WAS, ET AL, in the report of Special Agent JOSEPH D. MILANEY, dated September 17, 1945 on Page 114 attention was directed to the case entitled BENJAMIN LAURENCE, ET AL, WOODWARD PUTMAN, National Bank of Detroit, Detroit Savings Bank, Detroit, Michigan, NATIONAL BANK ACT, NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT wherein it was stated that about \$9,000 of home owners loan corporation bonds were stolen on May 16, 1934 and \$18,000 of the same type of bonds were stolen from the Detroit Savings Bank December 1, 1934. The bonds were negotiated in New York by BENJAMIN LAURENCE and SIDNEY UNGER, New York R.D. No. 3-129452, who was arrested by the New York Police in connection with that matter on November 4, 1934. UNGER in 1935 resided at 2850 Grand Concourse, New York. LAURENCE committed suicide several years ago. The last address for SIDNEY UNGER was reported as the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City in September 1937, where he was living with his mother and sister. It was reported that it appeared that LAURENCE and UNGER had obtained the bonds from AL DRICH and HARRY "SPUNKY" DIAMOND, suspected security dealers, who are part of the "CHAMP" SEGAL crowd. UNGER's original name was reported as UNGERLEIDER and he was related to the UNGERLEIDERS of UNGERLEIDER AND COMPANY. It was noted that part of the loot from the same bonds which LAURENCE and UNGER handled was also handled by AARON GREENFELD of Baltimore, who is a contact of AL SPITZER.

The following information was obtained by Special Agent DON EDWIN RANEY at the California Shipyards, Wilmington, California. An examination of the employment records at the above company reflected that SIDNEY J. UNGER, 6548 West Olympic Boulevard, was employed from May 1, 1942 through May 23, 1942 as a pipe fitters helper. Social Security Number 055-03-7080, UNGER was born August 18, 1894 at New York City. His wife's name was VERA WHITE. His education was given as Public School 147, Brooklyn, New York. UNGER in 1933 changed his name from UNGERLEIDER to UNGER. He stated he had one year and three months in the U.S. Army prior to 1942. The exact dates were not known. Previous employment was shown as 1931 to 1935 in shoe business for himself at New York City. 1935 to 1937 tailor business at 8671 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. 1939-1941 salesman for the Fine Chemical Company, 214 South La Brea, Los Angeles. It was indicated that this company was not in business at the time he was employed at Calship. The file indicated that UNGER was considered unfitted for the job of pipe fitters helper.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is to be noted that by letter dated September 11, 1946 the New York Field Office was advised that on September 14, 1946 [REDACTED] reported that SIEGEL had conversed with [REDACTED], at which time SIEGEL mentioned leaving for Las Vegas September 15th. SIEGEL related that he intended to be in Las Vegas approximately one week, after which he would return to Los Angeles and then go to New York "to talk to some bankers to get a loan from.....million and one half dollars". The New York Field Office was requested to make appropriate arrangements to cover the arrival of SIEGEL at New York and his activities while there and that the Los Angeles Field Office would advise them as to SIEGEL's departure. By teletype dated October 1, 1946 the Bureau and the New York Field Office were advised that SIEGEL had reservations to leave on the American Airlines from Los Angeles on October 3, 1946 at 10:10 p.m. on Flight 170 to arrive in New York on October 4, 1946 at 2:20 p.m. It was pointed out that SIEGEL indicated he would be in contact with his wife ESTHER SIEGEL at Apartment 9A 88 Central Park West, New York City. The New York Field Office was previously advised on September 30, 1946 by letter that SIEGEL undoubtedly would be in touch with MEYER LANSKY while in New York City and that in view of previous contacts had by [REDACTED] with SIEGEL and [REDACTED] that SIEGEL would endeavor to contact these individuals too.

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On September 20, 1946, the Bureau forwarded further complementary information which was obtained from confidential sources

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JACK DRAGNA

The following was reported by Special Agent [redacted]

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 20, 1946 at Los Angeles, wherein on Page 7 information is set forth regarding JACK DRAGNA, the key figure of the Syndicate in the Gopps Case, and his contacts with BEN SIEGEL [redacted]

[redacted] reported that on September 24, 1946 [redacted] well known hoodlum in Los Angeles, had endeavored to contact SIEGEL. [redacted] was informed that SIEGEL was not in and [redacted] stated he was returning SIEGEL's call.

On September 25, 1946 [redacted] stated that JACK DRAGNA had contacted [redacted] and inquired if BEN (SIEGEL) had come in. [redacted] answered in the affirmative and DRAGNA stated he had an appointment at twelve and would not be able to see them until later. [redacted] replied that they could make an appointment later and for DRAGNA to call and that they would keep in touch with each other. JACK again contacted [redacted] later the same day and stated he was going out for awhile and instructed [redacted] to call LOUIE (LOUIS DRAGNA) at DRAGNA's house if [redacted] heard from him (SIEGEL).

[redacted] on September 26, 1946 advised that BEN called [redacted] and advised him to contact [redacted] at the Ambassador Hotel and have him come to [redacted] at 3:30 to see SIEGEL. He also instructed him to call [redacted] and for him to be there at 3:30 or 4 also. [redacted] is one of SIEGEL's associates from Las Vegas.

On September 26, 1946 [redacted] reported that [redacted] had contacted [redacted] and inquired if [redacted] would be there at 3:30 p.m. [redacted] stated he could and [redacted] stated "he'll" (SIEGEL) will be here.

On September 26, 1946 [redacted] reported that [redacted] had called [redacted] and arranged for him to come to his apartment to see JACK (possibly DRAGNA) at 3 p.m. on September 27, 1946.

On October 3, 1946 [redacted] reported that [redacted] had contacted [redacted] and endeavored to contact [redacted] all of whom are well-known gamblers and bookies in Los Angeles, and questioned them as to receiving the new service. [redacted] indicated he would receive the new service and the others stated that when conditions were right they would also receive this service. Shortly thereafter this source reported [redacted] had called JACK DRAGNA and gave him a report as to the contacts he had made with the above individuals as well as [redacted] well-known bookie.

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The conversation with [redacted] the new service is thought to be with
reference to the [redacted] of the new wire service on the West Coast
known as the [redacted] wire service.

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KILLING OF HARRY GREENBERG

The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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MEYER LANSKY

In September 18, 1946 [redacted] advised that [redacted] had endeavored to contact MEYER LANSKY at Chickering 4-6060, New York City. This number is known to be listed in the N.B. Distributing Company, in which MEYER LANSKY is interested. [redacted] was unable to complete the call but then endeavored to reach LANSKY at Circle 5-6670. On September 19, 1946 this source advised that [redacted] again endeavored to reach MEYER LANSKY at the Chickering number, but was unable to get this call through. On September 25, 1946 [redacted] advised that [redacted] again was unable to reach LANSKY at the Chickering number.

In September 25, 1946 [redacted] stated that [redacted] had placed a call [redacted] at the Halliburton Hotel, New York City. However, [redacted] was not available.

Other information regarding LANSKY's connection with SIBBEL, particularly in connection with the Flamingo Hotel, is set forth elsewhere in the report and is not being set out again at this point.

By letter dated October 4, 1946 at New York City in the Cappa Case it is noted that the number Circle 5-6670 is listed as the Hollywood Theater Ticket Agency, 225 West 46th Street, New York City and that during the course of a surveillance on September 29th and October 2nd, LANSKY's chauffeur was observed to stop at the above-mentioned ticket agency.