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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached letter from Los Angeles outlines in rather extensive form the facts and background in so far as they are known concerning the killing of "Bugsy" Siegel. I thought you would be interested in this since undoubtedly if you make a trip West, this case will be the subject of considerable discussion on the part of people with whom you may be in contact.

We are advising Hood by letter today that there would appear to be no reason why the Bureau should turn over any information [redacted] but that any person offering information concerning the killing of Siegel should be referred direct to the police department to report their information.

[redacted]

Respectfully,

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Edw. A. Tamm

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Hood on this  
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1. I think Hood should refer persons to [redacted] rather than to [redacted]

2. Also if we do get any real [redacted] had clue we ought to follow it out regardless in view of our general interest in the gang situation

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 13, California  
July 1, 1947

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AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Salt Lake City teletype dated June 24, 1947, wherein is requested complete details and subsequent developments of the murder of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL in Los Angeles.

The killing of SIEGEL was brought to the attention of this office after the shooting, at 10:50 P.M. on June 20, 1947, when [redacted] telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] had telephoned him.

At this time [redacted] told [redacted] that SIEGEL had been shot five times; that seven bullets of .45 caliber were shot; that one bullet grazed the coat of ALLEN SMILEY who was present with SIEGEL in the living room at 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California - VIRGINIA HILL'S residence; and that CHARLES "CHICK" HILL, brother of VIRGINIA HILL, and JERI MASON, believed to be VIRGINIA HILL'S Secretary, were upstairs at the residence at the time of the shooting. Immediately after the shooting an automobile which was proceeding north toward Sunset Boulevard from the residence had been reported seen by neighbors.

Los Angeles newspapers, on the morning of June 21, 1947, submitted headline publicity of SIEGEL'S murder, relating the following additional information:

I. [redacted] was sleeping at the residence at the time of the killing.

II. ALLEN SMILEY made the statement: "I heard the glass shattering and I ducked; I don't know how many shots were fired, but when I looked at SIEGEL I could see he had taken most of them."



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DISSEMINATION - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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[REDACTED] telephonically advised on June 21, 1947 that he was surprised to hear of the killing of SIEGEL. He stated that he discredited the story that SIEGEL was killed because he owed money to the Mafia Syndicate, headed by FRANK COSTELLO and JOE ADONIS, concluding: "You can't collect money from a dead man".

[REDACTED] telephonically volunteered on the same date that SIEGEL was fighting a big force, meaning "The Unione Sicillione Syndicate", and that he didn't deserve this because he hadn't done them any wrong.

[REDACTED] advised that he had been present at Jack's Cafe in Ocean Park, California on the night of June 20, 1947 and he observed [REDACTED] and SIEGEL "in a huddle" with one of the co-owners of Jack's Cafe [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] observed SIEGEL [REDACTED] leave the cafe, which gave out free newspapers with the stickers on them reading "Good-night, Sleep Well". [REDACTED]

From June 21, 1947 through June 26, 1947 SIEGEL's death received newspaper headline publicity in Los Angeles. Many proposed reasons for the killing were set out, including gang warfare and dope smuggling; the fact that Las Vegas gambling clubs were losing money because of the Flamingo Club; that SIEGEL's interest in the Flamingo Club and Hotel drained his resources to the extent that he was applying pressure to the Los Angeles bookmakers who subscribe to the Trans-America Wire Service; that a patron of the Flamingo lost heavily betting and had undertaken reprisals; etc. etc. Copies of these articles were forwarded to the Bureau by confidential letter dated June 27, 1947.

Significantly, one article related that VIRGINIA HILL had had a quarrel with SIEGEL in Las Vegas and that she had departed for Paris, France.

On June 21, 1947 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is known to be friendly with [REDACTED]

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telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. B. HOOD that he had been on the murder case of SIEGEL constantly and requested to know if the FBI was interested in the case. He had learned that SIEGEL had flown into the Los Angeles area on the morning of June 20, 1947. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] SIEGEL was expected to keep an appointment with his attorney, [REDACTED] in Beverly Hills, California.

[REDACTED] had been in VIRGINIA HILL's house and said seven cartridges were found outside of the window. These cartridges were of 30 caliber size. The bullets were copper jacketed, which were no doubt shot from a U. S. Army Carbine Rifle. b7c

The victim SIEGEL was seated four feet from the window which was fourteen feet from the spot where the carbine was rested on a lattice between VIRGINIA HILL's residence and the neighbor's driveway. Nine shots were evidently fired. Two bullets had entered SIEGEL's body through the head -- one bullet came out through an eye, and a portion of an eyelid was found ten feet from him. There were five holes in the wall about as big as a silver dollar, and other bullets hit other objects in the room.

The couch on which SIEGEL and SMILEY were sitting was at right-angles to the window, with the back in line with the right side of the nearby window. SMILEY was believed to have been next to the window with his left arm resting along the back of the couch. SIEGEL was at the far end of the couch, leaning over a little and reading a Los Angeles Examiner newspaper. Apparently the first two bullets just singed SMILEY's coat at his left arm. According to [REDACTED] the killer almost had to shoot around the corner and obviously was a very good shot. b7c

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]



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WIRE SERVICE

[REDACTED] b2 b7c

The Los Angeles Times newspaper dated June 22, 1947 reflected that Chief Deputy District Attorney S. ERNEST ROLL, who with Captain W. W. WHITE headed the investigation of the murder, obtained a lengthy statement from BARNEY RUDITSKY who was absolved from having any connection with the investigation. ROLL stated that RUDITSKY's information furnished little if any light on the murder. b7D

[REDACTED]

From a confidential source [REDACTED] b2 b7c  
[REDACTED] which is being developed now as an informant by this office, the following was furnished: SIEGEL had encroached upon the activities of [REDACTED] in Las Vegas, Nevada and they retaliated.

SIEGEL had a fight with [REDACTED] two weeks previous to the killing and SIEGEL told [REDACTED] that he no longer had anything to do with the wire service and that [REDACTED] should get out of the town of Los Angeles. b2 b7c

[REDACTED] subsequently learned from [REDACTED] b2 b7c  
[REDACTED] believed by this office to be [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the following two reasons for the killing of SIEGEL:

A. SIEGEL had been losing money heavily in Las Vegas in his operation of the Flamingo Hotel and was attempting a recoup through his friend GEORGE RAFT and others by attempting to gain bookmaking trade in the motion picture colony. This move clashed with [REDACTED] who had SIEGEL killed.

B. A meeting was held in Las Vegas between SIEGEL and his associates wherein it was decided that the Trans-America Wire Service was not doing so

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well and arrangements were made to reorganize the same. At the meeting it was decided that [redacted] in Los Angeles would have to tell JACK DRAGNA, who was in the hospital at the time, that he was no longer to be connected with the wire service. The informant blamed JACK DRAGNA, a reported active member of the Mafia, to be responsible for the SUGEL killing inasmuch as he, DRAGNA, was being ousted.

On June 23, 1947 [redacted] stated that [redacted] were recently released from prison in Derby, Kansas. While in jail one of them is said to have remarked that he had a big job to do on the West Coast and it was felt [redacted] that he might have some connection with the GIBBELL killing.

On June 23, 1947 [redacted] telephonically requested this office to advise him of any information received which might be of assistance in connection with the SIEGEL case. b

stated on June 24, 1947 that VIRGINIA HILL was a girl friend of JOE ADAMS in New York City; that she came to the West Coast to see Hollywood and SIEGEL was told by the Syndicate to take care of her. He added that the money which she had been throwing around belonged to SIEGEL. Furthermore, for some reason unknown, she had threatened to commit suicide in Las Vegas, Nevada and SIEGEL personally took her to a doctor. He also pointed out that [redacted] partner of SIEGEL's in the operation of the Flamingo Hotel, had departed to Paris, France, as had VIRGINIA HILL. [redacted] was of the opinion that SIEGEL had been killed for one of the two following reasons:

1. Mistreatment of VIRGINIA HILL;
2. A fight over the racing news service on the West Coast.

In the course of another Bureau investigation Special Agent [redacted] ascertained from [redacted]

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[REDACTED] b7c

On June 25, 1947 Special Agent [REDACTED] attended the Coroner's Inquest of SIEGEL's death, held at the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles. Captain W. W. WHITE, Beverly Hills, Police Department, ALLEN SMILEY, JERI MASON, and CHARLES HILL testified. b7c

Captain WHITE testified that the killing happened at approximately 10:50 P.M. on June 20, 1947 and he arrived at the residence at approximately 11:00 P.M. He stated that he had picked up nine 30-caliber U. S. Army carbine shells at the scene; that two shots entered SIEGEL's head, one entering the right eye and exiting at the left eye, the other entering the right cheek and exiting the left neck, shattering the neck vertebra, and that the distance from where the victim was shot to the window of the residence was four feet.

ALLEN SMILEY identified the body at the inquest and related the activities of JERI MASON, CHARLES HILL, SIEGEL and himself before the shooting. He stated that at 3:00 P.M. he drove SIEGEL to JERRY ROTHCHILD's Barber Shop, 222 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, where he left SIEGEL. SMILEY returned to his apartment and made an appointment to see his doctor. SMILEY completed the appointment which lasted forty-five minutes, and returned to pick up SIEGEL at JOE ROSS's law offices in Beverly Hills, California, and returned with SIEGEL to the Linden Drive address. SMILEY, SIEGEL, HILL and MASON then proceeded to Jack's Cafe at Ocean Park, California because they had heard that the cafe had just opened and all of them were curious to see what it was like. SMILEY related that after having dinner at Jack's Cafe they returned to the Linden Drive address and the only stop made was at the Beverly Wilshire Drug Store where SIEGEL purchased some camphor. They arrived at the Linden Drive address at approximately 10:00 or 10:20 P.M. and after being in the house for about ten minutes both SIEGEL and SMILEY sat on the Chesterfield couch talking while SIEGEL looked over the Los Angeles Examiner newspaper.

SMILEY first heard a lot of noise, "like firecrackers, and thought it was a gag", but when he saw blood he knew SIEGEL had been shot. SMILEY

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said: "Quicker than I can say, I dove to the ground and immediately heard CHICK HILL, who was upstairs with JERI MASON, call down, 'what's the matter, BEN'". SMILEY then hollered for them to call the doctor and the police and to turn off the lights. He yelled, "BEN is shot; call the police; call a doctor". He added, "someones called BARNEY RUDITSKY, a very good friend".

JERI MASON and CHARLES HILL both testified, stating that they were upstairs pulling tacks out of the carpet because they were getting ready to go to Florida. Miss MASON was asked information concerning her occupation which she stated was secretary to VIRGINIA HILL, however she was embarrassed when asked direct questions concerning from whom VIRGINIA HILL rented and if Miss MASON had received correspondence recently from Miss HILL. Miss MASON knew very little concerning VIRGINIA HILL's personal business and was very very vague. It was later disclosed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office that CHARLES HILL and JERI MASON, who was formerly the secretary for MARIE MacDONALD, the motion picture actress, are engaged to be married.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Subsequent to the Coroner's Inquest, Special Agent [REDACTED]  
ascertained [REDACTED]

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Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MURDER - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THE BODY

From June 20 through June 25, 1947 SIEGEL's body remained at the Los Angeles County Morgue unclaimed. However, after the Coroner's Inquest Dr. MAURICE SIEGEL, brother of the victim, claimed the body and secret funeral services for the slain underworld big shot were held at the Groman Mortuary in Los Angeles. The services lasted five minutes and only six mourners, including SIEGEL's divorced wife and his two daughters, were present. The ornate \$5,000. silver-plated bronze casket remained closed throughout the funeral, the body having been hermetically sealed in the coffin on the night of June 25, 1947. The rights of the Jewish Church were conducted privately by Rabbi MAX KERT of the Olympic Jewish Center at the request of the family to thwart plans of SIEGEL's friends and business associates for a lavish Chicago-style funeral.

[REDACTED]

In connection with the investigation conducted [REDACTED] it is noted that GEORGE RAFT was thoroughly questioned and as a result he stated that SIEGEL was a very good friend of his and furnished no detrimental information about his activities. b7D

Mrs. ESTHER SIEGEL, the divorced wife of the victim, was also questioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. SIEGEL stated that she was a schoolday sweetheart in New York City with SIEGEL and that about twenty years ago while he was in the garage business there she married him. She talked freely [REDACTED] however there was no mention made of SIEGEL's background as a "tough slugger from New York City". Instead, she called SIEGEL "a fine husband and thoughtful father".

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JULIUS ROSENBERG

[REDACTED] b7c

From highly confidential sources the Los Angeles Office ascertained the following:

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[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c



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July 1, 1947

Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
Miscellaneous - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME RECORD

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

The killing of SIEGEL brought to the attention of Governor EARL WARREN the fact that gangsterism was rampant in California and he publicly announced through the newspapers that he was appointing a Police Commission to study the influx of racketeers and gangsters in California.

[REDACTED] b7c b7d

It is significant that [REDACTED] previously advised on July 8, 1946 that [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and told him that he was going by private plane to Las Vegas. On July 26, 1946 [REDACTED] contacted SIEGEL and went with him to [REDACTED] Los Angeles. From various contacts with [REDACTED] ascertained that [REDACTED] had been obtaining horse racing tips [REDACTED] during September of 1946. b2 b7c b7d

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Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BOOST" SIEGEL  
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Looking at information by various local agencies may yield some  
heretofore overlooked clue to the motive of SIEGEL's assassination.

In connection with this meeting, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that he would not be present  
at this meeting because he did not intend to furnish information to the  
State Attorney General's Office [REDACTED]

On June 30, 1947 [REDACTED] advised that he had been in contact  
with [REDACTED] who stated that  
he was certain that the FBI in Los Angeles had much information concerning the  
killing of SIEGEL and that this information could certainly assist in the  
possible solution of the murder. [REDACTED] however stated that [REDACTED]  
had told him that the [REDACTED] had not yet requested  
any information from this office.

In view of this remark made by [REDACTED] this  
office requests to know whether any or all of the above information should  
be submitted [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD,  
SAC

62-2837  
cc: CHICAGO  
NEW YORK  
PHOENIX  
SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN FRANCISCO  
CINCINNATI

Director, FBI

July 1, 1947 -

Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
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CRIME SCENE

On June 28, 1947 an anonymous informant telephonically advised that an individual by the name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was connected with "BUGSY" SIEGEL and had trouble with him. This informant stated that [REDACTED] knew all the facts concerning the demise of SIEGEL. b7c b7D

This informant subsequently contacted this office on the same date and advised that [REDACTED] had a big argument with SIEGEL concerning the narcotic traffic. [REDACTED]

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On June 29, 1947 [REDACTED] declared that all his evidence accumulated in the investigation of SIEGEL's murder pointed nowhere. He said: "We have the gambling angle, the love angle, the narcotic angle — you can take your choice. Everyone tells us how much they loved SIEGEL, but it's a cinch somebody didn't". b7c b7D

b7c  
[REDACTED] ordered a liaison officer assigned to obtain a line on the movements of gangsters and racketeers who, [REDACTED] in increasing numbers have been making Hollywood, California a base of nationwide operations.

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In a concerted move to catalogue criminal elements moving into Southern California which was precipitated in the slaying of SIEGEL, local law enforcement chiefs were scheduled to meet at 10:00 A.M. on July 1, 1947 in the office of the California State Attorney General's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MEXICO CITY

June 25, 1947

Director, FBI

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 3, 1947, which advised that VIRGINIA HILL, mistress of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, contemplated visiting Mexico City on January 15, 1947. Referenced letter also indicated that HILL had requested [redacted] to allow her to use his apartment in Mexico City.

[redacted]

In view of the recent murder of "BUGS" SIEGEL, and information appearing in the newspapers to the effect that HILL is in Paris, [this stop is being discontinued.]

Very truly yours

John N. Speakes  
Legal Attache

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WILLIS BOWEN

An article appearing in one of the Washington newspapers relates Sanford B. Miller disclosed that he had purchased the late Siegel's Flamingo Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, for \$3,000,000.

It is requested you endeavor to verify this information through your confidential informants and promptly advise the Bureau.

AIR MAIL

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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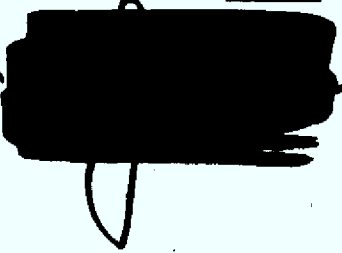
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**Rival Buys Siegel's  
 Las Vegas Hotel**  
 United Press  
 LAS VEGAS, Nev., July 12—San-  
 ford D. Adler, one of Benjamin  
 [Bugsy] Siegel's rival hotel owners,  
 disclosed today that he had bought  
 the slain gangster's ornate Flamingo  
 Casino for \$3,000,000.  
 The Flamingo reportedly had been  
 losing money faster than the cus-  
 tomers at its gaming tables. Siegel's  
 need to make up the losses was be-  
 lieved to have contributed to his  
 assassination June 20 in Beverly  
 Hills.

Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel  
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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED] LANSKY DISCUSSED SIEGEL KILLING AND LANSKY STATED POSITIVELY THAT SYNDICATE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KILLING. LANSKY STATED THAT HE, FRANK CASTELLO, AND JOE ADONIS WERE AS SURPRISED AS ANYONE WHEN THEY HEARD THAT SIEGEL [REDACTED] HAD BEEN KILLED. THEY RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ASSOCIATES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY INQUIRING ABOUT SIEGEL'S DEATH BUT [REDACTED] WERE UNABLE TO ANSWER THEM. LANSKY SAID HE AND OTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. HE STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT CONTACTED BY VIRGINIA HILL WHILE HILL WAS IN NEW YORK CITY BEFORE LEAVING FOR PARIS AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT HILL MAY HAVE TOLD ODONIS OR LANSKY ABOUT SIEGEL'S ATTEMPTS TO DEFRAUD MEMBERS OF THE SYNDICATE AT THE FLAMINGO HOTEL AT LAS VEGAS. LANSKY BELIEVES THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT HILL'S BROTHER MAY HAVE KILLED SIEGEL. [REDACTED] b7D

QUOTE THOSE NOT HEADED SOUTHERNERS WHO MAY HAVE KILLED SIEGEL BECAUSE OF SIEGEL MISTREATING HILL. LANSKY SAID THE SYNDICATE IS CONDUCTING AND INVESTIGATION OF ITS OWN TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF THE [REDACTED] b7D

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

DATE: July 14, 1947

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

[REDACTED] advised on June 25, 1947 that MRS. ESTHER SIEGEL, wife of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, planned to have a very private funeral service at Los Angeles, California for the slain gangster. Only members of SIEGEL's immediate family were expected to attend the service and no outsiders were invited. Informant stated that he understands no publicity whatsoever is to be given to the funeral planned and that the funeral may come as a surprise to even intimate associates of the former gangster.

This information was born out by newspaper articles of June 26, 1947 which reflected that MRS. SIEGEL and her daughters together with SIEGEL's sister and [REDACTED] appeared at the mortician's office and requested that an immediate funeral service be conducted.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES

URGENT

BENJAMIN QUOTE BIGGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, WAS. MISC. REBUTEL YESTERDAY  
LOS ANGELES WAS ADVISED JULY ELEVEN LAST THAT THEIR TEL JULY TEN  
LAST INDICATED NO INVESTIGATION THIS DIVISION AND NO REFERENCES  
COULD BE LOCATED THIS OFFICE. APPARENTLY ~~THE~~ INVESTIGATION SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN REQUESTED OF BIRMINGHAM DIVISION AND LOS ANGELES UNDOUBTEDLY  
HAS COMMUNICATED WITH BIRMINGHAM.

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BENJAMIN "BOBBY" SIEGEL, WAS, RE: INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY, REPEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, ETC.

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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.

MISC.-INFO. CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

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[REDACTED]

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The sole purpose of requesting immediate advice from the Bureau as to the disposition by the Bureau of the information [REDACTED] was for the guidance of this office and not to be divulged in any manner to the Informant.

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|| This is explanation  
but letters ought to be  
carefully worded  
so they say what  
is meant particularly  
in such matters of  
import,

Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*

JAY C. NEWMAN  
SAC

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62-1130

SAC, Salt Lake City PERSONAL ATTENTION

August 4, 1947

Director, FBI

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Reurlet July 25, 1947, entitled Benjamin "Bugs" Siegal, with aliases; Information Concerning Crime Survey. You advise that the above-captioned informant is not being apprised of information received by the Bureau.

Your attention is directed to the following sentence appearing in urlet dated July 22, 1947, entitled Vice Conditions Lower California, Mexico, Crime Survey: "Informant believed that [redacted] had received some information that was erroneous on his trip to Sacramento and San Francisco, California".

[redacted] has undoubtedly furnished information of value on criminal matters. However, it appears from the above-quoted sentence that he is being furnished information which has been received by the Bureau. This practice will not be tolerated and must cease at once. You are instructed to immediately discuss this matter with the Agents handling this informant and it should be specifically pointed out that no information is to be furnished this informant.

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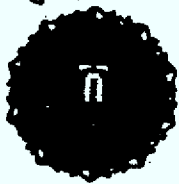
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City 1, Utah  
July 18, 1947

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Mr. Nease	
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ON *11-7-85*

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to San Diego letter dated July 1, 1947, to the Bureau, copies of which were furnished interested offices, stating that [redacted] has been advised by his own highly reliable and confidential source that during the month of June, 1947, BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL had learned at Las Vegas, Nevada that [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, it is believed that [redacted] is in the possession of erroneous information regarding this [redacted]

It is believed that this information may help to clear up this matter.

Very truly yours,

JAY F. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles  
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, WAS  
MISC., INFO CONCERNING

DATE: 7/10/47

CLRB

Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

As of possible interest to the Bureau, there are being forwarded herewith autopsy photos of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL taken at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
Miss Gandy.....

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FROM LOSA 2 24 11-45 AM

DIRECTOR URGENT

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC, INFO CONCERNING. REMYTEL JULY 1  
ELEVEN LAST. FURNISH BUREAU INFO IMMEDIATELY.

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PLS NOTE THAT BIRMINGHAM WILL BE ADVISED

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 15, 1947

The attached was sent  
to the Director by Walter  
Winchell.

read: The notations thereon

"To Hoover

"from two top  
detectives."

Attachment

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Mr. Clegg ☒  
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Mr. Ladd ☒  
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Mr. Nease ☒  
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MEMO.

The Police expect to tie up the Bugsy Siegel killing with the Ragen killing in Chicago last year. (However, the cops do not expect to be able to put the finger on the actual murderer of Siegel). Despite anything written about narcotics, etc., the real cause of the whole thing is bookmaking and racing interests. Here's the story....

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There are two supposedly rival services interests who have the racing wire ~~interest~~ sewed up. (Also all the various 'scratch sheets'). They are the Ragain-Annenber crowd and the Trans American News Service and Publishers, Inc. The latter is run by the 'boys' from the east here, and has an office in Brklyn and one in Chicago---address in Chi is 6 East Lake St. phone Medallion 1931). Actually, the two syndicates are linked up secretly, their rivalry is a front to stop the Gov't from any possible anti-trust, monopoly injunctions...Now all the big bookmakers throughout the country need these wire services, and are charged a nominal rate---about \$75 per day. Bugsy, against the advice of the biggest 'boys' here: (ML, JA, started charging double that rate to the west coast bookies. Th where the fight started !.....

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
San Diego 1, California  
July 1, 1947**

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Mohr .....  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
Mr. Nease .....

Director, FBI

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DATE 11-7-95 BY 50-7 [signature]

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the San Diego Division letter of May 21,  
last to the Director entitled "VICE CONDITIONS, LOWER CALIFORNIA, MEXICO,  
CRIME SURVEY".

That communication and others from the Salt Lake City Division  
under the same title indicated that

[REDACTED]

In this connection, [REDACTED] has been advised by his own highly  
reliable and confidential source that during the past thirty days "BUGS"  
SIEGEL had ascertained at Las Vegas, Nevada, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This information is particularly interesting at this time in view of  
SIEGEL's murder.

The Salt Lake City Division might be able to obtain additional  
information concerning this particular matter [REDACTED]

AIR MAIL

Very truly yours,

**FBI**

W. A. MURPHY  
Special Agent in Charge

62-477



- cc - Los Angeles
- cc - Salt Lake City
- cc - Phoenix

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Phoenix  
 SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY

DATE: July 22, 1947

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Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Gurnea  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Winterrowd

[redacted] came to the Phoenix office on July 21, 1947, ostensibly to make a social call, but advised while here that they were working under cover on a lead which they had received in the SIEGEL case. This lead, the source of which was not mentioned, was to the effect that two short stocky swarthy Italians were supposed to have done the job and that they were brought out here by GUS GREENBAUM and were known to have hung around the Adams Hotel in Phoenix; further that they were driving a tan Buick with no license plates. b7c

[redacted] advised that they would remain in Phoenix for a few days in an attempt to run this lead out, without disclosing their presence here. They said they had made a check of the automobiles passing through Blythe, California, for a short period of time immediately preceding the death of SIEGEL, and had located approximately 95 cars which could have fit the description they had.

Any further information developed through this source will be promptly furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

cc-San Diego  
 cc-Los Angeles  
 cc-Salt Lake City

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: "BUGGSKY" SIEGEL - DECEASED  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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DATE: July 19, 1947

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Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

SA [REDACTED] working in the Wichita Area, has furnished me a memorandum with respect to "BUGGSKY" SIEGEL, reading as follows:

"Reference is made to the letter of Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY at Chicago to Kansas City dated June 18, 1947, and entitled [REDACTED] Theft of House of Hesse Royal Crown Jewels in Germany, NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT.

"While making preliminary inquiries in connection with the aforementioned case, Agent learned that [REDACTED] an acquaintance of former SA [REDACTED] now practicing law in Wichita, had furnished the following information:

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This is being furnished the Bureau, the Los Angeles Office, and Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY in Chicago for information purposes. The Los Angeles Office may desire to furnish the information contained herein to the law enforcement agency conducting an investigation relative to the murder of SIEGEL.

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cc Los Angeles

cc Chicago - Attention Assistant Director E. J. DONNELLEY

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY  
AND FIELD OFFICE  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 7/1/47

RE: THE KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
DATE 7/1/47

Reference is made to the Bureau Division letter to the  
Director dated July 1, 1947, entitled as above, captioned by to page 9  
 thereof which indicates that

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above is submitted for general information in connection  
with the letter of reference.

Very truly yours,

*C. J. Murphy*  
SAC, CHICAGO

cc - Los Angeles  
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DATE July 22, 1962

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BOSS" SIEGEL  
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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Enclosed herewith are seven photographs as follows:

- 1 and 2: Margee slab photographs of slain "BOSS" SIEGEL.
- 3, 4 and 5: Photographs of slain SIEGEL taken at the home at VIRGINIA HILL at 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 6 and 7: Photographs of [redacted] both of whom were present in the home at the time of the slaying of SIEGEL.

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Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
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Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓

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b1 [REDACTED] (C) MEXICO CITY MEXICO MEXICO-FORMISC-X  
BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, CRIME SURVEY. BROADWAY  
COLUMNIST JACKSON IN COLUMN CARRIED BY UNITED STATES NEWSPAPER  
QUOTEX SAN ANTONIO LIGHT UNQUOTE DATED [REDACTED] STATES C b1  
VIRGINIA HILL BELIEVED UNITED STATES G-MEN IN MEXICO WERE IN-  
VESTIGATING HER IN CONNECTION WITH NARCOTIC MATTERS. FOR BUREAU'S  
INFORMATION IT IS BELIEVED THAT VIRGINIA HILL WAS REFERRING TO  
INVESTIGATOR OF LOCAL OFFICE OF UNITED STATES TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE.  
IN MY LETTER OF [REDACTED] CONCERNING SIEGEL I ADVISED DISCREET  
INVESTIGATION HAD THUS FAR FAILED TO REFLECT PRESENCE OF HILL IN b7D  
MEXICO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUREAU WILL BE  
ADVISED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

TO: *Rao* Director, FBI  
 FROM: *[redacted]* SAC, Birmingham

DATE: July 25, 1947 *R*

SUBJECT: *bx* BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 CRIME SURVEY

*7/25*  
 VIRGINIA HILL, was  
*[redacted]*  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

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DATE 11-21-85 9145 *[redacted]*  
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Under date of July 11, 1947, the Los Angeles Office directed a teletype to Birmingham in the SIEGEL case, referring to the report of Special Agent *[redacted]* Birmingham, dated August 27, 1942, in the closed case entitled VIRGINIA HILL, was; *[redacted]* INFORMATION CONCERNING, Los Angeles file No. 62-2290, Chicago file No. 62-3114, in which teletype it was stated that *[redacted]* *bx*

The teletype further reflected that *[redacted]* *bx*

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It will be seen from the above [REDACTED] may probably be considered capable of performing most any type crime and it is not known at the Birmingham Office just how far the Los Angeles Office or the Bureau may desire to follow up his whereabouts on the date of SIEGEL's demise. A copy of this communication, however, is being made available to the Mobile Office in the event it might be desirable to check on his whereabouts at Pensacola, Florida on that date. b2

Under date of July 14, 1947, the "Birmingham News" carried photographs and a feature story concerning VIRGINIA HILL, copies of which are being forwarded to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office for informative purposes. It is noted that the article states that VIRGINIA's father, a

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former horse and mule trader in Bessemer, Alabama, has recently moved to Marietta, Georgia, and for that reason, a copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Atlanta Office in the event it might be desirable to interview members of her family there.

In the absence of any further request for active investigation this case is being considered RUC, and a copy of instant letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office due to their interest in SIEGEL, as well as the fact that the Chicago Office was formerly office of origin in the VIRGINIA HILL case.

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Enclosure

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc - Los Angeles (2) (Enc)

Atlanta

Chicago

Mobile



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO MR. ROSEN

**DATE:** August 6, 1947

**FROM :**

**SUBJECT:**

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING**

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING**

**PURPOSE:**

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DATE 11-7-85 BY 51-70

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS:

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

These data are submitted for your information. No information has been received from the War Department.

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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# **Ex-Convict Says He Drove Car for Killer of Siegel**

Waurika, Okla., Aug. 5 (AP).—  
 County Attorney John Hannah  
 said today a man who "feared for  
 his life" signed a statement declar-  
 ing he drove a car for the man who  
 killed gambler Bugsy Siegel in  
 Beverly Hills June 20.

Hannah identified the man as  
 Virgil Clark Manning, 28, of Los  
 Angeles. He said Manning told  
 him he had served a term for  
 forgery in the Missouri Peniten-  
 tiary. (Records at the penitentiary  
 show a Virgil Clark Manning  
 served four years on a forgery  
 conviction and was released in  
 February, 1945.)

Siegel was shot to death through  
 an open window as he sat reading  
 a newspaper. Nine slugs ripped  
 into his body.

The killer is still at large.

In Beverly Hills, Police Chief  
 C. H. Anderson said he had wired  
 for a copy of the man's complete  
 statement.

*Benjamin Bugsy Siegel*

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*Memo A Rosen*  
 8/6/47

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*m) rca)*  
[REDACTED]  
BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL. CRIME SURVEY. REFERENCE OUR  
CABLEGRAM [REDACTED] *b1*

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[REDACTED]  
UNDERLINED PORTION OBTAINED FROM GARBLE, AWAITING CONFIRMATION.  
*b1*

*Call to Mexico*  
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[REDACTED] *b7c*  
[REDACTED] *b2*  
[REDACTED] *cc*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

PURPOSE

[REDACTED] b2

DETAILS

[REDACTED] On March 6, 1946, b2  
he was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles, California, together with  
others in a nation-wide narcotic conspiracy case. He was formerly associated with  
the late Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel (Bureau File #62-81518-5-286).

[REDACTED] (c) b1  
[REDACTED] b2

A review of the Bureau files and identification records reflects [REDACTED] b2  
is not wanted on any federal violation except for a narcotic violation.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

[REDACTED] b2

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, San Diego

DATE: August 7, 1947

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING;  
 CRIME SURVEY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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 DATE 11-7-85 BY SP-2 [signature]

The July 14, 1947, issue of the bi-monthly magazine "Fortnight" a California publication published at 4504 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California, carries a feature article under the heading of "Justice", entitled, "A New Mob Takes Over.....The Killing of Bugsy Siegel Marks a New Era for the Rackets in California".

This article reports at some length the known facts of the Siegel murder giving what purports to be Siegel's background and his connection with the "Unione Siciliana" and "Mafia", with CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, GEORGE RAFT, and with an unidentified narcotics ring. The article states a rumor had it that the big mob would soon be calling the turns in California with a new representative in MEYER LANSKI, pal of SIEGEL's.

In this connection this office advised the Los Angeles Office by letter dated August 29, 1946, in a letter entitled as above that a confidential source, whose reliability is well known, when questioned concerning other interests from the East who may be moving westward indicated that MEYER LANSKI was interested in the "Flamingo Club" with SIEGEL, which club was then under construction at Las Vegas, Nevada.

The above is furnished for whatever interest it may have to the Bureau and auxiliary offices.

cc-Los Angeles  
 Chicago  
 New York City  
 Salt Lake City

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

DATE: August 14, 1947

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Refer Bureau Office Memorandum of August 4, 1947, calling attention to phraseology in a communication from this office which indicated that the informant might have been furnished information in an interview, and instructing that in the handling of this informant no information whatever is to be furnished the informant.

As instructed by the Bureau, I discussed this matter on August 13, 1947 with Special Agents [REDACTED] Resident Agents at Las Vegas, Nevada, [REDACTED]. I specifically pointed out to them that under no circumstances is any information which has come into the Bureau's possession to be furnished this informant at any time. I also discussed with them the absolute necessity of their being guarded in any conversations they have with the informant, so that no information will be imparted to him. b7c

My communication to the Bureau dated July 22, 1947, referred to in the Bureau's Office Memorandum, was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

and I had discussed with him how his conversations with the informant would have to be carried on with the utmost discretion in order that information of any kind would not be furnished the informant. Agent [REDACTED] I am sure, realized the importance of the situation; and although the wording of our communication of July 22, which was dictated by him, would seem to indicate that the informant made the evaluation of information which the Bureau had received, I would be more inclined to believe that this is [REDACTED] evaluation. *8/15/47*

At any rate, I have discussed the importance of this matter with the two Agents [REDACTED] and shall go into the matter thoroughly with any other Agents who might be assigned [REDACTED] b7c so that there will be no possibility of a misunderstanding.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 25, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

[REDACTED] mistakenly opened the letter and found it to contain the letter and check in the amount of \$10,000. The letter was from attorneys in Los Angeles, who [REDACTED]. It is noted that this was SIEGEL's law firm.

The letter stated that they could send no more money at this time as they were losing money at the Flamingo Club (apparently referring to the Flamingo in Las Vegas, Nevada) but that they would send more money as soon as possible.

[REDACTED] desired that his name be kept out of the matter but felt that since SIEGEL's murder had intervened that this office should be advised.

It is suggested that the New York Office may desire to make discreet inquiries [REDACTED] in an effort to determine the identity of the individual to whom the letter was addressed and whose name may [REDACTED] or some name similar thereto.

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cc: New York City  
cc: Los Angeles

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

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

DATE: August 20, 1947

Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm

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For the Bureau's information, on August 12, 1947, [redacted] of the Las Vegas, Nevada Police Department advised Special Agents [redacted] that he had been working on a "pet" theory as to who killed SIEGEL. [redacted] stated he believed the person who engineered the killing was MOE SEDWAY of the Flamingo Hotel. [redacted] informed that it was common knowledge among the gambling element in Las Vegas that SIEGEL had been out to "break" SEDWAY, and SIEGEL was reported to have made the statement that he would make a "shill" out of SEDWAY. [redacted] expressed the belief that SEDWAY had acted peculiarly just before SIEGEL was killed, and that since the killing he has been "nervous as a cat" whenever [redacted] has seen him. He stated that for several days prior to the SIEGEL killing SEDWAY was not around town and was not at his home in Las Vegas.

[redacted] further advised that SEDWAY would have had the motive for killing SIEGEL and is smart enough to have engineered the actual killing; further, that SEDWAY seems to have considerable authority at the Flamingo Hotel since the reorganization.

[redacted] stated that he had passed on his "theory" to investigators from the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, as they had contacted him in Las Vegas. He mentioned that an investigator of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office was in Las Vegas on August 9 and 10, 1947, conducting further investigation concerning the killing of SIEGEL.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California

August 27, 1947

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

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DATE 11-9-85 BY SP-7 MCE/LLB

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are three carbine shells obtained from [redacted] of the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, who received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department. These carbine shells were found on the grounds at the scene of the murder of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL at 810 Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. The shells are marked on the inside with the initial "I" and on the outside with the initials "A.H.K."

The Laboratory is requested to hold these shells pending instructions from the Bureau relative to any comparisons of carbine guns found in hoodlum centers in the United States. The Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to authorize certain comparisons and will advise the Laboratory of these instructions when they are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours, *[Signature]*

R. E. HOOD  
SAC

cc - Package



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Director, FBI

August 29, 1947

SAC, San Diego

RE: [REDACTED]

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DATE 10-1-85 BY SP-7 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above call was made, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] desired to contact an agent in front of the Post Office  
[REDACTED] the same night. [REDACTED] was contacted by the resident agent at  
[REDACTED] and stated that she wished to furnish information concerning  
[REDACTED] because she believed [REDACTED] was connected with "BUNKER"

[REDACTED]

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August 14, 1947

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whose reliability is not known, stated that upon the death of "MURDER" SIEGEL and the publication of his picture in the paper, she had immediately recognized him as a guest on numerous occasions during the past winter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] from various statements he had made she was of the opinion [REDACTED] owned a part interest in the Flamingo Club in Las Vegas, and was closely associated with SIEGEL and the SIEGEL gang.

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August 14, 1947

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In conversation with [REDACTED]

shortly after SIEGEL's death that he had heard from friends in Las Vegas that there was a distinct possibility that SIEGEL had been killed through the efforts of competitors of the Flamingo Club in Las Vegas due to the fact that the Flamingo Club had offered such stiff competition to the other gambling setups in Las Vegas.

[REDACTED]

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Director

San Diego, California

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In view of the foregoing information it is requested that the San Diego Office be advised of any information in Bureau files which might be pertinent, and it is also requested that offices receiving copies of this letter furnish the San Diego Office with information appearing in their files.

Due to the fact that [REDACTED] is completely unknown in the San Diego Office, efforts will be made [REDACTED] to identify her and secure some information regarding her background, inasmuch as she may be totally un-

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reflexive and a "start" reaction. During the entire interview set forth above it was noted that [redacted] was extremely nervous and tended to regard things in a negative or "start" reaction.

cc - San Diego File 62-677  
Los Angeles  
Salt Lake City  
New York  
New Orleans



August 19, 1967

**SECRET**

The attached letter from the Salt Lake City Office dated August 14, 1967, indicated that a wire tap had been installed on the telephone of the [redacted] office. This is to advise that a review of the [redacted] records, including the [redacted] records, has been completed. It is noted that the [redacted] records do not contain any information regarding the [redacted] activities. The [redacted] records are being reviewed for any information that may be of interest to the [redacted] office.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
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September 15, 1947

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 11-1-85

RE: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL:  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

Dear Sir:

On July 31, 1947, [redacted] was interviewed in the  
U. S. Marshal's Office in Los Angeles by SAs [redacted]

[redacted] volunteered information concerning the slaying of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, [redacted] who was slain at approximately 10:45 p.m., June 20, 1947 at VIRGINIA HILL'S residence, 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. This information, together with this office's attempt to verify the same, is set out as follows:

MOTIVE FOR THE KILLING OF SIEGEL:

[redacted]

When SIEGEL came to California in 1937, he was authorized by the Syndicate to organize the State for them and act as a front man for their various Syndicate interests. However, he was strictly forbidden from "muscling in" or touching the motion picture industry because the Syndicate already had it "set up." SIEGEL violated his orders, and the Syndicate thought the time right, they had him killed [redacted]. SIEGEL was not killed because he was mixed up in the horse-race wire service, or because he had an argument with VIRGINIA HILL, or because he owed the Syndicate money which he borrowed to operate the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was killed because he had gained a foothold in the [redacted]

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RE: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL

September 15, 1947 -

RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES LAFO.

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[REDACTED] of this could be established  
determining how much SIEGEL controlled in both current and motion picture  
business, and just how he did obtain the control of the same. However, he added  
that this could not be determined by going to the motion picture industry direct

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Informant knew that the background of certain motion picture executives  
including [REDACTED] and others, was unsavory.  
SIEGEL through his criminal associations also knew the past including the criminal  
connections of these executives and he used this knowledge to "blackmail and  
shake them."

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The Informant knew that many of the motion picture executives in  
Hollywood have gained respectability in their present positions and could not  
stand any exposure threatened by SIEGEL through his associate [REDACTED]

rather than be faced with such exposure, which was evident, or else pay-up,  
because SIEGEL was losing money in his operations of the Flamingo Hotel.

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The killing of SIEGEL was brought up in the interview when Agents pointed  
out [REDACTED] that SIEGEL was killed, no doubt, by paid killers and probably paid  
killers also could slay [REDACTED]

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The motive in killing SIEGEL was to eliminate him from their operation  
on the West Coast because he had served them their purpose and SIEGEL'S protege,  
[REDACTED] was ready to take SIEGEL'S place as their new top gangster. The  
existence of a top gangster to keep other criminal elements in line with their  
operations is always necessary in the Syndicate's functions.

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Director

RE: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL

September 15, 1947

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To date none of the above information ascertained concerning the killing of SIEGEL has been given to any law enforcement agency and this office will continue to keep this information confidential unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD,  
SAC.

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Reference is made to your letter of September 25, 1947 in the captioned matter.

It appears that there are several points which are in need of clarification and it is desired that you advise whether any further information is available regarding those items which are set forth below.

It is stated in page 3 of reference letter that, [REDACTED]

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However, on page 4 information is set forth that [REDACTED]

While the above inconsistencies in the information submitted by the informant are not of extreme importance, they would appear to be significant in evaluating his information, since further indications are given in reference letter that [REDACTED]

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On page 5 it is stated that, [REDACTED]

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You are requested to clarify this point inasmuch as it would appear that any Police officer in a locality the size of Beverly Hills, California would readily recognize one of the vehicles used by his own Department.

On page 6 it is stated that [REDACTED]

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You should advise what was done in this regard and if any further information has been received concerning [REDACTED] in which former [REDACTED]



SAC, Los Angeles

Special Agent [redacted] was interested. It is also desired that you strive to  
in the classification of the fact that [redacted]

It is also suggested that you thoroughly consider the advis-  
ability of furnishing the information [redacted]

If the information is supplied, the matter should be handled in such a man-  
ner that the identities of the two informants will in no way be jeopardized.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

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The attached letter dated September 22, 1947, from the San  
Diego Division contains information allegedly given in the presence of  
[redacted] was present at the interview  
which is reported in the letter. The letter of reference mentioned in this  
communication reflects that [redacted]

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[redacted] Federal  
Bureau, which on September 23, 1946 had a conspiracy case against [redacted]  
and 33 other defendants, planned to recommend to the  
[redacted] Bureau in Washington that no prosecution be taken against Siegel since  
such prosecution at that time would have delayed for another year the trial of  
the 34 defendants.

Bureau representatives interviewed [redacted] several occasions in connec-  
tion with the Siegel investigation and during these interviews he related in-  
formation concerning Siegel's alleged narcotic activities.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN - These data are for your information.

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Respectfully,

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 22, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Diego

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY  
(Bureau File 62-81518)

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Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Mohr.....  
Mr. Pennington.....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Reference is made to my communication to you entitled above and dated June 30, 1947.

I am now in receipt of a report from a confidential informant which I believe should be made a part of the Bureau files. The memorandum is quoted below:

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Director

September 22, 1947

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY

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cc - Los Angeles (62-2837)  
Salt Lake City

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1967

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SAC, SAN DIEGO

Transmit the following message to:

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Oct. 5, 1947

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

F. B. I.

Washington, D. C.

Having read your recent remarks in the Los Angeles Times pertaining to Bugsie Siegel and 'his criminal, scum were lionized' I wish to offer as further evidence the subtle ways they have in keeping this and his social crowd before the public.

2 She's Just a simple, Old Fashioned Girl"

As you know the American Weekly reaches about twenty million readers.

This supplement is carried by some independant sheets.

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 5, 1947.

I want you to know that I appreciate your interest in writing me  
and making available the information which was enclosed with your communica-  
tion.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL. INFO ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CONCERNING, CRIME  
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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Los Angeles 13, California  
August 27, 1947



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
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Director, FBI

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DATE 8-85 BY SP-7 MAC/DA

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Three of the nine carbine shells found on the grounds at the scene of the murder of BENJAMIN SEIGEL in Beverly Hills have been forwarded under separate cover to the FBI Laboratory. These shells were obtained from [redacted] of the District Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, who previously received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department. 14  
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No specific request has been made of the Laboratory relative to what comparison is desired at this time. It is felt, however, that all carbine guns coming to the attention of the Bureau Offices in hoodlum centers in the United States should be forwarded to the Laboratory and appropriate examinations conducted in an effort to locate the killer's gun. It is suggested, therefore, that New York, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Salt Lake City, Phoenix and San Francisco be alerted to recover carbines for the purpose of the above examination. No further action is being taken pending instructions from the Bureau regarding this suggestion.

Very truly yours, JMB

R B Hood.

R. B. HOOD  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

FROM :

SUBJECT:

**BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CRIME SURVEY**

DATE: 9-10-47

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*Encl*  
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There is attached hereto copy of a letter received from the Los Angeles Office forwarding three carbine cartridge cases said to have been obtained from [redacted] of the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, who in turn received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department. The letter states that these three cartridge cases were found on the grounds at the scene of the murder of Benjamin "Bugsy" Seigel in Beverly Hills, California.

It will be noted that the attached letter requests the laboratory to hold these three fired cartridge cases "pending instructions from the Bureau relative to any comparisons of carbine guns found in hoodlum centers in the United States." The letter further states that the Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to authorize certain comparisons and will advise the laboratory of these instructions when they are received from the Bureau.

I am calling this to your attention in view of the unusual nature of this matter. The three cartridge cases have been received in the laboratory and are being held pending further advice.

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SAC, Los Angeles

October 2, 1947

Director, FBI

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THE SURVIVAL OF

Reference is made to your letter dated August 27, 1947, in the above entitled case, wherein you suggested that designated field divisions be alerted to recover cartridges for the purpose of having them compared with the three cartridge cases which were found at the scene of the murder of Benjamin Siegal and which have been forwarded to the laboratory.

An examination has been made of the three cartridge cases forwarded to the laboratory. It has been determined that the breech face, firing pin and ejector marks on these specimens are not sufficiently distinct for comparison with test specimens from suspected carbines. The extractor marks on one of the cases are also not adequate for comparison. A few similarities were found between the extractor marks on the other two cases but the marks were of such a nature that it was not possible to identify these cases as having been loaded into or extracted from the same weapon. It may be possible to identify the extractor marks on these cases with tests from suspected weapons.

It is therefore suggested that since referenced letter indicates nine cartridge cases were found on the grounds at the scene of the murder, the Los Angeles Division may desire to obtain the six additional shells for examination by the laboratory.

The three cartridge cases which have been examined are being retained in the laboratory until advice is received from the Los Angeles Office as to whether the additional six cartridge cases recovered are to be forwarded to the laboratory for examination.

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TO [REDACTED]

DATE: September 26, 1947

FROM [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel  
Miscellaneous Information concerning  
Crime Survey

I have had the three caliber .30 carbine cartridge cases recovered in connection with the above-entitled case examined by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advises me that the firing pin impressions in these three cartridge cases do not bear sufficient microscopic marks for determining whether or not these three specimens were fired in the same weapon or for comparison with test specimens. This is also true of the head of the cartridge cases with respect to breech face marks and ejector marks. There are on these three cartridge cases a few extractor marks, however, the marks are not sufficiently distinct to identify these three specimens as having been extracted from the same weapon. The marks on one of them are entirely inadequate for comparison and only a few similarities were found between the extractor marks on the other two specimens. There is a possibility that the extractor marks on the latter specimens could be identified with those on test cartridge cases fired from the same weapon.

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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 10/8/47

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SUBJECT: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUCK" BIRCHALL;  
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

Rebulet 10/1/47.

DECLASSIFIED BY 50-7441/106  
ON 11-8-83

Several of the points of information furnished do need clarification, and it is suggested that future interviews be conducted with him in order to clarify same.

The information set out in Bulet 9/15/47 is set out exactly as it was furnished to Bureau Agents. More complete details concerning the operations of [redacted] is set out in Bulet from this office dated 9/18/47. It is believed that in each of the points mentioned for clarification as set out in Bulet 10/1/47, [redacted]

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Re: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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Regarding the request that the Bureau be advised as to the significance of the fact that [REDACTED] did not mention [REDACTED] again in this office. The exact significance is not known. However, in the opinion of SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has previously requested to know from this office information regarding the presence of racketeers and hoodlums in Los Angeles from other cities and confidentially has advised Agent [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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