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BUGSY SIEGEL

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Los Angeles (13) California  
July 26, 1946

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ON 11-17-85

SAC, Salt Lake City

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the following communications taken from the files of the Salt Lake City Field Division:

Memorandum for the SAC dated June 22, 1946 (Serial 3)  
Memorandum for the SAC dated June 24, 1946 (Serial 4)  
Memorandum for the SAC dated June 26, 1946 (Serial 7)  
Letter to Mr. E. J. CONNELLEY dated July 1, 1946 (Serial 9)  
Letter to Mr. E. J. CONNELLEY dated July 2, 1946 (Serial 10)  
Letter to Mr. E. J. CONNELLEY dated July 2, 1946 (Serial 11)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 3, 1946 (Serial 12)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 6, 1946 (Serial 14)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 8, 1946 (Serial 16)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 9, 1946 (Serial 21)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 11, 1946 (Serial 24)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 12, 1946 from the  
Cleveland Field Division, CC: Salt Lake City (Serial 25)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 15, 1946 (Serial 31)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 16, 1946 (Serial 32)  
Conference Teletype from Cleveland to Director, SAOS  
Chicago and Salt Lake City dated July 17, 1946 (Serial 37)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 17, 1946 (Serial 40)  
Conference Teletype from Salt Lake City to Director  
and SAC Chicago dated July 17, 1946 (Serial 38)  
Teletype from the Director dated July 19, 1946 (Serial 43)  
Teletype from the Director dated July 19, 1946 (Serial 42)  
Letter to Director, FBI dated July 22, 1946 (Serial 47)

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SAC, Salt Lake City

July 26, 1946

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Appropriate photostatic copies have been made for the file  
at Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

  
AEO  
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REGISTERED MAIL  
AMASD

Los Angeles, California  
July 29, 1946

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MEMO, SAC:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL

Our employee [redacted] advised me on July 26, 1946, that he is rather well acquainted with [redacted]

[redacted] is aware of the fact that [redacted] works for the FBI. In general conversations [redacted] has learned that [redacted] and recently [redacted] has been making trips to Las Vegas in connection with the construction of a hotel there which SIEGEL is interested in. [redacted]

I told [redacted] that it did not appear to be advisable for him to make this trip, as SIEGEL and his associates are very suspicious of any new people, and if they found out he was connected with the FBI no good could come of it. I told him to be very careful not to let [redacted] know that we are interested in SIEGEL, as to do so would put SIEGEL on his guard should [redacted] make any remark to this effect to SIEGEL. [redacted] doubts that [redacted] would of his own volition report anything to us that he knows of SIEGEL. He has no question as to [redacted] honesty; [redacted]

JAMES C. ELLSWORTH  
ASAC

JCE [redacted]

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Los Angeles, California  
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MEMO, SA [REDACTED]

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

A review of the memoranda submitted by you covering your interviews [REDACTED] suggests certain matters for clarification and further questioning [REDACTED] Referring to your memorandum of June 22, 1946 on Page 6, Paragraph 3, it is stated

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On Page 7 of this memorandum, there is set out information from the informant to the effect that [REDACTED]

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On Page 16, the informant states that [REDACTED]

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On Page 17, the informant states that [REDACTED]

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With reference to your memorandum of June 24, 1946, you should follow up the lead to secure from the Postmaster at Las Vegas [REDACTED]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
JUL 30 1946  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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MEMO, SA [REDACTED] b7c

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

With reference to your memorandum of June 26, 1946, on Page 1, there is a reference to the fact an investigation at Chicago was to be made concerning "The Reactivation of the Old Capone Gang". I would like to know if this is [REDACTED] or your language. In other words, did [REDACTED] actually use the phrase "Reactivation of the Capone Gang", which at the present time is a phrase used only within the Bureau? b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOOF

AEO [REDACTED] b7c  
62-2857

Los Angeles, California  
July 30, 1946

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MEMO, SAC:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

The following leads are suggested by a review of the memoranda covering interviews [redacted] b2 b7c

Identify [redacted] See memorandum of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 22, 1946 Page 4. b7c b7d

Identify and get background information on [redacted] See memorandum Agent [redacted] dated June 22, 1946 Page 4.

Get details of the killing of [redacted] See memorandum Agent [redacted] dated June 26, 1946 Page 3.

Secure the details concerning the murder of HARRY MYERS at the Ambassador Hotel, date not stated. See memorandum Agent [redacted] dated June 26, 1946, Page 4. b7c

Assemble all material concerning the murder of GREENBERG at Los Angeles on November 22, 1939 in order that [redacted] can be further questioned concerning this. It is possible that our investigation may enable the State of California to try and convict SIEGEL for this murder. See memorandum Special Agent [redacted] dated June 26, 1946, Page 5. b2 b7d b7c

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOOF

AEO [redacted]  
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Los Angeles, California  
October 17, 1946

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Las Vegas, Nevada  
June 26, 1946.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SAC:

Re: VICE CONDITIONS, LAS VEGAS,  
NEVADA - RESEARCH MATTER;  
BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEGEL,

furnished the following information:

deal with the reestablishment of the old system, and with the various ramifications of gang activities throughout the entire country, including the activities of FRANKIE COSTELLO and JOE ADONIS in New York and BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEGEL on the West Coast.

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Las Vegas, Nevada  
J. Edgar Hoover

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It is requested and urged that the above information be handled in the most discreet manner and treated as extremely confidential.

Informant also advised that SISSEL, FRANKIE COSTELLO and JOE ADONIS have always been intimately associated with CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, former vice overlord of New York City who was convicted by Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY of New York when the latter was serving as District Attorney in New York City.

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FRIENDS OF SIEGEL RECENTLY IN LAS VEGAS

SIEGEL has been attempting to bring more and more of his petty associates to Las Vegas to work

None of the men already in Las Vegas has ever been associated with any violence, to Informant's knowledge, but he is especially worried about others that SIEGEL wants to send to Las Vegas.

THE FLAMINGO HOTEL

The new \$3,000,000.00 Flamingo Hotel, presently under construction on the Las Vegas-Los Angeles Highway by SIEGEL

has been discussed in reports submitted in this matter, in Crime Surveys of the Salt Lake City Field Division, and is recent memoranda submitted

SINGEL put up \$250,000.00 at first for a 37-1/2% interest in the hotel, but later put an additional \$125,000.00 in the fund for a total investment of \$375,000.00.

SINGEL is hard headed enough to think that he can operate the hotel profitably with his own element, but informant said that he will learn that he must have someone with a legitimate reputation to operate the hotel as his "front".

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BUSINESS INTERESTS OF SIGEL OUTSIDE LAS VEGAS

Informant stated that SIGEL is a partner with FRANCIS COSTELLO and J.P. ARONIS and MEYER LANSKY is all of their business enterprises. In addition, they each own a one-fourth interest in SIGEL's business interests in Las Vegas, Nevada, and he turns one-fourth of his proceeds from his business ventures over to them.

NEW YORK: SIGEL, COSTELLO, ARONIS and LANSKY control the Numbers racket in New York City.

PENNSYLVANIA and BALTIMORE: SIGEL, COSTELLO, ARONIS, LANSKY and ROSEN control the Numbers racket in Philadelphia and Baltimore. ROSEN is merely the "front" and area manager for the others.

NEW JERSEY: SIGEL, COSTELLO, ARONIS, LANSKY and MONTY'S ILMAN control all numbers, and other gambling in Newark. Again, S ILMAN is

principally the front and area manager for the other four.

SIGEL, COSTELLO, MOORE and LASKY are also partners of rackets boss in the state of New Jersey.

FLORIDA: SIGEL, COSTELLO, MOORE and LASKY also own the race book in the Hollywood Beach Hotel and the Green Acres, both in Hollywood, Florida.

SIGEL, COSTELLO, MOORE and LASKY also formerly owned The Farm (formerly the Plantation) at Hollywood, Florida.

Information has already been set forth in previous memoranda to the effect that SIGEL, COSTELLO, MOORE and LASKY own the Colonial Inn at Miami, Florida.

IOA: SIGEL, COSTELLO, MOORE, and LASKY, own the dog track at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

CALIFORNIA: Informant said that SIGEL actually has nothing in California that "you can put your finger on". Although he is the recognized leader on the West Coast of all activities of New York, Chicago, Detroit, and other major cities gam. activities, they do not control gambling in the Los Angeles area. SIGEL likes California and has made his home there for several years for that reason. He does not want to become too involved in illegal activities in California because he is attempting to enjoy a bit of relaxation there. He prides himself on the fact that he has never been convicted of a criminal offense of a major nature, and is ashamed of his one felony conviction of bookmaking in Los Angeles about a year ago. He was convicted at that time with \_\_\_\_\_ and was fined. However, bookmaking is a felony in California.

CHICAGO and MIAMI: SIGEL, COSTELLO, MOORE, and LASKY do not actually control any gambling activities in these cities but, by agreement, work "hand in glove" with other elements there. As previously reported, they have a working agreement with the Chicago element in Chicago, and informant feels that the Chicago group is not getting most of its

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support from these men until it can again successfully function alone without their active support.

Informant stated that THESE PERSONS HAVE ALWAYS been staunch supporters of the underworld activities of theUnione Sicilian, and that SINGEL is the only Jew who has held a position of high regard in the opinion of the other members. He does not know if SINGEL is actually a member of this group, but said that he has always worked closely with all of the "grease ball" members.

PERSONAL DATA ON SINGEL

Informant stated that SINGEL'S wife, ESTHER KRACALER SINGEL is presently in Reno, Nevada for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from SINGEL. This has also been previously reported.

After SINGEL'S wife left him, he sold his home for \$90,000.00. As previously reported by both the Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Field Divisions, LNETTE YOUNG attempted to purchase the SINGEL home, but SINGEL does not like her and refused to sell the home to her, according to Informant.

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Information to the effect that SIEGEL owns a home on Central Park West in New York City has already been reported. Informant advised that SIEGEL, while in New York City, frequents the Hollywood Ticket Office located on 45th or 47th Street just off Broadway. He can also be located at the SAM BARTON Commission Office in New York. This office handles and promotes gambling on baseball games, fights, and races.

In recent months SIEGEL's mistress has been VIRGINIA HILL, fabulous woman of mystery in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Field Division has discussed HILL at length in their semi-annual crime survey memoranda, as having unlimited funds at her disposal. She frequently gives very expensive parties and no one seems to know the source of her income.

SIEGEL frequently brings HILL to Las Vegas with him and also takes her to New York and Florida where she is openly regarded as his mistress.

SIEGEL has recently been living with HILL at her home in Westwood, Los Angeles. Informant does not know the address.

SIEGEL has a new 1946 black PLYMOUTH Chrysler Convertible Coupe, license number unknown.

He retains room 401 permanently at the Hotel Last Frontier, Las Vegas.

In the writer's memorandum of June 21, 1946, information was set out about the alleged activities of

It is suggested that this information also be furnished the Bureau immediately in view of the possibility of its being of interest to Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY in his investigation of the matter entitled "REACTIVATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY - MIAMI NEWS INFORMATION; CRIME SURVEY", Bureau File No. 62-81403, and to the New York, Newark, Miami, Des Moines, Chicago, and Los Angeles Field Divisions.

Contact will be maintained and the Salt Lake  
City Field Division immediately advised of all information furnished  
by him.

Special Agent

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301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah  
July 1, 1946

Mr. E. J. Connelly  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 812  
Chicago 90, Illinois

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Mr. Connelly:

Reference is made to my telephone calls on June 28, 1946 and July 1, 1946 to you and to the Los Angeles Office furnishing information relating primarily to BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, which information was obtained in connection with our investigation in the case entitled "VICE CONDITIONS, Las Vegas, Nevada; RESEARCH MATTER".

The information contained in this communication was furnished to Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ a Resident Agent at Las Vegas, Nevada,

BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, by the year 1931, because of his "brains", temper and ability to carry out threats, had assumed leadership of a group of then small-time hoodlums in New York. He had previously aligned himself with the underworld in the prohibition bootlegging racket and had climbed rapidly because of his ruthlessness and ability to handle men. About this time he associated himself with MEIER LANSKY and their gang skyrocketed into prominence and underworld respect as the "Bugs and Meyer Mob". SIEGEL acquired his nickname of "BUGS" because he was regarded by his intimate acquaintances as insane along certain lines.

Open gang warfare broke out among the New York gangs and the "Bugs and Meyer Mob" was responsible for the killing and removal of many powerful rival gangster figures. SIEGEL and LANSKY shared the dictatorial powers of the gang but SIEGEL was responsible for the terroristic practices of their group. They had many gunmen at their command and

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were motivated both by fear and because of the money and protection KIRSCH and LANSKY could give them. The latter two were responsible for the "liquidation" of "MAXEY" GORDON and, after that, their underworld prestige increased.

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The information contained in this communication has been furnished  
to the Bureau. As additional information is received  
you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

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JAY J. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc (2) Los Angeles  
cc (2) New York City

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301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah  
July 2, 1946

Mr. E. J. Connelly  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 812  
Chicago 90, Illinois

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION,  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Mr. Connelly:

This will refer to our telephone conversations of June 28, 1946  
and July 1, 1946. Reference is also made to my personal and confidential  
letter to you under date of July 1, 1946.

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Very truly yours,

  
JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah  
July 2, 1946.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 812  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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CRIME SURVEY

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Reference is made to my personal and confidential letter to you  
July 1, 1946, outlining information furnished to Special Agent

CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO:

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Very truly yours,

JAY C. FURMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc (2) Los Angeles  
cc (2) New York City

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
July 8, 1946

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION - CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to my telephone conversations with  
Mr. ROSEN relative to information furnished

Reference is also made to my personal and confidential letters  
directed to Mr. CONNELLY under dates of July 1 and 2, 1946, copies of  
which were furnished the Los Angeles and New York City Offices, and to my  
telephone conversations with Mr. CONNELLY and SAC R. B. MOOD of the Los  
Angeles Office.

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Director, FBI

Re: REACTIVATION OF RED CAPONE GANG  
SI. C. INF. REAF. 1. - CRIME SURVEY

In his regular Sunday afternoon radio broadcast on June 30, DREW PEARSON, newspaper columnist and radio commentator, reportedly announced that the attempt on the life of JAMES W. HAGEN, Sr. in Chicago was arranged at a meeting of the heads of the underworld from the entire country, which meeting was held in New York City on the eve of the Louis-Corn fight. PEARSON allegedly stated that the three principals responsible for the attempt on HAGEN'S life were nowhere in the vicinity of Chicago at the time the assault took place. He reportedly named the three principals as FRANKIE COSTELLO and [redacted] of New York and "BOBBY" [redacted] of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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The informant did not know where LANSKY was staying in Salt Lake City but suggested that it would be at the best hotel or the best tourist court there.

The informant described LANSKY, his son, as follows:

Name	MEYER LANSKY
Age	40-42
Height	5' 4"
Weight	140-145 lbs.
Complexion	Medium; sallow and pasty
Hair	Dark brown; full head of hair
Pecculiarities	Lips snap very easily and are always cracked when he is exposed to the sun.
Dress	Dresses neatly and conservatively, usually dark suits.

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(The informant stated that LANSKY would probably use his right name in registering and that the automobile operated by him would bear either New York or Florida license plates.)

Name	---- LANSKY (LANSKY'S son, first name unknown.)
Age	15
Height	5' 9"
Build	Medium slender; has been in military school and has erect carriage
Complexion	Dark

(The informant stated that this boy is of athletic build and is very good looking.)

It was determined by the Salt Lake City Office on July 5, 1946 that MEYER LANSKY and son and checked in at the Utah Hotel at 11:56 PM July 5, 1946. LANSKY and his son are occupying room 301 and The LANSKYS all gave their residence address as 255 West 57th Street, New York City.

The LANSKYS are driving a new 1946 black Oldsmobile "98" Sedan with red wheels, bearing New York license 9 R 9171.

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These persons have not indicated to hotel employees just when they intend to leave Salt Lake City. However, they have had their car serviced (a now-car check up) at the Ken Garff Motor Company in Salt Lake City and the car is in readiness for travel.

Very truly yours,



JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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62-1128

cc: Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY, Chicago  
Los Angeles  
New York

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301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah  
July 8, 1946

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

ATTENTION: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION; --  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my personal and confidential letter to the Bureau dated July 6, 1946 and to my telephone conversation this morning with \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bureau.

Re: MEYER LANSKY

It was determined at the Utah Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 7, 1946, that LANSKY, his son, and \_\_\_\_\_ checked out at approximately 12:50 PM that day. All three of these persons were observed by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ and the writer. Immediately upon checking out, they left in the new 1946 black Oldsmobile "98" Sedan with red wheels, New York license 9 R 9171, referred to in the above-mentioned letter.

Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. ascertained that these persons arrived in Las Vegas, Nevada, the evening of that day and that they were occupying suite No. 211 at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, telephone Las Vegas 1300.

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Following are the descriptions of the LANSKY party as observed  
by Agent \_\_\_\_\_ and the writer:

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Name	MEYER LANSKY
Age	About 45
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160-170 lbs.
Build	Medium heavy
Hair	Dark brown, parted left side
Complexion	Sallow
Dress	Wearing grey suit, light yellow sport shirt, no hat.

Name	--- LANSKY (LANSKY'S son)
Age	15-16
Height	5' 8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Build	Medium slender
Hair	Dark, cropped short
Complexion	Pale
Features	Rather regular, good appearance
Dress	Sport clothes

Re: MISCELLANEOUS

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Further developments in this matter will be promptly reported by this office.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN

Special Agent in Charge

JCN

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cc: Asst. Director E. J. CONNELLY, Chicago

New York  
Los Angeles

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501 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah  
July 9, 1946

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

ATTENTION: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: REACTIVATION OF THE CAPORE GANG  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION --  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir,

This will refer to my telephone conversation today with  
of the Bureau. Reference is also made to my letter of July  
8, 1946 outlining information furnished

Re: MEYER LANSKY

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With reference to the possibility of an investigation of SIEGEL'S activities in Las Vegas being conducted by the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury Department, Agent *W* who has kept in constant touch with the situation there, has informed me that he is positive that no such investigation is under way at the present time.

The Bureau will be kept promptly advised of future developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*W*  
JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

JCN  
62-1123  
cc: 94-142

cc: Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY, Chicago  
Los Angeles  
New York

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Cleveland, Ohio



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 62-660

July 12, 1946

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

Re: REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CRIME SURVEY  
(Bureau File No. 62-81903)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype from Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 8, 1946, requesting this office to determine if

is now or was recently at Cleveland, what his activities have been, and if he has left for any destination.

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Director, FBI:

July 12, 1946

The foregoing information was furnished telephonically to Assistant Director CONNELLY at Chicago by Special Agent

Two photographs each are being forwarded with copies of this letter to the Bureau, Assistant Director CONNELLY, and the Salt Lake City Field Division.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'CONNOR  
SAC

Enclosures (2)

cc: E. J. CONNELLY, Assistant Director, Chicago (AMSD - 2 encs.)  
Salt Lake City (AMSD - 2 encs.)

62-660

Salt Lake City, Utah  
July 11, 1946

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Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

ATTENTION: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: INACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION - CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephone conversation today with  
Mr. ROSEN, and to my letter of July 9, 1946, outlining information  
obtained by

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Re: MEYER LANSKY

advised that on the early  
evening of July 9, 1946, LANSKY telephoned SIEGEL from LANSKY'S suite  
at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, SIEGEL being either at his room at the  
Last Frontier or at the Las Vegas Club at the time. LANSKY asked  
SIEGEL to drop over that evening for a meeting, and stated, "You and  
MONEY (meaning MORRIS SEDWAY) and I can get together," to which SIEGEL  
replied, "Just you and I. We don't need that ~~---~~ around." LANSKY  
appeared somewhat abashed at SIEGEL'S attitude and stated, "Well, all  
right. If you don't want MONEY along we will get along without him."  
SIEGEL then stated that they could get along better without MONEY, as  
SIEGEL and LANSKY could make all the necessary decisions. Later SIEGEL  
called LANSKY and insisted that the meeting be at SIEGEL'S room at the  
Last Frontier Hotel, where SIEGEL and LANSKY could talk together out  
on the terrace.

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further advised that on July 9,  
1946, LANSKY called his office in New York City and talked to someone  
there, identity unknown. LANSKY informed the unknown person that he  
(LANSKY), together with his son PAUL was going to  
Los Angeles Sunday morning (apparently meaning Sunday, July 14) and  
would stay at the Ambassador Hotel, and that he was "coming back here"  
the last of the month. (The information immediately above was furnished  
to the Bureau and Los Angeles by teletype on July 10, 1946.)

In this same conversation LANSKY told the unknown person that  
he was very much pleased with the progress of the Flamingo Hotel and  
after one look at it he believed that all of the money was actually

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going into the construction of the place. In his conversation he indicated he was disappointed that the hotel was being constructed at this time, as he had always felt it would have been better to have commenced building a year from now due to the present shortage of materials and labor. LANSKY remarked he thought it would be some time before they would take any money on the hotel.

From the remarks of the person talking from New York City it was indicated to the informant that

It was further indicated by the general conversation, according to the informant, that LANSKY's present trip to the West Coast was probably intended for an all-summer affair, but the approximate date of his return to New York City was not indicated.

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Reference is made to the report of the informant which is set out in the attached report.

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leaving Las Vegas indicated in his conversation that his trip to Los Angeles was very important. HISSY apparently was aware of the exact purpose of the trip.

On the morning of July 31, 1946, SAC W. F. ROBB of the Los Angeles Office telephonically advised this office that through confidential sources available to the Los Angeles Office it appeared that the important business deal which prompted HISSY's hurried trip to Los Angeles had to do with the new Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas which is presently under construction.

The Bureau's attention is called to paragraph three on page four of the memorandum of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ dated June 22, 1946 and entitled, "VICE CONDITIONS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, RE: EARCE JATTER," which memorandum was forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated the same day, wherein it is set forth that

Re:

The photographs of \_\_\_\_\_ which the Bureau forwarded to this office were exhibited by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

SU 62-1123

Continuous close contact with the Confidential Informants will be maintained and the Bureau kept currently advised of all important developments.

Very truly yours,

  
JAY C. NEWMAN  
SAC

62-1123

cc - 94-143

cc - Asst. Director E. J. CONNELLEY, Chicago

cc - Los Angeles

cc - New York City

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DIRECTOR, SAC CHICAGO AND SALT LAKE CITY

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REACTIVATION OF CAPONE GANG. REBUTEL JULY FIFTEEN LST AND CLEVELAND  
LETTER TO BUREAU DATED JULY TWELVE LAST.

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Director, FBI  
Re: REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG  
MISC. INFORMATION - CRIME SURVEY

MISC. MATTERS

The Bureau, Assistant Director W. J. Connelley in Chicago  
and the Los Angeles and New York City Offices will be kept promptly advised  
of all additional pertinent information furnished by the informant.

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62-1125

cc (2) Asst. Director W. J. Connelley, Chicago

cc (2) Los Angeles

cc (2) New York City

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301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah  
July 6, 1946.

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

ATTENTION: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

Re: REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION,  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of July 3, 1946 outlining information furnished to Special Agent . of this office. This will also refer to my telephone conversation with of Mr. ROSEN'S Office the morning of July 3, 1946.

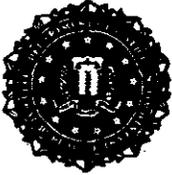
The above information was furnished to SAC R. B. HOOD of the Los Angeles Office the night of July 3.

Discreet efforts were made through in Salt Lake City, Utah the night of July 3 to learn whether LANSKY might be a passenger from Montana to Los Angeles through Salt Lake City, but no record could be found of this individual.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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COMPLAINT FORM

BEN SIEGEL
Subject's Name and Aliases
Address of Subject
Character of Case

Agent [redacted]
Name of Complainant
Los Vegas Office - S.L.F.D.
Address of Complainant
Telephone Number of Complainant
7-31-46 9:15 p.m.
Date and Time Complaint Received

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Agent [redacted] called to state that he received the following info.
this date [redacted]
[redacted]
Agent [redacted] stated that this may account for the fact that
Siegle moved from Room #401 to room #412 in the Last Frontier Hotel on 7-30-46

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ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Route to Agent OSTHOLOFF

Harvey G. Berkey
Special Agent

DISPOSITION BY SAC:
Open New Case:
Assign to Agent
Assign to P.D.
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Route to Agent
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Los Angeles, California

August 1, 1946

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MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

At 8:45 a.m. today I spoke with [redacted] at the Bureau in the absence of Assistant Director ROSEN. I advised [redacted] that [redacted] at Los Angeles had informed us that in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas the construction had reached a point only where there were a few stakes in the ground when the Civilian Production Administration order freezing building was put into effect; that, thereafter, a sum of money was made available to [redacted] who, in turn, made money available to Senator PAT MC CARREN. Thereafter, an order came through permitting the construction of the Flamingo Hotel to go ahead.

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I pointed out to [redacted] that I would recommend an open and thorough investigation of this matter on both the Bribery and Fraud Against the Government theory; that this would enable us to examine the books and records concerning the construction of the Flamingo Hotel; would permit us to examine witnesses under oath and we could trace back every cent of money that has been put into the construction of this Hotel. I said that besides possibly developing a violation through which we could put SIEGEL in jail, it would also have the effect of virtually bankrupting him and his associates if our investigation should result in the stoppage of construction.

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I advised [redacted] that technical surveillances have indicated that SIEGEL in a conversation [redacted] stated that as of today they have \$1,162,500 in the Flamingo Hotel and that they are trying to make a loan of \$500,000 [redacted] and a \$600,000 loan from a Utah Corporation. I also pointed out to [redacted] the front-page article in the LAS VEGAS TRIBUNE which criticized the construction of the Flamingo Hotel at a time when materials are needed for the construction of homes for veterans. I advised him that independently of our own investigation such a newspaper article might bring about an investigation either by ourselves or some other Government agency, and I felt that we should take the opportunity to move into the picture. I requested that

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

the Bureau ascertain what the C.P.A. rules and regulations are and whether that agency has its own investigative branch or if we have jurisdiction. I said that we would have jurisdiction on Fraud Against the Government angle.

I advised [redacted] that in connection with this investigation, we would probably either have to have a Special Assistant to the Attorney General out here or would have to work with a U.S. Attorney because it would be a constant legal battle to secure the books and records and we would probably need subpoenas in order to demand the records. b7c

[redacted] inquired whether the technical installations were producing and I advised him that they are, pointing out that the information concerning the amount of money invested in the Flamingo Hotel and the information concerning the proposed loans was obtained from that source. [redacted] b7c b7D

[redacted] I said that we could not tell whether SIEGEL is guessing or whether he has some actual information.

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO: [redacted]

62-285 [redacted]

Los Angeles, California  
August 5, 1946

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

*Source* [redacted] *b2 b7D*  
While talking to Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY at Chicago  
10:40 a.m. today, I advised him that we had lost track of VIRGINIA  
HILL at Los Angeles due to the fact that her telephone has been removed.  
I advised him that on July 22, 1946 VIRGINIA HILL communicated with  
[redacted]

*at the Hotel Post Grant  
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Later on she called [redacted] and changed the  
reservation to August 5, 1946 or as soon thereafter as possible. I  
also advised Mr. CONNELLEY that our surveillances here indicate that  
BUGS SIEGEL is securing reservations for a party to leave Los Angeles  
for Chicago on August 9, 1946.

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no. Ho.* I requested that the Chicago Office ascertain the identity  
of [redacted] and  
thereafter determine if VIRGINIA HILL is present at this place and con-  
sider the possibility of placing technical coverage on her. *b7c*

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
AUG - 5 1946  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
[redacted]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*get*  
 TO : SAC, Los Angeles  
 FROM : Director, FBI  
 SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
 CAPGA

DATE: August 1, 1946

Attention: Mr. A. E. Ostholthoff

Reference is made to Salt Lake Division letter to the Bureau dated July 26, 1946, a copy of which was made available to your office.

If you have not already proceeded along this line, it is recommended that you ascertain the activities of [redacted] referred to on page two of referenced letter while the latter was in Los Angeles. As the Salt Lake Division pointed out, it is believed that [redacted] referred to is possibly identical with [redacted] of the Capone Syndicate in Chicago. b7c

It is further suggested that consideration be given to probing possible [redacted] b2D

*we already have a lead on this see 62-2837-2*

cc - Chicago  
 Salt Lake City

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[redacted] b7c

*Did we ever get anything on this? No. Chi. +  
 Bureau advised. [initials]*

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Los Angeles, California  
August 5, 1946

MEMO, FOR THE FILE:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

At 2:30 p.m. today I spoke with Special Agent in Charge W. J. MURPHY in the San Diego Field Division. I advised him that [redacted] has reservations at the Del Mar Hotel beginning probably tomorrow. It appears from our information here that [redacted] will be at the Del Mar Hotel for one month. I pointed out to Mr. MURPHY that we had technical coverage [redacted] at Los Angeles, which secured considerable valuable information. I requested that he immediately survey the possibility of placing [redacted] room at the Del Mar Hotel under technical and microphone surveillance.

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Mr. MURPHY advised that there was a letter on its way to the Los Angeles Field Division advising that [redacted]

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Mr. MURPHY said that the San Diego Office would begin to survey this matter immediately.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. E. OSTOLTHOFF:

RE: BENJAMIN SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[REDACTED] advised that he recalls the date of the construction "freeze" order, March 26, 1946, and stated that the construction work was well started by that time. He said that he recalled that the foundations of the main hotel building were in and some of the reinforcing steel for the walls had been installed.

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At your suggestion, no further investigation is being conducted until so advised.

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Special Agent

Los Angeles, California  
July 30, 1946

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MEMO, A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

On July 30, 1946 Special Agent [redacted] and the  
writer called on [redacted] and explained that the  
F.B.I. was building up its files and getting all possible background  
on BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL. [redacted] was told that SIEGEL was assuming  
more prominence in local and Western affairs and that undoubtedly  
considerable information concerning SIEGEL's activities would come to  
the attention [redacted] recalled that in 1939  
the U.S. Customs Service had conducted an investigation concerning SIEGEL

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MEMO, A. E. OSTHOLTHOOF

7/30/46

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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SIEGEL originally came to the attention of the Customs because of a cruise he took with [REDACTED] and others on a yacht, when crew trouble as well as the make-up of the passenger list caused the entire cruise to receive considerable publicity in the press and allegations existed that in addition to smuggling activities the cruise was intended to facilitate a meeting of hoodlums somewhere on the high seas. Supposedly some mobster hiding out in Mexico met the ship on which SIEGEL and the others were sailing.

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[REDACTED] suggested that Agents contact [REDACTED] explaining that the F.B.I. was bringing its files up to date and ask his cooperation because [REDACTED] is positive that considerable background information on SIEGEL's activities can be obtained.

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MEMO, A. E. OSTHOLTHROOF

7/30/46

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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persons in Las Vegas must undoubtedly be aware of the fact that the hotel itself did not even have its concrete foundations poured when allegedly the permit was granted to continue its construction because work had progressed to a point where further constructions could be authorized under the C.P.A.

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Special Agent

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MEMO, A. E. OSTHOLTROOP

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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[REDACTED] mentioned that he had received some information from a highly confidential source which was given to him in confidence, that he would make available at this time concerning SIEGEL, with the understanding that the Agents would treat it in the manner in which it was being given. He stated that this information was gossip in that he personally had no knowledge of the facts involved, nor could he vouch for the source of his information, but he was making the information available for what it is worth. In connection with the Flamingo Hotel, which SIEGEL and [REDACTED] see building in Las Vegas, Nevada, [REDACTED] mentioned that construction on this hotel had not gotten any further than "a few stakes being driven in the ground" when the freeze order regulating all commercial building under C.P.A. came into effect. When this order came through the Flamingo Hotel had not progressed far enough to qualify for the granting of a permit for its continuance.

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[REDACTED] and shortly thereafter construction was authorized under C.P.A. regulations permitting the construction of the Flamingo. [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, California  
August 6, 1946

MEMO, FOR THE FILE:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

I spoke with Special Agent [redacted] at Las Vegas this morning and advised him of the telephone conversation from BEN SIEGEL to [redacted] at Las Vegas and asked him what had developed at Las Vegas. [redacted] stated that the application of the Flamingo Hotel for gambling and liquor license had been denied by the Clark County Commissioners. [redacted] said that this is apparently only a temporary denial and that [redacted] is charged with investigating applications for gambling and liquor licenses and will undoubtedly see to it that the Flamingo Hotel is granted this license. [redacted] also stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] said [redacted] telephoned [redacted] from Los Angeles last midnight and told him of the developments here in Los Angeles and the conferences which were held with SIEGEL. This has apparently been quite a blow to SIEGEL and for the first time he is will to take advise from others. SIEGEL is going to Las Vegas Wednesday, August 7, 1946, in order to personally appear before the County Commissioners in an effort to secure this license.

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 8/6/46

SAC, CHICAGO ATTENTION; ASST. DIRECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY URGENT

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. RE  
MY TELEPHONE CALL YESTERDAY. \* VIRGINIA HILL STILL AT LA. IS PROCEEDING

CHICAGO BY PLANE AUG. NINE NEXT ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] REQUEST *b7c*

YOU CONTINUE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO

BE IN A POSITION TO COVER HILL'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN CHICAGO.

YOU WILL BE ADVISED EXACT TIME OF HILL'S DEPARTURE FROM LA AND TIME  
OF EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN CHICAGO.

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Approved: *Ostholtzoff*  
Special Agent in Charge

Los Angeles 13, California  
August 6, 1946

Attention: E. J. CONNELLEY, Assistant Director

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION  
CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a photograph of VIRGINIA HILL, current  
mistress of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL. This picture is being for-  
warded for your use in any future investigations involving this  
person.

It is not known whether ~~VIRGINIA HILL~~ looks as she  
does in this photograph because this is obviously a motion picture  
test shot and represents a "glamour" pose.

This picture was made in 1942 by Samuel Goldwyn Studios.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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Los Angeles, California  
August 7, 1946

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Special Agent in Charge W. J. MURPHY telephoned from San Diego at 9:15 this morning. He said that [redacted] is at Del Mar with GEORGE RAFT and an individual named [redacted] with [redacted] RAFT is living by himself and [redacted] are in a cottage at the Del Mar Hotel temporarily. [redacted] is insisting on a private room. The situation has been such that no technical or microphone surveillance has been possible due to the fact that [redacted] is moving from one place to another and until he is settled in a room it will be impossible to institute surveillances. Mr. MURPHY said that [redacted] is apparently going to make book on behalf of SIEGEL and his associates. He said that [redacted] and RAFT had an unusually good day at the track yesterday and that RAFT is making advances toward a [redacted]. He said that the agents saw [redacted] in the dining room of the Del Mar Hotel last night and she was wearing a large quantity of diamonds. [redacted]

Mr. MURPHY said that there are unconfirmed rumors around Del Mar that there are an unusually large number of hoodlums down from Los Angeles, Cleveland, Chicago and other points and that there are to be some fixed races.

Mr. MURPHY mentioned that [redacted]

[redacted] is living at the Riviera Hotel at Long Beach, Mr. MURPHY said that [redacted] is unusually friendly with [redacted]

Mr. MURPHY made the suggestion that we have [redacted] talk to [redacted] and I advised Mr. MURPHY that our experience with [redacted] in connection with this investigation had not been very satisfactory. I told Mr. MURPHY that it would be all right to have [redacted] make only general inquiries from [redacted] concerning the general racketeering setup but that no unusual interest should be displayed in "BUGS" SIEGEL for fear that the word might get back to SIEGEL.

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MEMO, FOR THE FILE:

August 7, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Mr. MURPHY asked that we send him a memo concerning the background  
of [REDACTED] and also some information concerning [REDACTED]

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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SAC, San Diego

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge W. J. MURPHY in the San Diego Office and Mr. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF on August 7, 1946, wherein Mr. MURPHY requested a criminal record [redacted] This is set out below:

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[redacted] has been mentioned in previous Crime Survey Memoranda from the Los Angeles Field Division, copies of which have been furnished to San Diego.

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[redacted] is respected and looked up to in the underworld because of his connection with SIEGEL, but informants of the Los Angeles Office state that he is a spineless individual personally and it is only because of his friendship with SIEGEL that he gets by as he does.

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SAC, San Diego

August 7, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

[REDACTED] in previous Crime Survey Memoranda submitted to the San Diego Office by Los Angeles. A copy of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] entitled RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, dated January 24, 1946 at Los Angeles is being attached hereto for general information [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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# Meet Swifty Morgan — Character Buddie of Kings

By John F. Cahlan  
We are in Lenny's health emporium the other afternoon, relaxing on a rubbing table after beating the Las Vegas heat in a steam room. We are relaxed, like it says on the ceiling above the table, and we are talking about this and that with Lenny Shafer, the guy with the strong fingers and the vibrating machine.

We have reached a point in our conversation where there isn't a great deal more either of us can say, when in walks a guy who looks like a character out of a book. He's a character, for we learn, upon introductions, that the guy's name is Swifty Morgan and he's famous, around and about, as Mr. Damon Runyon's "Lemon Drop Kid."

Now, Mr. Swifty Morgan is strictly a character. He is somewhere between 40 and 45 years of age, has a slight bulge around the middle on account of he can't stand a steam room, and he's so ticklish he won't let a masseur touch him. He likes to be touched so much that a walk up a flight of stairs is a three-day walk, and he develops himself a peculiar waddle in his stature of a heavy book character.

Mr. Swifty Morgan has Van Dyke on his lip and chin and even the Van Dyke, if something you only see in pictures. It is part brindle and part goat, the brindle part is of such a nature that it looks like the met's chestnut tobacco and leaves it dribble down around his chin. There is a perfect circle of brown hair hanging straight and, as we say, in front of the hair is a number 21 pompadour.

gas, and tells all the lads and lassies he probably is the best member of the chamber of commerce the community ever adopts. He is "Mr. Las Vegas," he tells the guys and dolls, although there aint any dolls around and about the health emporium at the time because of the lack of clothes the guys assume while they are being rubbed down by Lenny.

Mr. Lemon Drop tells of his villa in France, his apartments in London and his little shack in little old New York, but he informs all and sundry that there's no place like Las Vegas. He says the Las Vegas climate even cures his "arthrities" which plague him ever since the fog of London settled in his bones. He is, without a doubt, the only past-president member of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce, although he never attends a meeting and don't even know who the president might be.

The guy has plenty of stories to wrangle and he likes to wrangle with his words. He likes to wrangle the first time he gets the Hearst boys, Willie and David, if happens in New York, or some big city back there, and the two Hearst scions are about 18 or 19 years of age and have plenty of sugar the old man wrangles out of the common herd. The two three-cent newspapers.

Mr. Lemon Drop is introduced to the Hearst offspring and when they ask him his occupation he tells 'em he is a hangtail mabeut. In other words he claims he is a hangtail and the Hearst lads are so impressed that they give him a job. Mr. Lemon Drop and talk to the Hearst boys and tell

Drop is sitting in a night spot in New York with Walter Winchell when the Hearst sons make their appearance again. Winchell calls 'em over to the table and introduces 'em to Mr. Lemon Drop, and recognition is mutual.

The Hearst boys immediately want to know about their 800 smackerels and Mr. Lemon Drop says he is willing to pay, but that he wants to see the boys first. Winchell and he go to see what he thinks about returning the seeds. He tells the boys that such says to Winchell.

"Do you think I ought to put it back? Were those kids are in a big city where the boys are set up for the champagne. They either could get drunk and be killed, they can make out in the bistros and come out with news and different things that they go in with, or they can get the dough on a horse race. They want to do the thing as I suggested 'em. Now, Walter, don't you think it's worth the same? I mean a horse race, they can't lose a party of them."

Winchell is in agreement after some little argument. Hearst lads agree and Mr. Lemon Drop is heralded as a smartass who saves two young guys from disaster.

Now Mr. Lemon Drop has Las Vegas back there in his mind. He is a character, for we learn, upon introductions, that the guy's name is Swifty Morgan and he's famous, around and about, as Mr. Damon Runyon's "Lemon Drop Kid."

Any way, it is a character, for we learn, upon introductions, that the guy's name is Swifty Morgan and he's famous, around and about, as Mr. Damon Runyon's "Lemon Drop Kid."

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 7, 1946

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ON 11-13-85

Mr. A. E. Ostholthoff  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
900 Security Building  
Los Angeles 13, California

~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype from the Bureau to Los Angeles and Salt Lake City dated August 6, 1946, entitled "BENJAMIN 'BUGS' SIEGEL, CHARLES 'LUCKY' LUCIANO, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING," in which was set forth considerable information regarding [REDACTED]

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The Bureau in its teletype instructed this office to furnish Los Angeles with all available information regarding [REDACTED]

All the information in our files is contained in the memoranda of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Salt Lake City June 24, 1946 and June 26, 1946, Serials 5 and 7, respectively, of Salt Lake City File 62-1123, entitled "REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION - CRIME SURVEY." Both of these serials were among those previously furnished you from which you made photostatic copies.

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The information [REDACTED] is all the information that is available in the Salt Lake City files. [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*  
JAY C. NEWMAN  
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cc: 62-1123

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Los Angeles, California  
August 7, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

On the evening of August 1, 1946 Special Agent [redacted] telephoned from Las Vegas and said that he had been approached by former Special Agent [redacted] who asked [redacted] if the agents were operating a plant at Las Vegas. [redacted] of course, denied this and asked [redacted] why he made the inquiry and [redacted] said that he was talking to another former agent in Las Vegas, who mentioned to [redacted] that he understood that the agents had a plant in operation. [redacted] was instructed to approach former agent [redacted] and discreetly ascertain why he made such a statement. b7c

On August 2, 1946 Agent [redacted] advised that he had spoken to [redacted] who said that he did not have any information that a plant was in operation; that he had noticed some new agents in town and had not seen Agents [redacted] for awhile and [redacted] b7c  
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[redacted] and that [redacted] then got the idea that perhaps a plant was in operation. He said that he had not received any information to this effect and had not discussed this matter with any one except former Agent [redacted] explained to [redacted] that we do not have any plants in operation and that it is practically impossible to receive authority since the end of the war to make any technical installations.

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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SAC, San Diego

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telephone conversation with you today.

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SAC, San Diego

August 8, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS

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[REDACTED] is described as:

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[REDACTED] is described as:

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[REDACTED] is described as:

[REDACTED]

The Bureau instructed that this office make available to you information concerning the [REDACTED] matter and instructed you obtain photographs and fingerprints of [REDACTED]

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For your further information, the U.S. Customs here advised this morning that [REDACTED] has definitely crossed the border into the United States. They also advised that the Customs Office in San Diego has a file on [REDACTED]. It is suggested that before securing the photographs and fingerprints of these individuals [REDACTED] you check the files of the San Diego Customs Office.

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Very truly yours,

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

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AVAILABLE SOURCES OF INFO IN NYC CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS  
INFO NY FILES. IN EVENT ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED LA RE IDENTITY OF  
THIS WOMAN EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO DETERMINE HER IDENTITY AND BACK-  
GROUND IN NY AREA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC. INFO. CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. FOR PUR-  
POSES OF CLARIFICATION OF NAMES REURTEL AUGUST THIRTEENTH LAST, LINES  
ELEVEN AND TWELVE, [REDACTED] QUOTE DEL DASH  
WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY UNQUOTE SHOULD READ DEL WEBB CONSTRUCTION  
COMPANY. REURTEL AUGUST THIRTEENTH LAST AT SIX NAUGHT TWO PM, LINES  
SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN QUOTE SIEGEL SAID THAT [REDACTED] HEAD OF THE CPA  
HERE UNQUOTE WAS ERRONEOUS DUE TO SUBJECTS MISINFORMATION. [REDACTED] IS  
HEAD OF CPA AT RENO, NEVADA. LINE TWENTY QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE  
AND QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE ARE [REDACTED]

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August 14, 1946



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ON 11-13-85

Mr. A. E. Ostholthoff  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
900 Security Building  
Los Angeles, California

~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 9, 1946, requesting information concerning the divorce reportedly obtained by ESTHER SIEGEL from BENJAMIN SIEGEL at Reno, Nevada.

The divorce records of the Washoe County Clerk's Office, Reno, under #103261, as made available [redacted] reflect the following information: b7c

On August 3, 1946, ~~ESTELLE L. SIEGEL~~ was granted a divorce from BENJAMIN SIEGEL. The complaint recited that they were married in New York City, New York, on January 28, 1928, and that there are two minor children, issue of the marriage. [redacted]

The complaint also recited that a property settlement had been agreed upon per a contract made June 20, 1946, and the plaintiff offered this as exhibit "A" in the proceedings, and asked that the terms thereof be adopted in the divorce decree. The complaint alleged that the defendant had been guilty of extreme cruelty, mental in nature, and the prayer of the complaint was that an absolute divorce be granted, with the custody of the children given to the plaintiff, but with a right of visitation by the defendant "at all reasonable and seasonable times." Mrs. SIEGEL was represented by DONNELL RICHARDS, a Reno attorney. b7c

The file contained an "Appearance and Waiver" signed by BENJAMIN SIEGEL and acknowledged at Los Angeles, California, July 2, 1946, before ANNA TAYLOR, Notary Public, in which he in effect consented to a default decree.

The decree granted an absolute divorce, gave the custody of the children to the mother, with a right of visitation as set out in the complaint. The property agreement was approved and fully adopted by the court.

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The above constitutes the information contained in the divorce file.

Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*

JAY C. NEWMAN  
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By RADIE HARRIS

When Jule Styne and Sammy Cahn were first called to Metro to write the words and music to "It Happened in Brooklyn," they said to producer Jack Cummings, "Let's not make the same mistake with this picture as they made here with 'Anchors Aweigh.'"

Cummings looked at the boys as if they had just escaped from the nearest asylum. "The same mistake? Don't you know that every day truckloads ride in the front gate to unload millions of dollars this picture is coining all over the country?"

"Oh, we approve of that kind of 'take!' (minus the mis). What we mean is, we don't want to make the mistake of having Frank Sinatra and Kathryn Grayson in the same picture and not have them sing at least one number together." Which explains why in "It Happened in Brooklyn," Sinatra and Grayson will duet an aria from "La Giovanni."

The other p.m. Styne and Cahn played and sang me the entire score for the picture, and in the words of Schnozzle himself, "It's colossal." It's a cinch you will be hearing "I Believe," "I'm So Lucky to Be Loved By You," and "I Love the Brooklyn Bridge" on the Hit Parade, but the one I got the biggest bang out of was the specialty number, "As Long as It Comes from the Heart," with which Jimmie and Frankie will tear down the house. As part of the patter, Jimmie asks Frank, "What makes Caruso the greatest singer of the day?"

"His voice?" asks Sinatra.

Whereupon Jimmie nods back, "It helped!"

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Los Angeles 13, California  
August 8, 1946

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SAC, New York City

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report from the Los Angeles Field Division,  
dated August 7, 1946, captioned as above, on page 81 of which information is  
set out concerning the Flamingo Hotel of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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