

SAC, New York City

August 8, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases

The New York office is requested to immediately secure full facts regarding the alleged black market operations of this individual since it appears likely that a considerable portion of the funds invested in the Flamingo Hotel may have come from black market sources.

[REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

*ce*

cc: 2 - Chicago

A. E. OSTHOFF

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AMSD

Los Angeles, California  
August 8, 1946

MEMO, FOR THE FILE

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

At 8:40 a.m. today I spoke with [REDACTED] at the Bureau in the absence of Assistant Director ROSEN. I advised [REDACTED] that we received information here to the effect that the Civilian Production Administration at Washington had by telegram yesterday ordered further construction of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas stopped. I asked [REDACTED] if the Bureau or the Department had discussed this matter with the Civilian Production Administration and asked who was responsible for the stop order. [REDACTED] said that he had no information indicating that the Bureau had taken this matter up with the C.P.A. I told [REDACTED] that we had been authorized by the Bureau only yesterday to conduct a complete investigation into the Flamingo Hotel but that I do not desire to go ahead with such an investigation if the C.P.A. is conducting an investigation of its own. I also told him that our original informant in this matter advised us that his information concerning irregularities in the construction of the Flamingo Hotel had come from [REDACTED] at Los Angeles. I advised him that we had planned to interview [REDACTED] this morning, but were doubtful about going ahead in view of the stop order from C.P.A. I then told [REDACTED] that in view of the fact that this had apparently not been instigated by the Bureau we would proceed with our interview of [REDACTED] said that he would check on this matter further and would advise us either by telephone or teletype. b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO [REDACTED] b7c  
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Los Angeles, California  
August 8, 1946

MEMO, FOR THE FILE

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

I spoke with Special Agent in Charge W. J. MURPHY at San Diego this morning and furnished him briefly the information concerning the [REDACTED]

I pointed out that [REDACTED] is involved in this matter and that the San Diego Field Division was supposed to interview [REDACTED] when he came across the border. I asked if [REDACTED] had been interviewed. Mr. MURPHY said that their information at San Diego is to the effect that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I advised Mr. MURPHY that the Bureau had instructed that the San Diego Field Division secure photographs and fingerprints [REDACTED]

I advised him that I would confirm this request by letter.

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SAC, Salt Lake City

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

As you are aware, ~~ESTHER~~ SIEGEL, wife of the subject, sometime ago established residence at Reno, Nevada for the purpose of securing a divorce from the subject. Within the past few days ESTHER SIEGEL has arrived at Los Angeles. Please have appropriate investigation conducted at Reno to determine if ESTHER SIEGEL has been granted a divorce from BENJAMIN SIEGEL. Secure complete details of the proceedings from the records at Reno.

Very truly yours,

*AO*  
A. E. OSTHOLTF

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES

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SAC CHICAGO

ATTENTION ASST. DIRECTOR E. J. CONNELLY URGENT

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC. INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. VIRGINIA  
HILL HAS CANCELLED CONTEMPLATED TRIP TO CHICAGO.

OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO [REDACTED]  
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Special Agent in Charge

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MEMO, SAC:

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

Special Agent in Charge W. J. MURPHY at San Diego called at 9:30 a.m. today and asked if we had any information here concerning deals between SIEGEL at Los Angeles and [redacted] at Del Mar. In other words, do we have any information to indicate that [redacted] is handling any deals for SIEGEL at Del Mar. I told him that we do not have any particular information on this point, although [redacted] upon his return to Los Angeles, August 9, 1946, was most anxious to get in touch with SIEGEL and we believe that he did see SIEGEL personally. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] He wanted to know if we should make any arrangement with [redacted] to allow [redacted] to remain in the event they ask for advice on the matter. I told Mr. MURPHY to tell [redacted] that as far as we are concerned they can throw [redacted] off the track at any time; that we have no particular interest in what he is doing down there.

At this time I advised Mr. MURPHY that we had intercepted a telephone call from [redacted] b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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Called Murphy 11:35 A.M. 8/12/46 advised him person who

Called [redacted] b7c

ascertain identity, background  
activities of [redacted]

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MEMO, SAC:

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

At 5:30 p.m. on August 9, 1946 I spoke with Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER at the San Francisco Field Division. I advised him generally of the investigation concerning SIEGEL and particularly of the matter concerning the Flamingo Hotel. I advised him that a hearing was to be held before a C.P.A. Commissioner in San Francisco on Tuesday, August 13, 1946. I further advised him that SIEGEL planned to be in San Francisco for the hearing and that we desired coverage, both technical and microphone, on SIEGEL while he is in San Francisco. Mr. FLETCHER asked if there was any other action need be taken and I told him none other was necessary at this time. I advised Mr. FLETCHER that [redacted] stated to SIEGEL that he is attempting to secure Hotel reservations at the Palace Hotel. b7c

At 3:00 p.m. on August 10, 1946, Special Agent [redacted] of the San Francisco Office called me and said that they had found reservations at the Palace Hotel for [redacted] and party of four. b7c

[redacted] I told Agent [redacted] that I did not believe that this was our subject and suggested that further check be made. I then referred him to our teletype of August 10, 1946 containing additional information concerning the C.P.A. hearing at San Francisco. I asked him to check the records of the Palace Hotel under the additional names listed in our teletype.

With reference to San Francisco teletype of August 10, 1946 at 5:29 p.m. asking if [redacted] should be contacted by the San Francisco Office in order that arrangements may be made to cover any possible bribery meet. I spoke with [redacted] at the Bureau in the absence of Mr. ROSEN at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 1946. I asked if the Bureau had advised San Francisco on this matter. He said that the Bureau had not because the Bureau could not tell whether the inquiry was addressed to the Bureau or to me. I told him that my first inclination was to instruct San Francisco not to get in touch [redacted] because of the rather general allegation that the C.P.A. is rife with graft and misconduct. However, after discussing the matter with agents here, we had come to the conclusion that [redacted] is of good character it would be wise to alert him to the possibility that he might be approached b7c

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MEMO, SAC:

August 12, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

with a bribe. I pointed out to [redacted] that it is rather difficult to make a bribery case if the bribe has been passed; whereas, it is comparatively easy to make the case if we can see the pay-off. This matter was also discussed with [redacted] at the Bureau and it was agreed between [redacted] and myself that I would communicate with the San Francisco Office and advise them to make a quick check [redacted] if they found him an apparently reliable individual to put him on notice in a general way without revealing the source of our information as to the possibility of a bribe being offered and instructing him to negotiate with whoever offers the bribe in order that we might cover the pay-off. b7c

During the conversation with [redacted] at the Bureau he said that the Bureau was making every effort to get the authority through for a technical surveillance on the telephone [redacted] at San Francisco. I advised him that neither San Francisco or this office knows where SIEGEL is going to stay in San Francisco and he pointed out that we have blanket authority to cover SIEGEL and indicated that it would be all right for San Francisco to put on a technical and microphone surveillance without any further authority no matter where they finally located SIEGEL. b7c

At 9:15 a.m. on August 12, 1946 I spoke with Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER at San Francisco and advised him personally that it would be all right for San Francisco to put on technical and microphone surveillances of SIEGEL as soon as we locate him at San Francisco without securing any further authority, but that the Bureau should be advised of the installation. Mr. FLETCHER then referred me to Special Agent [redacted] who is handling this matter, and I advised [redacted] that he should get an idea [redacted] general reputation and character and if this appeared favorable he should then be approached in a general way, telling him only that we understand that BEN SIEGEL is interested in the Flamingo Hotel and under the circumstances it is possible that some one might attempt to make a deal on this matter and that if approached by any one he should immediately advise the San Francisco Office so that arrangements can be made for proper coverage. I told [redacted] that care should be taken that our source of information, which is a technical surveillance, is not revealed. Agent [redacted] asked if the situation developed where only a intermediary were involved, [redacted] should be instructed not to deal with the intermediary but insist that he deal with SIEGEL. In other words [redacted] wanted to know if we were interested only in getting SIEGEL or if it would be all right to arrange the set-up in order to apprehend an intermediary. I told [redacted] to go ahead and apprehend an intermediary; after he is in custody he will probably break down and the chain will work back to SIEGEL since we can obtain legal evidence of the fact that SIEGEL placed b7c

MEMO, SAC:

August 12, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

a long distance telephone call [redacted] on Friday, August 9, 1946. I told [redacted] that we are interested principally in getting SIEGEL and if the situation developed in such a manner that [redacted] could easily arrange for a meeting with SIEGEL, this should be done, but that this point should not be strained with any intermediary, which might tip off our rather complete knowledge of SIEGEL's activities. b7c

Agent [redacted] then referred to the San Francisco Teletype of August 11, 1946, particularly with that portion dealing with an individual named [redacted]. He said that there is an individual named [redacted] b7c

[redacted] He said that this might be the individual [redacted] although San Francisco is not certain of that at this point.

At 11:20 a.m. on August 12, 1946 I advised Assistant S.A.C. VAN PELT of the San Francisco Office that we had secured information to the effect that SIEGEL will stay at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

*Also furnished info. Siegel will leave here on 12:01 PM plane 8/12/46 - gave description of Siegel.*

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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*At 1:45 P.M. 8/12/46 I advised Agent [redacted] that Siegel departed S. F. 12:01 P.M. via Western Air Lines. Wearing no hat, brown tweed suit, white sport shirt, dark glasses with tortoise shell rim, carrying a newspaper. Traveling alone.* b7c

Los Angeles 13, California  
August 12, 1946

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MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
CRIME SURVEY

On August 9, 1946, at 3:55 P.M., BEN SIEGEL placed a call to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at which time SIEGEL informed  
[REDACTED] of the numerous difficulties he has had with reference to the building  
of the hotel at Las Vegas with the C.P.A. SIEGEL told [REDACTED]

S: Now there is a fellow by the name [REDACTED] who is going to be the  
Commissioner on Tuesday up there. Do you know him?

[REDACTED]  
S: Well, I will tell you where to find him [REDACTED] Do you have that  
number, 1355 Market Street?

[REDACTED]  
S: He is in the Compliance Office of the C.P.A. at 1355 Market Street.

[REDACTED]  
S: Yeah, the Compliance Office of the C.P.A.

[REDACTED]  
S: And the other guy that is in charge of it is a fellow by the name of  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
S: Yeah, he is in charge of the compliance office and he had this Commissioner  
[REDACTED] appointed, I think.

[REDACTED]  
S: We are going up in front of him on Tuesday morning.

[REDACTED]  
S: Yeah, will you go to work and find out what it is about.

[REDACTED]  
S: I don't hear you.

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[REDACTED]

S: We have the official O.K. from April 13th or 15th. I don't know what but we were building in December before this became a law even.

[REDACTED]

S: And, then we were nice enough to go when they asked us to come to Reno, and we came to Reno. They gave it to us in writing. We have it in writing, and now they send us something. Some s-- of a b--- put their finger into something.

[REDACTED]

S: They must have, what the h--- else would they started for?

[REDACTED]

S: All right, listen, now you got the Commissioner's name [REDACTED] He is in the Compliance Office of the C.P.A. at 1355 Market Street. The man in charge of that office is a fellow by the name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S: He is the guy in charge and he has the Commissioner appointed.

[REDACTED]

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S: Yes.

[REDACTED]

S: Now find out maybe [REDACTED] or somebody else how we can get to him.

[REDACTED]

S: Eh?

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: Do you want me to call you tomorrow?

[REDACTED]

S: You put a call in for me and if you don't get me I will call you back -- at CRestview 6 -- 6-8338.

[REDACTED]

S: Put it person to person and then I will call you back.  
How's business?

[REDACTED]

S: That's good, boy. Did whatsoername do a good job for you. That [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S: What did he give him?

[REDACTED]

S: Eight, eh, I give him 10 on the other place, I think.

[REDACTED]

S: You got a good buy on him.

[REDACTED]

S: Well, that's good. All right, I will hear from you tomorrow.

[REDACTED]

S: Go right to work on it, boy.

[REDACTED]

S: O.K.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 8/12/46

DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WA, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] FORWARD AMSD CRIMINAL RECORD

AND PHOTO IF AVAILABLE.

[REDACTED] OSTHOLTHOFF  
[REDACTED] b7c  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

SAC, LOS ANGELES

RE: CAPGA  
Chicago File #62-3679  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Los Angeles teletype of August 6, 1946 and the telephone communication to Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY from Special Agent A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF of August 5, 1946, this is to advise you that the following information concerning [REDACTED] is as follows:

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[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Assistant Director

62-3679  
CC: Bureau  
66-3114

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*File in Siegfried  
AD.*

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Director, FBI

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SAC, San Diego

BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS  
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There are being forwarded to the Bureau herewith, photographs  
and fingerprint impressions. [REDACTED] b7c

It is requested that these prints be searched through the  
Bureau's files, and copies of the Identification Records, if any,  
be made available to the San Diego and the Los Angeles Field  
Divisions.

It is further requested that copies of the photographs of  
the above named individuals be made by the Bureau, and copies  
thereof forwarded to the Los Angeles and San Diego Field  
Divisions.

It is suggested that photostatic copies of the fingerprint  
impressions of the above named individuals be retained at the  
Bureau. The enclosures to this communication should be re-  
turned to this office. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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CC: Los Angeles Field Division

CC: 92-57

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

DATE: August 9, 1946.

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
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On August 8, 1946, through the courtesy of [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] Clark County, Nevada, the writer examined a  
certified copy of the articles of incorporation on the Nevada Project  
Corporation, owners of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas-Los Angeles  
Highway.

The original articles of incorporation were filed with MALCOLM  
McEACHIM, Secretary of State, State of Nevada, Carson City, Nevada,  
July 26, 1946, by LOUIS WEINER, JR., of the law firm of JONES, WEINER,  
and JONES, 208 Beckley Bldg., Las Vegas, Nevada. WEINER is Resident  
Agent and Las Vegas attorney for the Incorporators of the Nevada  
Project Corporation, owners of the Flamingo Hotel.

Pertinent provisions of the articles of incorporation are  
summarized as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be the NEVADA PROJECT  
CORPORATION.

ARTICLE II.

The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 208  
Beckley Building, Las Vegas. The corporation shall also have one or  
more offices located outside the state of Nevada where the books and  
records may be kept.

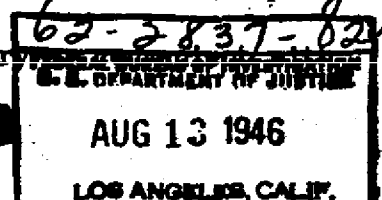
ARTICLE III.

The purposes of the corporation shall be to:

A. To do all things set forth in the articles of incorporation  
to the same extent as natural persons could do.

B. Purchase and/or construct hotels and to operate said hotels,  
together with casinos, liquor concessions, and other allied businesses  
connected with the operation of hotels.

C. Engage in the concessions deemed necessary  
the running of a hotel, dining room, and casino.



D. Purchase, acquire, own, hold, lease, sell, exchange, mortgage, improve, develop, construct, maintain, equip, operate, and generally deal in any and all lands, dwelling houses, hotels, apartment houses, boarding houses, business blocks, office buildings, and other buildings of any kind, and the products and avails thereof, and any and all other property of any and every description, real, personal, or mixed, wheresoever situated, including water and water rights.

E. Acquire by purchase or toherwise the good will, business, property rights, franchises, and assets of every kind, with and without undertaking in whole or in part the liabilities of any person, firm, association, or corporation, and to acquire any business as a going concern; to hold, maintain, and operate, or in any manner to dispose of the whole or any part of the good will, business rights and property so acquired; and to exercise all the powers necessary or convenient in or about management of such business.

F. Buy, contract for, lease, and in other ways acquire, sell, hold, mortgage, and pledge patents, licenses, grants and concessions.

G. Form, promote, subscribe to and assist financially companies, partnerships and syndicates, and to give any guaranty in connection therewith.

H. Make contracts for lawful purposes without limit as to amount.

I. Borrow money, issue bonds, notes, et cetra.

J. Lend money, and deal in shares, bonds and notes.

K. Do everything suitable, proper and necessary for the accomplishment of any purpose and object enumerated.

1. Each of the above purposes are to be construed independently.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The corporation is authorized to issue two classes of stock:

1. One thousand shares of common stock of the par value of \$250.00 per share.

2. Two hundred and fifty shares of preferred stock of the par value of \$1,000.00 per share, earning an annual dividend of 3%, cumulative.

The total value of all shares shall be \$500,000.00

A. The common stock shall participate in the earnings of the corporation.

The preferred stock is not entitled to participate in the earnings of the corporation except as to the dividends stated.

No dividends shall be paid on common stock until all preferred stock issued shall have been retired by the corporation.

B. Voting rights shall be vested in the common stock only.

C. The preferred stock may be retired at the option of the Board of Directors at any time, provided, it must be retired within two years after its issuance upon payment of its par value.

D. Voting rights shall accrue to holders of preferred stock on the following conditions:

1. If the preferred stock is not retired within two years, it shall be entitled to vote until it is retired.

2. In the event of default of the corporation on any loan or obligation of the corporation, holders of the preferred stock, for the benefit of the corporation, may make advances of money to cure the defaults and voting rights shall then accrue and continue until such advances are repaid with interest at the rate of 7%.

#### ARTICLE V.

Directors of the corporation shall be:

copy ( WILLIAM R. WILKERSON  
MOE SEDWAY  
BEN SIEGEL  
G. HARRY ROTHBERG  
N. JOSEPH ROSS

10425 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.  
Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.  
Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.  
Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.  
3047 Motor Ave., Los Angeles 34, Cal.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The stockholders may agree to restrict and limit the sale or transfer of stock in the corporation. The shares of stock shall so reflect.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Whenever the amount of the subscription price or the par value of the stock has been paid in, the stock shall not be subject to assessment to pay debts of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The incorporators of the corporation shall be:

(Same as the Directors set forth under Article V.)

ARTICLE IX.

The existence of the corporation shall be perpetual in duration.

ARTICLE X.

1. The Directors are empowered to make by laws, fix working capital, and authorize mortgages and liens.

2. The Directors shall determine when, where and how the books of the corporation shall be open to inspection of the stockholders.

3. There shall be no sale of the property of the corporation without the approval of two-thirds of the shareholders.

4. The Directors shall have the right to hold meetings and keep the books of the corporation outside the state of Nevada.

ARTICLE XI.

The shareholders are entitled to purchase or subscribe for the number of shares of the corporation which may be authorized and issued for money which bears the same ratio to the number of shares then proposed to be issued as the number of shares then held by him shall bear to the number of shares subscribed immediately prior to such additional issue.

ARTICLE XII.

A majority of the shareholders may change the number of Directors of the corporation by amendment or by laws.

The articles of incorporation were signed on the last page (Page 8) on July 23, 1946, by BEN SIEGEL, MOE SEDWAY, WILLIAM R. WILKERSON, G. HARRY ROTHBERG, and N. JOSEPH ROSS.

WILKERSON'S signature was notarized by N. JOSEPH ROSS, a Notary Public of Los Angeles, California, on July 23, 1946.

SIEGEL'S, ROTHBERG'S, ROSS' and SEDWAY'S signatures were notarized on July 23, 1946, by ANNA TAYLOR, a Notary Public of Los Angeles.

The original articles of incorporation were filed for record with MALCOLM McEACHIN, Secretary of State, State of Nevada on July 26, 1946.

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Special Agent.

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONE OF SUBJECT'S LIEUTENANTS HERE, MADE RESERVATION AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LA, FOR [REDACTED] TO ARRIVE HERE AUG. TWENTYEIGHT NEXT. APPARENTLY [REDACTED] A FRIEND OF SUBJECT OR HIS WIFE. FURNISH IMMEDIATELY IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND [REDACTED] b7c

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AEO [REDACTED] b7c

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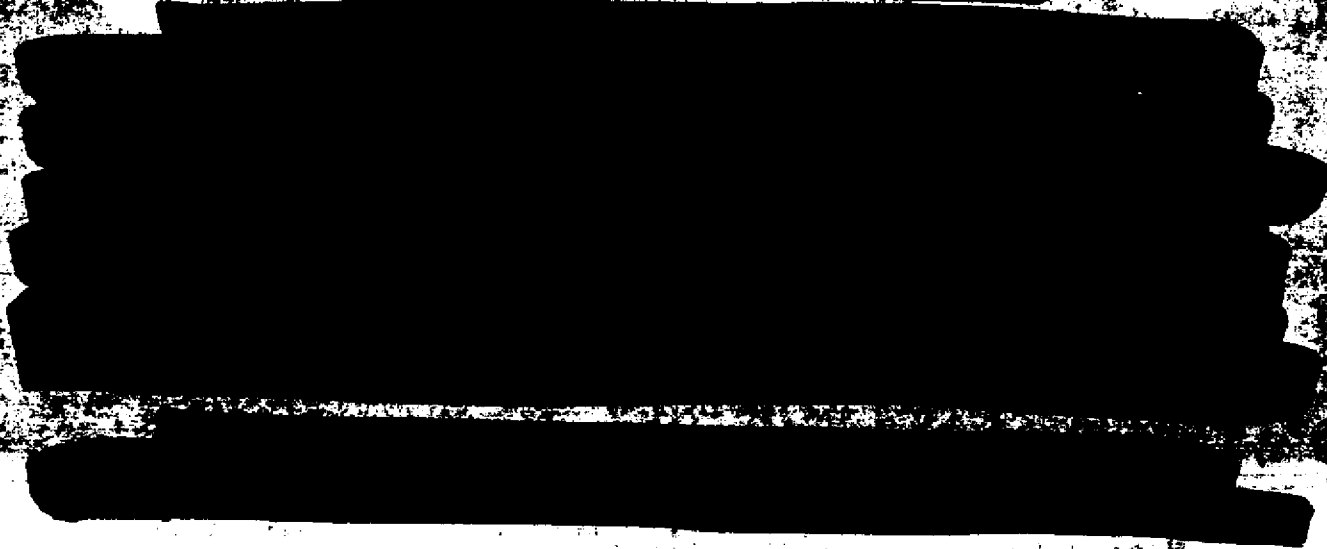
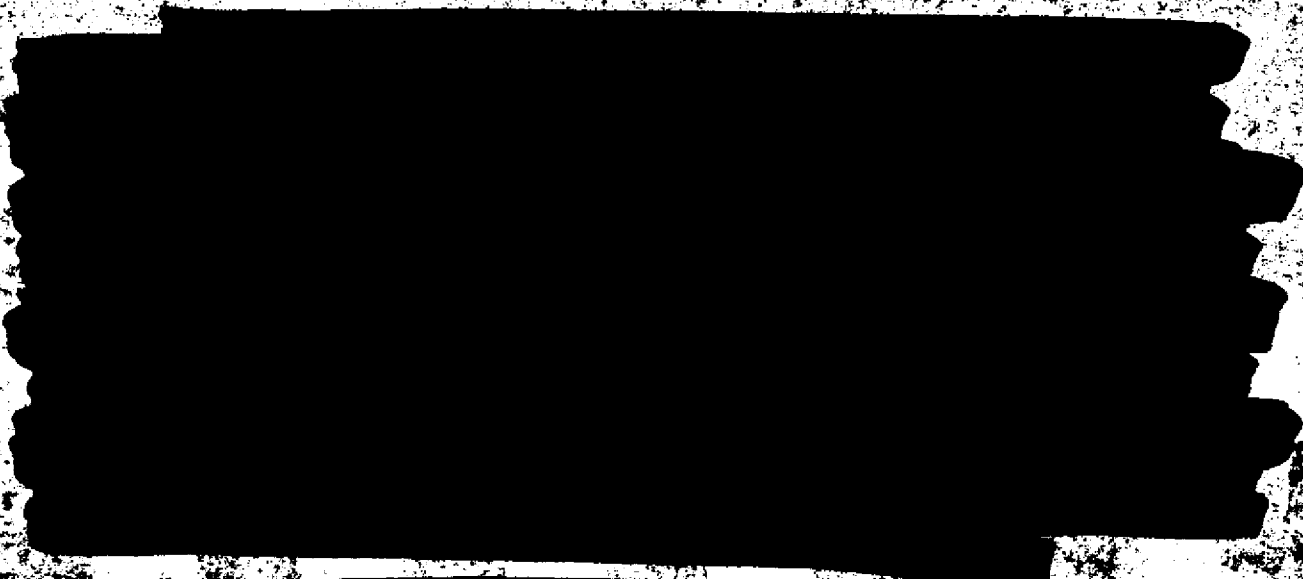
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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WA  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
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The following information is being brought to your attention  
as a matter of interest relative to the inquiries being made at the Del  
Mar Race Track.



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August 15, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SINGEL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Los Angeles 13, California  
August 13, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED]  
On August 13, 1946, [REDACTED]  
furnished this office with the following information. He advised that  
[REDACTED] an associate of BENJAMIN SIEGEL, GEORGE RAFT, et.al., and  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

He advised that his informant had also stated that the above two  
subjects had taken a victim on a train to or from the East of \$20,000.  
In this connection [REDACTED] stated that his informant would get additional  
facts and he, [REDACTED] would report the same to this office.

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

[REDACTED]  
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Re: CAPGA

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 12, 1946 requesting  
the identity and background of one [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at the Del Mar Hotel and also at the Del Mar Race Track.

The Los Angeles Field Division files reflect that this individual  
is believed to be one [REDACTED]  
notorious gambler and bookmaker.  
[REDACTED]

Your attention is directed to the General Crime Survey, Los  
Angeles Field Division, dated April 15, 1945, which includes a photograph  
of this individual and also his criminal record. However, for your benefit,  
the following physical description is set out:  
[REDACTED]

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Los Angeles, California  
August 19, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

Re: CAPGA

*Ben Siegel*

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*b7c* Special Agent [redacted] telephoned from Las Vegas at 4:30 p.m.  
today that he had just had a report.

[redacted]

*b7D*

[redacted]

*b7D*

[redacted]

*b7D*

*Mr. Tolson advised  
Ben Siegel  
JCE:MDL*

*b7c*

JAMES C. ELLSWORTH  
ASAC

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MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISC.; INFO CONC-CRIME SURVEY

At 12:10 P.M. on this date I talked to Special Agent [redacted] at Las Vegas in the absence of Special Agent [redacted] furnished the following information which has been obtained [redacted] with reference to the departure of [redacted] and SIEGEL. b7c

[redacted] stated that [redacted] undoubtedly [redacted] had gotten reservations on the TWA for Chicago. [redacted] left Las Vegas at 8:30 P.M. August 17, 1946 via TWA on Flight 4, Plane 339 on a ticket purchased to Chicago. There was to be a plane change at Kansas City; however, there was no reservation confirmed for him from Kansas City to Chicago. [redacted] b7c

TWA at Las Vegas is endeavoring to check through their office at Kansas City to determine how [redacted] proceeded from Kansas City. It was pointed out that he could go by Mid-Continent Airlines to Minneapolis or he could leave Kansas City by the Braniff Airlines. Further he could go to Chicago and take the TWA to Minneapolis. [redacted] is displaying photographs [redacted] at Las Vegas in order to identify him as being the individual who took the plane from Las Vegas under the name [redacted] He will furnish photographs [redacted] to this office by mail today and he will request that TWA at Los Angeles be contacted to locate [redacted] so that the pictures may be displayed to them. b7c

[redacted] described as follows:

[redacted] b7c

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With reference to BEN SIEGEL, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had ascertained that on August 17, 1946 SIEGEL had requested the Western Airlines, Las Vegas for reservations on the 21st to Chicago. Western Airlines confirmed the reservations and he is to leave at 9:20 A.M. on the 21st; however, he was informed that United Airlines was unable to confirm his reservation from Denver to Chicago. The first available space from Denver to Chicago was said to be on September 9, 1946, but it was pointed out that he could get lastminute cancellations from Denver to Chicago. b7c

[REDACTED] is making further inquiries with reference to SIEGEL's departure and he was informed to be sure to check SIEGEL out on the trip to Chicago. b7c

In accordance with Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF's instructions, [REDACTED] again called Las Vegas at 1:15 P.M. and spoke to Mr. [REDACTED] at which time he was given Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF's instructions to be sure to check SIEGEL out on the plane tomorrow and to obtain the flight number of the plane. Further he was instructed to contact Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF the first thing in the morning and advise of SIEGEL's departure. [REDACTED] stated that SIEGEL had called the Western Airlines for the tickets to Chicago and had used his own name and it was believed that tickets would be in the name of BEN SIEGEL. b7c

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

[REDACTED]  
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Los Angeles, California  
August 20, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISC.; INFO. CONC. - CRIME SURVEY

In accordance with Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF's instructions, I called the Denver Field Division and spoke to [REDACTED] in the absence of Special Agent in Charge KRAMER. bx

At this time [REDACTED] was advised as to BEN SIEGEL's plan to depart from Las Vegas on the 21st and requested that he make appropriate arrangements to check SIEGEL in at Denver and to determine the manner in which he would depart from Denver for Chicago or any other destination. It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that this investigation was to be conducted in the most discreet manner and that every effort should be made to keep their inquiries on a most confidential basis. [REDACTED] stated that he would arrange to have stops placed with the airlines at Denver and would arrange for checking SIEGEL in and out of Denver. bx

I informed [REDACTED] that we had made arrangements for Las Vegas to advise this office on the departure of SIEGEL and that when this information was secured on the morning of the 21st he would be advised of same along with information as to the flight number of the plane on which SIEGEL takes. [REDACTED] was also furnished a description of this subject. *He is to advise LA - of Siegel's arrival & departure immediately, rather than Chicago. —* bx

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 20, 1946

*at San Francisco*

At 2:15 p.m. on August 19, 1946, I spoke with Assistant Director ROSEN at the Bureau and advised him that Special Agent [REDACTED] and myself had gone to the CPA office in San Francisco where we interviewed [REDACTED]

I explained that [REDACTED] was most cooperative and had instructed his man at Reno to make available all information to the FBI. I told him that [REDACTED] had refused to furnish their files to us and would not fully discuss the matter. I also advised him that later [REDACTED] refused to furnish us the name of the reporter who was preparing the transcript of the hearing before Commissioner [REDACTED]. I went into some detail concerning our conference with [REDACTED] and explained that he was not able to tell us what action the CPA planned in this matter, and I told Mr. ROSEN that it was my opinion that [REDACTED] decided that further investigation of this matter should be had at the time he walked into [REDACTED] office and found out that the FBI was interested in the matter. I told Mr. ROSEN that [REDACTED] wanted us to come back tomorrow to further confer with him after he had a chance to go over the matter with the Legal Department of the CPA. I asked Mr. ROSEN if the Bureau desired to get in touch with [REDACTED] the CPA in Washington, and have [REDACTED] instruct [REDACTED] to furnish the desired information to us. b7c

Mr. ROSEN said that he did not feel it was a matter to be handled on a Washington level at this point but that we should see [REDACTED] on August 20 and formally request the information, that we should present the matter to him strongly indicating that we had to have this information, and that if he refused, to let him, Mr. ROSEN, know and that the matter would be handled in Washington. b7c

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AEO [REDACTED] b7c

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 20, 1946

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On August 19, 1946, at 10 a.m. Special Agent [redacted] and the writer interviewed [redacted] of the Civilian Production Administration, 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, California. We advised [redacted] that we were interested in going over the files of the CPA in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada. We advised [redacted] that we had information to the effect that there was possibly fraud against the Government involved and that there was possibly perjury involved on the part of the individuals constructing the Flamingo Hotel. We also advised him briefly of the background of the individuals concerned with the construction of the hotel. b7c

[redacted] explained that he was not intimately acquainted with the case of the Flamingo Hotel and that he had attended about 15 minutes of the hearing before Commissioner [redacted] on August 13, 1946. He said he had only a general idea that the controversy revolved around whether there was being constructed one building or several buildings, but he was not in a position to go into the technical aspects of the matter. He said that the entire file on this is in the possession of [redacted] for the region comprised of all California, Nevada, and Arizona and who was responsible directly to [redacted] for the CPA at Washington, D. C. In other words, [redacted] said that [redacted] does not report to [redacted] even though [redacted] for the CPA. [redacted] explained that [redacted] for Region No. 9 which cover the following territory: Northern California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. [redacted] evidenced a great willingness to cooperate with us, and during the course of our conference with him he communicated with [redacted] who was in charge of the Reno office and works under [redacted] and instructed him to make available to the FBI his complete file concerning the Flamingo Hotel and to furnish whatever information an agent might ask. b7c

[redacted] called to his office [redacted] and at that time we explained to him our interest in the construction of the Flamingo Hotel. He said that he understood that the FBI had some interest in this matter. When he was asked to produce the file in order that we might review it, he said that he could not produce the file because the case was still pending, that there would probably be another hearing on this matter before the commissioner on September 5, 1946, and, therefore, he did not think that the FBI should look at the file. We asked him what further action the CPA planned to take, and he stated that he did not know. He said that he is going to have a conference with the legal staff of the CPA on August 19, 1946, and requested that we come back on August 20, 1946, when he would be in a better position to [redacted] b7c

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matter. We told him that we were interested only in the facts in controversy, and he stated that he did not know completely what those facts were, that it would be necessary to review the transcript of the hearing before Commissioner [redacted] that the case apparently would turn on rather technical points, and that it would probably be necessary for his organization to secure technical help in working out their investigation. He said that at this point he was not certain that further investigation would be made or that the CPA would do any more about this case, but that he would be able to advise us concerning this on August 20. b7c

Upon our return to the San Francisco Office, Special Agent [redacted] telephonically communicated with [redacted] and asked him for the name of the firm which was preparing the transcript of the hearing before Commissioner [redacted]. At this time [redacted] advised that he did not think he should furnish us with the name of the reporter and did not think that he should furnish us with the transcript inasmuch as their investigation was still pending. He was asked whether or not he had gone into the matter with [redacted] for the CPA who had handled the hearing, and he stated that he had briefly done so but that they had not completed the discussion and would not do so in time for us to meet with him at 4 p.m. August 19, it having been explained to him that Agent OSTHOLTHOFF desired to catch a 5 o'clock plane rather than wait over until the following day. b7c

On August 20, 1946, at 9 a.m. Special Agent [redacted] and the writer had another conference with [redacted] at which there was also present [redacted] for the CPA who handled the hearing on behalf of the CPA before Commissioner [redacted]. This conference was held in the office of [redacted] and before the arrival of [redacted] [redacted] apologized for the fact that he had no control over anything that [redacted] does, thus indicating that he desired that we be furnished all possible information concerning this matter. b7c

At this time we again asked [redacted] to go over the file on the entire Flamingo Hotel matter, and [redacted] stated that he would not do this because of the fact that the investigation on the part of the CPA was still pending; that if we felt his attitude was unreasonable we would have to have his superiors in Washington order him to turn over the file to us. We also formally asked him for the name of the court reporter who was preparing the transcript of the hearing before Commissioner [redacted] and this was refused us. [redacted] said that he did not want to furnish this transcript to us because there were several things said at the hearing which were off the record and he wanted to go over those for the commissioner before making any transcript available to us. b7c

I told [redacted] that we could not understand their attitude, that we were not "outsiders" nor were we aligned with the respondents in this b7c

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matter but were representatives of another Government agency which had jurisdiction to investigate fraud against the Government. I asked [redacted] if the builders of the Flamingo Hotel would be entitled to a copy of the transcript of this hearing, and [redacted] answered the question by stating, "Yes, they would if they pay the fee." b7c

[redacted] said that he did not want to appear unreasonable but suggested that we wait until the completion of the hearing on September 5, after which time he would be willing to turn over all of the information. [redacted] then pointed out that it was August 20 and the hearing was to be held September 5 and that we would be held up only two weeks. We pointed out that time is of the essence in a matter of this kind, that the individuals involved in this matter work fast, and that a great deal of evidence could disappear in two weeks. [redacted] then stated that we had gone over the case yesterday, and I advised him that if he had furnished us the facts in this matter yesterday I apparently had missed hearing them and asked that he repeat the facts in controversy on the whole investigation. He then stated that the matter revolved around whether the first permission which was granted by [redacted] was valid and whether the builders of the Flamingo Hotel were constructing one building or more than one building. I pointed out that we were dealing in generalities and that we wanted the facts in the matter. I pointed out that they had presented a case before a commissioner and had received an adverse ruling. I asked him why an adverse ruling had been received, and he stated that "You would have to read the commissioner's mind to get the answer to that." I told him that I did not believe that was the case, that in any court proceeding by analyzing the facts presented by the Government and those presented by the defense you can obtain the reasons for a decision. b7c

[redacted] then reverted back to the theory that the matter was highly technical. I then asked him why the stop order was sent to the builders of the Flamingo Hotel, and he said that was based on investigation conducted by the Compliance Division of the CPA which had been furnished to the Washington headquarters of the CPA, who had issued the stop order. I asked him in view of the fact that this investigation had been conducted if they were not in a position at that time to present a case before the commissioner which would uphold the contention of the Government, and he stated that they were supposed to be in a position to do that but sometimes they were caught short on a stop order and they do not have enough evidence to present. He said that he felt that if the FBI conducted an investigation of this matter at this time it would harm the investigation of the CPA. I asked him how it would harm the CPA investigation, and he said he did not know. I then advised him that I did not believe that our investigation would interfere with the CPA case. [redacted] remarked about swarms of agents out investigating this matter who had been duplicating the CPA investigation and said that the builders of the Flamingo b7c

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Hotel would come up to the hearing with high-price lawyers and technical experts. I asked him if the builders of the Flamingo Hotel were not already on notice that his organization was conducting an investigation, and he admitted that they had already appeared at the first hearing with high-price lawyers and technical assistants.

[redacted] then proposed that we hold off our investigation until after the CPA hearing September 5. He said that if both the CPA and the FBI investigate this matter we might both fail, but that if CPA alone investigates it the chance of CPA failing is less. However, he stated that if the CPA fails to make its case then they will turn the matter over to us. I told him that he himself stated that we would be going over the same investigation, and I pointed out that if that is true that if the CPA fails then the FBI fails. He admitted that this was true. b7c

The only thing that [redacted] would reveal as to the future investigation of the CPA was that they planned to take photographs of the work as it now stands on the Flamingo Hotel and to try to get technical assistance. He said that they might not be able to get this technical assistance and then he did not know what the results of their case might be. He said that they thought they might try to get additional plans used by the construction company. b7c

I then asked [redacted] if he thought that the CPA could make a case that would "stick." He replied that he did think so, otherwise, they would not proceed with further investigation. Naturally he qualified this by stating that it depends on what evidence is secured, that if the same evidence is secured that he feels can be secured the stop order of the CPA can be made final. b7c

We asked [redacted] what recourse the builders have in the event the stop order is made final, and they stated that they can appeal to the Chief Compliance Officer of the CPA after which they can have recourse to the Federal courts for a restraining order. b7c

[redacted] then asked if there was anything else that I wanted, and I told him that we had not received anything that we came for, that what we wanted was the full facts on this entire matter. I told him that apparently he had no intention of furnishing that to us and his attitude was that he would have to secure the authority for him to furnish this information to us from his superiors in Washington. He stated that this was correct. b7c

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AEO [redacted] b7c

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**SAC, San Diego**

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

Re [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are photographs of [REDACTED] was, FUGITIVE - U.F.A.P. (Murder). These photographs should be afforded to Special Agent [REDACTED] or any agents who are covering the Del Mar Track at the present time in an effort to possibly identify any of the above as attending this Track.

Information was developed that

Los Angeles Area by BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL and that SIEGEL was experiencing great difficulty in keeping [redacted] in the Los Angeles Area.

The following physical description is available concerning

Very truly yours,

**A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF**

CC: L.A. 62-2821

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Los Angeles, California  
August 21, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

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

On August 11, 1946, at approximately 4:30 P.M., [REDACTED]

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The above information was immediately brought to the attention of  
Special Agent A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF.

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

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# ★ Matt Weinstock

## Mistaken identity

Rookie Policemen S. O. Eastenson and K. Schmidt, in plain clothes, were detailed a few nights ago to investigate an ugly rumor that gambling was going on in a downtown hotel. As they stood in the corridor, listening for the clink of chips or something, a furtive fellow approached and began talking.

Were they newcomers here? Yes, from Arkansas. Were they interested in making money? Sure, who wasn't?

Having thus established them as right guys, the fellow said he was a "pattyfooter," which he defined as one who sneaks into hotel rooms and robs "plushes," or drunks who go to sleep with their clothes on.

The rookies expressed great interest but pointed out the risk of going to jail. "Naw, cops are stupid," said the pattyfooter, "besides I can spot them a mile away."

Just then Officer C. F. Stoker passed by to see how his proteges were doing. He looked at them and went on. "That's a cop," said the pattyfooter.

"How can you tell?" asked Schmidt. "His feet," was the reply, "all cops have flat feet—that's the way they get their name."

He then demonstrated his art, sneaking into a room and emerging a moment later with a wallet containing more than \$50.

"Well boys," he said triumphantly, "if you'd like to go into business with me I'll take you in."

"No thanks," said Schmidt. "Instead I think we'll take you in—which they did."

## Really reaching

A statistically minded man we know informs us that if you had bet \$2—don't ask us why—on every horse with a name ending in "k" (Speedmark, Widow's Peak, Paula's Luck) at Hollywood Park you would have laid out \$238 and won \$406, a profit of \$168. One horse, he admits, paid \$204, bringing up the average. If he gets to "l" we'll ask him what he found there.

## Voice of the mob

A Santa Monica postcarder puts it this way: "I am in complete accord with the general Republican sentiment re changing Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam. By all means let us call it Hoover Dam and let us put Hoover into it."

## Ode to science

Hard-working scientists, we note,  
Have found an A-bomb antidote.

Some day ere long we'll hear them gloat:

"We've neutralized the antidote!"

And then perhaps they may contrive

Some way to help the world survive.

—FRED MYERS.

## Citizen and taxpayer

In its campaign to make the public rodent and pest conscious, the Health Department placed an exhibit in the lobby of the City Hall. A placard has the slogan, "Make Yours a Pest Free City."

Underneath someone wrote, "They can't deport me—it's unconstitutional."

## Correction

Ice cream, though known in Europe before it appeared in the U. S., is generally credited to Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison, who served it in the White House. Now Savarin St. Sure, the epicure, finds evidence that in 1808, a year before Madison took office, this advertisement appeared in the Louisiana Courier, New Orleans:

"Notice. Ice cream may be had at the Coffee House every day between the hours of 12 and 9 o'clock p. m."

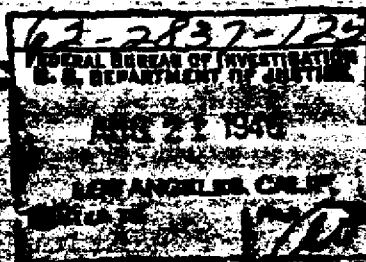
## Around town

The druggist at Melrose and Kilkea became weary of insults to his coffee. So he posted a sign, "Coffee 5 cents. With criticism 15 cents." Stopped the beefs . . . Many months ago the sides of the Second Street Tunnel were cleaned to a height of about 10 feet, disclosing gleaming white tile under the smudge. Now the gleaming white is smudging up, giving motorists and pedestrians some idea of what they breathe when they venture through . . . Our Nevada operative says the eastern mob that moved into Reno several months ago is now solidly entrenched. So much so the local boys, very irritated, are saying the town isn't big enough for both . . . Saw a preview of "The Killers," a gripper, which uses as a springboard Ernest Hemingway's great short story of the same name. That reminds us, having stated Hemingway is great we must be prepared to defend ourselves against certain literary friends who are Hemingway haters. The argument has been going on for years.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE S.A.C

BEN SIEGEL was  
Info Concerning-

At 5:40 PM on this date S.A. [redacted] <sup>Residence add.</sup> called from [redacted] Los Vegas to advise the following: An employee of TWA at Los Vegas was interviewed today re the identity of [redacted] who left on the plane on the 17th. He furnished a description which tallied with that of [redacted]. He was then shown a photo of [redacted] and he identified [redacted] picture immediately and stated that he could positively identify the [redacted] as [redacted] had the man initial the photo of [redacted] for future reference. b7c

[redacted] also furnished additional information relative to Siegel's trip. On August 17th Siegel made reservations for both Siegel and [redacted] with the Western Airlines for a trip to Chicago. However they were only able to reservations confirmed as far as Denver as United Airlines but of Denver could not give any reservations to them. They were scheduled to leave on August 21, at 9:20 AM and would arrive in Denver at 1:58 PM. The tickets were on flight 400 from Los Vegas. [redacted] stated that since I had contacted [redacted] this morning he learned that Siegel had cancelled his trip to Chicago and was to leave Los Vegas for Los Angeles by car on the afternoon of the 21st. The reservations for [redacted] have not been cancelled and [redacted] will check him out on the plane in the morning although he did not feel that [redacted] trip to Chicago had anything to do with the matter being presently checked. [redacted] will advise you tomorrow as to [redacted] and Ben's departures. b7c

[redacted] stated that further inquiries regarding [redacted] revealed that [redacted] had not really purchased a ticket to Chicago but that while discussing the matter with the ticket agent he stated that he would rather go to Minneapolis but that he would accept space to Chicago or Detroit. He actually only reserved reservations to Kansas City. It was ascertained through the TWA office that the Kansas Office of TWA did obtain space for [redacted] from Kansas to Chicago but that this confirmation did not arrive until after [redacted] plane had left Los Vegas. At present they do not know how he left from K C but the TWA is checking for this info for [redacted]. b7c

[redacted] stated that he would like for Max Ostholhoff to call him this evening when he was available to do so. b7c

Submitted by [redacted] b7c

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MEMO, FOR THE FILE:

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

At 7:00 p.m. on August 14, 1946 Special Agent [redacted] of San Francisco advised that SIEGEL, [redacted] had left San Francisco via Western Airlines and were due to arrive in Los Angeles at 8:25 p.m. [redacted] said that SIEGEL told some one that they had received a favorable decision from Commissioner [redacted] and BEN planned to go to Las Vegas on August 15th. b7c

At 1:45 p.m. on August 15, 1946 I spoke with Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER, San Francisco, and asked him for the results of the interview with [redacted]. He advised that the agents were still interviewing [redacted] and had not returned to the office. I asked Mr. FLETCHER how the information was secured concerning the conversations of SIEGEL and his associates at the St. Francis Hotel and Mr. FLETCHER advised that this was obtained through a contact microphone. I asked Mr. FLETCHER if there were any recordings made of this and he said that there were not in view of the fact that a contact microphone was used. In connection with the mention of a senator, whose name was not obtained, as reflected in San Francisco teletype, I suggested to Mr. FLETCHER that this might have been State Senator MC CARRAN and suggested that the agent who was listening to the conversation be furnished this name to see if this name sounded like MC CARRAN. b7c

At 3:15 p.m. Supervisor [redacted] of the San Francisco Office called me and said that the agent who had listened to the conversation in the hotel room said that he is pretty certain that the senator whose name was mentioned is not MC CARRAN, but it might be [redacted]. b7c

At 5:30 p.m. on August 15, 1946, Special Agent [redacted] called from San Francisco and advised that he had interviewed [redacted]. He said that [redacted] summarized the hearing, by stating that on April 16, 1946 the builders of the Flamingo Hotel received a wire from the C.P.A. instructing them to cease building if they were violating C.P.A. regulations. On April 28, 1946 the builders went to Reno, saw [redacted] of the C.P.A. for Nevada, and took plans with them which showed that the Flamingo Hotel project consisted of only one building. b7c

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[redacted] told them that if this were true they were not violating the C.P.A. regulations in continuing the construction. However, he told them to write him a letter to this effect. The builders did this on April 29, 1946. [redacted] replied to their letter, stating that they could continue construction, if the project were in fact only one building. [redacted] said that the Government introduced a very sketchy plat of the project and they did not show the original plans of the project to compare with the plans that were shown to [redacted]. The respondents, that is the builders, then introduced plans dated January 12, 1946. This was done by [redacted] the architect. [redacted] of the Del Webb Company said that these were the plans they were following. [redacted] asked [redacted] if he could construct a building from those plans and [redacted] said no. [redacted] said that he felt the Government presented a very weak case and that he felt that a better case could be made; therefore, he gave a decision in favor of the respondents, but allowed the Government until September 5th to introduce new evidence which would justify a stop order. [redacted] said that no approach was made to him in the way of offering a bribe, although he was introduced to BEN SIEGEL. He remarked that [redacted] asked [redacted] if the hearing were to be a closed hearing, pointing out that ordinarily these hearings are not open to the public. [redacted] said that he would follow the usual rule. Then [redacted] asked if F.B.I. Agents could be present. [redacted] said that he replied to [redacted] that he felt it would be all right for F.B.I. Agents to be present since they are part of another Government agency. However, [redacted] did not follow through on this and [redacted] did not know why [redacted] asked this question. I told Agent [redacted] to submit a teletype to the Bureau and Los Angeles summarizing the results of the interview with [redacted].

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At 10:40 a.m. on August 16, 1946 I spoke with Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER of the San Francisco Office and asked him to secure a transcript of the hearing held before [redacted] in connection with the Flamingo Hotel project. I also advised him that I would be in San Francisco on Sunday evening and that he should have one of the agents working on this matter secure an appointment with the Head of the C.P.A. in San Francisco in order that I might interview him the first thing Monday morning. I told him that the individual in the C.P.A. in San Francisco is probably [redacted] but San Francisco should determine who is the Chief there.

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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Los Angeles, California  
August 21, 1946

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MEMO, FOR THE FILE:

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

At 1:45 p.m. today I spoke with Supervisor [REDACTED] at the Chicago Office in the absence of Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY. I advised [REDACTED] of the telephone conversation between SIEGEL and an individual we believe to be [REDACTED] in which SIEGEL told [REDACTED] that he would see [REDACTED] "tomorrow night", which is actually tonight. I also advised [REDACTED] that SIEGEL has reservations on Western Airlines to go with [REDACTED] to leave Las Vegas at 6:30 p.m. tonight for Chicago. I told [REDACTED] that we desired that SIEGEL be placed under discreet surveillance in order to ascertain what his activities are while in Chicago. I also advised him that there is blanket authority from the Attorney General to place technical and microphone surveillance on SIEGEL but that the Bureau should be consulted, if possible, before a technical or microphone surveillance is instituted. b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO [REDACTED] b7c

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August 21, 1946

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

RE: *Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel*  
CAPCA

On August 19th at 5:30 p.m. I talked with  
[redacted] at the Bureau and furnished him with the  
detailed information related to ASAC ELLSWORTH by Special  
Agent [redacted] of Las Vegas relative to the alleged intended  
kidnaping of [redacted]

b7c

R. B. HOOD  
SAC

RBH [redacted]

b7c

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BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS, INFORMATION CONCERNING, ETC. [REDACTED] EJECTED  
FROM DEL MAR TURF CLUB TRACK LAST NIGHT AS UNDESIRABLE CHARACTER UNDER  
QUOTE SUSPENSION UNQUOTE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT. [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO HAVE  
RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES THIS MORNING, BUT IS RETAINING HOTEL ROOM AT  
DEL MAR. HE HAS INDICATED HE WILL RETURN TO DEL MAR NEXT SUNDAY OR  
MONDAY. b2c

MURPHY

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above telephoned to  
Ostholtzoff at 11:15 am  
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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

At 1:15 p.m. today I spoke with [redacted] at the Bureau in the absence of Assistant Director ROSEN. I advised [redacted] that in connection with the proposed kidnaping of [redacted] SIEGEL received a telephone call at Las Vegas at 7:17 p.m. on August 20, 1946 which we believe was from [redacted]. The conversation was as follows:

SIEGEL: [redacted] where are you in Cleveland?

SIEGEL: Well, I'll see you tomorrow. At least I'll see you tomorrow night.

I advised [redacted] that we are not certain at this point where SIEGEL would be tonight, but we are covering his activities; that he had planned to come to Los Angeles tonight, but we have since learned that he has reservations to go to Chicago by plane, leaving Las Vegas at 6:30 p.m. tonight. I told [redacted] that we would communicate with the Chicago Office and instruct them to cover SIEGEL's activities by technical and microphone surveillance.

I also advised [redacted] that through our microphone surveillance we learned that from 11:40 p.m. until 1:50 a.m. last night, SIEGEL [redacted] had a conference in SIEGEL's room at the Last Frontier Hotel at Las Vegas. During the discussion [redacted] told of the difficulty they were having in getting a loan. He said that he and [redacted] had gone to about every bank in Los Angeles and were turned down by each one; that [redacted] then went back to a very good friend of his in the Bank of America and asked him why they were getting such a cool reception. The banker said: "You fellows are hot. Both the C.P.A. and the F.B.I. are investigating you". [redacted] also said that [redacted] had called [redacted] and told him that two F.B.I. Agents had been in to see him on Monday; that one of the agents was named [redacted] and they had inquired about the

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

construction of the casino at the Flamingo Hotel, asking him when the construction was started and where the money was coming from. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he gave the agents everything they asked for and told them everything he knew about the Flamingo Hotel, which he thought was very little. [REDACTED] then stated that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he was going to call the F.B.I., that he has a lot of friends there, and would find out just what the F.B.I. is looking for. Later he told [REDACTED] that he had called the F.B.I. and found out that they are trying to determine two things. First, did any one receive a bribe in connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel and secondly where does BEN SIEGEL get his money? [REDACTED] then suggested to [REDACTED] that he have SIEGEL go to the F.B.I. in Las Vegas and ask them what they wanted. SIEGEL said no he would not do that; that the F.B.I. should come to him. [REDACTED] then said that the F.B.I. would not come to SIEGEL, that he would have to go to the F.B.I. SIEGEL said he would think that over. SIEGEL then stated that he gave [REDACTED] 500 yesterday for campaign expenses. He said that Senator MC CARRAN is already cooperating with them. In this connection, [REDACTED] told SIEGEL that when he next sees Senator MC CARRAN to tell MC CARRAN that if the F.B.I. should talk to him that he should play dumb and advise that he knows nothing about [REDACTED] SIEGEL, et al. b7c

The discussion then turned again to obtaining a loan and they talked about getting a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Their discussion also indicated that they believe we are interested in determining whether a bribe was given to [REDACTED] to secure approval for the construction of the Flamingo Hotel. SIEGEL said if that is what the F.B.I. is after let them go ahead and investigate that; indicating that he was not worried about such an investigation. They then discussed plans they have for pouring a concrete floor, concrete walls and roofs which will physically connect all of the buildings at the Flamingo Hotel project. They feel that this will completely fool the C.P.A. They are also going to erect a high fence completely around the Flamingo Hotel project in order that no one can see what is going on there. b7c

At this time I told [REDACTED] that in view of the attitude of the C.P.A. toward me at San Francisco, we would hold up our open investigation of the Flamingo Hotel until after the next C.P.A. hearing on September 5th. I stated that since the C.P.A. at San Francisco told me that they feel they could make a case, we would await the outcome of their investigation and if they have another hearing it might provoke SIEGEL into again attempting to bribe or corrupt some official which might give us an opportunity to get a better violation on him. [REDACTED] agreed with this procedure. b7c

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A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

Los Angeles 13, California  
August 22, 1946

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, San Diego

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

DECLASSIFIED BY *[signature]*  
#15-85

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated August 16, 1946, captioned CAPCA and BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases.

Please be advised that the General Crime Survey, dated October 15, 1945 at Salt Lake City reflects [redacted] Minneapolis and was alleged to be an intimate friend of BEN SIEGEL. This individual may be the person referred to as [redacted] who was mentioned in your letter. b7c

For your information and assistance in making an investigation at the Del Mar Hotel and Tracks, the following data is being brought to your attention. On August 13, 1946, [redacted] reported that [redacted] had placed a call to the Del Mar Hotel for [redacted] which call was subsequently completed and on contacting this individual [redacted] referred to him as [redacted]. At that time [redacted] discussed what was happening down there and talked about what was going on at the races that day. He inquired as to whether anything had happened while he was away and whether there had been any trouble with those "creeps." [redacted] indicated there had not been any trouble and that he was told to do anything he wanted to do with those "heels." [redacted] wanted to know if the "little guy" would be able to do anything with those "creeps." He also stated that he had talked to our "big guy" and he thinks he can do some good down there. [redacted] also stated that he had left [redacted] some money. There was further conversation regarding the action at the track. b2 b7c

Concerning the identity of [redacted] the following information appears in the Los Angeles Field Office files. The General Crime Survey, Los Angeles Field Division, April 15, 1946, on page 22, reflects [redacted] b7c

shows that [redacted]

The Crime Survey for April 15, 1946

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[REDACTED] b7c b7d

Further, information in the General Crime Survey of October 16, 1945 reflects that [REDACTED] is reported to be an associate of [REDACTED]

This same confidential source furnished information indicating that [REDACTED] was returning to Del Mar on August 13, 1946. On August 21, 1946, [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] had returned to Los Angeles and would be here for a couple of days. On August 21, 1946, this same confidential source reported that [REDACTED] had contacted one [REDACTED] (phonetic) at which time [REDACTED] mentioned he had been "chased" apparently referring to the Del Mar Track. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was going to get it today. [REDACTED] wanted to know how he knew and [REDACTED] stated that it might not be true but that was what a guy had told him and that "he is close to those guys--he is a legitimate man." [REDACTED] apparently did not think there was anything to it and said that he would be back in a couple of days. [REDACTED] said that other guy (apparently referring to [REDACTED]) is in strong with them. b2 b7c b7d

On the same date [REDACTED] was reported to be in contact with one [REDACTED] who inquired as to [REDACTED] having been taken out of the box. Again this apparently refers to the Del Mar Track. [REDACTED] stated that it wouldn't interfere with anything, that it would be O.K. in a day or two, and he could still go "up there." [REDACTED] inquired as to who took [REDACTED] off and [REDACTED] replied the Sheriff's Office. [REDACTED] wanted to know whether they wanted money and [REDACTED] stated, "No." b2 b7c

On the same date [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] an associate of BEN SIEGEL called [REDACTED] mentioned having been "chased" by the locals. [REDACTED] inquired as to whether it was "for that thing?" [REDACTED] replied "No-- horses." b2 b7c b7d

[REDACTED] reported on the same date that AL placed a call to [REDACTED] at the Del Mar Hotel and [REDACTED] inquired whether it was possible for him to come up to Los Angeles tomorrow (the 22nd) as there is "a couple of pretty high games here." [REDACTED] inquired as to whether it would be worth his

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while and [redacted] stated "positively" and instructed [redacted] not to say anything to a "human agent." [redacted] inquired if [redacted] knew a fellow by the name of [redacted] [redacted] inquired whether he was from Texas and on [redacted] replying yes, [redacted] stated he knows of [redacted] but "he [redacted] don't know me." [redacted] then stated that "Then it's O.K." [redacted] wanted to know whether [redacted] knew anything about his game and [redacted] said that he didn't. After discussing the date when [redacted] would come to Los Angeles and [redacted] indicating that he had been drunk and he needed a day to get in shape, it was finally decided that [redacted] would leave the next night (22nd) and would drive back to Los Angeles with his wife. [redacted] would contact him at Los Angeles about 10:00 or 11:00 P.M. In answer to [redacted] inquiry, [redacted] stated that he had been doing well and that no one had been bothering him there. b7c

With reference to [redacted] the Los Angeles files reflect that [redacted] b7c

The General Crime Survey, Los Angeles Field Division, dated October 15, 1945, reflects that on November 1, 1945, the Vice Squad of the Los Angeles Police Department raided the LaBrea Social Club, Los Angeles, and among those who were arrested was [redacted] b7c

It was stated that [redacted] operated this club, however, he was not present when the arrests were made and therefore was not arrested.

The report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 2, 1938 at New York in the FUR Dress Case sets forth information to the effect that [redacted] b7c

[redacted] name was mentioned in the FUR Dress Case in connection with a list of names of individuals who stopped at the Croyden Arms Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

Very truly yours,

A. E. OSWOLTHOFF

62-2837/ [redacted] b7c

Los Angeles, California  
August 21, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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

At 8:45 a.m. on August 16, 1946 I spoke with Assistant Director ROSEN at the Bureau. I told him that we planned on Monday to begin our open investigation of the Flamingo Hotel pursuant to the authority given by the Bureau about ten days ago. I told him that I would go to San Francisco and examine the records of the C.P.A. there; that one of our agents assigned to the special would examine the C.P.A. records at Reno and that we would also examine available C.P.A. records in Los Angeles. Mr. ROSEN said that he knew of no reason why we should not proceed with this open investigation. I advised him that I anticipated that the C.P.A. may be reluctant to turn over their records and, therefore, the Bureau should get in touch with C.P.A. Officials in Washington in order that we might have no difficulty in securing the records in the regional offices. I pointed out that we have a possible perjury case now in view of the fact that San Francisco obtained its evidence of conversations between SIEGEL and the other individuals involved by means of a contact microphone. I pointed out that while primarily we are investigating this matter as a Fraud Against the Government, still it is in the nature of an administrative investigation and that if we secure before September 5th sufficient evidence to justify re-presenting this matter before Commissioner [REDACTED] at San Francisco, we should probably make the results of our investigation available to the C.P.A. Mr. ROSEN said that this would be done through the Bureau in Washington. b7c

I also advised Mr. ROSEN that we interviewed [REDACTED] C.P.A. Investigator at Los Angeles, and he advised us in the strictest confidence that Senator PAT MC CARRAN of Nevada was in San Francisco on the day of the hearing in case he were needed by the individuals building the Flamingo Hotel. b7c

A. E. OSTHOFF HOFF

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MEMO, FOR THE FILE:

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

At 11:40 a.m. on this date, Assistant Special Agent in Charge BRANDT of the Denver Field Division called with reference to BEN SIEGEL's coming through Denver on the Western Airlines this afternoon. I informed Mr. BRANDT, in accordance with Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF's instructions, that we had just received information from Las Vegas that SIEGEL's reservations for the plane going through Denver had been cancelled; therefore, it would not be necessary for his office to make any further check with the airlines or to check SIEGEL through on his trip to Chicago.

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[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

[REDACTED]  
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Los Angeles, California  
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MEMO, SAC:

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

Supervisor [REDACTED] of the Chicago Office telephoned at 8 p.m. August 21, 1946 and asked if we had any information concerning SIEGEL's trip to Chicago. [REDACTED] pointed out that it was 11 p.m. in Chicago and he had agents in a stand-by condition there. I told him that we had not yet heard from the agents at Las Vegas, but that I would call the Chicago Office furnishing the departure time and the descriptions of SIEGEL and [REDACTED] b7c

I subsequently called the Chicago Office at 8:15 p.m. and advised [REDACTED] a telephone operator, that the subject was not coming to Chicago and that, therefore, Chicago need take no action at all. b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO [REDACTED]  
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MEMO, SAC:

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

While at the San Francisco Office on August 20, 1946, I called Mr. ROSEN at the Bureau at 12:20 p.m. I advised him of my second interview with [REDACTED] of the C.P.A. and [REDACTED] of the C.P.A., San Francisco, and that [REDACTED] had formally refused to make available to me the files of the C.P.A., that he would not discuss the facts surrounding the construction of the Flamingo Hotel, and would not advise me of the name of the reporter who was preparing the transcript of the hearing before Commissioner [REDACTED]. I told Mr. ROSEN that I had exhausted all possible arguments with [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had stated that he would not turn over any information to the F.B.I. unless he was ordered to do so by his superiors in Washington. Mr. ROSEN asked me if I thought that the Department could instruct the U.S. Attorney at San Francisco to secure the files from C.P.A. and I told Mr. ROSEN that I did not believe that the U.S. Attorney at San Francisco would have any better chance than I had of getting the information from the C.P.A., that apparently [REDACTED] is quite bullheaded and that the only way we can get the information is to have C.P.A. Officials in Washington instruct [REDACTED] to turn the files over to us. Mr. ROSEN agreed that there was nothing further I could do and I asked him if he felt that we should proceed with our investigation. I pointed out to him that we could go ahead with the investigation as we had originally planned, although the investigation would be harmed somewhat for not having all the information the C.P.A. has. Mr. ROSEN asked how we would justify our investigation to the public in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, and I told him that I did not believe the public would question this investigation. He said that perhaps the individuals we interviewed would question our authority to investigate this matter and would state that apparently this is a C.P.A. matter. I told him that we could then explain that the C.P.A. does have jurisdiction to investigate this matter from an administrative standpoint and that the F.B.I. was investigating the matter to determine whether there was a Fraud Against the Government in submitting false information to a Government official. b7c

Mr. ROSEN asked what I planned to do tomorrow in the investigation and I said that we had planned to first interview [REDACTED] b7c

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MEMO, SAC

August 22, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

[REDACTED] is reputed to be a respectable individual and we feel that he would rather quickly furnish truthful information to us rather than take a rap for SIEGEL. I also stated that we planned to go into the records of the Del Webb Construction Company and that one of our purposes was to trace back the money that had gone into the construction of the Flamingo Hotel in order to determine how much money SIEGEL had put into the Hotel and also if any money of [REDACTED] and the Syndicate had been put into the Hotel. Mr. ROSEN then inquired if I was not <sup>exercising</sup> the authority granted in the telegram from the Bureau authorizing this investigation and I told him I did not believe so if the telegram was based on the letters that I had submitted to the Bureau requesting the authority to conduct this investigation; that those letters had indicated what I intended to do if this investigation were authorized. Mr. ROSEN then stated that he felt I could probably justify the investigation on the theory of Fraud Against the Government and he stated that the Bureau would handle the matter of forcing C.P.A. to make their files available to us. He requested that I submit a memo to the Bureau outlining my conferences with C.P.A. Officials in San Francisco in order that it could be made a matter of record at the Bureau in the event of any future difficulty. b7c

I then discussed with [REDACTED] briefly the planned kidnaping and advised him that I had instructed the Los Angeles Office to send a letter to the Bureau with copies to Chicago and St. Paul furnishing them the information concerning this proposed kidnaping and also furnish photographs of SIEGEL [REDACTED] Mr. ROSEN inquired if that were the old picture of SIEGEL bearing a police number and I told him that we had in the Los Angeles file a more recent photograph, the source of which I did not know, but which was apparently a good likeness, and he said that we should send copies of this photograph to the Bureau. b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

ABO  
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DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Washington, D. C.  
August 21, 1946

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**AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY**

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SAC, Los Angeles

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication  
dated August 12, 1946 regarding the following:

[REDACTED]

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*noted for reply*

In reply thereto, please be advised that from  
the information furnished it has not been possible to  
locate any record in the files of the Identification  
Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGAL, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. ASCERTAIN REGISTRANT  
OF MISSOURI LICENSE SIX SIX ONE FIVE TWO NAUGHT, NINETEEN FORTYSIX PLATES.  
CHECK INDICES AGAINST REGISTRANT OF THIS VEHICLE AND SUTEL IMMEDIATELY.

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9<sup>20</sup> P.M. Per 

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BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGAL, WAS. MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING. FORTY SIX  
MISSOURI LICENSE SIX SIX ONE FIVE TWO ZERO ISSUED  
TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR THIRTY NINE STUDEBAKER ENGINE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE  
ZERO ZERO. INDICES SAINT LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY NEGATIVE. b7c

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[REDACTED]

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Los Angeles 13, California  
August 22, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.A.S.  
MISC., INFO CONC. - CRIME SURVEY

RE: [REDACTED]

*make T.I. report*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

*Handwritten notes:*  
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[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

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BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL, MISC. REURTEL AUGUST TWENTY THREE LAST.  
DETERMINE THROUGH PRETEXT IF LICENSE PLATES WERE STOLEN OR  
WHETHER OWNER IS PRESENTLY IN CALIF. ORIGINAL LICENSE NO.  
OBTAINED HERE IN L.A. ON CHRYSLER. L.A. PRESENTLY UNABLE TO  
DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION. CLARIFY ABOVE AND SUTEL.

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Approved: *J.H.M.*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent *8:55 PM*

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[REDACTED]  
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SAC ST. LOUIS

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BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGAL, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO CONCERNING. LOS  
ANGELES TELETYPE TO THIS OFFICE AUGUST TWENTYSECOND REQUESTED  
CHECK OF FORTYSIX MISSOURI LICENSE SIX SIX ONE DASH FIVE TWO NAUGHT.  
ALSO CHECK OF INDICES AGAINST REGISTRANT. [REDACTED] HIS LICENSE  
ISSUED TO [REDACTED] b7c  
b7c

[REDACTED] FOR THIRTYNINE STUDEBAKER, MOTOR NO. EIGHT FOUR  
SEVEN THREE NAUGHT NAUGHT. KC INDICES NEGATIVE. CHECK YOUR INDICES  
AND ADVISE LOS ANGELES.

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cc - Los Angeles ✓

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BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL. MISC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWN TO BE  
DRIVING CAR WITH MISSOURI LICENSE PLATES INDICATED. PLATES  
NOT REPORTED STOLEN. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

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[REDACTED] b7c

Las Vegas, Nevada  
August 24, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF:

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

On August 21, 1946

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*and present*

[REDACTED] stated that she thought that this office would be interested in this additional information in view of what had happened before and that it appeared to her that she was going to be prohibited from making a living in Las Vegas.

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[REDACTED]  
Special Agent(A)

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Las Vegas, Nevada,  
August 21, 1946.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
AUG 23 1946
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF:

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

At 11:20 p.m. last night, August 26th, 1946, SIEGEL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] entered Room 412, Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, according to [REDACTED]. They were talking when they entered the room, and had evidently been discussing building plans on the Flamingo Hotel.

[REDACTED] stated that he had gone to the Bank of America and the Occidental Insurance Company, both of Los Angeles, in an attempt to obtain a loan to assist in completing the Flamingo Hotel. He said that both places turned him down cold on his application for a loan. He said that the Bank of America had "checked" with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the Anglo-American Insurance Company, but that he [REDACTED] doubts that "it will come in".

He said that he and [REDACTED] went to the Bank of America because [REDACTED] knows one of the bankers there. [REDACTED] evidently went back to the bank later, from [REDACTED] conversation, because [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] called him and stated that he [REDACTED] was surprised at the "cold reception" he got at the bank. [REDACTED] then told [REDACTED] that he [REDACTED] called his friend at the bank and asked what the difficulty was. The banker advised [REDACTED] that "we are hot" [REDACTED] asked why, and the banker replied that there was an investigation going on.

[REDACTED] later called [REDACTED] again and said that [REDACTED] had had a visit Monday from two F.B.I. Agents, that the Agents were [REDACTED] and some other Agent. [REDACTED] said that the Agents asked [REDACTED] if he knows [REDACTED] and when construction on the Flamingo Hotel actually began.

At this point, SIEGEL remarked, "Well, there's a lot of heat on then."

[REDACTED] then said that the F.B.I. is trying to find out two things. He said that [REDACTED] claims that he told the Agents all he knows and asked the Agents why they do not go to see the people interested - the builders. [REDACTED] said that the F.B.I. wants to know who is putting up the money for the hotel and where that money is coming from. [REDACTED] reply was that he does not know, according to [REDACTED]

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[redacted] then told [redacted] according to the latter, that he knew the men in the Los Angeles F.B.I. office and that he was going to call them and find out "what's going on". b7c

[redacted] said that [redacted] then called the F.B.I. office and found out that there are two things that the F.B.I. wants to know: b7c

1. Was anyone bribed.
2. Where does SIEGEL get his money.

At this point SIEGEL said, "Why don't they ask SIEGEL?"

[redacted] said that [redacted] suggested to him, and he agrees that it is a good suggestion, that SIEGEL go to the F.B.I. in Las Vegas and ask them what they want to know. b7c

SIEGEL replied, "Let them come to me."

[redacted] said, "They don't want to come to you." b7c

SIEGEL then told [redacted] that he had given [redacted] \$500.00 yesterday (August 20, 1946) as a campaign contribution; that [redacted] should now cooperate; and that McCARRAN (U.S. Senator PAT McCARRAN) is cooperating pretty good. b7c

SIEGEL then said, "They must feel we bribed [redacted] If that's the way they feel, let them go ahead on it." b7c

[redacted] asked SIEGEL if "anyone went on the job out there".

SIEGEL said that beginning today, he is going to have a high fence built around the property; was going to string wire all around there; and was going to place guards there at night. He spoke of contacting [redacted] about deputizing the guards. b7c

SIEGEL said that he was also going to have the contractor "throw up a couple of walls", pour a concrete porch, and build a roof over it connecting the two hotel buildings so it would look like one building. [redacted] said, "Well, have them lay it out tomorrow" (August 21st). b7c

[redacted] and SIEGEL then discussed the possibility of obtaining a loan from [redacted]

[redacted] and is connected with some [redacted] bonding company, it will be recalled that previous conversations between [redacted] and [redacted] have been recorded and reported, as well as conversations between [redacted] and SIEGEL relating to the application for this loan from [redacted] Evidently, [redacted] are going to Chicago tonight for the purpose of attempting to negotiate this loan. b7c

SIEGEL then said that he is going to attempt to obtain a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation through the efforts of McCARRAN "and the other guy" [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] replied that the R.F.C. will "not go along on it" because it is a political organization and when it learns that the F.B.I. and the C.P.A. are interested in the hotel they will not consider the loan. b7c

The name of one [REDACTED] evidently a former Agent of the F.B.I. was mentioned. SIEGEL said, "I know him. I have some of the main guys in the F.B.I.- tough ones, who worked on DILLINGER and "BABY FACE" NELSON." When SIEGEL said that he "has" some of the "main guys" in the Bureau, he obviously meant that he "has" some former Agents because he mentioned again the names of [REDACTED] and one [REDACTED]. He said, [REDACTED] was a head guy. All of them will break their [REDACTED] for me, and they won't go running to the F.B.I." b7c

SIEGEL then said, "If the F.B.I. wants to talk to me, let 'em. They'll ask questions, get a couple of affidavits, and then the matter will be closed."

[REDACTED] suggested that SIEGEL tell McCARRAN to "be dumb" and not know that SIEGEL is putting up half of the money for the hotel. b7c

In discussing financing the hotel, SIEGEL remarked that "we" have \$20,000.00 in whiskey that "we" can use.

The above is a resume of that conversation taking place in SIEGEL'S room. The technical logs will be submitted as soon as the recorded conversation is placed on the logs. Due to a lack of time, the records have not been transcribed, but will be mailed to you today.

This resume is being furnished you pursuant to your instructions by telephone today.

Pursuant to the suggestion made today that aerial photographs of the Flamingo Hotel be made prior to SIEGEL'S having the construction work started to join the two hotel buildings, SA [REDACTED] the office at 12:30 p.m. today to accompany [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Nevada airport, in an aerial survey of the Flamingo Hotel premises and to photograph the buildings at this stage of the construction.

THREATENED KIDNAPING [REDACTED] b7c

Confirming my telephonic conversation with you of today, at 7:17 p.m. August 20, 1946, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] b2 b7D

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[REDACTED]

The assumption at that time was that the caller was [REDACTED] and that he referred to the plans for the contemplated kidnaping [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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in his room at the Last Frontier

Hotel.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Special Agent.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: August 26, 1946

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: CAPSA  
Bureau File #62-81693

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases;  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY.

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Reference is made to your letter of August 14, 1946, concerning a previous request from this office for information as to the background of [REDACTED] an associate of [REDACTED] at the Del Mar Hotel and also at the Del Mar Race Track.

In referenced communication you suggested that this information, together with a photograph, was included in the Crime Survey of the Los Angeles Field Division dated April 15, 1945. It does not appear that a copy of this report is available in the files of this office, and it is, therefore, requested that you furnish a copy of a photograph and the identification record of [REDACTED] together with a summary of his background and activities.

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Los Angeles, California  
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MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases  
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

On August 19, 1946, Special Agent [redacted] and the writer interviewed [redacted] local enforcement compliance chief of the C.P.A. [redacted] was advised that Agents would like to examine the file pertaining to his investigation of the Flamingo Hotel construction in Las Vegas in connection with investigation being conducted at the Los Angeles office of the FBI. He was told that Agents of this Bureau were in San Francisco, conferring with either [redacted] at the C.P.A. offices in that city and that shortly [redacted] would probably be contacted by telephone from the regional offices of the C.P.A. in San Francisco regarding our inquiry. b7c

While awaiting this call, [redacted] talked "off the record" to the reporting agents, saying that in the event he were ever quoted in connection with his remarks that "I will swear both of you are liars." The original cease-work telegram sent to the Flamingo builders was one of fourteen to twenty such wires sent out along the highway #66 from Los Angeles to Kingman, Arizona and south to the Mexican border, placing freeze orders on construction work on different cities along the route which construction was not considered essential and proper. He said that these wires had a very good effect on each one of the communities in which they were received in that it did put a temporary halt to unnecessary building and requests to build in each of these communities. However, about 90% of these projects were immediately approved for continuing construction by the construction division of the C.P.A. b7c

He appeared extremely discouraged in this connection to the Agents and remarked that in one instance a dog and cat hospital was being built immediately adjacent to another dog and cat hospital and that the building was authorized to continue after the wire to stop had been received. This is also true in connection with certain cocktail bars.

In discussing [redacted] trip to see [redacted] in Reno, [redacted] stated that it is his impression that a public stenographer was called in to [redacted] office and that the letters were dictated in his office wherein [redacted] pointed out what progress had been made in the building at Las Vegas and [redacted] replied that if what was said in the referenced letter were true the hotel should continue building. These letters to each other were dictated in [redacted] office before the public stenographer who was called in. b7c

Discussing the testimony in San Francisco before Commissioner [redacted] [redacted] said that the defense took the position that the buildings comprising the Flamingo Project were joined to the power unit which in effect made them one building [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] then made a good remark and b7c

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MEMO., SAC:

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RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.

[redacted] inferred it was the only good remark [redacted] did make, when the latter said that if joining buildings by air conditioning apparatus and power ducts constituted their becoming one unit that a person could conceivably build connecting buildings all the way from Las Vegas to Los Angeles. The defense immediately abandoned this point when [redacted] made the above observation. b7c

The defense then went to their second point that the construction already completed provided for the connection of the various buildings of the Flamingo Hotel into one unit. In this connection [redacted] emphatically stated that the physical facts did not substantiate the contention of the defense. b7c

In discussing the investigation conducted by his office in Las Vegas, [redacted] stated that affidavits from the union controlling the steel workers at that point showed that no such labor had been employed on the Flamingo job until after April 6, 1946 which was subsequent to the freeze date. Also, the records of the Pre-Mex Concrete Company allegedly were of importance in proving that certain work had not been done on the hotel prior to March 26, 1946. b7c

In discussing the blue prints on the project, [redacted] pointed out that "they have their own blue printing machines and can print them up by the hundreds or change them as often as they want to" and this situation materially affected the investigation as far as the plans themselves were concerned. However, [redacted] stated that he originally had in his possession the plans signed by the architect in his own writing that there was no connection between the buildings. This exhibit is presently in San Francisco and [redacted] does not have a copy or photograph of this. b7c

In this connection he also stated that the pertinent exhibits as well as pertinent information concerning their investigation was only incorporated in the original report which was sent to [redacted] of the C.P.A. office in San Francisco and that the files presently maintained in [redacted] office are incomplete. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] he had personally asked that this hearing be held in San Francisco on the theory that the freeze might be made to stick.

With regard to examining his records, [redacted] stated that as far as he was personally concerned he had no objection to the examination and was only too glad to cooperate to the fullest extent with the FBI, but that due to organizational procedures already established it would be necessary for him to secure authorization from his headquarters in San Francisco. b7c

In view of the fact that [redacted] did not secure approval on the day of the inquiry and the fact that it was subsequently learned a decision with regard to permitting the examination of records would not be reached until [redacted] b7c

MEMO., SAC:

8/23/46

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases

the following day the matter was dropped until further contact could be had with the Bureau Agents in San Francisco.

Inoidentally [REDACTED] mentioned the fact that one of the Bureau Agents of the Los Angeles office possessed one of the C.P.A. files which had been loaned to him in connection with an investigation. b7c

On the following day, August 20, 1946 [REDACTED] of the C.P.A. office contacted Agent [REDACTED] and stated confidentially that [REDACTED] was a little upset over the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in regard to instant matter, being apprehensive that some member of his office had neglected to conduct a proper investigation or had been guilty of some improper conduct in connection with the investigation. [REDACTED] was informed that it was impossible for Agents to disclose the nature and purpose of the investigation being conducted, but that as far as the Agent knew the investigation did not concern the activities of [REDACTED] particular office. b7c

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

[REDACTED]  
62-2837

b7c

Los Angeles, California  
August 26, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

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

RE: [REDACTED] b7c

The writer contacted [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

[REDACTED]  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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Los Angeles, California  
August 26, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

RE: CAPGA

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Special Agent

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RE: BUGGS SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

On August 26, 1946, former SA [REDACTED] requested an appointment with me at the office and stated that he has been acquainted with [REDACTED] for a long period of time and has done some investigative work for him recently, as well as for [REDACTED]. He stated that after Agents interviewed [REDACTED] in connection with a bribery involving someone in the CPA and made inquiries concerning SIEGEL's connection with the construction of the Flamingo Hotel, [REDACTED] had asked him to come to this office and advise that both [REDACTED] were very anxious and willing to tell this office anything that we may desire to know about the entire Flamingo enterprise.

[REDACTED]

I advised him I did not know if we had any questions we wanted to ask them at present, that I knew of none but would like for him to talk to Agent OSTHOLTHOFF who is handling the case. The latter talked to [REDACTED] for a few moments and likewise advised him that at the present time we did not desire to talk to either of these persons. [REDACTED] endeavored to make his position clear, namely that he was employed by [REDACTED] to simply come to us and state that [REDACTED] was ready to talk if we wanted to talk to him.

R. B. HOOD  
SAC

RBH:

Mr. Rosen advised telephonically of above 11:30 A.M. 8/27/46 <sup>b7c</sup>  
no.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
AUG 27 1946  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Los Angeles, California  
August 27, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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

At 11:30 a.m. today Mr. ROSEN called from the Bureau and stated that [REDACTED] the Compliance Division of the C.P.A., had telephonically communicated with the San Francisco Office of the C.P.A. and that there was now available for our review at any time the records of the C.P.A. concerning the Flamingo Hotel; that these would be produced by [REDACTED] of Compliance at San Francisco. Mr. ROSEN stated that [REDACTED] is presently on vacation. b7c

At 2:40 p.m. the Director called me and asked if I had heard from Washington about the C.P.A. records and I told him that Mr. ROSEN had informed me that they were now available. I advised the Director that I was proceeding to San Francisco tonight and that I would examine the C.P.A. records at San Francisco tomorrow. The Director stated that I should be careful that the C.P.A. there does not throw me any curves and that if there is the least bit of trouble with them I should communicate with the Bureau at once or with him personally.

At 2:20 p.m. I telephoned Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER at the San Francisco Office and advised him that I would arrive in San Francisco at 9 a.m. August 28, 1946; that the C.P.A. records were now available for our inspection and requested that he have Agent [REDACTED] meet me at the station in order that we could proceed immediately to the C.P.A. Office. b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO [REDACTED]  
62-2837- [REDACTED] b7c

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:  
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ON REGISTRANT AND SUTEL IMMED.

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 10<sup>05</sup> AM Per *[Signature]*

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BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING,  
CRIME SURVEY. REURTEL THIS DATE, CONNECTICUT PLATES REGISTERED TO

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Los Angeles 13, California  
August 29, 1946

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, San Diego

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ON 12-20-85

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

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request, dated August 26, 1946, for photograph and background data concerning [REDACTED] the Los Angeles General Crime Survey file reflects that [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c  
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[REDACTED]

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SINGEL, with aliases

follows:

as described as

A photograph [REDACTED] is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

62-2837  
Enclosure

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: AUGUST 29, 1946

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: CAPGA

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RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(Los Angeles File 62-2837)

On August 26, 1946, [REDACTED] made available certain information obtained from a confidential source which is believed of interest in current inquiry. b7c

In response to an inquiry if "BUGS" SIEGEL were interested in the operation of the Del Mar Track or Del Mar Hotel, this source advised, in his opinion, he was not. He mentioned that wherever SIEGEL has financial interests, he generally makes it a practice to be on the scene to determine exactly what is going on.

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED] named as possibly connected with SIEGEL in the operation of the Flamingo Club. 18

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION		
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
AUG 30 1946		
LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE		

Las Vegas, Nevada  
August 29, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF:

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

At noon on August 29, 1946, [redacted] former Special Agent of this Bureau, appeared at the Las Vegas Resident Agency and advised that he had learned that about two weeks ago, SIEGEL and some of his friends were eating at Doc Ladd's Cafe, on South Main Street, Las Vegas. SIEGEL asked [redacted] who the head man was in the Chamber of Commerce besides [redacted] [redacted] is alleged to have informed SIEGEL that [redacted] is the Executive Secretary. SIEGEL instructed [redacted] to contact [redacted] and tell him to come to [redacted] at once. [redacted] did so and when [redacted] appeared, SIEGEL informed [redacted] that he was going to break [redacted] neck the next time he saw [redacted] SIEGEL is alleged to have produced copies of letters from the Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas to Senator PAT McCARRAN complaining of the construction of the Flamingo Hotel when veterans cannot get materials with which to build homes. SIEGEL is also alleged to have produced a copy of a letter from McCARRAN to either the CPA or the Department of Justice, referring the complaint of the Chamber of Commerce to one of those Agencies.

[redacted] stated that SIEGEL told [redacted] that they came to Las Vegas with the intention of spending \$2,000,000.00 on the Hotel and they are spending \$4,000,000.00 instead and that if the Chamber of Commerce is not appreciative of that kind of money being spent in Las Vegas, they can go to hell. SIEGEL is alleged to have said that he had instructed MOE SEDWAY to give the "Live-wire" Fund of the Chamber of Commerce a check for \$3000.00 but that since he had learned of [redacted] attitude he had instructed SEDWAY to tear up the check. SIEGEL stated that if he heard of SEDWAY or anyone else connected with his business giving one cent to the Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas he would break their necks. SIEGEL is alleged to have told [redacted] that he has been one of [redacted] best customers at the Hotel Last Frontier and that when the Flamingo Hotel is completed it will make the Last Frontier look like a two bit auto court; that he will get the real business at his hotel and [redacted] will get the tourists.

[redacted] was asked where he got his information and he said from [redacted] However, it is to be noted that none of [redacted] comments are included in the above and it is believed that had [redacted] obtained the above information from [redacted] [redacted] would have informed [redacted] what his reaction was. It would seem advisable for SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] who knows [redacted] personally, to attempt to verify this information through [redacted] or at least determine if [redacted] This is suggested in view of the fact that [redacted] may be fishing for information from this office for [redacted]

Special Agent

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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Las Vegas, Nevada  
August 30, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF:

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

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[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
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Las Vegas, Nevada  
August 30, 1946

MEMO, SAC:

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Re: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The above suit was filed August 26, 1946 before Justice of the Peace  
GENE WARD, by LOUIS WEINER, Attorney for the complainants.

*W. Weiner*

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent(A)

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reporter.*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Los Angeles 13, California  
September 3, 1946

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, New York City

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 20, 1946 at Los Angeles. b7c

Your attention is directed to page 12 of the referenced report wherein information is set forth to the effect that on June 17, 1945, it was reported that BEN SIEGEL, who was [REDACTED] b7c

It is requested that the New York office endeavor to determine whether [REDACTED]

and if so, the nature of his connections with that company. It is also requested that the New York Field Office determine the individual to whom the telephone CHickering 4-5050 was listed in May, 1943. b7c

Very truly yours,

A. R. OSTROMOFF

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SAC, San Diego

September 3, 1946

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A. E. OSTHOFF

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

In response to your request, we are enclosing two photographs each of  
[REDACTED] and BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL.

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Los Angeles, California  
September 3, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING-  
CRIME SURVEY

While speaking with Special Agent in Charge J. C. NEWMAN at 10:45 A.M. today (August 29, 1946), I asked him if Special Agent [REDACTED] would be available to work at Las Vegas, Nevada on this case as a special assignment with no other cases assigned to him. Mr. NEWMAN said that he would inform Special Agent [REDACTED] that he would be assigned to this case as a special beginning September 1, 1946. b7c

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO [REDACTED]  
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MEMO., SAC:

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

Special Agent in Charge W. J. MURPHY of the San Diego Field Office  
at 9:45 A.M. today (August 29, 1946), advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is behind the Flamingo  
Hotel at Las Vegas and that [REDACTED] is acquainted with all of the  
individuals instructing the Flamingo Hotel.

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[REDACTED] advised Mr. MURPHY that we were thoroughly familiar with the  
facts surrounding the construction of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada.

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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Los Angeles 13, California  
September 3, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

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

[redacted] telephoned me at the San Francisco office on  
August 28, 1946 at 12:20 P.M. He advised that former Special Agent  
[redacted] This  
information was in answer to an inquiry in my letter of August 26, 1946. b7c

[redacted] then referred to my letter of August 26, 1946 in  
which I referred to an attempt on the part of SIEGEL and his associates to  
obtain a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the  
instructions of the Director that this be brought to the attention of Mr.  
GEORGE ALLEN, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] stated that [redacted] had previously informed the Bureau that SIEGEL and  
[redacted] had merely discussed the possibility of such a loan. He wanted to  
know if there was anything more definite on this and I told him that there  
was not.

At this time I referred to the fact that I had sent a letter  
to the Bureau with a copy to Mr. CONNELLEY, advising that [redacted] b7d  
[redacted]

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO/ [redacted] b7c

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September 3, 1946

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MEMO, SAC:

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

At 7:30 a.m. on August 30, 1946 Supervisor [redacted] at the Chicago Office called and furnished the following information. b7c

At 2:01 a.m. August 27, 1946 [redacted]

[redacted] called a Mr. SIEGEL at Chicago.

SIEGEL said: "Do you think he'll call you?"

[redacted] There was further conversation which was not pertinent.

At 3:31 p.m. August 29, 1946 there was a call [redacted]

to BUGSY?"

"Have you talked

[redacted] thought that perhaps BUGS SIEGEL was in Chicago and I advised him that as of last evening (August 29, 1946) we had SIEGEL under surveillance in Los Angeles, and, therefore, it would be impossible for him to have been in Chicago on August 27, 1946.

A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO: [redacted] b7c

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Los Angeles, California  
September 4, 1946

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MEMO FOR MR. OSTHOLTHOFF:

At 12 noon today AGENT [REDACTED] called from Las Vegas for MR. OSTHOLTHOFF and gave the following message to the writer. b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

In regards to the shooting [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] advised that he will call Reno today to ascertain any further information available to same. b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
SEP -4 1946  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
ROUTED TO [REDACTED] b7c

Los Angeles 13, California  
September 4, 1946

MEMO., SAC:

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, W.A.S.  
MISC., INFO. CONC.-CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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The informant was advised by the writer that no special interest was necessary in connection with the present activities of VIRGINIA HILL because it was not deemed advisable to advise this informant that the Bureau is presently interested in the activities of "BUGSY" SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL.

[REDACTED]

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Special Agent

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September 5, 1946

SAC, San Francisco

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DATE 11-20-85 BY SP-7 MAC/102

Re: BENJAMIN "BOB" SIGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

For your assistance in the further investigation  
of this matter, there are transmitted herewith six photographs  
of the subject.

Very truly yours,

*AO*  
A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

*b7c*  
[REDACTED]  
AEO  
62-2837 ✓

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 9/5/46

SAC, NEW YORK CITY URGENT

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS., MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

REMYLET AUG. EIGHT. EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION [REDACTED] b7c

OSTHOLTHOFF

AEO [REDACTED] b7c

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Per [REDACTED] b7c 197

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Los Angeles, California  
September 4, 1946

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MEMO, SAC:

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

[redacted] of the Bureau telephoned me at 7:20 a.m. (September 3, 1946) and stated that the Director is interested in the possible perjury violation in connection with the C.P.A. hearing at San Francisco. [redacted] stated that the Bureau wanted to know who testified before the Commissioner and which parts of the testimony I considered perjured. I told [redacted] that I was still at my hotel and that I had this material at the office. [redacted] requested that I call him from the office. b7c

At 8:50 a.m. I called the Bureau and spoke with [redacted] in the absence of [redacted] and told [redacted] that I had examined the transcript of the hearing before the C.P.A. Commissioner at San Francisco and noted that the witnesses were not sworn, but were warned by the Commissioner that they must testify truthfully, otherwise they would violate the law and also told them that they did not have to testify if they felt that anything they might say would incriminate themselves. [redacted] asked what code section the commissioner referred to and I told him that the commissioner did not state the code section, but I assume that he referred to Section 80 of Title 18, U.S. Code. I then advised that the following individuals testified on behalf of SIEGEL and his associates: [redacted] b7c

[redacted] I then referred [redacted] to Page 15 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] San Francisco, August 26, 1946, wherein there is set out information overheard by the agents in a room at the St. Francis Hotel after the hearing before the Commissioner was concluded. I pointed out to [redacted] that [redacted] questioned [redacted] as to whether or not they could commit perjury before the C.P.A. Commissioner and [redacted] reminded [redacted] of the warning given by the Commissioner and it was [redacted] opinion that even though they had not been sworn they would still be guilty of perjury.

I told [redacted] that the facts in the matter briefly are these. There is being constructed at Las Vegas a casino and restaurant. Separated from this building by 120 feet of open space a hotel building is being constructed. On March 26, 1946 the C.P.A. issued an order stopping the construction of all commercial building unless it had been started before [redacted] b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SEP - 5 1946
62-2837-188
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

MEMO, SAC:

September 4, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

March 26th. The casino and restaurant were started before March 26th, but there is ample evidence that the hotel building was not started until some time in April, probably April 10, 1946. I told [redacted] that SIEGEL and his associates are claiming that the hotel and the casino are all one building; that they so claimed before [redacted] the C.P.A. representative at Reno on April 29th and took the position that since they had started their construction of the casino before March 26th they were not bound by the C.P.A. orders. b7c

I advised [redacted] that this question was put to [redacted] "In your discussion with [redacted] and in your discussion concerning the erection of this building, was it at all times to be constructed as one building?" [redacted] replied: "Yes". At another point [redacted] was asked: "Do the basements go all the way around and through this entire structure?" [redacted] answered: "Yes, they do". I told [redacted] that I believe that those two statements were at variance with the true facts in the case. I pointed out that naturally we cannot make a perjury case until we conduct the necessary investigation; that we must prove intent as well as the fact that the statements were false [redacted] wanted to know if we had documentary evidence disproving those statements. I told him that we had the building permits which were issued at Las Vegas and that the building permits called for two separate buildings. Further, that we had interviewed [redacted] and he advised us that he had been hired to construct one building; namely, the casino and restaurant. With reference to [redacted] testimony, I advised [redacted] that [redacted] had given confusing answers to questions and it would require a further study of the testimony to indicate that he had made any deliberate false statements; that [redacted] was apparently very careful in the answers he gave. With reference to the testimony of [redacted] I advised [redacted] that he had testified generally along the same lines as [redacted] testified. b7c

[redacted] said that this will probably be a difficult case to prove and I agreed with him, but stated that it was my theory that [redacted] who has a good reputation at Las Vegas, would probably give us the truth of the matter and possibly assist materially in making our case. I also advised [redacted] that another C.P.A. hearing was coming up September 5th and that if the C.P.A. is able to enforce its stop order we possibly would not want to go ahead with a prosecution on the false statement theory because this might appear to be harassment; that the stop order in itself would accomplish a great deal in that it would tie up approximately \$500,000 worth of SIEGEL's funds. I told [redacted] b7c