

Bugsy's Girl Friend Stays in Hospital

Virginia Hill, girl friend of slain Mobster Bugsy Siegel, will remain in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Phoenix "a couple days more," her physician, Dr. Louis Baldwin, announced today. Sunday Dr. Baldwin said he expected to release Miss Hill today, but examination disclosed she was not recovering as rapidly as he had anticipated from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

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'Bugsy's gal' in hospital as gangsters seek her life

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 11.—A Phoenix hospital nursing staff was warned today that the "Chicago underworld" was out to get one of its patients, a patient circumstantial evidence identified as Virginia Hill, girl friend of the late Bugsy Siegel.

The patient, registered only as Mrs. Hall, was rushed to the Good Samaritan Hospital late Wednesday unconscious from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

She had been staying at a Phoenix desert resort. And strong circumstantial evidence, including license plates on her car registered in the name of Charles R. Hill, brother of Virginia Hill,

pointed to her identity as Siegel's girl friend.

The hospital night superintendent of nurses was warned that the "underworld" was out to get a woman patient named "Mrs. Hall" by two "private detectives" who presented credentials, hospital officials said.

The two men warned the chief nurse under no condition to allow persons to visit Mrs. Hall.

A check of Phoenix resorts indicated that Mrs. Hall had been "in hiding" in the valley area since Nov. 24.

The suicide attempt parallels action taken twice before by the Miami Beach, Fla., and Beverly Hills, Calif., heiress.

It was in her Beverly Hills home that Siegel was shot to death by rival gangsters.

City police admitted that they had been investigating the possibility that "Mrs. Hall" was Virginia Hill, but had hoped to keep such information from the public until positive.

Hospital officials said that three special nurses had been retained to care for "Mrs. Hall."

The nurse on duty last night reported that "Mrs. Hall" was visibly upset when the two men identifying themselves as private detectives called to warn the staff of her danger.

The two private detectives told the chief nurse that a "good friend" of Mrs. Hall's had been killed recently. They added that Mrs. Hall was in a "highly nervous state."

One of the "detectives" identified himself as a "Mr. Murray." Good Samaritan officials said that their patient was evidently "well off" as she had had a nurse deposit \$1200 in new bills upon regaining consciousness.

She refused to talk to reporters today and told one that "I don't like newspapers." However, her bed was covered with newspapers, local and Los Angeles.

Guards were posted over the woman, who gave her age as 25.

Virginia Hill had been the victim of numerous previous overdoses of sleeping pills both in Europe and this country since Siegel's death.

On two occasions while she was in France, Miss Hill was hospitalized for taking too many of the sleeping pills and when she returned to the United States in August she also took an overdose.

Since Siegel's death there have been numerous reports that Miss Hill's life was in danger.

While she was in France, Police Chief C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills disclosed he had received underworld information that two gunmen were going there to assassinate her.

The reason for Siegel's slaying has never been established officially although California's attorney general, Fred N. Howser said he was convinced an underworld battle over bookmaker wire services was the cause.

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Siegel Estate Rated Low

Control of personal property left in California by Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel, slain gambling impresario, passed yesterday to his brother, Dr. Maurice Siegel, by order of Superior Judge Newcomb Condee.

The court granted Dr. Siegel's petition for letters of administration and at the same time approved the final account submitted by Ben H. Brown, public administrator, who took charge of the estate at the request of the Attorney General's office at the height of the fruitless investigation into Siegel's death from a volley of bullets last June 20.

Brown's account shows only a watch, cuff links, a bracelet and other jeweled pieces, and American and Mexican gold coins.

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'Bugsy's' Estate

Brother Given Control by Court

Maurice Siegel, Los Angeles physician, today was granted control of the estate of his brother, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, erstwhile gambling king who was shot to death last June 20 in the Beverly Hills home of a girl friend, Virginia Hill.

Dr. Siegel asked Superior Judge Newcomb Condee for letters of administration to the dead gambling czar's estate which has been controlled since "Bugsy's" death by Public Administrator Ben H. Brown at the request of Attorney General Fred N. Howser, who was investigating Siegel's murder.

Judge Condee granted the doctor's petition so the slain gambler's estate could be distributed to his heirs.

Principal heirs are "Bugsy's" daughters, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 14, living in New York City with their mother, Mrs. Estelle Siegel, who had divorced their

father. Other heirs were Siegel's mother, Mrs. Jenny Siegel, and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Fahn and Ethel Siegel, all of Brooklyn, N. Y., and another sister, Mrs. Bessie Soloway, Beverly Hills.

Besides assets in Brown's possession, the petition stated "Bugsy" left personal property in California worth \$10,000.

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Bugsy estate administered by brother

Dr. Maurice Siegel, brother of the lately departed Bugsy, today became the administrator of the odds and ends representing the "California estate" of the slain gangster.

Superior Judge Newcomb Conlee transferred control from Public Administrator Ben H. Brown to the physician, who lives at 214 Holmby Ave.

Found in two safety deposit boxes in a Beverly Hills bank shortly after Bugsy Siegel departed this vale of tears through the expert marksmanship of some person, or persons unknown, were a \$2000 life insurance policy made out to his mother, Mrs. Jennie Siegel, of Brooklyn; a \$20 gold piece, some gold nuggets, six Mexican gold coins, a watch, some rings and other men's jewelry.

In his petition for administrator Dr. Maurice Siegel listed as his brother's heirs Bugsy's two daughters, now living with their mother in New York. They are Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 14.

Mrs. Estelle Siegel, the mother, divorced Bugsy some years ago.

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Man in Jail Quizzed About Siegel Death

A 33-year-old man held incommunicado at the Glendale City Jail on a charge of failing to register as a former convict yesterday was being questioned by investigators from the District Attorney's office about the slaying of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel last June 20 in Beverly Hills.

H. Leo Stanley, chief investigator for the District Attorney's office, said the man is Tony Brancato, who arrived yesterday from Omaha and registered at a Santa Monica hotel. Stanley said he had been seeking Brancato for some time because his appearance is similar in several respects to the description of a man sought in the Siegel investigation.

Brancato was picked up by two District Attorney's investigators while on the way to the Santa Anita race track and is being held, Stanley said, pending inquiry by several of his aides now in Nevada.

He indicated that acquaintances of Siegel in Las Vegas and Reno were being interrogated about details of the description and connections of the man whom Brancato resembles.

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Police to Release Man Queried in Siegel Slaying

A man who police thought resembled a suspect in the killing of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel in Beverly Hills last June, was expected to be released in Glendale today after being held incommunicado overnight.

He gave his name as Tony Brancato, 33, and said he operated a service station in Santa Monica. After quizzing him, H. Leo Stanley, chief of the district attorney's bureau of investigation, said:

"He isn't the man we are looking for. He had nothing to do with the Siegel case, and we have nothing on him."

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Sizzling suspect in Siegel case turns out to be a dud

Excitement over the arrest of a new "possible suspect" in the Bugsy Siegel murder died down in the district attorney's office today, when the latest catch turned out to be a dud.

Tony Brancato, 34, for whom investigators were so hot as the possible Siegel slayer that they held him incommunicado in Glendale jail, was released from that suspicion but held on another.

Fresno wants Brancato on a warrant charging he is one of three men who staged an armed robbery there, and local authorities are holding him for their northern conferees.

H. Leo Stanley, chief investigator for the district attorney's office, said Brancato didn't pan out for the Siegel slaying role.

In announcing this, Stanley revealed for the first time that the police had on tap persons whom they described as "witnesses" to the Siegel murder and who could identify the trigger man who blasted Bugsy out of Beverly Hills last June 20, and into the next world.

Stanley said these "witnesses"



Daily News photo.
SUSPECT TONY BRANCATO
Didn't pan out

were given a peek at Brancato and decided that while he "closely resembles" Siegel's murderer, he isn't the man. The Siegel killer, Stanley quoted the witnesses as saying, was a much younger man. Brancato, an Omaha boy, arrived in town yesterday and registered at a Santa Monica hotel. He was picked up because he answered the description of the man wanted by Fresno authorities. Stanley was so eager to question him about l'affaire Siegel that he personally lodged him for safekeeping in Glendale jail.

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POLICE PUT BUGSY SIEGEL RUBOUT SUSPECT IN JAIL

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Draw tight secrecy knot around eastern hoodlum

A man police said they believed was Bugsy Siegel's killer was put under wraps in Glendale's city jail last night.

One of the tightest knots of secrecy ever drawn on a prize prisoner was pulled on one Tony Brancato, described as a hoodlum from the East, and carried on the police blotter simply as:

"Booked on suspicion of robbery."

But Glendale's Chief of Police Vernon Rasmussen admitted the prisoner was delivered personally by H. Leo Stanley, chief of the district attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

Brancato was brought in the afternoon, said Rasmussen, "by Stanley and one of our men" and has been subjected to some intensive questioning.

But the law's tightlip policy held from the Beverly Hills precincts where Siegel, ganglord of the underworld, was rubbed out by carbine fire last June 20, to the lowest detective bureau authority in Glendale.

No one was talking about Brancato.

But reliable sources said this is the one the law believes is "it"—the man who pulled the trigger on the carbine which must have been filed down so finely it rattled like a sub-machinegun from the driveway next to Virginia Hill's Beverly Hills manse.

While the cops were mum about Brancato's role in the Siegel rub-out, they admitted a man with that name had been fingered earlier as trigger man in an armed robbery at Fresno.

Last Jan. 6 the teletypes out of Fresno droned out the bulletin that Brancato was wanted by the DA there for armed robbery.

The suspect is a squat, swarthy, black-haired man, 34 years old and brown-eyed, according to the Fresno description. He was de-

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Jail suspect in killing of Bugsy Siegel

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scribed as 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 180 pounds.

Beverly Hills' Chief of Police C. H. Anderson disclosed that his prior investigations had turned up the information one of the men involved in the Siegel slaying came from Fresno.

Anderson denied knowledge of the suspect, but on the other hand said he was "interested" when told of Brancato.

Arrest of Brancato was a surprise development, indicated William E. Simpson, district attorney. Simpson, out of town all day yesterday, said he "hadn't heard" of Brancato's arrest and hadn't been aware of any developments which would have led up to the capture of a suspect in the last few days.

Photographers were barred from Brancato's cell and no outsiders were permitted near him. Police underlings referred all queries upward—and few of the bigshots were answering any telephones.

But there was one source of information—the last place the cops were counting on—which was ready to confirm Brancato's pinch, and the fact that the questions were going to be thick and fast about Bugsy's sudden death.

That was the Los Angeles underworld.

The fact that police were so hush-hush about Brancato they tried to tuck him away incommunicado in Glendale emphasized the point they were convinced they had the triggerman.

And Brancato was sweating under the questioning aimed at finding out who ordered the wooden kimono for Bugsy—who were the underworld characters who put Siegel on the spot.

Siegel Aide, She Says

71-Year-Old Chronic Jailbird Declares She Ran Dope

"I used to be a dope-runner for Bugsy Siegel!"

"That girl Virginia Hill! I'd like to slip a strychnine tablet into the sleeping pills she's always taking!"

A tiny, 71-year-old woman, admittedly a chronic thief for 29 years and now held in Lincoln Heights jail after she allegedly tried to pilfer a purse in a Hollywood apartment house, blurted out those astonishing words early today.

She is Mrs. Elizabeth W. Worthington, "The Whistler's Grandmother," whose police record shows two penitentiary terms and numerous trips to jail for thievery.

Bitter in her denunciation of Virginia Hill, the slain Siegel's girl friend with a perennial sleeping pill, the little woman went on:

"Virginia gave Bugsy a bad time. Bugsy wanted to break away from her and go with his wife and two daughters to live in Canada."

Police immediately began an investigation into Mrs. Worthington's story of her associations with Siegel.

Without a moment's hesitation, Mrs. Worthington traced her career in crime. She said:

"It all started in Kansas City during the flu epidemic after the first World War. My brother had to go to the hospital and I needed money to pay the hospital bills."

"One day in a market I saw

the grocer make change from a sack beneath the counter. I waited until he walked away then I grabbed the bag of money and hurried out. It was more than \$650 in it."

It all seemed so easy, Mrs. Whistler's Grandmother continued, "that I kept it up."

"I've stolen more money since then than I can keep track of," she said proudly.

But she stoutly maintains her current arrest is a "bum bee."

When arrested on suspicion of robbery, detectives said, the chipper old woman had \$500 sewed into her dress—a great deal of which she allegedly offered Policemen C. E. Everett and William Fox if they'd let her go.

Questioned after Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kirby, 1665 North Hollywood avenue, reported they found the elderly woman rummaging through a purse, Mrs. Worthington retorted:

"I was answering questions like this before you were born."

Her record—burglary terms in Kansas and Missouri penitentiaries and visits to numerous jails—confirmed her claim.



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ELIZABETH WORTHINGTON

Says She Was Dope Runner For 'Bugsy' Siegel

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On December 25, 1947, the information contained in file 62-2077 relative to the information furnished to the Commission of the International Labor Office, and the report of the Federal Narcotic Bureau, Federal Building, New York, New York, is being furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Building, New York, New York.

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DATE: February 5, 1948

TO: SAC [REDACTED]
FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL
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On January 17, 1948, conference was had with [REDACTED] concerning the arrest of [REDACTED] as the possible killer of SIEGEL. b7c

[REDACTED] advised that he did not even know that they had in the jail until he had been called telephonically on the matter by [REDACTED] and that it was his opinion that it was through [REDACTED] had arranged for the facts of the arrest to be made known to the press. In connection with the arrest, he stated that [REDACTED] had approached him in order to ascertain what [REDACTED] who was handling the [REDACTED] case had learned as a result of [REDACTED] interrogation. He stated that he told both [REDACTED] that he knew nothing about it and suggested they go to [REDACTED] whereupon they stated that they were not on speaking terms with [REDACTED] is of the opinion that [REDACTED] were plants [REDACTED] in order to find out what [REDACTED] had told. [REDACTED] stated that he had learned indirectly and confidentially through [REDACTED] that the original information concerning [REDACTED] had come from the FBI.

He also stated that the only information which [REDACTED] had given was concerning the fact that he had a third brother presently at Sacramento, California, who at the time of the killing had been on leave from the Marine Corps at San Diego, and that it was believed [REDACTED] that such brother along with the one in Folsom, who had been released on bail supplied [REDACTED] were the two individuals who had killed SIEGEL.

It is to be noted that at a later date, [REDACTED] stated that the lead as to the third brother at Sacramento was no good inasmuch as that brother was able to prove that he was in Omaha, Nebraska at the time of the killing.

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Itinerant freed in Bugsy case

*Hyman Siegel, who was arrested in Miami Beach on a tip that he knew something about the slaying of gangster Bugsy Siegel, isn't wanted here, Beverly Hills police said today.

Capt. W. W. White said he didn't want to talk to the man, held at the Florida resort town on a vagrancy charge.

Siegel, no kin to Bugsy, told Miami Beach police he knew the gangster but was working in a Las Vegas, Nev., nightclub the night of the shooting in Beverly Hills.

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[REDACTED] advised as follows during interview:

He insisted that the Phoenix, Arizona, area is a hot spot and that gangster reprisals and warfare may emanate from there any moment. His recent trip to Phoenix elicited the following information regarding the BUGSIE SIEGEL case:

In order that the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, debt incurred by BUGSIE SIEGEL could be paid, the New York syndicate heads sent about \$650,000.00 to [REDACTED] two weeks before his death. This money was never paid to anyone and has never been located. Informant believed that COSTELLO, syndicate leader of New York, was not personally interested in the Flamingo but his associates had advanced huge sums for the erection of this hotel; consequently, the syndicate is vitally involved.

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(BUGSIE SIEGEL - MURDER)

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indicated that a search had been made of all of SIEGEL's resources, namely personal property, real property, bank boxes, credit, etc. but with negative results.

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FROM : SAC, San Antonio

SUBJECT: ~~REDACTED~~
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

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26-3883 N.I.
7-1050 X
25-26704 X
25-16530 X
25-17277 X
25-43174
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At 4:30 p.m. on March 6, 1948, the Subject made his appearance at the San Antonio office and produced a 1947 Ohio motor vehicle registration receipt for a Federal truck which he stated he had stolen at Middletown, Ohio and transported to Warsaw, Ky.

A complaint has been filed at Cincinnati charging Subject with theft and transportation of the above truck and the Subject is now being held at San Antonio, Texas. Reference is made to the teletype from Cincinnati dated March 7, 1948. Assistant United States Attorney, JOEL W. WESTBROOK, advised that Judge BEN H. RICE will not entertain the prosecution of Subject under Rule 20 pending the Appellate Court's decision.

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This information is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for consideration of furnishing it to the local authorities. Copies of this letter are being designated for the Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Louisville offices since this information might be of interest to those offices in connection with the Subject possibly being implicated in some other criminal activities in their jurisdiction.

The Subject is being held at San Antonio under \$1000 bond as recommended by the United States Attorney at Cincinnati.

The Subject is described as follows:

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AIR MAIL

cc: Louisville
Philadelphia
Cincinnati

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: March 10, 1948

cp FROM : SAC, San Antonio *25-8000-40515/A/B*

SUBJECT: *Re Bular [redacted]*
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

*87-1050**
62-1133
AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Re San Antonio letter to Los Angeles dated *100-4532** 2-6-48 entitled *Plus [redacted]* was; and Cincinnati teletype to San Antonio dated 3-8-48.

The above-captioned subject communicated with this office through the Bexar County Jailer advising that he wished to tell the truth relative to matters discussed with him in the initial interview. He furnished the following information.

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[REDACTED] was questioned in detail relative to the events occurring on the day the shooting transpired and he was unable to furnish further details claiming that his memory was extremely hazy due to his physical condition at that time. He did not recall anyone giving the name of the person or persons who were shot and stated that he did not read anything in the newspapers which would reveal the identity of the victim or victims. [REDACTED] furnished the following descriptions:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he could positively identify a photograph [REDACTED] and perhaps could identify a photograph [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Philadelphia Office is requested to furnish Los Angeles and Cincinnati with any information in its indices or police records relative to subject and [REDACTED]

A review of issues of the "San Antonio Express" and "San Antonio Evening News" has revealed that BENJAMIN (BUGGSY) SIEGEL was murdered in his home in Los Angeles on June 20th. Likewise a reference is contained in the issue for 6-22-47 regarding the murder of one SOL TURKIN at Los Angeles, date unknown. It is believed the Los Angeles Office may desire to consider furnishing

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the above information to the interested law enforcement agencies.

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SA 26-8411

cc: Cincinnati

cc: Philadelphia

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES
SAC SAN ANTONIO

3-13-48
URGENT

[REDACTED] WAS., NMVTA. REURLETS MARCH EIGHT, TEN LAST.
OUR INFO ON SIEGEL KILLING INDICATES INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED] INVOLVED.
ALSO LOCATION OF KILLING NOT FAR FROM SUNSET STRIP. TODAY DETERMINED
A [REDACTED] REGISTERED ROSSLYN HOTEL JUNE SIXTEEN, DEPARTED JUNE
SEVENTEEN. REGISTERED FROM SAN FRANCISCO, ADDRESS ONE FORTY-SEVEN
ELEVENTH AVE. SUGGEST QUESTION [REDACTED] TO SEE IF DATE AND SF
ADDRESS MEAN ANYTHING TO HIM OR FURNISH US WITH HANDWRITING SPECIMEN
OF [REDACTED] SUGGEST ALSO QUESTION [REDACTED] RE DISPOSITION OF US
CARBINE AT TIME PACKARD ABANDONED. PLEASE ADVISE IF INFO IN ABOVE
REFERENCED LETS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ANY POLICE OR SO.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [Signature] a.m.

62-2837-901
[REDACTED]
26-01632B

Re Boy Seigel

Memo, Director

March 18, 1948

RE [REDACTED] SA.
BY VIA

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The Louisville Office by letter dated March 11, 1948, furnished the San Antonio Office a letter which was found by [REDACTED] Inspector, Division of Motor Transportation for the State of Kentucky. The letter was found on the floor of the truck and [REDACTED] had determined that this Subject had returned to the truck after he had originally abandoned it, and according to eye witnesses, had searched diligently for something, which is believed to have been this letter.

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[REDACTED]

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This letter appears to have been written in the hand of the Subject, and is being retained in the San Antonio case file.

Reference is made to Los Angeles teletype requested that they be advised if the information being furnished by the Subject has been given to the local police authorities in San Antonio. The information as furnished by the Subject has not been furnished to the local authorities.

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Director, FBI

March 12, 1948

SAC, San Antonio

25-8000-40515/710

Bugs Siegel 26-0-1632A

[Redacted]

NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

87-1050* 25-26704* 25-17277*

62-1133* 25-16530* 25-4382*

Reference is made to the teletype from Los Angeles dated March 12, 1948 in captioned case.

26-411* 26-0-1632A

For the information of the Bureau, the Subject of this case surrendered himself to the San Antonio Office on March 6, 1948, and stated that he had stolen a truck at Middletown, Ohio and abandoned it at Warsaw, Ky. The Subject had in his possession the Ohio registration receipt for the truck. Prosecution has been authorized at Cincinnati and the Subject is being held at San Antonio pending removal to Ohio, since the Federal Judge at San Antonio will not entertain prosecution under Rule 20, pending the outcome of the Appellate Court's decision.

[Redacted]

The Subject has been interviewed several times since being held in jail at San Antonio and his stories have all indicated that he is possibly connected with the murder of "Bugsy" SIEGEL.

The Los Angeles and Cincinnati Offices have been advised by letters dated March 8 and March 10, 1948, concerning the information Subject has furnished in this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 3/31/48
DIRECTOR AND SAC SAN ANTONIO. URGENT

[REDACTED] W.A., NMVTA. RE SAN ANTONIO LETTER MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST
UNLESS ADVISED ^{by Bureau} TO CONTRARY ~~by Bureau~~. INFO IN REFERENCED LETTER WILL
BE FURNISHED [REDACTED] tomorrow AM

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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Sent 11:48 M Per 1155A
[REDACTED]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 20-11-14, 1948

FROM: [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: Information concerning 62-2837

On this date the writer advised [REDACTED] of the information furnished to the San Antonio Office by the captioned subject, which might have some connection with the killing of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, June 20, 1947. [REDACTED] expressed his appreciation for the information, saying it was the best he had received in following details of the killing, but that he doubted the authenticity of the story as the letter written by subject, but not mailed, to [REDACTED] indicated to him that [REDACTED] probably is unbalanced.

The writer agreed to find out for [REDACTED] is now incarcerated, so that he could be questioned if the police should desire to check the story. [REDACTED] said he would first check records at the Rossllyn Hotel for the registration of [REDACTED] as alleged in his statement. [REDACTED] was not told we had a signed statement from [REDACTED] but the substance of all information furnished by [REDACTED] was given to [REDACTED]

A letter has been directed to San Antonio office to ascertain the whereabouts of [REDACTED] who was to be removed to Ohio for trial on NMVTA violation.

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See [redacted]

Los Angeles 13, California
April 22, 1948

SAC, San Antonio

Re: [redacted] was

NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
San Antonio File No. 26-8411

Dear Sir:

Reurlet to Bureau 3-18-48 and urlet to Los Angeles 3-10-48.

[redacted] desires to know present location of [redacted] for purpose of possible interview if such should prove desirable. Please advise this office present location of [redacted] so that the information can be relayed [redacted]. Please expedite reply.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
SAC

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Director, FBI
SAC, Los Angeles

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

March 31, 1948 [redacted] advised that [redacted] informant [redacted] recently brought to an informant [redacted] that he is being trained for United States Intelligence work in Greece. [redacted] does not know whether or not this is true, but feels the Bureau should be cognizant of it in the event it is true since [redacted] is apparently very indiscreet.

[redacted] added that [redacted] has been found [redacted] to be in rather close contact with [redacted]. The files in the Los Angeles Office reflect that [redacted] was employed during the war in a war plant operated by BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL in Los Angeles and [redacted] had occasionally kept company with [redacted] a known partner of SIEGEL'S.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is now traveling extensively between San Francisco, Los Angeles and Mexico, and the [redacted] is investigating him on suspicion of narcotics transportation. [redacted] according to the Los Angeles files, is originally from Italy.

The above is set out for the information of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: April 24, 1948

FROM : *ad* SAC, San Antonio

SUBJECT: *[REDACTED]*
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
Los Angeles file 62-2837

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Reurlet 4-22-48, requesting information concerning the present location of *[REDACTED]* for the benefit of *[REDACTED]*

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[REDACTED] was removed to Cincinnati on April 5, 1948, in connection with a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation in that district. Cincinnati is requested to advise Los Angeles as to his present location.

[REDACTED] *b2*
SA 26-8411
cc - Cincinnati

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Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: MAY 3, 1948

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

BUSSEY SIEGEL (DECEASED)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
POLICE COOPERATION

A confidential request has been received from [redacted] NA Graduate and former Bureau Agent, for a good descriptive photograph of the above captioned individual. [redacted] prefers a recent photograph if at all possible.

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SAC, Los Angeles

BENJAMIN "BUGSIE" SIGEL
(Deceased)
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reurlet 5/3/48.

Attached hereto are two photographs of BENJAMIN "BUGSIE" SIGEL
as you requested.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] W.25.
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
LOS ANGELES FILE NO. [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/15/48

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Reurlet to San Antonio, dated 4/22/48.

[REDACTED] is presently being held at the Hamilton County Jail, Cincinnati, Ohio awaiting sentencing in U.S. District Court for instant NMVTA violation.

For your information, [REDACTED] has admitted that his stories concerning his connection with the Bugsy Siegel murder were entirely figments of his imagination and completely false. Psychiatric examination conducted by the court Psychiatrist, Cincinnati, indicates that [REDACTED] is considered a "Constitutional Psychopath". The Psychiatrist has advised that [REDACTED] is not considered insane or dangerous but that his stories concerning the Siegel case is an indication of a warped mental condition.

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NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT 62-2837-879

Re San Antonio letter to Los Angeles 3/10/48 and San Antonio letter to Bureau 3/18/48 in captioned matter.

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Philadelphia File 62-2372, captioned "REPORTED INTEREST OF BACKSTERS IN PURCHASE OF HOTELS, CRIME SURVEY," reflects

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Philadelphia File 62-2122, captioned "REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG, CRIME SURVEY," reflects that

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July 29, 1948

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In the event that further investigation by the Philadelphia Office is desired, it is suggested that more specific information be obtained [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] who is alleged to have assisted in killing "BUGGY" SINGLE.

RUC.

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cc Los Angeles
Cincinnati

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Broadway and E

By JACK LAY

Here's Why I Miss

Not from Hollywood—Los Angeles County authorities have not ~~settled~~ off the "Bugsy" Siegel ~~murder~~ as unsolved. They're following a trail that leads to New York and Chicago and the national syndicate of mobsters who, though of late years they have abjured killings, put Siegel on the spot because he threatened to come unorganized and blow the whistle on the dope traffic... Earl Carroll's theater-hash-house will not be sold, to either a radio station which covets it or Lou Walters, N. Y. Latin Quarter operator, who went out to seek it. Mrs. Schuyler, his backer, insists it will remain Earl's "monument," without deviation from his policies... Walters turned down on this one and Slapsie Maxie's, did get an option on the Florentine Gardens... Walters, who had booked Ted Lewis for his B'way spot to open Aug. 20, reports the "tragedian of song" ill and has offered Milton Berle \$15,000 a week to replace... Johnny Meyer signing tabs again for Janet Thomas; we reported last year that they were married and we still stand on that... The \$640 question is, "who paid a hotel tab in Los Angeles for that sum?" Margaret Truman ran it up. She didn't settle it. The hotel didn't dead-head it. It wasn't charged. It isn't ~~settled~~.

Herald Express

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Quiz Extortion Suspect in 'Bugsy' Siegel Case

CLEVELAND, June 18, — (INS) — Cleveland Federal Bureau of Investigation agents today questioned Elmer S. Whiting, San Francisco extortion plot suspect, in connection with the 1947 slaying of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel.

Whiting, 42, arrested yesterday in Canton, Ohio, on an extortion charge, was believed by FBI agents to be connected with the slaying June 20 last year in Beverly Hills, Calif., of the notorious gambling figure.

Whiting, an ex-convict, was arrested by the FBI on a charge of extorting money from Joseph Julius Cohen, prominent in San Francisco racing circles.

His bail was set at \$50,000 last night by United States Commissioner Charles M. Bell in Canton. Whiting was brought to the Cuyahoga County jail in Cleveland when he failed to make bond.

The commissioner ordered him returned to San Francisco to face trial.

Whiting is accused by San Francisco police of shaking down Cohen for a total of \$25,000 over a 10-year period.

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LOS ANGELES EXAMINER
DATED JUN 20 1948

Quiz Man On Buggy Rub-Out

Seek to Link S. F.
Extortion Suspect
In L. A. Murder

By International News Service

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D. K. Brown, special agent in charge of the Cleveland F. B. I. office, said, however, that F. B. I. agents were looking for Whiting prior to the time Cohen filed his complaint June 9.

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Bugsy Siegel

Daughters Get \$6000 From Estate

Superior Judge Newcomb Condee today granted a family allowance of \$6000 to two daughters of the slain underworld figure, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel.

Barbara, 15, and Millicent, 17, were granted \$250 a month for one year, and retroactive to the date of Siegel's death. They reside with Siegel's divorced wife, Estelle, in New York.

Siegel was shot by an unidentified gunman as he sat in the living salon of girl friend Virginia Hill's Beverly Hills home June 20, 1947.

The California portion of Siegel's estate has been appraised at \$18,940. The Department of Internal Revenue, however, has filed notice that \$16,425 is due in 1943 and 1946 income taxes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: October 7, 1948

FROM : [REDACTED] JR. *b7c*

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN SIEGEL
DESTRUCTION OF LOGS

Per letter from the Bureau dated September 20, 1948, sub-sections A,B, C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,N were destroyed. These all contained logs.

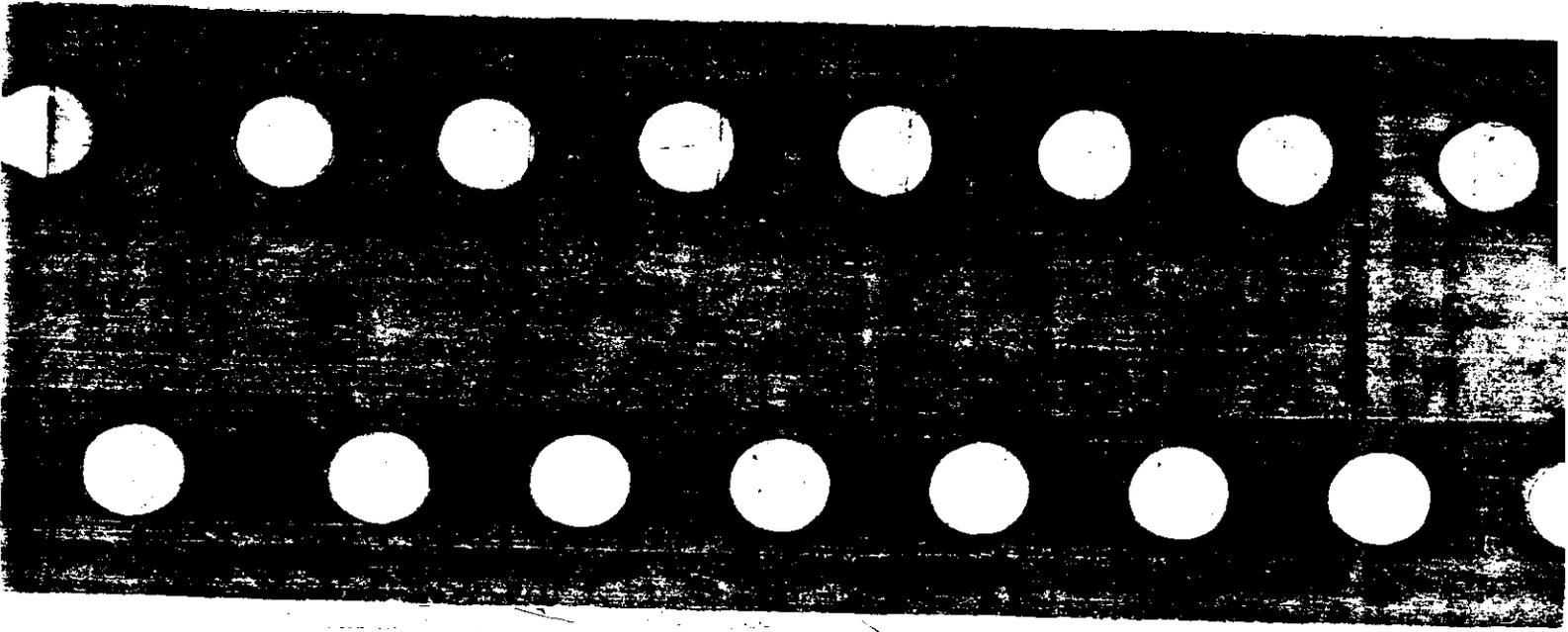
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'Break' Predicted in Siegel Mystery

Beverly Hills Chief Says He Knows Killer but Needs More Evidence

There may be "startling developments" in the next few days possibly leading to a solution of the 16-month-old murder of gangster Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel, Beverly Hills Police Chief Clinton H. Anderson told The Times yesterday.

Anderson, who Saturday related in New York that he and the Beverly Hills Police Department have known for some time the identity of Siegel's slayer, arrived here yesterday morning with no explanation as to why he chose to divulge this information 3000 miles from home.

He said the information was perfectly true. And while he named no names and promised no immediate arrests, he said that his investigation and the "tapping of underworld sources" had revealed the killer "beyond the shadow of a doubt."

Needs More Evidence

No arrest can be made on the killer named, Anderson continued, until sufficient evidence has been uncovered "to wrap this case up."

He did have this much to say about the slaying:

Siegel was killed on orders from an "international underworld syndicate" because "he threatened to talk and sell the syndicate out to the police."

The threat was made in order that Siegel could get the "big boys to kick through with more money" to support his Las Vegas gambling resort, the \$8,000,000 Flamingo Club, which was flourishing financially.

Put on Spot

Gunmen were planted in the shrubbery around the Beverly Hills mansion of Virginia Hill, Siegel's girl friend, and Siegel was taken to that house by a friend and guided to the couch on which he was slain from a living-room window, it was said.

Siegel was killed by a fusillade of high-caliber rifle bullets as he relaxed on a couch in Miss Hill's home, 810 N Linden Drive, on June 20, 1947.

An eyewitness to the shooting was white-haired Allen Smiley, a close Siegel associate long suspected of wide gangland connections.

Smiley on Trial

Smiley is at present a defendant in a deportation trial in U.S. District Court here. He is a Canadian citizen.

Siegel came to Los Angeles in the late 30s with a reputation as a top eastern underworld figure. Here he was believed to have immediately taken control of gangland activities. There were a few dissenters, principally Harry (Big Greenie) Greenberg, who was shot and killed Nov. 22, 1939.

Siegel was indicted for the Greenberg murder but his subsequent trial cleared him.

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'Bugsy' Siegel's Gangland Killer 'Known' to Police

Beverly Hills Chief on Trail in N. Y.

Police know the identity of the man who murdered Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel.

A little more evidence and they'll be ready to "put the arm" on the slayer of the gangland chieftain who was shot down in his Beverly Hills mansion a year ago last June.

"I know who did it," Police Chief Anderson of Beverly Hills told Lee Mortimer, New York Mirror reporter.

"Now I have to wrap up enough evidence to justify an indictment."

Anderson's statement was made in New York while he was there as a delegate to the International Police Chiefs' Conference.

CASE 'HOT'

"There's no secret about this," Mortimer's copyrighted story quotes Anderson as saying.

"Whoever did this knows I am out to get him.

"The case is hot. I don't want anyone to think I have it pigeon-holed because there has been little in the papers during the past year."

Siegel, according to Anderson, was slain on orders from "the big shots who run the international underworld syndicate."

The syndicate signed his death warrant "because Benny threatened to blow the whistle and tell all."

Siegel's threat was made in an attempt to high pressure Charles (Lucky) Luciano to make the "boys kick through with more money to support the faltering fortunes of The Flamingo, Siegel's \$6,000,000 Las Vegas resort.

GUN CLEW

Hints were that a former police officer may have wielded the 30-30 carbine that sent the bullets into Siegel as the latter sat in a chair in the Beverly Hills mansion.

Anderson pointed out that this is an unusual type of firearm, "though kept in all police arsenals."

He also recalled that "many Los Angeles law enforcement officers who had cooperated with the boys in drawing a red herring across the West Coast phase of Murder, Inc." had been taken care of in Las Vegas.

("Bugsy" Siegel believed killed because he had threatened to betray crime syndicate to police. Page 3.)

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Threat to Tell of Murder, Inc. Blamed for Siegel's Slaying

Ironically, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, once accused of engineering the Hollywood rubout of Herman (Big Greeny) Schlachter for Murder Inc., was killed because he had threatened to "sing."

It was because "Big Greeny" was believed about to talk to police that Murder Inc. got him out of the way.

It was because "Bugsy" was ready to "blow the whistle" on the international crime syndicate that he was shot, according to Beverly Hills Chief of Police Clinton H. Anderson's reconstruction of the crime.

Another count against Siegel, Anderson says, was that he sought to monopolize vice and gambling in Las Vegas, Nev.

"He wasn't named 'Bugsy' for nothing," the chief said. "He had bitter arguments in Las Vegas and threatened to start shooting."

Shooting just isn't good form in Las Vegas.

NEUTRAL TOWN—

That town, in the syndicate's book, is neutral territory, like Saratoga, Miami and Atlantic City.

Killing frightens tourists. So they don't want any killings there.

For that reason "Bugsy" was set up for the kill in Beverly Hills instead of Los Vegas.

Gunmen were planted behind the hedges of an adjoining house. A living room drape was carefully drawn aside.

Bugsy was steered to the one chair in which he would make a perfect target.

That was the way Chief Anderson pictured it in the copyrighted interview by Lee Mortimer in the New York Mirror.

QUICK ACTION—

Another pertinent point in Anderson's reconstruction of the crime was that "30 minutes after Siegel was slain and before the news was published, Benny's opposition had walked into the Flamingo and announced they were in charge."

Anderson added:

"Moe Sedway, intimate of Costello and Luciano, and himself a king pin in the syndicate, became the boss.

"Moving in with him were Morris Rosen, Jack Durant and

Gas Grochman, Thelma gambling boss.

"Immediately on taking over, the new directorate put in Sanford Adler as general manager and front man."

OTHER LINKS—

Anderson says his investigations have exposed a nationwide vice syndicate with many apparently respectable and even famous people acting as fronts for the ring.

Implicated are a noted woman doctor in San Francisco and a leading theatrical booking agent in Hollywood, once married to a movie star.

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SIEGEL CASE GETS AIRING

Chief Says Mobsters Seen in Night's Tour

Chief of Police C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills yesterday nursed a headache resulting from a flying trip to New York during which he made cryptic comment about who killed Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel.

Siegel was shot to death June 20, 1947, as he sat with Allan Smiley in the Beverly Hills home of Virginia Hill at 810 N Linden Drive. The killer used an Army-type light carbine.

Mildly Surprised

Anderson yesterday appeared mildly surprised concerning the effect of his New York intimation that he knew who killed Siegel "beyond the shadow of a doubt."

The chief said he had toured New York night spots with a gossip columnist and two of the latter's friends and had been introduced to three "big-shot gang-

sters." Anderson declined to say whether he obtained his startling information on who killed Siegel from the Gotham mobsters.

Can't Make Arrest

Anderson said that while he is sure he knows who executed Siegel he cannot make an arrest because of insufficient evidence "at the present time." Anderson intimated his asserted informant may have been an associate of the killer. This would, under terms of a recent court ruling, make the informant's testimony insufficient for a conviction unless corroborated by other evidence.

Smiley, born Aaron Smehoff in Russia but who claims Canadian citizenship, was in U.S. Judge Campbell E. Beaumont's court yesterday fighting a charge of perjury before an immigration inspector's hearing.

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SET TO BREAK 'INSIDE' ON SIEGEL RUBOUT



MURDER SCENE, MYSTERY OF WINDOW CURTAIN
Authorities Like to Know Why Window (Arrow) Was
Opened But Curtain Not Drawn

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BUGSY SIEGEL

**Solution of His Murder Near,
Says Officer**



ALLEN SMILEY

**Immunity Granted if He
Tells 'Story'**

Solution of the slaying of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, swaggering vice overlord, appeared imminent today on the return from New York of Beverly Hills Police Chief Clinton H. Anderson with the boast that he knows who did it.

Here today Anderson unveiled two more facets of his drive to "make this an air-tight case" before making any arrests.

Anderson told The Evening Herald and Express today he would:

1. Ask federal authorities to grant immunity to Allen Smiley, white-haired "sportsman," currently on trial here on perjury charges in connection with his asserted illegal entry into the country, if Smiley could—and would—reveal the inside story of Bugsy's slaying;

2. Still like to talk to Virginia Hill, Bugsy's sweetheart whose plush Beverly Hills home was the scene of his rubout, despite her repeated denials of any advance knowledge of the murder. Miss Hill, herself a figure of some mystery, several



VIRGINIA HILL

**The Chief Would Like to
Talk to Her**

times has been reported to have tried suicide since Siegel's untimely death and who, at the

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Break in Siegel Case

Puzzle Pieces in
Rubout All in Place

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moment, is reported "in seclusion" in Mexico City.

Earlier, Anderson disclosed that he has promised immunity to an unnamed gangster who is willing to "sing" the entire sordid story of Bugsy's ambush execution.

Despite Anderson's asserted knowledge of the killer's identity he promised no immediate arrest, pointing to the recent court ruling that mere implication by an accomplice, uncorroborated by any other witness, is insufficient for a conviction.

Siegel was put on the spot, said Anderson, by an "international underworld syndicate" as the price for his threats "to talk and sell out the syndicate to the police."

"Bugsy," it appears, sought to "get the big shots to kick through with more money" for his \$6,000,000 gambling resort, the Flamingo at Las Vegas.

With one or more "trigger men" lying in ambush in the shrubbery, Siegel was taken to Miss Hill's rented palace and steered to the couch facing an open window. A moment later Bugsy was sprayed with a fusillade of 30-30 carbine bullets.

LAST DINNER

Just before the execution Bugsy and three friends had had dinner at a beach cafe. These companions, who returned with him to what was to be his murder, were:

Smiley, intimate of Siegel's and long suspected of extensive underworld connections;

Charles Hill, brother of Siegel's sweetheart, Virginia Hill; (Miss Hill, incidentally, is believed to have been tipped off about the impending killing and was en route by air to Paris.)

Jerri Mason, Miss Hill's secretary and currently Mrs. Charles Hill.

New York homicide detectives are curious about the source of Smiley's income, which made it possible for the white-haired "sportsman" to live in a \$1000-a-month suite.

TOP UNDERWORLD 'BRASS'

When Siegel "moved into Los Angeles" some 15 years before his slaying he had the reputation of being one of the top brass of the eastern underworld. He was sent here, police believe, to capture control of gangland activities. Among his few opponents was one Harry "Big Greenie" Greenberg, who was slain Nov. 22, 1939, in Hollywood. Indicted for the killing, Bugsy beat the rap.

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Chief knows who killed Bugsy Siegel

Somewhere in the world today the murderer of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel trembled before a proclamation of Beverly Hills' police chief that: "I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!"

Chief Clinton H. Anderson, who tipped his hand in New York, arrived at his office today and repeated: "Yes, I DO know who killed Siegel."

Everybody seemed to believe Chief Anderson, who didn't have anything more to say. He just smiled and said, "Wait a while. The statute of limitations in a murder case gives us lots of time."

The Siegel murder is 16 months old. It occurred June 20, 1947.

Anderson conceded he got the dope from a "good contact" and hinted there just might be a link between the killer and Charles (Lucky) Luciano's underworld.

But before he names names Anderson said, he wants to get some more evidence to set up a tight case and prove that crime doesn't pay.

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New Siegel Case Quiz

Chief Anderson Asked to Testify

Beverly Hills Police Chief C. H. Anderson is the only person who will appear before the criminal complaints committee of the Grand Jury tomorrow to tell the "inside story" of the Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel gang slaying, Leo Hubbard, committee chairman, disclosed today.

Previous reports that Anderson would lead a parade of as many as 10 witnesses before the committee were denied by Hubbard.

Anderson was invited to appear in the wake of his claims that he knows who set up "Bugsy" like a clay pigeon for the assassin in Beverly Hills, June 20, 1947. After the committee hears his story, if they believe further investigation is indicated, the committee will then ask Anderson to repeat his testimony before the entire Grand Jury, Hubbard said.

In that event, other witnesses recommended by Anderson may appear, Hubbard declared. It was indicated that these may include:

Allen Smiley, white-haired "sportsman" and intimate of Siegel's, who shared a divan with "Bugsy" when the latter was rubbed out.

Sanford Adler, reputed millionaire gambler and hotel man, who took over "Bugsy's" \$7,000,000 castle of chance, the Flamingo, at Las Vegas, after Siegel's slaying.

Virginia Hill in whose plush rented mansion in Beverly Hills her "boy friend," Siegel, was murdered;

Her brother, Charles Hill, and his wife, Jerri Mason Hill, who with Smiley all had dinner with Siegel and then returned to the "death house" with him on the night of the killing.

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Grand Jury May Ask Beverly Chief to Name Slayer of Bugsie Siegel

Chief of Police C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills will be invited to tell the county grand jury criminal complaints committee who killed Bugsie Siegel.

The Chief says he knows, but he won't tell. He says there isn't enough evidence to arrest the slayer—yet.

Leo Hubbard, chairman of the criminal complaints committee, took note of the chief's recent New York aside that he knew the killer. Hubbard opined—as much as Anderson has received threatening letters since he sang—that the knowledge should be shared.

At a meeting late yesterday the grand jury committee voted to invite Anderson to attend their

session next Tuesday. The invitation will be mailed today.

Hubbard said if anything happened to Anderson, the progress he has made on the 16-month-old murder would be lost.

Protection Sought

"Perhaps he should tell the grand jury what he knows for his own protection," Hubbard said.

Anderson said that would be all right with him. When he appears before the investigative panel he said he will "tell them all they want to know."

"Including who killed Bugsie?" he was asked.

"Let the jury ask the questions," he said.

The Chief said that after all

he is a law enforcement officer and is just as interested as anyone in solving Bugsie's violent demise. If the grand jury can help him, he said, that will be fine.

Crank Letters Received

Since the Chief said out loud that he knows "who done it" he has received about a dozen letters which he classified as "crank" rather than "threatening."

One letter, pen-written, mailed on Monday in Los Angeles, admonished:

"The smartest thing you can do is forget the Siegel caper—also the healthiest."

Another letter was in a sneering vein. It was signed "Boston Blackie."

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Al Capone Mob Key in Siegel Case

Beverly Chief to
Air Rubout Views
For Grand Jury

Hoodlum remnants of the old Al Capone gang in Chicago may be the "key" to the "Bugsy" Siegel killing in Beverly Hills June 20, 1947.

Police Chief C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills so declared today as he indicated he would accept an invitation from the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to appear before it next Tuesday.

Leo E. Hubbard, chairman of the Criminal Complaints Committee of the jury, said the group was "interested" in Anderson's flat statement he knew "beyond shadow of doubt" the identity of the Siegel murderer.

"I'll be happy to co-operate with the Grand Jury in any way I can," said Anderson. "After all, we're all working toward the same end—the solution of the crime."

Hubbard said that "perhaps Anderson should tell the jury what he knows for his own protection."

Anderson said his study of Siegel's private papers showed one of "Bugsy's" acts was a \$300,000 shakedown of associates through Chicago mobsters.

The official said he had received several "threatening" letters, "but they're from screwballs and I'm totally disregarding them."

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SIEGEL CASE STILL MYSTERY AFTER CHIEF TELLS HIS STORY



'MYSTERY MAN' — He's "John R. Stewart," inevitable mystery man, who showed up yesterday at grand jury investigation of Siegel case.

What Police Chief Clinton H. Anderson of Beverly Hills told members of the county grand jury yesterday about the gangster slaying of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel was hardly worth all the fuss.

Anderson accepted the jurors' invitation to "tell all," but after an hour's conference it was learned that the jury decided 99% of his information was "nil."

The other 1%, a high ranking member of the grand jury revealed, is of such importance that further secret investigation is needed before the 1947 murder can be solved.

Mystery Man Present

Further heightening the enigma was the appearance of the inevitable "mystery man." Dressed in a brown suit and brown felt hat, he attempted to mingle with reporters and photographers and then made a search of the Hall of Justice fifth floor in an apparent attempt to gain entry to the grand jury room itself.

Later he appeared at the sixth floor office of the District Attorney, where after brief questioning by Capt. Everett Davis, he was escorted from the office.

He gave his name as "John B. Stewart" and said he was interested in finding out what Anderson told the jurors about the Siegel case. He refused to identify himself further and hurriedly left the building when a photographer snapped his picture.

Invited to Appear

Grand jury interest in the case was rekindled earlier this month when Anderson was quoted as saying he knows who killed Siegel but does not yet have enough evidence to convict. The jurors' ears perked up at the startling announcement and they decided they would like to hear more.

Leo Hubbard, head of the criminal complaints committee, is sued an invitation to the chief to tell what he knew about Siegel's slaying "as much for his safety as to further the investigation."

Anderson was smiling when he entered the grand jury room, ostensibly to be questioned by the criminal complaints committee. Most of the other members of the jury were present to listen on the interrogation.

When he emerged an hour later, Anderson was still smiling, but definitely uncommunicative. A series of questions fired at him as he walked rapidly to the elevator in the Hall of Justice brought the standard answer:

"No comment."

He refused to tell what information he had divulged to the grand jury, whether he knew the actual killer of Siegel, whether the jury had assigned any District Attorney investigators to the case for him or even whether he had another appointment with the jurors at a later date.

From other sources it was learned that Anderson spent most of his time in outlining what he termed a "dangerous gangster situation" existing within the city limits of Beverly Hills. Anderson was understood to have warned the jurors that any leak in information on the Siegel slaying might result in additional gangster massacres of vital witnesses.

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TO : FILE
FROM : SAC R. B. HOOD
SUBJECT: BUGSY SIEGEL

DATE: October 27, 1948

On 10-19-48, [redacted] of LIFE MAGAZINE called on me by appointment at the request of [redacted] now in New York with LIFE to talk about the SIEGEL CASE as disclosed recently in the press by [redacted] of Beverly Hills. b2

He was told that we had no information about this at all as we did not investigate the case and I knew nothing about [redacted] statements or what information he had.

RBH [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was his firm belief [REDACTED] did not
commit the killing of SIEGEL in Beverly Hills because key members of the
syndicate had expressed to him that the syndicate was trying to find out who
committed the crime.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BENJAMIN "BUGSIE" SIEGEL

In connection with the killing of SIEGEL, the informant repeated
on October 24, 1948 that

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Los Angeles, California
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Director, FBI

Re: RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES
LOS ANGELES DIVISION
CRIME SURVEY

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ON 12-2-85

Dear Sir:

[redacted] of the Los Angeles Daily Mirror
confidentially advised that [redacted]

[redacted] in Las Vegas, Nevada, was in Los Angeles the past few days and advised
there is to be a hearing on the 17th of November by the Attorney
General of Nevada. This hearing is to be held to show cause why certain
gambling licenses in Las Vegas should not be revoked. [redacted] advised that
the reason for this is that the State of Nevada is receiving 2% from the
gambling establishments and that this appears to be a shakedown for a greater
amount of revenue for the state.

He also ascertained from [redacted]
[redacted] is presently in and around Las Vegas
ostensibly on a hunting trip, but apparently is conducting some investiga-
tion in that area.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] had stated that the Internal
Revenue and Immigration Departments are conducting a discreet and close in-
vestigation concerning [redacted] Nothing is known concerning the basis for
this investigation or what progress has been made concerning it. [redacted]
also advised [redacted] that on the night that MURKIE SIEGEL was killed in Los
Angeles, [redacted]
were both in the Flamingo Hotel. [redacted] according to [redacted] felt that
[redacted] was in that area on investigation concerning the possible con-
nection [redacted] with the SIEGEL killing in that [redacted] stated that [redacted]
had the "most to gain" by having SIEGEL out of the way.

The source of this information should be treated very confidentially
inasmuch [redacted] has furnished good information to this office in the
past and this relationship should not be jeopardized.

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The above is being furnished for your information and should any other facts concerning the above come into the possession of this office you will be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,
SAC

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cc: Salt Lake City

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 17, 1948

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
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This is to advise that at the Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association luncheon on November 10, 1948 the writer was sitting across from [REDACTED] was in almost constant conversation with some member of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. One bit of his conversation was in reference to the [REDACTED] pointed out some member of the [REDACTED] family in the assemblage and said, rather vehemently, that it was "A stinking mess"; that "BUGSY" SIEGEL had contributed \$12,000.00 to the [REDACTED]

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**MAN PROMISING
TO TALK ON SIEGEL
HAS RECORD HERE**

* Elmer (Steve) Whiting, who, according to Canton (O.) police, has promised startling disclosures about the Beverly Hills murder of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel in June, 1947, has been arrested twice in the Los Angeles area, Sheriff's and police records showed yesterday.

Sheriff's office records list an arrest May 21, 1938, in Beverly Hills on suspicion of aiding an attempt to commit murder and one in Los Angeles July 11, 1939, on a similar charge and another charge of escape.

Police Chief C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills said that from all he has learned he does not believe Whiting's supposed disclosures are of sufficient significance to warrant asking his return here.

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Man Charge Indictment May 'T

Whiting, son, Ohio, indicted in extortion, has threatened to "blow the lid" on the legal murder brought to trial, Whiting's today, according to the Associated Press. In Beverly Hills where Siegel shot to death June 20, 1947, Police Chief Anderson said that if Whiting is brought out here, "I'll gladly listen."

Chief Anderson, who in October announced that he knew who killed Siegel but lacked corroborating evidence, said he and his officers were busy "piecing things together."

If Whiting talks, he might "add a little" to the case that's being built, Anderson said.

Siegel, who tangled with the law frequently, was indicted in 1942 as the West Coast head of "Murder, Inc.," but wasn't convicted.

ARRESTED BY FBI

J. Stewart Ake, attorney for Whiting, said that Whiting hadn't disclosed the name of the gunman, if he knows it, but that Whiting insists he will tell all details of the slaying if he is tried for extortion.

Ake said he'll file a motion in Federal District Court at Cleveland next week to quash a nine-count extortion indictment against Whiting.

Whiting was arrested at his home in Canton June 18 by FBI agents from Cleveland and has been charged with extortion of \$53,000 from Joseph J. Cohen of San Francisco, assistant manager and vice president of the California Jockey Club. Cohen is prominent in West Coast racing circles.

Cohen claims the extortion started in 1938 when he was kidnaped by three men who threatened him with death if he didn't pay them large sums. He told the FBI he gave the men \$5000 but that his life constantly was threatened by letter and phone. He accused Whiting when he said he could not stand it any longer.

JAILED IN OHIO

Whiting now is in jail in Cleveland. He will file a motion asking that the indictment be quashed on the grounds that it should have been returned by a Cleveland jury instead of a West Coast panel.

If that fails, Ake said he would file another motion asking that various counts in the indictment be stricken on the grounds that no threatening language, as defined by law, was contained in the alleged extortion letters.

Siegel, principal owner of the \$6,000,000 Flamingo Club, Las Vegas, was riddled with 30-30 carbine bullets as he sat on a sofa in the front room of a Beverly Hills mansion owned by Virginia Hill.

SHOOTING DESCRIBED

Allen Smiley, sitting beside him at the 810 N. Linden Dr. home, narrowly escaped being hit, one bullet going through a sleeve. Smiley recently has been involved in Federal action seeking to deport him.

Charles Hill, brother of the red-haired, thrice-wed Miss Hill, and Jerri Mason, Miss Hill's secretary, also were in the home. Miss Hill was in Europe.

Late in October, Chief Anderson returned from a trip to New York City, and declared an "informant" had given him the story of the slaying.

Siegel, the chief said, was killed on orders from an underworld syndicate, when he threatened to spill information about their activities unless the group put more money into the Nevada club, deeply in the red.

Though the chief on Oct. 26 told his story to the County Grand Jury, there have been no arrests or indictments.

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ELMER S. WHITING

'Bugsy' Tale Discounted By Anderson

Beverly Hills Police Chief C. H. Anderson doesn't think the latest informer who promises to "blow the lid off the 'Bugsy' Siegel murder" has much to offer.

Anderson said all he has learned about the threatened revelations of Elmer (Steve) Whiting doesn't warrant bringing him back here.

Whiting is currently jailed in Cleveland, charged with extorting \$53,000 from Joseph J. Cohen of San Francisco. Cohen is assistant manager and vice president of the California Jockey club.

Yesterday in a Mirrorfone interview, Whiting's attorney, J. Stewart Ake, said, "There is no doubt in my mind that my client knows plenty about the Siegel killing."

Meanwhile a check of police records in Los Angeles shows that Whiting was arrested here twice in 1938 and 1939 on suspicion of aiding in murder attempts.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "Bugsy" SIEGEL
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On February 21, 1949, [REDACTED] advised that the stimulating factor which made SIEGEL go out and kill, even members of his own gang, was SIEGEL's desire "to be king." This informant appears to have an obsession against SIEGEL and continues to talk about him in the past.

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[REDACTED] many of the hoodlums feared SIEGEL because he thought nothing of grabbing a gun and shooting someone when they crossed him.

In VIRGINIA HILL, SIEGEL found that which was lacking in his family, through her lavish entertainment which built up his ego. This informant related at great length information concerning the various parties which were lavish given by VIRGINIA HILL for SIEGEL. The informant related at great lengths the details of the lavish birthday party given for SIEGEL and which cost VIRGINIA HILL \$25,000 at the time.

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COMPLAINT FORM

Ben Siegel et al

Subject's Name and Aliases

J.A. (refused to furnish last name)

Name of Complainant

Address of Complainant
none

Address of Subject

Telephone Number of Complainant
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Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: J.A. telephonically advised that he wanted to have an Agent meet him so as he could furnish information regarding Ben Siegel; he claimed he was on a party line and could not talk freely as he was afraid being harmed. He claims to be from Chicago and had knowledge of the old Capone gang. He stated that he had secured some documents from Chicago which had turned over to the Daily Mirror but that they had taken no action. He want to talk to the agent and if the FBI was interested, then he and the agent could go to the Mirror and get the documents back. He said he had talked to the City Editor of the Mirror yesterday and indicated that felt they were not going to use the info. He wanted a lone agent to come to the Montana Cafe and later asked that a lone agent meet him after 10:00 at the Lucka street address, this evening.

The informant talked rationally and did not seem to be intimidated. Efforts were made to get him to come to the office but he refused, he seems inferred that he was known by Mickey Cohen and he was afraid to come to this office. He insisted that the FBI would be interested in the information but would not furnish any further data.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT: He was informed that it would not be possible to have an Agent contact him tonight and an effort was made to have him come to this office but he repeatedly refused. He advised that there was no phone at the Lucka street address and that the office was directly across the street from that address. He stated that he would be out of the city after 10:00 PM at night. It was difficult to evaluate the informant's intent as he did not speak the language.

ACTION: Report to Supervisor for consideration as to having the informant's identity J.A. and possibly interview him. Inform to the Mirror and they have been run around.

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[REDACTED] FORMERLY CASHIER AT FLAMINGO HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, OPERATED BY SIEGAL AND WHILE IN COMPANY [REDACTED] AT DANCE IN NYC IN LAST FEW DAYS RECOGNIZED AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHO WAS FREQUENT VISITOR TO FLAMINGO AND ACQUAINTANCE OF SIEGAL. [REDACTED]

THIS INDIVIDUAL SUPPOSEDLY WANTED BY AUTHORITIES FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION BUGSIE SIEGAL MURDER AND HE APPEARED QUITE ALARMED WHEN SHE RECOGNIZED HIM. [REDACTED]

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Gold Key Opened Doorway to Death For Bugsy Siegel

(The Mirror today begins a review of the Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel slaying, last in the Citizen Witness plan series on unsolved Los Angeles murders.)

By HERB STINSON

Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel announced, immediately on being freed of the charge of murdering a hoodlum named Harry (Big Greenie) Greenberg, that he was becoming a gentleman.

He was no longer to be addressed as Bugsy.

Furthermore, he was going to go legitimate in his business activities. He had the looks, the manner and the personality to have done it.

But it was as hard for him to go legitimate as it was for him to lose the underworld-conferred tag of Bugsy.

There were too many years of gangdom in his blood.

His entire background has not been brought to light. It is known that he grew up in New York and that one of his close boyhood friends was George Raft, later to become the movie star.

One of his earlier ventures was a trucking business and while thus occupied he got married and fathered two daughters.

Became Rum-Runner

From trucking it was easy enough for him to get into rum-hauling and from that to graduate into the flourishing New York rackets of the late twenties.

In the rackets he was an associate of such ill-famed celebrities as Frankie Yale, Joe Adonis, Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Jacob (Gurrah) Shapiro, Mendy Weiss and Abe (Kid Twist) Reles.

His special niche, it was said, was as triggerman or "torpedo" for Charles (Lucky) Luciano, the New York prostitution czar.

In the late thirties the then district attorney Thomas E. Dewey began his rough-on-rats warfare against New York racketeers. Bugsy took the hint and moved out here, 3000 miles away from Dewey.

To Hollywood and Beverly Hills circles Bugsy's background was not generally known. His undoubted charm, his looks and his free hand with money quickly gained him entree. He lived regally, occupying a 35-room home in Holmby Hills. He gained the tag "well-known sportsman."

The edifice crumbled a little

when Bugsy was arrested and tried for the Big Greenie murder. But even after that there were plenty of respectable persons who considered him "interesting" and got a thrill out of associating with him.

Big-Time Operator

All this while there is no doubt that Bugsy was operating in big-time fashion in bookmaking and narcotics and, very probably, in the stolen-jewelry traffic.

But after the trial he managed to stay pretty much out of the papers. He was arrested once for bookmaking in company with a

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friend, Allen Smiley. He got second-hand mention when Smiley was involved in the Tommy Dorsey-Jon Hall nose-slicing party.

Some time around 1945 Bugsy went aesthetic. He decided to build the most beautiful gambling club in America. He enlisted the aid of Harry Rothberg, vice-president of the American Distilleries Co.; Billy Wilkerson, Hollywood trade publisher, and Joe Ross, Hollywood attorney.

During this period Bugsy met and became enamored of a red-headed beauty and reputed Alabama heiress. She was thrice-married and thrice-divorced Virginia Hill.

Early in June, 1947, Virginia and Bugsy quarreled. Virginia took off for Paris, announcing she meant to set up a wine import business.

Bugsy plugged away at the Flamingo which reportedly was losing money despite being the most beautiful casino in the country.

On Friday, June 20, Bugsy felt the need for a rest and the attentions of his favorite barber in

Hollywood. He flew to Los Angeles from Las Vegas, arriving at four in the morning.

Afterward Bugsy and Allen Smiley stopped by the house and picked up Charles Hill, 21-year-old brother of Virginia, and Miss Jerri Mason, Virginia's shapely and red-headed secretary. All four went to dinner at Ocean Park.

They returned home around 10:30. Charles Hill and Miss Mason went upstairs to pack some of Miss Hill's belongings for shipment.

Were Left Alone

Bugsy and Smiley sat on the divan in the living room to look over copies of the morning papers.

Outside the living room window, no more than a dozen feet away from the two men, a triggerman raised a gun, just as Bugsy had probably done more than once in his "torpedo" days with Lucky Luciano.

(The story of Bugsy Siegel's unsolved murder will be completed in The Mirror tomorrow.)

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'Big Greenie' Killing Sordid Byproduct Of Notorious Murder, Inc., Labor Wars

(Today The Mirror reviews the unsolved slaying of Harry (Big Greenie) Greenberg, tool of Murder, Inc.)

By HERB STINSON

The bullet-punctuated saga of Harry (Big Greenie) Greenberg is not so much a murder mystery as it is a commentary on the American scene and the underworld empire we have allowed to grow up in our midst.

Big Greenie was a Russian immigrant, a burly and uncouth man who never learned to speak better than broken English and who, apparently, had not a very high IQ.

He did have, however, brute force, a certain cunning and an entire lack of scruples.

The combination made him valuable to an organization which eventually became known as Murder, Inc., of Brooklyn, N.Y.

At the time the organization was making a modest start by furnishing strong-arm squads for Manhattan's industrial disputes. Fur and garment workers, bakery workers and others were slugged and kept in line.

Later it added a new and profitable activity—homicide.

A really important killing could be bought for around \$500 to \$1000. Lesser jobs went as low as \$100.

Paid \$50 to \$100

For any kind of a killing the triggermen got \$50 to \$100 apiece. The heads of the slaying syndicate, Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Emanuel Weiss and Jacob Gurrah, took the rest.

Around this time Big Greenie got picked up in a labor slugging charge, was turned over to the immigration authorities and deported to Poland.

Cunning Big Greenie managed to slip back as far as

Montreal, Canada, by using his dead father-in-law's passport.

But there his IQ slipped. He wrote to Lepke and said he was

broke and had to have money. Lepke sent an emissary up to see Big Greenie, but by then Big Greenie had moved on. Perhaps

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he realized, just in time, the mistake he had made.

Then on the night of Nov. 22, 1939, a burly man who used the name "George Schachter" drove his car to the corner of Hollywood and Vine, as he did every night, bought a paper and headed for his home at 1805 Vista Del Mar Ave.

He pulled to a stop in front of the house. Here accounts differ. Witnesses said he was shot by two men in a dark sedan. Later information was that the killer stepped from the shadows of a hedge, fired and escaped in a car driven by a second man.

Whichever way it was, he was dead with three bullets through the head.

Information from his widow, Ida, led to New York and within 24 hours "Schachter" had been identified as Big Greenie.

New York sources also supplied the motive—in writing to Lepke he had not only said he wanted \$5000 but had threatened to talk to the law about Murder, Inc., if he didn't get it.

At this point a Hollywood "playboy and sportsman" named Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel was first introduced to a public other than the celebrities and sports figures he had been chumming with.

Bugsie a Contrast

Bugsie was a contrast to Big Greenie in all ways but one. He was smoothly dressed, handsome, suave and fairly well educated. But, like Big Greenie, he was tied in with Lepke.

Police announced they planned to question Bugsie. Apparently, however, they did not at that particular time.

It was not until Aug. 16, 1940, nearly a year later, that officers descended on Bugsie's 35-room Holmby Hills mansion, found him hiding in the attic and dragged him off to fall on a murder charge.

The arrest had been brought about by the "singing" before a grand jury of two Lepke pals, Al Tannenbaum and Abe (Kid Twist) Reles. Reles later won fame as the "singer" who sent Lepke to the chair in New York and aided the break-up of Murder, Inc. He also later fell "accidentally" from the top of a New York building and died.

The hoodlums' story was this: Siegel had promised Lepke he

would bring about the murder of Big Greenie. Tannenbaum had been the courier bringing the murder guns from New York to Hollywood.

Murder Team

On the murder team had been Bugsie, Frank Carbo, a West Coast fight manager, and Harry (Champ) Segal, owner of a Hollywood barber shop which was the hangout of sport figures. Bugsie had driven Carbo to the spot in a stolen car. Segal had followed in Bugsie's car to "crash" any pursuit that started.

Carbo had been the man behind the gun.

The case against Bugsie seemed open and shut, and the law had the extra advantage of having him safely behind bars.

Carbo and Segal were being sought.

However, there appeared an unexpected legal hurdle.

Dist. Atty. William J. O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, now New York's mayor, announced they could not allow Tannenbaum and Reles to come to Los Angeles to testify.

They were too busy convicting Murder, Inc. partners.

Dismissal of the indictment against Bugsie resulted. Harry (Champ) Segal promptly surrendered and had his indictment washed out.

Frank Carbo, the fight manager, was not prompt enough. When he surrendered, O'Dwyer had changed his mind and was ready to send Tannenbaum to the coast to testify.

The grand jury immediately re-indicted Bugsie, and he and Carbo went to trial for the murder of Big Greenie.

Halfway through the trial the court dismissed the charge against Bugsie because the only evidence connecting him with the murder was the story of Tannenbaum. Carbo's trial went on

but resulted in a hung jury.

The murder of Big Greenie went back on the unsolved list.

Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel went on to an inevitable finish.

(The Mirror tomorrow will outline the Siegel murder.)

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TO : SAC

DATE: July 4, 1949

FROM : [REDACTED] SA *b7c*

SUBJECT: Killing of Bugsy Siegel

On this date, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the writer that [REDACTED] was in Washington, D. C. during April, 1949.

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[REDACTED] said he had heard it rumored among bookmakers around Long Beach, Calif. that such a payment had been made by Siegel to [REDACTED] but that the amount was \$75,000.00 instead of \$50,000.00.

The reference appears to be [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: [REDACTED]

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An examination has been made of the files of this office to ascertain the nature of information furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Throughout a period of approximately three years [REDACTED] furnished a great deal of information orally to Agents of this office which was incorporated into memoranda and subsequently included in the Crime Survey Report where it was pertinent. In many instances information was sent to nearby offices for their information, and in turn we requested information from them to complete the local picture. Some of this information was orally furnished [REDACTED] by our Agents. Nothing was ever given to him in writing and every effort was made to give him only information which it was felt would actually assist [REDACTED] in its investigation [REDACTED] there being every indication at that time that the Department was sincere in its efforts to make a case against them. It still appears that some officers were intent on this purpose, however their efforts were thwarted undoubtedly by others who let out information concerning the investigation, its techniques and operations.

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By letter of July 3, 1947, titled BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY, [REDACTED]

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By letter to the Bureau dated October 8, 1947 entitled, KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, INFORMATION FURNISHED [REDACTED] RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, it was reported that [REDACTED]

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By letter to the Bureau dated September 18, 1947 titled, "RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, CRIME SURVEY (INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]) it was reported at the bottom of page 15: [REDACTED]

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By letter of September 15, 1947 titled, **KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUD" ALBERT, INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ON PAGE 6**

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In the Crime Survey submitted to the Bureau on April 15, 1948 it is stated on page 6 that certain information is attributed to [REDACTED] of information to [REDACTED]

In the Crime Survey Report of April 15, 1948 on page 25 it is stated that [REDACTED]

The files of this office and the Crime Survey Reports contained such information orally furnished [REDACTED] and his exact sources are unknown. [REDACTED]

The first information that caused us to question his honesty was as a result of a statement he made to Agent [REDACTED] when he requested that if we ever observed [REDACTED] his associates coming out of any bank to let him know right away and he would "roust them". This certainly led us to think that he was interested in what they might then have on their person. This incident did not occur until sometime in late 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HOOD, SAC

Bugsy's ex sues estate for \$817,838



DEAD GANGSTER'S EX-WIFE PUTS IN A CLAIM

Estelle Siegel, above, asks for \$817,838

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24. (Special) A creditor's claim for \$817,838 against the estate of gangster Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, filed by his divorced wife, Estelle, was scheduled today for a hearing in district court here Sept. 3.

At the hearing Siegel's brother, Maurice, administrator of the estate, will petition Judge A. H. Henderson to approve his figure of \$30,000 as a "reasonable and fair" settlement of the claim, according to a petition of compromise, filed with the county clerk.

Mrs. Siegel, who sets forth in her claim that she divorced the dapper racketeer in Reno Aug. 3, 1944, based the major portion of her claim on a property settlement signed by Siegel, in which she was awarded \$600 per month for the balance of her life.

Based on her bookkeeping on the "standard annuity mortality table," Mrs. Siegel claims more than \$750,000 on the basis that she still has a life expectancy of 40 years. The balance of her claim consists of \$30,000 still due on a \$45,000 loan to Siegel, and \$21,300 in unpaid back alimony.

A court-ordered appraisal of Siegel's estate set the value at \$113,969 according to Maurice Siegel, and his petition of compromise holds that to consider Mrs. Siegel's claim in its entirety would "bankrupt the estate."

The appraisal was made by Las Vegas bankers Spencer Butterfield and Harry Manente, and stock broker Dwight Gravett. They listed Siegel's assets as a bank account of \$3763, 1000 shares of American Power and Light stock at \$7055, two promissory notes executed by the Nevada Projects Corp. (Flamingo Hotel) at \$85,250 accounts receivable from the hotel corporation at \$18,200, a 1946 Chrysler convertible at \$2800, 500 shares of Thiolo Corp. stock at \$937, and an interest in partnership of the Frontier Turf Club of

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Las Vegas at \$3353. The appraisers listed 220 shares of Flamingo stock, held by Siegel, as of no value. The present corporate setup of the Flamingo was reorganized after Siegel's demise.

Listed by administrator Siegel as Bugsy's heirs are, in addition to himself, daughters Barbara and Millicent Siegel, of New York City; sister Bessie Soloway, of Beverly Hills, sister Esther Falm, of Brooklyn, sister Ethel Siegel, of Brooklyn, and mother Jennie Siegel, of Beverly Hills. Ex-wife Estelle was not included among the heirs.

Another claim filed against the estate was that of Harry C. Westover, tax collector for Uncle Sam, who set forth in his notice that \$19,519 is due on Siegel's income for 1943, 1946 and 1947.

Westover's office also served notice that \$7907 is due from "Esther Siegel, also known as Estelle Siegel," and that they expect to collect it before any settlement of the estate is made.

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