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**SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA**

**Los Angeles file:9-6947**

**Section:1**



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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices:  Negative  See below

Subject's name and aliases  
Possible death threat received by Mr. Frank Sinatra over the U. S. mail  
*Musab; Frank Sinatra - J. J. C.*

Character of case  
9-  
Complainant  
Peter Clinco - Attorney  
Complaint received  
 Personal  Telephonic Date 12-28-80 Time 9:30am

Address of subject  
*LA (A)  
OO: LA*

Complainant's address and telephone number  
213-278-6060 --- 9601 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills, 90010

Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

The C stated that his client, Frank Sinatra, received a threatening letter over the U. S. mail. The C states that the letter is post marked Dec. 9, 1980 and that the letter was turned over to him by Mr. Sinatra on Dec. 16, 1980. He states the letter consists of two pieces of paper and reads as follows.

FIRST PIECE OF PAPER:

Your fate is sealed. Stay away from Washington, D. C. Tragedy shall befall you. You'll never be Ambassador to Italy. Winter of darkness.

SECOND PIECE OF PAPER:

Sin - Your fate is sealed. Decided you are evil. Witchcraft and evil sprits.

The C states that the letter was received at Mr. Sinatra's Palm Spring address; 70588 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Springs.

The C stated that he feels the letter is a prank, however, Mr. Sinatra is very anxious to report it to the FBI and have something done about it. He states he is also reporting the threat to the police department. He requested he be recontacted by the case agent with results of the investigation as soon as possible.

I advised the C that a supervisor would be made aware of his call immediately.

Action Recommended  
Tony Orona

(Agent)

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*Handwritten notes:*  
O.S.A.  
OO: LA  
JMMB  
B7C



*M*



Field File No. 9A-6947-101

OO and File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received 1-8-81

From Peter Chino  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By 

To Be Returned  Yes  No  
Not Given  Yes  No

Description:

Xerox copies  
of letter &  
envelope

b7C

1-19-81

ls

9-6947-101

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DAVID ROTH  
PETER L. CLINCO

January 6, 1981

Palm Springs Police Dept.  
P. O. Box 1827  
Palm Springs, California 92263

b7c  
Attn: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

We are the legal representatives of Mr. Frank Sinatra.

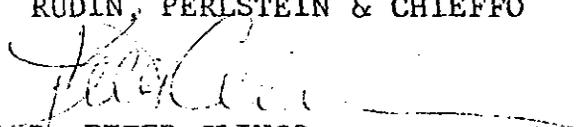
Enclosed please find a copy of a threatening letter and envelope which our client received at his home in Palm Springs, California.

I would appreciate someone from your office contacting me so that I may coordinate with the FBI if any further action is necessary in this matter.

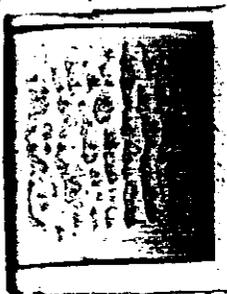
Your prompt attention to this matter will be most appreciated. May I hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

RUDIN, PERLSTEIN & CHIEFFO

  
By PETER CLINCO

PC:dhm  
Enclosure



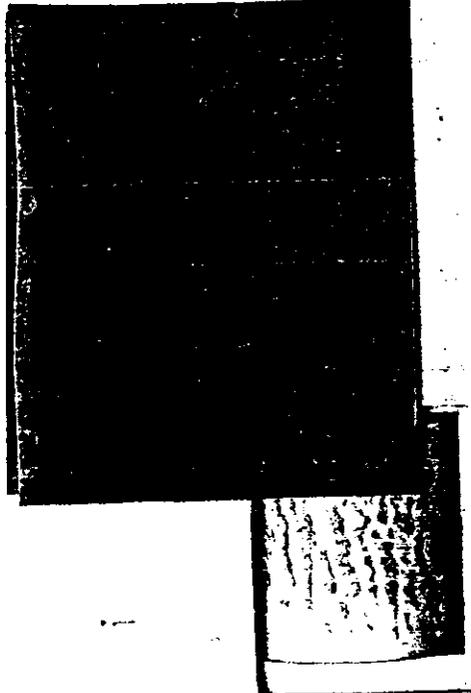
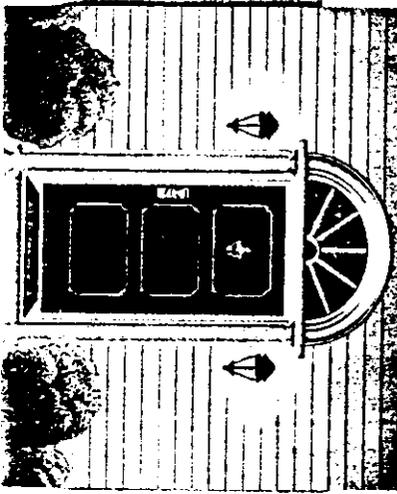
JAMES DEAN, FAIRMOUNT, INDIANA, 1955  
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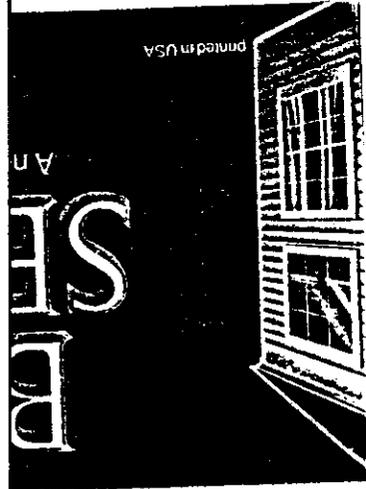
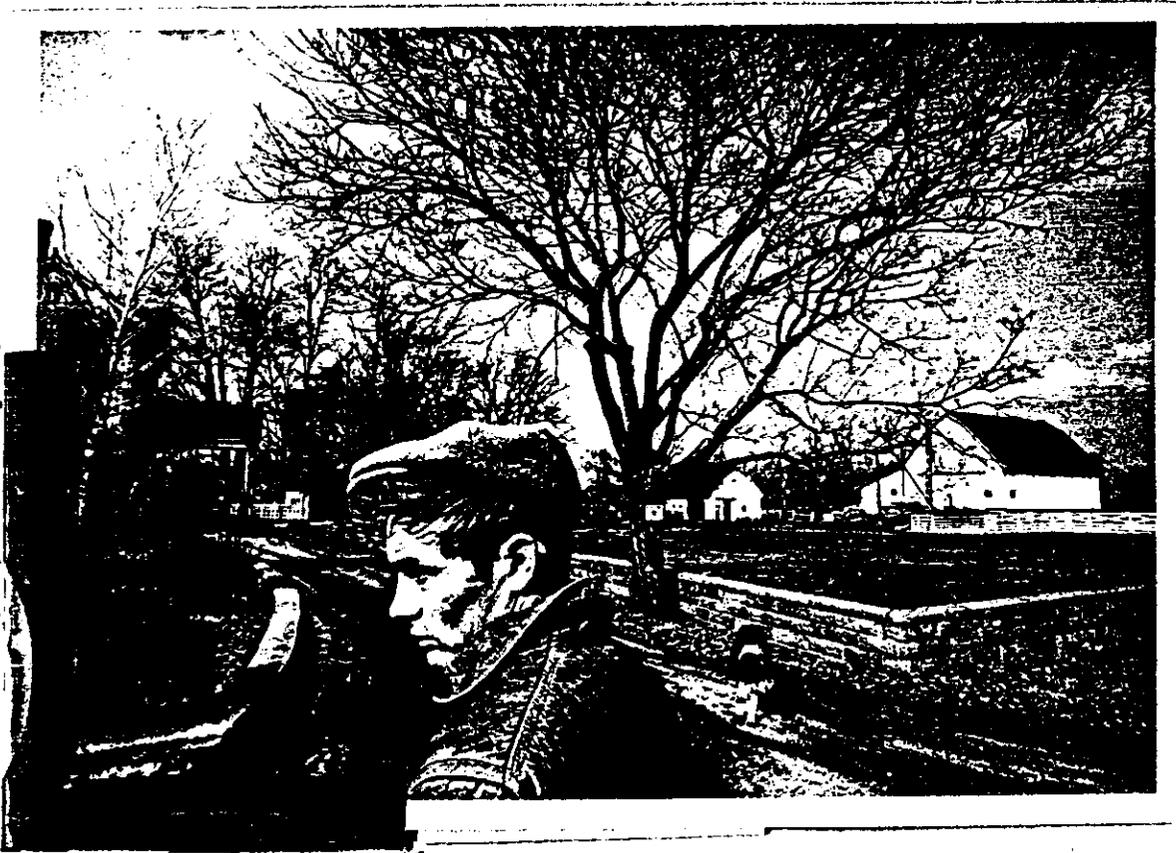
YOUR FATE IS SEALED.

STAY AWAY FROM WASHINGTON D.C.  
TRAGEDY SHALL BEHOLD YOU,

YOU'LL NEVER BE ANBASSADOR TO  
WINTER OF DARKNESS. ITALY,

YOUR FATE  
IS SEALED  
DECIDED.  
YOU ARE EVIL.  
WITCHCRAFT  
ANDEVIL SPIRITS







The Judge  
F.B.I.?



MR. FRANK SINATRA  
70-588 FRANK SINATRA DR.  
out to → TAMARISK COUNTRY CLUB  
70240 FRANK SINATRA DR.  
RANCHO MIRAGE,  
CALIF. 92270.

12/16/68

PERSONAL  
PLEASE DELIVER.

# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9A-6947)(3)(C) Date 1/13/81

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Consolidated  
Initials [Handwritten]  
Date 8/14/84

Subject : UNSUB;  
FRANK SINATRA - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
OO: Los Angeles

On 1/6/81, Peter Clinco, 9601 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone number 278-6060, was contacted at which time he advised that he is employed by the law firm of Rudin, Perlstein, and Chieffo at the same address. Clinco stated that Milton A. Rudin is the personal attorney to Frank Sinatra. Clinco stated that he was instructed by Rudin to contact the FBI in Los Angeles and advise them that Frank Sinatra had received a threatening letter either at his residence, 70-588 Frank Sinatra Drive, Rancho Mirage, California, or at his country club, Tamarisk Country Club, 70240 Frank Sinatra Drive, Rancho Mirage, California. Clinco could provide no further information regarding the receiving of this letter specifically who received it, when it was received, or where it was received. Clinco stated that neither Sinatra nor Rudin would be available for interview in view of the fact that Sinatra is involved in some way with the inauguration ceremonies to be held in Washington, D.C. on January 20, 1981. Clinco advised that he did learn from Rudin that Sinatra had no idea who might have written the letter and could provide no information of lead value. Rudin advised that he had learned the original threatening letter had been submitted to the Palm Springs Police Department and that that agency is also conducting an investigation into this matter.

Clinco provided a xerox copy of the letter as well as a xerox copy of the envelope. It is noted that the letter is postmarked Palm Springs, California and dated December 9, 1980. The envelope also indicates that it was received by Sinatra on 12/16/80.

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In view of the above, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively in that no further investigation appears to be warranted and in view of the fact that the Palm Springs Police Department has original evidence and is also conducting an investigation.

RJM/cch SA [REDACTED] advised  
by SA [REDACTED] b7C  
1/14/81.

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