

Memorandum



To : SAC, OMAHA (87B-18813)

Date: 6/25/81

From : SAC, ST. LOUIS (87B-24879) (RUC)

Subject :

[Redacted]

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1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE
CONVERTIBLE,
VIN VE5500102, FORMERLY
OWNED BY ELVIS PRESLEY,
VALUED AT \$34,000
ITSP (B)
OO: OMAHA

Reference Omaha letter to St. Louis dated
6/15/81.

Enclosed for Omaha is one copy of The Corvette
Black Book.

On 6/19/81, contact was made with [Redacted]
[Redacted] Chevrolet
Manufacturing Plant, Corvette Division, St. Louis, Missouri,
telephone number [Redacted] provided the
aforementioned Corvette Black Book. [Redacted] further
advised additional information regarding VIN numbers
could be obtained from [Redacted] Legal Staff, General
Motors, Detroit, Michigan, telephone number [Redacted]

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On 7/27/81, [REDACTED] Investigator, Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee, was contacted and advised he would have a search conducted, and could provide a copy of all vehicles titled by Presley in the State of Tennessee and after completion of this search, provided those copies on 8/13/81.

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DATE: 8/31/81

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE
VIN VE55S001102, FORMERLY OWNED BY
ELVIS PRESLEY, VALUED AT \$34,000;
ITSP (B)
OO: Omaha

TO: ACTING SAC, OMAHA (87B-18813) (P)

Re Omaha letter to St. Louis dated 6/15/81, St. Louis letter to Omaha dated 6/25/81, Newark letter to Omaha dated 8/4/81, and Memphis letter to Omaha dated 8/18/81.

Results of investigation conducted by the St. Louis, Newark, and Memphis Divisions of the FBI were discussed on 8/27/81 with Gene Esttani of the Consumer Fraud Division of the Iowa State Attorney General's Office, Des Moines, Iowa.

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AT OELWEIN, IOWA

1) Will discuss results of investigation conducted by the above mentioned divisions with the owner of captioned vehicle, [REDACTED] of Oelwein, Iowa.

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AT WATERLOO, IOWA

1) Will contact AUSA Robert L. Teig concerning the results of the FBI investigation in this case since its inception in February of 1981.

2) Will attempt to obtain an opinion from AUSA Teig regarding prosecutive potential of this matter.

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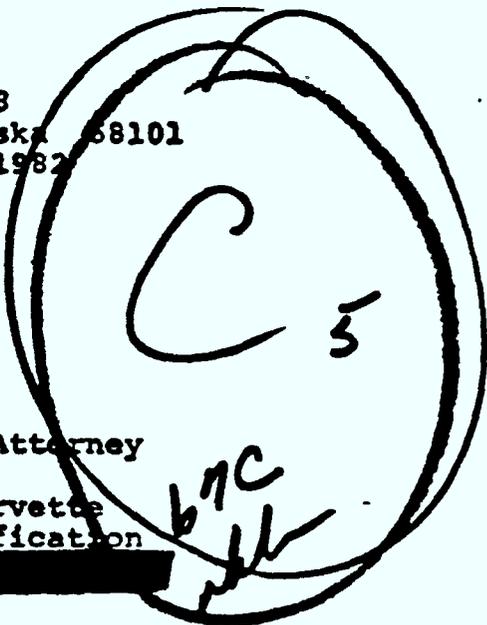
ADDENDUM: Since all logical investigation has been conducted in this matter and because no Federal violation could be proved and also because of the fact that Robert L. Teig of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, indicated he would not be able to ever prosecute this matter based on the results of the FBI's investigation, this case should be closed.

P. O. Box 548
Omaha, Nebraska 68101
January 11, 1982

Mr. James H. Reynolds
United States Attorney
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Teig
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: Purchase of a 1955 Chevrolet Corvette convertible with Vehicle Identification Number VE55S001102 by [redacted] of Oelwein, Iowa



Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm a telephone conversation between Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of our Waterloo, Iowa, Office and Mr. Robert L. Teig of your Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Office on September 23, 1981, at which time the following facts were presented to Mr. Teig:

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In February of 1981, the Consumer Protection Division of the Iowa Department of Justice, Des Moines, Iowa, requested the assistance of the FBI regarding a possible interstate fraud violation which occurred when Mr. [redacted] of Oelwein, Iowa, purchased a red 1955 Chevrolet Corvette automobile at the Kruse Antique Car Auction in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in February of 1979. [redacted] paid \$34,000 for the automobile, which was sold as a car previously owned by Elvis Presley. According to documents furnished with the car at the time of the auction, the Corvette was sold to Elvis Presley of Memphis, Tennessee, on January 18, 1955, for \$3,864. The automobile had a 195-horsepower "Turbo Fire V8" engine with a three-speed manual transmission and a Wonderbar signal-seeking radio.

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After [redacted] returned to Oelwein, Iowa, with the car, he received several letters from Corvette enthusiasts throughout the United States informing him that the car was not equipped with original options as indicated on the bill of sale, because those options (the three-speed manual transmission and the Wonderbar radio) were not available in January of 1955.

- 1-USA, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 1-Mr. Gene Battani, Consumer Protection Division
Iowa State Department of Justice

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In order to determine if there was a fraud committed by the previous owner of the automobile or by the auction in New Jersey concerning the claim that the automobile belonged to Elvis Presley, the following investigation was conducted:

Mr. [REDACTED] of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, one of the automobile's former owners, advised that he purchased the Corvette approximately five years ago from a Newark, New Jersey, car dealer for \$3,000 cash. [REDACTED] indicated the car had been advertised in the New York Times newspaper. [REDACTED] stated he did not renovate the car in any way, and he sold the car to [REDACTED] for \$2,000.

[REDACTED] advised that he only provided [REDACTED] with the title to the car; and he did not claim that the car was ever owned by Elvis Presley, nor did he furnish any invoice or documents which would make this claim.

[REDACTED] of Neponsit, New York, was interviewed and he claims he paid \$4,000 for the automobile from an unknown individual in New Jersey. [REDACTED] stated that he put \$10,000 of his own money into the car before he sold it. [REDACTED] claims that he received a bill of sale from the man in New Jersey which indicated that the Corvette had been previously owned by Elvis Presley. [REDACTED] advised that he mounted and laminated the invoice, but he was not sure in his own mind that the car had, indeed, belonged to Presley. b7D

[REDACTED] stated he did not change the vehicle's transmission, nor did he install a signal-seeking radio in the car. Both of these features were on the car prior to his purchase.

[REDACTED] advised that he sold the automobile to [REDACTED] through the Kruse Auto Auction and provided the laminated document showing that the vehicle previously was owned by Elvis Presley to [REDACTED] at the time of the sale.

[REDACTED] stated that he was not able to prove positively that the car had previously been owned by Elvis Presley and if he would have been able to do that, he would have sold the automobile for \$100,000.

[REDACTED] of West Chester, Pennsylvania, advised that he purchased the Corvette on February 18, 1978, from [REDACTED] through the Kruse Auto Auction and he paid

\$17,500 for the car. [redacted] advised that in his opinion, [redacted] claimed that the car was Elvis Presley's at the time he purchased it and he even provided a laminated bill of sale at that time.

[redacted] advised that he did not physically change the automobile in any way, and he sold it one year later through the Kruse Auto Auction to [redacted] of Oelwein, Iowa.

The FBI Laboratory in Washington D. C. examined the car invoice from Don Allen Chevrolet of New York New York, which indicated that the automobile was sold to Elvis Presley on January 18, 1955. Because the document was laminated by a previous owner, the document itself could not be subjected to several tests which could be performed on paper. The FBI Laboratory examiner located several apparent irregularities, in the invoice; however, without an original Don Allen Chevrolet Company invoice to compare the document to, the examiner was unable to say if the document was a fake or a forgery. (The Don Allen Chevrolet Company is no longer in business.)

An inquiry at the Chevrolet Corvette Manufacturing Plant in Saint Louis, Missouri, determined that the three-speed manual transmission and the Wonderbar signal-seeking radio were, indeed, options that could have been purchased in January of 1955.

A review was made of the vehicles titled to Elvis Presley of Memphis, Tennessee, by the Motor Vehicle Revenue Department for the State of Tennessee in Memphis; and as a result of this review, it was concluded that Presley never titled a Corvette automobile in the State of Tennessee. Most of the vehicles titled by Presley in the State of Tennessee were larger, luxury cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Contact was made with the E. H. Crump Insurance Company of Memphis, Tennessee; This company has handled insurance for Elvis Presley and his estate for over 15 years. The company did not have any record of Presley ever owning a Chevrolet Corvette automobile.

[redacted] a cousin of Elvis Presley and an employee of the Presley estate, said that Presley, to her knowledge, never bought or owned any Corvette convertible.

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After hearing the above facts, Mr. Teig advised that it is very doubtful the FBI investigation could ever meet the requirements of Title 18, Section 2314, USC, regarding fraudulent claims or inducements by the former owners of the automobile, which caused [redacted] to travel interstate to purchase the vehicle. Based on Mr. Teig's decision, no further investigation will be conducted in this matter by the FBI.

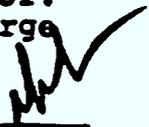
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On November 24, 1981, a synopsis of the FBI's investigation was discussed with [redacted] at the FBI Office in Waterloo, Iowa. All of the original evidence belonging to [redacted] originally provided by the State of Iowa, Department of Justice, was turned over to [redacted] at that time.

Very Truly Yours,

Herbert H. Hawkins, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge



By: [redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent

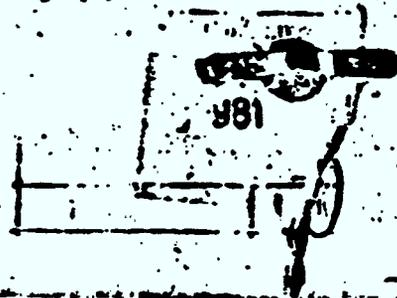
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(Title) _____

(File No.) 87B-18813

Date Filed	Disposition
2/6/81	9105179 issue of Old Cars newspaper (3) purchase agreement (4) copy of title, (5) Bill of sale
11	Dora Odomeles statement (2) Questionnaire (3) Undeclared Motor Vehicle Registration Bulletin (4) Report (5) Copy on Corvette (6) 1 page of OCS form
3	K REC Report # 3. (2) Page from magazine (3) letter old 8/29/79 (4) memo to file
11	let 12/21/79 to Mr. J. Ballari (3) letter from 28.80 deal of motor
11	Oct 11, 79 letter to [redacted] (3) copy of title in name of [redacted]
11	copy of 4/11/80 letter to [redacted] (3) [redacted] from R. Waters Chev. Co.
4-9-81	Reg. mail rec'd let mailed [redacted] w/edomeles statement & Kroost Auction
11	Orig. notes: [redacted]
5/7/81	a copy of the orig invoice # 15208 from Don Allen (4) copy of [redacted] 11/8/75 (5) [redacted] 1955 Chev. Corvette VIN VE 85-500110 (3) sold to [redacted] of Memphis Tenn
6-4-81	Orig. Invest. notes interview [redacted]
6/10/81	copy of TN title # 6823510 in name [redacted] only let of 4-7-81 for state of N.C. from [redacted] (2) [redacted] (3) [redacted] for ownership of 55 Chev. VIN VE 85-500110
6/15/81	4 copies of Don Allen Chev. invoice # 15208 (2) 11/8/75 for a 1955 Chev. Corvette } 1-ME, NK, SL 6/15/81 [redacted]
6-22-81	Copy Bill of Sale 55 Corvette purchased by [redacted]
7/4/81	Original interview notes & [redacted] Basking Ridge, NJ 7/4/81
7/25/81	36 Copies of Titles sold in Tennessee in name of Elvis Presley

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Date Received 1/16/81

From F.B.I. R. A. (H.C. office)

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Des Moines, Ia

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

[REDACTED]

(CITY AND STATE)

By [REDACTED]

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned Yes Receipt Given Yes

No No

Yes Grand Jury Material-
 No Disseminate Only
Pursuant to Rules
6(e), Federal Rules
of Criminal Procedure

Description:

- 9/25/79 issue of "Old Cars" newspaper.

- KRUSE AUTO AUCTION Co. TO owner 3-16-81 receipt # 348 copy made [REDACTED]

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- Copy of Kruse Auto Auction purchase agreement & odometer statement

- Copy of title & registration receipt for '55 Corvette.

- Copy of Don Allen Chev. Bill of Sale - # 15208.

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OO and File No. Ozma

Date Received 1-16-81

From F.B.I. R.A. (Towa P.E. #112)
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Des Moines, Ia
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By 
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned Yes No
Receipt Given Yes No

Yes No
Grand Jury Material-
Disseminates Only
Pursuant to Rules
6(e), Federal Rules
of Criminal Procedure

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Description: to owner 3-16-81
(copy made)

- original odometer statement from KRUSE Auction Co
- Automobile Mfg. Assn. Consolidated Specification Questionnaire
- United Motors Service Auto Radio Bulletin
- 1 page of Kruse report March 1979
- Chevrolet Motor Division info on Corvette (4 pages)
- 1 page of NCRS paper.

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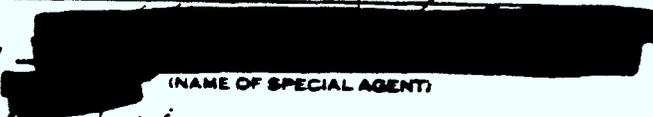
Date Received 1/16/81

From ABSI R.A. (2nd floor R.G. Office)

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Alvin Mainer

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By 

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt Given Yes
 No

Yes
 No

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Description:

- IREC Report No. 3
- July 1955 page from magazine entitled Road Test: The Corvette US.
- Aug 29 '79 handwritten letter 2 pages.
- memo from Kathryn Graf from Gene Bottani.

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Field File No. 87B - new
 OO and File No. Omaha
 Date Received 1/16/81
 From F.B.I. R.A. (Louis R.G. office)
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
New Market, Ill.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By [REDACTED]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Yes No Grand Jury Material-
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 Pursuant to Rules
 6(e), Federal Rules
 of Criminal Procedure

Description:

- Letter of 12/21/79 to Mr. Gene Battaini -
- January 28, 1980, Department of Justice memo.
- Oct. 11, 1979, Dept. of Justice memo. to Mr. [REDACTED]
- Oct 11 '79 - letter to [REDACTED]
- Copy of title in name [REDACTED]

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Field File No. 87B-^{18813-1A⁵}New
OO and File No. Omaha
Date Received 1/16/81
From FBI RA (Iowa A.G. Des Moines office)
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By [Redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned Yes No
Receipt Given Yes No
 Yes No
Grand Jury Material- Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rules 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Description:

- Copies of 4-11-80 letter to [Redacted]
- Jan. 16 '80 letter to Mr. Gene Battani
- Letter dated 10/23/79 signed by [Redacted]
- Letter dated 10/22/79 from D.R. Waters Chevrolet Co.

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Field File No. 87B-18813-1A ⑥

OO and File No. Omaha

Date Received 3-16-81

From F. B. I.
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Waterloo Iowa
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By 
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt Given Yes
 No

Description:

Registered mail
receipt for
letter mailed to


of Delwin Constantine.
Odometer statement
from KRUSE Auction
of KRUSE Auction
Sales slip.

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REGISTERED NO. *1925*

Value \$ <i>off</i>	Special Delivery \$
Reg Fee \$	Return Receipt \$
Handling Charge \$	Restricted Delivery \$
Postage \$ <i>off</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> AIRMAIL

POSTMASTER (By) *ML*



FROM *FBI*

Box 1623

TO *Mr. [Redacted]*

Delverin, Ia 50662

PS Form 3806 Jan. 1977

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SAVE THIS RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED MAIL

DECLARATION OF VALUE—Makers are required to declare the FULL value of the article. Failure to do so may invalidate any claim.

COVERAGE—Domestic insurance for registered mail is limited to (1) the value of the article at the time of mailing or the cost of replacement if lost or totally damaged, or (2) the cost of repairs. Coverage may not exceed the limit fixed for the registry fee paid. Maximum indemnity payable on any claim without commercial insurance is \$10,000. With commercial insurance, liability is limited to the first \$1,000 of value, or the amount of the deductible up to \$10,000. Consult postmaster for additional details of insurance limits and coverage for domestic and international registered mail.

FILING CLAIMS—Claim must be filed within 1 year from the date of mailing. Present this receipt and submit evidence of value, cost of repairs, or cost of duplication.

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OO and File No. Omaha

Date Received 3/12/81

From F.B.I.

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Waterloo, Iowa

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By 

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

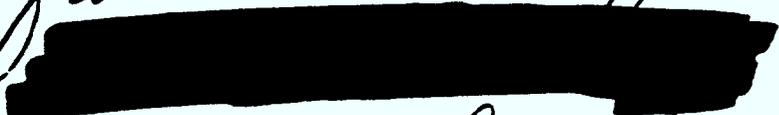
To be returned Yes

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Description:

Original notes
from interview of

Delwin, Iowa.

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In Feb. 1979, went to Kruse Auction Co. in Atlantic City, New Jersey - Had read about auction^{1st} in "Old Cars Weekly" newspaper^{Feb} which is published in Iola, Miss. This newspaper mentioned that Elvis Presley's 55 Chev. Corvette would be among the cars auctioned.

On Feb 17, '79, [redacted] bid \$34,000 & this bid was accepted. The owner of the Corvette was [redacted] of West Chester Penn. (b7D)

Did not meet [redacted] until after the sale. Kruse auctioneer definitely purported car to be E.P.'s - Car was displayed in a roped-off area w/ spot lights & Presley's music playing - Auction was also selling many copies of the ~~program~~ of sale - Bill of sale indicated that the Corvette was purchased from Don Allen Chev. in New York on 1-18-55 - VIN VE55S001102
O Donette 45,731 - (OUEL)

Rec'd title to Corvette from [redacted] No one @ auction mentioned anything about the

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② Car possibly not being Presley's. [redacted] had car transported to Delwin. Has photos of car & other cars @ auction.

In talking w/ [redacted] he said he had owned the car for a year. [redacted] had shown the auto @ shows & shopping centers & would rec. \$ from these displays. [redacted] heard that [redacted] pd. \$24,000 for it. year prior. Car has 3 speed manual trans & Wonder Bar radio. [redacted]

pur. car for Kruse Auction Also b7D

In 9/25/79 issue of "Old Cars" an article appeared which questioned the authenticity of the car because of the 3-trans & Wonder Bar radio options. It stated that these options were not avail. @ that time. [redacted] - adv. the

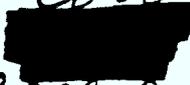
options could have been added & the car may still Presley's [redacted] has title for the Corvette. [redacted] wants to know if he has been defrauded. → Contacted La. St. office in Des Moines unable to determine who sold the car to [redacted] & previous owners.

3. [redacted] adv. he checked VIN ^{at GM} & found that Chev. was rep'd & shipped to Don Allen Chev. for sale.

[redacted] does not know if car ^{bid} is fraudulent but is restricted in selling it if it is. Car would be worth \$24-25,000 if it is not ^{over 34,000} Presley's & worth much more if it was.

[redacted] has had several calls from persons wanting to buy Corvette prior to article appearing in Old Cars newspaper.

Auctioneer said Corvette was
being restored by someone & during
restoration the bill of sale was
discovered beneath the seat of
the Corvette.

 has original invoice & **b7D**
orig. Bill of Sale → Both documents
indicate Corvette belonged to Presly.

Field File No. 87B-18813 ^{-1A8}

OO and File No. Omaha

Date Received 4/27/81

From [REDACTED]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

[REDACTED]
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Evansdale, Ia.
(CITY AND STATE)

By [REDACTED]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes No

Receipt Given Yes No

Description: a copy + the original invoice # 15208 from DON ALLEN CHEVROLET of New York, dated 1-18-55 for Chev. Corvette (1955) VIN VE55J001102. sold to Elvis Presley of Memphis, Tenn.

Original sent to Lab 5-4-81 [REDACTED]

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CAR CHOICE
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DON ALLEN CHEVROLET
1775 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

15208

SOLD TO: **ELVIS PRESLEY**

DATE **JAN. 18, 1955**

ADDRESS **1034 AUDOBON DRIVE
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

SALESMAN

MAKE	YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE	COLOR	NEW OR USED	KEY NO.	SERIAL NUMBER AND/OR ENGINE NO.
CHEV.	1955	CORV.	CONV.	RED	N	44A7	VE558001102

INSURANCE COVERAGE INCLUDES

FIRE AND THEFT PUBLIC LIABILITY - AMT.
 COLLISION - AMT. DEDUCT. PROPERTY DAMAGE - AMT.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

GROUP	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	195 H.P. "Turbo Fire V8"	
	3 Speed Manual Transmission	
	Wonderbar Radio (Signal Seeking)	
	Trunk Mat	
	Floor Mats	

Paul Dool 1/18/55 4/27/55

Recd. from = [Redacted] Evansdale Iowa

PRICE OF CAR
FREIGHT AND HANDLING
OPTIONAL EQUIP. & ACCESS.

SALES TAX
LICENSE AND TITLE
TOTAL CASH PRICE 3864.00

FINANCING
INSURANCE
TOTAL TIME PRICE

SETTLEMENT:
DEPOSIT
CASH ON DELIVERY
USED CAR:
YEAR MAKE
MODEL BODY
SER. NO.
MFR. NO.
PAYMENTS:
____ AT ____
____ AT ____

TOTAL 3864.00

NAME OF FINANCE COMPANY: *b7D*

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 Date Received 5/8/81
 From [REDACTED]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
[REDACTED]
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Rockaway, NY
 By [REDACTED]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Description:

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIVE
 NOTES Taken at time of
 INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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In last 10 years sold 80 cars.
Sold 4 cars to KRUSE on same day
that Corvete was sold.

Purchased car during 11/77 from [REDACTED] ^{don't recall whether they represented the car as Edw's property's}
Ad in NY Times paid cash ^{PRIVATE} ^{from NJ.}
Car purchased with Window Option sticker
from Don Allen Chevrolet and Bell
of Sale to Edw's Presley from Don Allen Chev.
Car came with out of State TITLE.

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[REDACTED] did all new body work;
complete reupholstery and ordered
new chrome from Lincoln Corvete's
in Nebraska. Put New Tires & Wheels on.
Had Bid of Sale MOUNTED (Put ^{into car.} \$8,000.)
Did not install Radio or Transmission.

Had car only about 3 months then
offered car for sale through KRUSE
Hochman, Auburn, California 46707.

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KRUSE subsequently sold car to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Sold car for \$17,500 KRUSE GETS 8%

ORIGINAL TITLE was furnished to KRUSE
at time of sale. THIS TITLE WAS in the
name of the SELLER and WAS NOT

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COPY NO. NUMBER

6823510

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

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A VESSJ3300

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COPY SET

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL ON THE DATE SHOWN HEREON

I, the Director of Motor Vehicle Department of Law and Public Safety of the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the motor vehicle described herein is in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:27 Chapter 28, as amended of the Motor Vehicle Code, and that the motor vehicle and the owner thereof are in compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code and that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code and that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code.

John J. ...

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OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(SEE EX STAMP)

SELLER PLEASE COMPLETE

Assignment of Certificate of Ownership

To make certain the assignment of ownership and transfer of title to the motor vehicle, the seller must complete this form and attach it to the title and license application.

PRINCE GEORGE NY 01301

NO COPY SHOULD BE MADE OF THIS FORM

FBI 16 1978 41517114

STATEMENT OF BUYER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the motor vehicle described herein is in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:27 Chapter 28, as amended of the Motor Vehicle Code, and that the motor vehicle and the owner thereof are in compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code and that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code.

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CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP
FILE RECORD-NOT A TITLE

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State of New Jersey
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

85 SOUTH MONTGOMERY STREET
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08666

April 7, 1981

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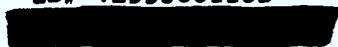
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File No. CO-300

State of Iowa Dept. of Justice
Consumer Protection Division
Hoover Bldg.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Attn: Eugene R. Battani
Investigator

Re: 1955 Chevrolet
ID# VE55S001102



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Gentlemen:

In response to request of March 31st, we enclose a certified photocopy of the transfer record on file to subject vehicle.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan, Supervisor
Administrative Section
Certificate of Ownership Bureau

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Joan H. Wiskowski, Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the annexed are true copies of the record of certificates of ownership and other documents that have been processed.

1. Certificate of Ownership of a Motor Vehicle, Control #6823510, issued February 16, 1978 to [redacted] Basking Ridge, N.J., describing a 1955 Chevrolet, Serial Number VE55S001102. Assignment to [redacted] Jersey City, N.J., dated February 16, 1978.
2. Certificate of Ownership File Record, Control #6942271, dated February 16, 1978 in the name of [redacted] describing the above vehicle.

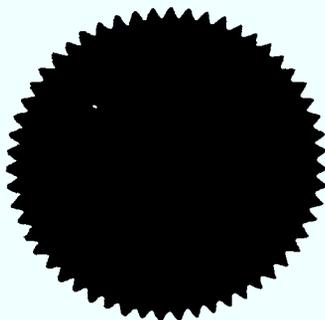
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Trenton this 7th, day of April, 1981.

JOAN H. WISKOWSKI
DIRECTOR OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BY:

W. Patrick Scheffer, Chief
Certificate of Ownership Bureau



Om 876-18813-1A (11)

CAR CHOICE
88-203



DON ALLEN CHEVROLET
1775 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

15200

SOLD TO **ELVIS PRESLEY**

DATE **JAN. 18, 1955**

ADDRESS **1834 AUDOBON DRIVE
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

SALESMAN

MAKE	YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE	COLOR	NEW OR USED	KEY NO.	SERIAL NUMBER AND/OR ENGINE NO.
CHEV.	1955	CORV.	CORV.	RED	N	44A7	VE558001102

INSURANCE COVERAGE INCLUDES:

FIRE AND THEFT PUBLIC LIABILITY - AMT.
 COLLISION - AMT. DEDUCT. PROPERTY DAMAGE - AMT.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	195 H.P. "Turbo Fire V8"	
	3 Speed Manual Transmission	
	Wonderbar Radio (Signal Seeking)	
	Trunk Mat	
	Floor Mats	

Paul Allen 1/18/55

PRICE OF CAR
 FREIGHT AND HANDLING
 OPTIONAL EQUIP. & ACCESS.

SALES TAX
 LICENSE AND TITLE
TOTAL CASH PRICE 3864.00

FINANCE
 INSURANCE
TOTAL TIME PRICE

SETTLEMENT:
 DEPOSIT
 CASH ON DELIVERY
 DOWN PAY.

YEAR	PERCENT
MODEL	BODY
SER. NO.	
MFR. NO.	

PAYMENTS:
 _____ AYS
 _____ AYS

TOTAL 3864.00

NAME OF FINANCE COMPANY:

PRINTED IN U.S.A.

Field File No. PH(87B-28890)

OO and File No. Cmpha(87B-18813)-1A

Date Received 5/20/81

From [REDACTED]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

[REDACTED]
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

W. Chester, Pa.
(CITY AND STATE)

By [REDACTED]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes No
Receipt Given Yes No

Description:

*Copy of bill of sale
15208 re 1955 Corvete
purchased on 1/18/55 by
Elvis Presley from Don Allen
Chevrolet, New York.*

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CAR INVOICE
88-203



DON ALLEN CHEVROLET
1778 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

15208

SOLD TO: **ELVIS PRESLEY**

DATE **JAN. 18, 1955**

ADDRESS **1034 AUDOBON DRIVE
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

SALESMAN

MAKE	YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE	COLOR	REV. OR VPSL	KEY NO.	SERIAL NUMBER AND/OR ENGINE NO
CHEV.	1955	CORV.	CONV.	RED	N	44A7	VE55S001102

INSURANCE COVERAGE INCLUDES

- FIRE AND THEFT PUBLIC LIABILITY - AMT.
 COLLISION - AMT. DEDUCT. PROPERTY DAMAGE - AMT.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

GROUP	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	195 H.P. "Turbo Fire V8" 3 Speed Manual Transmission Wonderbar Radio (Signal Seeking) Trunk Mat Floor Mats	

PRICE OF CAR
FREIGHT AND HANDLING
OPTIONAL EQUIP. & ACCESS.

SALES TAX
LICENSE AND TITLE
TOTAL CASH PRICE 3864.00

FINANCING
INSURANCE
TOTAL TIME PRICE

SETTLEMENT:

DEPOSIT
CASH ON DELIVERY
USED CAR:

YEAR MAKE

MODEL BODY

SER.
NO.
MTR.
NO.

PAYMENTS:

_____ AT \$ _____

_____ AT \$ _____

NAME OF FINANCE COMPANY:

TOTAL 3864.00

Paul 1/18/55

7/30/51

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5 years ago

date of purchase

price 3,000.00

no record

from whom car

part used

dealer ~~██████████~~ Newark NJ

was advertised in N.Y. Times

was only in N.Y.

was sold car 7 years ago

at

for price 2000

Teacher

Long Island

(name and)

name address but a renegade

was not in E.P. car

until it

has

no documents to ~~██████████~~

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property car belong to Purley

How come a poss of owner and/or if

from asked to

~~████████████████████~~

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 Date Received 8/13/81
 From [REDACTED]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Motor Vehicle Div., Dept. of Reve-
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR) Hue
State of Tenn.
(CITY AND STATE)
 By [REDACTED]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned Yes Receipt Given Yes
 No No

Description:

36 copies of titles filed in Tennessee in name of Elvis Presley.

8715-18813-1914

From to

[REDACTED]

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U. S. Department of Justice

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of VOLUME 1 SERIAL all
Re: FDIPA
until 1/89

INVESTIGATION

Bureau File Number

Man Rock file

See also Nos.

RUC 5/27/81
[Redacted] 6/1/81
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4/24/81

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OO and File No. BQ 87B-83477-1A1
Date Received 5/29/81
From [REDACTED]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By [REDACTED]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned Yes No
Receipt Given Yes No

Description:
VARIOUS Receipts for purchases
made in connection with
PARTS for 1955 Corvair
(1) PHOTO of 1955 Corvair

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10-77

DATE	10-77	AUTH. NO.	933 35	IDENTIFICATION	CLERK	REG./DEPT.	TAKE SEND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
QUAN.		DESCRIPTION			UNIT COST	AMOUNT	
		C.I.V. PARTS				250.47	
		11.0 1175					
<small>The owner of the card identified on this form is authorized to pay the amount shown on TOTAL upon proper presentation. I promise to pay each TOTAL (together with any other charges due) to the issuer of the card in accordance with the agreement governing the use of each card.</small>						SUB TOTAL	
PURCHASER SIGN HERE						TAX	
X 1111 F						TOTAL 250.47	
<small>CURRENCY CONVERSION FOR BANK USE ONLY</small>				DATE	AMOUNT		

4080 233900075
CORVETTE SPEC

MASTER CHARGE
SALES REP
CASH/ORDER COPY

IMPORTANT: KEEP THIS COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS



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CORVETTE SPECIALISTS OF PASADENA
1835 EAST WALNUT STREET
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91107
(213) 795-4020

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Customer's Order No. _____ Date 11-3-77 19__

Name _____

Address _____
BROOKLYN, NY. 11234

SOLD BY	CASH	C.O.D.	CHARGE	ON ACCT.	MDSE RETD.	PAID OUT
<u>W/M</u>	<u>M/C</u>					

QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
<u>4</u>	<u>GM 53-5 REPLACEMENT HUB CAPS -</u>	<u>60.50</u>	<u>242.00</u>
			<u>8.47</u>
	<u>SHIP BLUE LABEL</u>		<u>250.47</u>

pd M.C.
Charles
Quinn

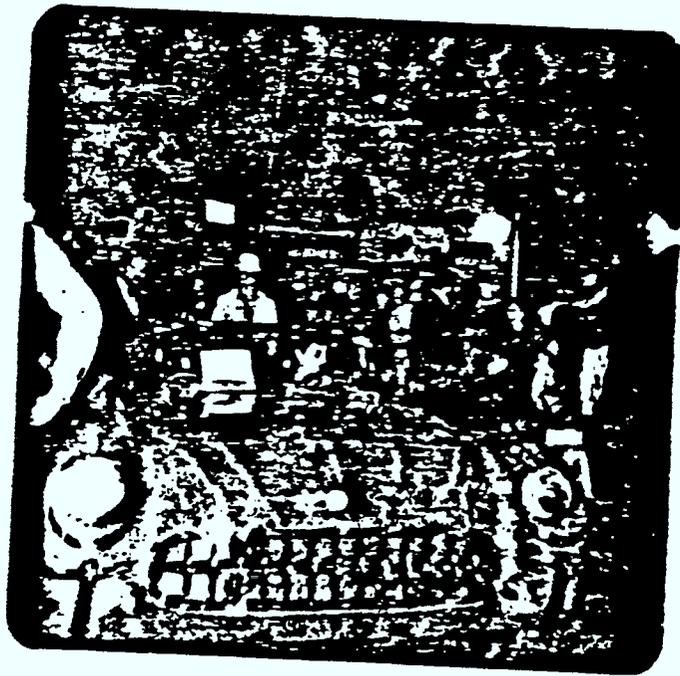
All claims and returned goods must be accompanied by this bill.

Received By _____ TAX _____

TOTAL _____

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DEPOSITS FORFEITED AFTER 30 DAYS

264-2000

LINCOLN AUTO SALVAGE INC.

12220 Aurora Ave. North

Seattle, Washington, 98123

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

NO REFUNDS AFTER 48 HOURS

A SERVICE CHARGE MADE ON RETURNED MERCHANDISE

Customer's
Order No.

Date 10 - 24 1977

Name

Address

Bill of lading 712/11234

BOLD BY	CASH	WHOLE SALE	RETAIL	C.O.D.	CHARGE	ON A/C	MOSE. RETD.	PAID OUT
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
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QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
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2	1955 Vult Forda Finis	100 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰
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1	Small Insurance	325 ⁰⁰	325 ⁰⁰
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2	Lin's Park Site	62 ⁵⁰	1390
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2	Cezels	125 ⁰⁰	250 ⁰⁰
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2	Fall wings	850 ⁰⁰	1700 ⁰⁰
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2	Caster Renault Model	1750	3500
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1	Ignition Switch	250 ⁰⁰	250 ⁰⁰
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2	Knots	75 ⁰⁰	150 ⁰⁰
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804.90

Less 10% 80.89

724.01

Deposit 745.00

16.99

Has Credit Account

All claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by the bill. IS service charge per mark on overdue accounts. LABELS NOT REFUNDABLE.

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RECEIVED BY

TAX

TOTAL

745.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PURCHASERS
The following is made in lieu of all warranties express or implied: Neither seller or manufacturer shall be liable for any injury, loss or damage, direct or consequential arising out of the use of, or the inability to use the product. Before using, user shall determine the suitability of the product for his intended use, and user assumes all risk and liability whatsoever in connection therewith.

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DEPOSITS FORFEITED AFTER 30 DAYS

364-2000

LINCOLN AUTO SALVAGE INC.

12220 Aurora Ave. North

Seattle, Washington, 98133

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

NO REFUNDS AFTER 48 HOURS

A SERVICE CHARGE MADE ON RETURNED MERCHANDISE

Customer's

Order No. _____

Date 10-31-1977

Name _____

Address _____

Brooklyn NY 11234

SOLD BY	CASH	WHOLE SALE	RETAIL	C.O.D.	CHARGE	ON ACCT.	MOSE.	NETD	PAID OUT
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QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	<i>Rep. in Fan. flen.</i>		<i>57 52</i>
8	<i>1/2" vertical flange nuts</i>		<i>600 00</i>
2	<i>Hubb wings</i>		<i>47 50</i>
6	<i>Bear wheels & Horgan</i>		<i>500 00</i>
4	<i>Pieces of rubber cover</i>	<i>95 00</i>	<i>380 00</i>
2	<i>name plate unit</i>		<i>189 85</i>
1	<i>Lock & Ring</i>		<i>25 00</i>
13	<i>Grill Teeth</i>		<i>125 00</i>
1	<i>Tach</i>		<i>150 00</i>
1	<i>Clock</i>		<i>100 00</i>
4	<i>Stays</i>	<i>47 50</i>	<i>190 00</i>
	<i>Send to _____</i>		<i>231 90</i>
	<i>_____ 10</i>		<i>231 49</i>
	<i>Brooklyn NY</i>		<i>2083 41</i>
	<i>Less Credit of</i>		<i>16 99</i>
			<i>2066 42</i>

All claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by the bill IS service charge per month on overdue accounts. CASH NOT REFUNDABLE.

2892 RECEIVED BY

TAX TOTAL

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United Parcel Service

Phone 4443300

Hours AM to AM

Hours PM to PM

**DEAR CUSTOMER:
SORRY WE DID NOT FIND YOU IN WHEN
WE CALLED WITH/FOR PARCEL.**

FROM T. Michaelis collect

DATE 10/12/77

Your parcel was left at: _____

We were unable to deliver parcel because:

- Signature is required. SEE ABOVE. *
- Collection is due on C.O.D. for \$ 270.07
(Money Check Payable to Shipper's Name)
- Cash Only

We will call again on day circled below:

Mon. Tue. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

We have made three attempts to deliver your parcel. Please contact us immediately or parcel will be returned to shipper.

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Presley, Elvis A.

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REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 3/1/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/17/77 - 2/25/77
TITLE OF CASE FREDERICK N. P. PRO; ELVIS A. PRESLEY VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ITSP - FEW	

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LEADS:

BOSTON DIVISION

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			

APPROVED: *[Signature]*
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	<i>1-CRIM</i>
Request Recd.	
Date Fwd.	<i>3/1/77</i>
How Fwd.	<i>[Signature]</i>

Notations

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CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will review Charlotte file captioned

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and advise Memphis the specific investigation conducted which would link FRED PRO with Seven Oak Finance Limited to identify him with originating the telex message to Memphis dated October 11, 1976, from Seven Oak.

HOUSTON DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will verify the existence of bank known as First Trust Company of Houston, 811 Rusk Street.

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JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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Through the Office of the Secretary of State, will determine the corporate structure of Air Cargo Express, Inc. (ACE), Miami, Florida; Span-East Air, Inc., and AGM Finance Corporation. Will determine if they are licensed to do business in the state of Florida.

Will conduct logical additional investigation to determine if their business has been terminated through legal action on the part of the state or others.

MIAMI DIVISION

AT CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

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AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

[REDACTED] Will

also endeavor to identify Dallas Airmotive Company.

It is noted Dallas Airmotive and ACE shared a \$32,000 payment for purchase of aircraft.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2, Will interview RICHARD R. NEVILL, Chief, Air Carrier District Office, #32, United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), regarding his knowledge of the background of Span-East Air and ACE, as well as their operation, determining if they complied with all government standards.

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Ascertain from him the requirements and preliminary reports which must be filed or presented in connection with an FAR 121 Program. Determine if the proper procedures were followed by PRO and/or ACE in connection with the Lockheed Jetstar. Ascertain any contracts or dealings his office has had with PRO and fully ascertain why the operating certificate #CE-24 was surrendered by Span-East Air, putting them out of business..

Determine what his "Part 121 Inspection and Operational Flight Proving Test and Aircraft Improvement Program, i.e. Purchase of Service Bulletin 230, A-E". It is noted that PRO billed PRESLEY \$117,500 for this.

Obtain copies of any inspections performed or any submissions made by PRO or his representative to the FAA relative to the Lockheed Jetstar registry #777EP, serial number 5004. If no reports were made, have this information reflected.

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[REDACTED]

6. Will conduct neighborhood inquiries at the past locations of ACE, 1750 Northwest 69th Avenue (May, 1976), and 5533 Northwest 36th Avenue, (August, 1976), to determine the extent of their operation as known to the building manager and any indication of other possibly fraudulent activities on the part of PRO.

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

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MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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2. Will interview in depth VERNON PRESLEY, Graceland Estates, South Elvis Presley Boulevard, regarding his knowledge of the participants, agreements made, and fully develop his participation. Will also endeavor to determine the purpose of the two blank checks of July 30, 1976, totaling \$61,830.36.

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3. Will recontact BEECHER SMITH, attorney, to develop additional facts relative to this alleged fraud.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information copy furnished Milwaukee in view of their current investigation relative to FREDERICK N. P. PRO and Seven Oak Finance Limited.

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Tennessee, has issued subpoenas for [REDACTED] b3

Memphis indices reflect a closed case entitled "FREDERICK P. PRO; ROY EVERETT SMITH, aka; ET AL; ITSP, OO: TAMPA, BUFILE 87-127477, NY 87-70889, MM 87-34035, BOSTON 87-15830, and ME 87-14872."

Charlotte airtel to Director dated January 14, 1977, captioned "PAUL E. CHOVANEC, JR.; PHILLIP KARL KITZER, JR.; FREDERICK N. P. PRO, SEVEN OAK FINANCE LIMITED, KENT ENGLAND, and 819 DEARBORN CORPORATION; ITSP; MF; FEW; OO: MILWAUKEE", notes as follows:

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 --USA, Memphis
Attention: AUSA Glen Garland Reid

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C Office: Memphis, Tennessee
Date: March 1, 1977

Field Office File #: 87-16994

Bureau File #:

Title: FREDERICK N. P. PRO;
ELVIS A. PRESLEY - VICTIM

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - FRAUD BY WIRE

Synopsis: VERNON E. PRESLEY, father of ELVIS A. PRESLEY, entertainer, has power of attorney to act for his son in business transactions. Acting in this capacity, he entered into a contract with FREDERICK N. P. PRO, President, Air Cargo Express, Inc., (ACE), Miami, Florida, and others, wherein ELVIS A. PRESLEY's plane, a Lockheed Jetstar, would be sold to WWP Leasing, New York City. The plane would be upgraded under FAR 121 Maintenance Program to satisfy Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements. Upgrading of the plane to be supervised by World Aircraft Exchange (WAC), Boston, Mass. Plane to then be leased back to PRESLEY and sub-leased to ACE. In connection with transactions WAC authorized and WWP approved for payment, funds spent on the upgrading of the plane in the amount of \$341,500. PRO at the time issued three checks against the account of ACE on the First National Bank of Coral Gables, Florida, totaling \$75,510. All PRO's checks were returned by the bank. Subsequently a second similar contract with regard to a second airplane was initiated at which time PRO presented three more checks totaling \$95,000, none of which were honored by the bank. ANGELO G. MANNARINO, of AGM Financial Corporation, Miami, Florida, replaced WWP in the second contract, which was nullified through violation of contractual terms; National Bank of Commerce, Memphis, handling PRESLEY's accounts, received telex message from Seven Oak Finance Limited, England, at the request of PRO, reflecting ACE has an account in excess of \$500,000. Attorneys for PRESLEY contacted USA, WDT, and investigation to ascertain if FBI exists was instituted.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of a request from Assistant United States Attorney GLEN GARLAND REID, advising that he had been contacted by attorneys D. BEECHER SMITH and JAMES N. RAINES of a Memphis law firm who are representing the interests of ELVIS A. PRESLEY. PRESLEY is described by them as a television and motion picture star and entertainer. Mr. REID had reviewed the account presented to him by the attorneys and felt an investigation should be instituted to determine if a violation of the Fraud By Wire Statute did in fact exist.

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Date of transcription 1/18/77

D. BECKER SMITH, II, was interviewed in the presence of his law associate, FRANK J. GLANKLER, JR., and furnished the following information:

He is employed in the law firm of Montedonico, Heiskell, Davis, Glankler, Brown and Gilliland, and maintains his office at 1 Commerce Square, Memphis, Tennessee.

CHARLES H. DAVIS was a senior partner in this law firm and had represented ELVIS A. PRESLEY and the PRESLEY family interests for approximately 21 years. ELVIS PRESLEY maintains a residence at Memphis, Tennessee, and is a popular movie star and entertainer.

Due to the poor health of CHARLES DAVIS, D. BECKER SMITH became involved in the PRESLEY interests in behalf of the law firm, and in this connection the following facts came to his attention:

ELVIS PRESLEY owned a Lockheed Jetstar airplane, registration number N777KP and manufacturer's serial number 5004.

In June, 1976, there was an outstanding indebtedness on the aircraft in excess of \$600,000. This was owed to the American National Bank of Morristown, New Jersey. This particular bank held the mortgage on the plane since it was purchased, according to SMITH, in the general area of this bank.

This aircraft was not being used by PRESLEY in his entertainment business and therefore he was making payments on an asset that was not generating any return on its capital. In addition, attempts to sell the aircraft have resulted in no success.

A meeting was scheduled for June 24, 1976, to arrange a transaction wherein the plane could be refinanced, funds would be provided for its upgrading, and the plane could be leased out and generate a return on the investment of approximately \$1,000 per month.

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~~NIGEL WINFIELD is President of the Commercial Air-Transport Sales, 5533 Northwest 36th Street, Miami, Florida 33166. His telephone is 305-887-1591. WINFIELD had had business dealings in the purchase of airplanes by PRESLEY and therefore was known to him for his capabilities in this field of endeavor. WINFIELD, according to SMITH, introduced VERNON PRESLEY to FREDERICK P. PRO, PRO was identified as the President of Air Cargo Express, Inc., 5533 Northwest 36th Street, Miami, Florida 33166. He has telephone number 305-592-5420. VERNON PRESLEY is the father of ELVIS PRESLEY and, acting with Power of Attorney, assists ELVIS PRESLEY in his business interests.~~

Present at the meeting on June 24, 1976, were the following individuals:

~~HANS P. ACHTMANN,
President of W.V.P. Leasing Group,
Suite 255, 230 Park Avenue,
New York City
(212-689-8430);~~

NIGEL WINFIELD;

FREDERICK P. PRO;

~~GABRIEL ROBERT SAGGIANO, Attorney,
210 Commercial Street
Boston, Massachusetts
(Subsequently determined to be a
corporate officer of
World Aircraft Exchange, Inc.,
1 Court Street, Boston, Massachusetts);~~

~~RAYMOND E. BAZNER,
Executive Vice President,
World Aircraft Exchange,
1 Court Street, Boston, Massachusetts;~~

~~LARRY WOLFSON, Treasurer,
Commercial Air-Transport Sales,
previously mentioned;~~

**CHARLES H. DAVIS and D. BRECHER SMITH,
attorneys acting in behalf of ELVIS PRESLEY.**

It is SMITH's recollection that WINFIELD, PRO and CAGGIANO had promoted the idea of a sale-lease plan involving sub-leasing of the Jetstar and including an upgrading of the plane.

The transaction contemplated involved the sale of the Jetstar by ELVIS PRESLEY (through his father, VERNON PRESLEY acting under Power of Attorney) to W.W.P. Leasing Group. W.W.P. was to borrow enough money from the Chemical Bank of New York to cover both paying off of the present indebtedness on the aircraft, which is over \$600,000, and also upgrading this aircraft in order to qualify it for Federal Aviation Regulation 121 Maintenance Program. This upgrading had an estimated cost of \$350,000.

Upon completion of the upgrading, the plane allegedly would be valued on the open market at approximately \$950,000. With W.W.P. purchasing the plane, the contractual agreement was for ELVIS PRESLEY to lease the plane back for 84 months (7 years) at a monthly rental of \$16,755. Thereafter PRESLEY would sub-lease the plane for \$17,755 per month for 84 months to Air Cargo Express. This would result in a \$1,000 a month profit for PRESLEY, and at the end of the 7-year period PRESLEY had the right to buy back the plane for \$1.00. However, the contractual agreement would allow Air Cargo to continue another three years, paying a reduced rental of \$10,000 per month.

BASZNER was present at this meeting because he, acting as agent of World Aircraft Exchange, Inc., was supposed to be responsible for supervising the upgrading and modification of the aircraft to qualify it for the Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) 121 Maintenance Program.

CAGGIANO claimed to be representing Air Cargo Express (FRED PRO), according to SMITH, but later told SMITH that he was representing World Aircraft Exchange (BASZNER).

The meeting of June 24, 1976, had to be delayed over into June 25 for the actual signing of the contract. HANS ACHTMANN had to leave on the evening of June 24 and asked CAGGIANO to assist on the following day with the completion of the lease agreement between W.W.P. and ELVIS PRESLEY.

SMITH has no knowledge of any prior association between CAGGIANO and ACHTMANN but feels the request of CAGGIANO was made because of his familiarity with the entire transaction, as well as his abilities as an attorney.

WINFIELD and WOLFSON were present at this meeting because WINFIELD was the aircraft broker and WOLFSON works with him.

SMITH said that the purpose of the meeting on the 24th was not clear to him at its commencement because he had only been called upon by his law associate, CHARLES DAVIS, a few minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. Due to some changes in the sub-lease agreement, the transaction which originally had been contemplated to be closed in May had been delayed one month.

ACHTMANN had given CAGGIANO a standard form lease consisting of one page, front and back, with approximately 30 short paragraphs and provisions covering the lease agreement for any particular chattel, which in this case was the airplane. CAGGIANO was to complete this lease agreement on June 25, 1976, and return the executed contract to ACHTMANN. The delay in the execution of the contract was due to Mr. DAVIS' poor health and it was to be resumed the following day.

It was on this following day, June 25, 1976, that SMITH learned BASZNER, on behalf of World Aircraft Exchange, would handle the supervising of the upgrading of the aircraft in order for it to qualify for the FAR 121 Maintenance.

Riders were drafted by Messrs. SMITH, DAVIS, and CAGGIANO, including life insurance, hull insurance, and liabilities.

There was also a provision that the purchase money would be released first to American National Bank to pay off the outstanding indebtedness, then certain funds would go to Air Cargo Express for upgrading the plane, and the balance of the funds were to be released to World Aircraft Exchange for supervising, directing and reporting on the upgrading of the aircraft as statements were issued for services rendered.

On June 25, 1976, the lease agreement was signed by VERNON PRESLEY, acting for ELVIS PRESLEY, and he paid two checks to W.W.P., both in the amount of \$16,755, representing the first and 84th monthly rental payments. At the same time FRED PRO wrote three checks to ELVIS PRESLEY, two in the amount of \$17,755 each, representing the first and 84th monthly payments, and the third representing a premium for the sub-lease, as required under the sub-lease agreement, in the amount of \$40,000. CAGGIANO took his copies of the documents and left; PRO took the keys to the Jetstar and his copies of the documents and left; and PRESLEY took his checks from PRO along with his (PRESLEY's) copies of the documents and left.

However, shortly thereafter it was determined that none of the checks furnished by PRO to PRESLEY were valid and all were returned by the bank.

Later during a telephonic contact with PRO, SMITH was told that the money was coming from Jamaica or some place else and that there had been an error in the transfer of funds.

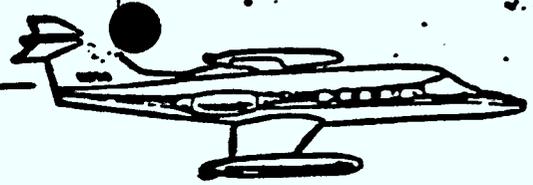
About a week later, SMITH learned that the Chemical Bank of New York, which was involved in the negotiation of the lease by PRESLEY from W.W.P., reported that the standard chattel lease agreement was unacceptable, and they provided their own draft of the agreement, consisting of approximately 23 pages, to embody the terms of the agreement between ELVIS PRESLEY and W.W.P.

On Tuesday, July 13, 1976, SIDNEY ZNEIMER, an attorney for W.W.P., came to Memphis with the document, and certain changes were made with the approval of ZNEIMER as spokesman for W.W.P. and the Chemical Bank of New York. While ZNEIMER was in the law office with SMITH and DAVIS, CAGGIANO and BAZNER arrived unannounced. BAZNER had certain invoices for payment for upgrading on the aircraft. DAVIS did not want VERNON PRESLEY to sign them as BAZNER desired, because under the original rider of the lease, the release of funds for upgrading was the responsibility of W.W.P. PRESLEY then, with the approval of the attorneys, signed these invoices evidencing approval that W.W.P. make the payments as it was not desired that PRESLEY be placed in a position of supervising the upgrading and modification of the airplane.

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The invoices were dated July 7, 1976, on stationery of World Aircraft Exchange, Inc., and are as follows:

WORLD AIRCRAFT EXCHANGE INC.



Executive Offices:
One Court Street
Boston, Mass. 02108
Tel. 327-3155

Statement 106 E.P.
July 7, 1976

W.W.P. Leasing Corp.
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Per Lease Amendment Document between W.W.P. Leasing Corp. and Elvis A. Presley, this statement will serve to authorize a disbursement of funds in the amount specified below to the following party:

Amount: \$17,500.00

Payee: Frederick P. Pro, President, Air Cargo Express Inc.

For: Certification for F.A.A. 121 per Agreement,
Operational Setup and Flight Management

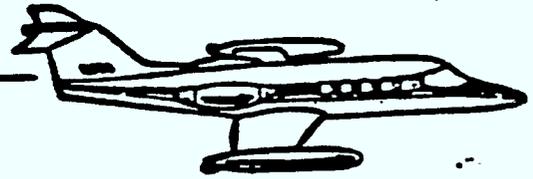
Approved for payment by
W. W. P. Leasing Corp.

Elvis A. Presley

By: *William F. Pro*

Per Power of Attorney

WORLD AIRCRAFT EXCHANGE INC.



Executive Offices:
One Court Street
Boston, Mass. 02108
U.S.A.
(617) 227-3155

Statement: 206 E.P.
July 7, 1976

W.W.P. Leasing Corp.
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Per Lease Amendment Document between W.W.P. Leasing Corp. and Elvis A. Presley, this statement authorizes the disbursement of funds, in the amount specified below, to the following party:

Amount: \$32,000.00

Payee: Air Cargo Express Inc. and Dallas Airmotive

For: Purchase of Part 121 Avionics Equipment
Flight Data Recorder
Cockpit Voice Recorder
Ground Proximity Warning Indicator
Part 121 Checks

Approved for payment by

W. W. P. Leasing Corp.

Elvis A. Presley

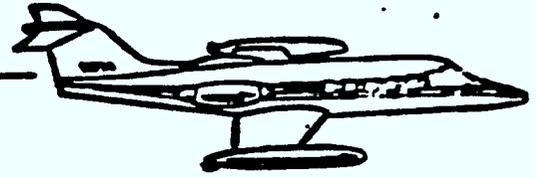
By: Herbert J. Presley

Per Power of Attorney

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WORLD AIRCRAFT EXCHANGE INC.



Executive Offices:
One Court Street
Boston, Mass. 02108
U.S.A.
Tel: 227-3155

Statement 306 E.P.
July 7, 1976

W.W.P. Leasing Corp.
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Per Lease Amendment Document between W.W.P. Leasing Corp. and
Elvis A. Presley, this statement authorizes the disbursement
of funds, in the amount specified below to the following party:

Amount: \$129,500.00

Payee: Trans World Industries Inc.

For: Part 121 Maintenance Systems,
Certification and Modification,
Cardex System

Approved for payment by

W. W. P. Leasing Corp.

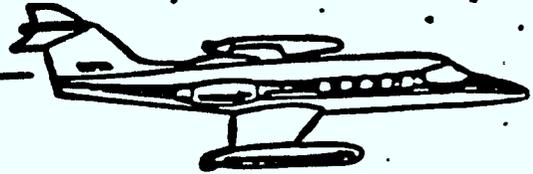
Elvis A. Presley

By: *Elvis A. Presley*

Per Power of Attorney

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WORLD AIRCRAFT EXCHANGE INC.



Executive Offices:
One Court Street
Boston, Mass. 02108
U.S.A.
Tel: 227-3155

Statement: 406 E.P.
July 7, 1976

W.W.P. Leasing Corp.
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Per Lease Document between W.W.P. Leasing Corp. and Elvis A. Presley, this statement authorizes the disbursement of funds, in the amount specified below, to the following party:

Amount: \$45,000.00

Payee: World Aircraft Exchange Inc.

For: Part 121 Certification and Aircraft
Modification and Update Program

Approved for payment by
W. W. P. Leasing Corp.

Elvis A. Presley

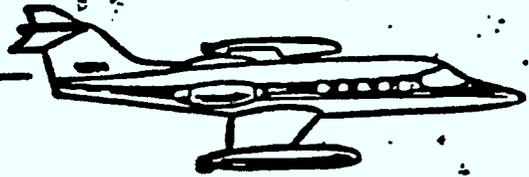
By: *William B. Beckley*

Per Power of Attorney

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WORLD AIRCRAFT EXCHANGE INC.



Executive Offices:
One Court Street
Boston, Mass. 02103
U.S.A.
Tel: 227-3155

Statement: 506 E.P.
July 7, 1976

W.W.P. Leasing Corp.
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Per Lease Amendment Document between W.W.P. Leasing Corp. and
Elvis A. Presley, this statement will authorize the disbursement
of funds, in the amount specified below, to the following
party:

Amount: \$117,500.00

Payee: Frederick P. Pro; President, Air Cargo Express Inc.

For: Port 121 Inspection and Operational Flight Proving
Tests and Aircraft Improvement Program, i.e. Pur-
chase of Service Bulletin 230, A - E.

** Total credit - 117,500.
Net 38,990*

*117,500
78,510

38,990*

Approved for payment by

W. W. P. Leasing Corp.

Elvis A. Presley

By: *Frederick P. Pro*

Per Power of Attorney

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During this same meeting on July 13, 1976, the addendum to the lease entitled "Rider No. 1" was retyped and again stated that the responsibility for supervising the modification and upgrading of the aircraft was that of World Aircraft Exchange, Inc., for which World Aircraft Exchange, Inc., was to be paid. At the conclusion of the meeting, ZINKER took the new lease and the two-page rider signed by VERNON PRESLEY back to New York City.

At this point SMITH's attention was drawn to the upper right-hand corner of the five statements referred to above, and he was questioned concerning the words "Statement 106 E.P." The numbers 206, 306, 406 and 506 were each entered on the other four invoices which totaled \$341,500. SMITH was unable to explain this and felt that World Aircraft should be able to clarify this matter.

On July 20, 1976, SMITH was called to DAVIS' home and was presented with a poorly drafted two-page document providing for an assignment by Air Cargo of its sub-lease to a company called A.G.M. Financial Corporation. DAVIS had received this in the mail from FRED P. PRO. SMITH had learned that PRO claimed he could not do business with ACHTMANN as W.W.P. was too hard-nosed. PRO wanted the original lease with W.W.P. to be altered and replace W.W.P. with A.G.M. Financial. This conceivably would cause a change from the Chemical Bank of New York to another bank.

To SMITH's recollection, prior to the signing of the lease contract on July 13, 1976, there was a meeting of CAGGIANO with VERNON PRESLEY. DAVIS and SMITH were present and CAGGIANO had gone to tell PRESLEY of PRO's problems with ACHTMANN. CAGGIANO was interested in replacing W.W.P. due to their slow funding and disbursement of money. Unannounced, NIGEL WINFIELD arrived at the meeting from Miami, and the discussion continued to the point that DAVIS asked who would be recommended to replace W.W.P. in the lease. As SMITH recalls, WINFIELD said in slow words, "A.G.M. Financial." This request was denied on behalf of PRESLEY.

SMITH then returned to his aforementioned meeting with DAVIS at DAVIS' house and the two-page assignment. VERNON PRESLEY arrived at the house and advised them that CAGGIANO had flown to Memphis on Thursday after the Tuesday on which the revised lease agreement had been executed.

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CAGGIANO brought with him a cashier's check in the approximate amount of \$338,000 from the Chemical Bank of New York. PRESLEY also told him that ACHTMANN of W.W.P. had called him previously and requested that instead of W.W.P. disbursing the funds, as provided under the rider of the revised lease, PRESLEY should disburse the funds for the upgrading of the plane.

ACHTMANN said he did not know whether the work was done or not and did not want the responsibility. SMITH commented that ACHTMANN was in the aircraft leasing business and should have no problem understanding whether the work had been completed or not and he could not understand ACHTMANN's position acting for W.W.P. in this latest development. PRESLEY further informed them that CAGGIANO, BASZNER and PRO had been to Memphis and contacted PRESLEY directly. They went to the Whitehaven Branch of the National Bank of Commerce and in the presence of CLARENCE CARTER, the bank official, PRESLEY accepted their invoices and drafted one personal check to FREDERICK PRO in the amount of \$17,800, with the notation on the check "Ref 106 E.P." SMITH had in his possession a copy of this check bearing the endorsement FREDERICK P. PRO...

PRESLEY also had prepared four cashier's checks payable to those corporations designated on the invoices prepared on World Aircraft Exchange stationery. These checks would have been \$32,000 to Air Cargo Express, Inc., and Dallas Airmotive, \$129,500 to Trans World Industries, and \$45,000 to World Aircraft Exchange, Inc.

The invoice in the amount of \$117,800 payable to FREDERICK P. PRO, President, Air Cargo Express, Inc., was not satisfied in its entirety. PRESLEY deducted \$78,510 representing the checks which PRO had originally given and subsequently were returned by the bank. This resulted in a net of \$38,990 given to PRO at this time.

It is SMITH's opinion that ACHTMANN and W.W.P. were either operating in conjunction with CAGGIANO, BASZNER, PRO and their related corporations, or at least they dealt directly with PRESLEY and in the absence of PRESLEY's attorneys effecting a change in the contract for the disbursement of funds. SMITH believes that he was told

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by DAVIS that ACHTMANN had told DAVIS that he requested PRESLEY pay the monies directly to these people.

The first monthly rental payment was not due from Air Cargo Express until August 25, 1976. However, Air Cargo Express indicated an interest in another aircraft belonging to ELVIS PRESLEY and an arrangement was again proposed by the broker, NIGEL WINFIELD. This arrangement was being proposed in behalf of A.G.N. Financial Corporation, which is the same organization previously submitted by PRO to replace W.W.P. in the first contract. This corporation was formed by one ANGELO G. MANNARINO, with a business address of 14423 Southwest 74th Avenue, Miami, Florida (305-251-7209). A.G.N. sought to fill the same role accomplished by W.W.P. with regard to the Jetstar on another plane of PRESLEY'S, a Dassault-Falcon, Model Number 20-C, Serial Number 30. Agreements were drafted between A.G.N. and ELVIS PRESLEY, which were executed on July 30, 1976. A similar type sale and lease back arrangement was entered into as previously described at the initial stages of this interview. VERNON PRESLEY gave personal checks to ANGELO MANNARINO in the approximate amount of \$53,000, which MANNARINO subsequently cashed. PRO presented PRESLEY with three more checks totaling approximately \$95,000, again representing the first and 84th monthly payments under the sub-lease and a check for \$40,000 premium for the lease. Again none of PRO'S checks were honored by the bank.

Because MANNARINO and A.G.N. could not secure funding for the sale-lease back arrangement on the Falcon, PRESLEY was able to call off this deal. However, A.G.N. still wrongfully retains \$50,000 paid it as a deposit.

During the negotiations for the second sale-lease back agreement, Air Cargo Express did not tender its second monthly rental payment. Numerous telephone calls followed checking up on the progress and upgrading of the plane, and PRO told SMITH that the delay in funding by the Chemical Bank had caused his company to be somewhat behind in achieving 121 Maintenance. PRO asked for and did receive an extension, granted him by W.W.P.

Over the next few weeks PRO made various representations to PRESLEY and SMITH concerning the 121 Maintenance Program, including such things as the wings of the Jetstar had

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been removed and X-rayed for any faults and that tests had been run on the plane. PRO also stated that at different times he had flown the plane on tests with various FAA officials, and it would be just a matter of days before the 121 certificate would be granted by FAA.

A notice of default was mailed to Air Cargo demanding immediate payment or else repossession of the plane, and on October 11, 1976, the following communication was received:

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HERE IS SEVEN OAK FINANCE LTD
ENGLAND

TO NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
4696 ELVIS PRESLEY BOULEVARD
MENTHIS
TENNESSE

FOR THE ATTENTION OF CLARENCE CARTER
WHITEHAVEN BRANCH TLX NO. 533178

WITH REGARDS TO ELVIS PRESLEY AIR CARGO EXPRESS TRANSACTION,
BY THE REQUEST OF MR FREDERICK PRO, SEVEN OAK FINANCE LTD
HAS BANK CONFIRMATION THAT AIR CARGO EXPRESS HAS AN
ACCOUNT IN EXCESS OF 500,000 US DOLLARS
REGARDS

A C SCOTT-BROWN

SEVEN OAK FINANCE LTD

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Although this wire was received, no payments were received from Air Cargo Express and ultimately one of ELVIS PRESLEY's pilots went to Miami to retake the plane. Upon its return to Memphis, its log book was reviewed and revealed that none of the funds in excess of a quarter of a million dollars which had been paid out upgrading and modifying the plane to qualify it for 121 Maintenance had been applied to the plane.

SMITH summarized by saying that PRO, through various corporations under his control, obtained over \$200,000 from PRESLEY by representing these funds would be used to upgrade the aircraft to qualify it for 121 Maintenance. PRO also sent various checks which were subsequently dishonored by the banks on which they were drawn.

Over \$40,000 was paid to BASZNER of World Aircraft Exchange for work to be performed on the aircraft, which was not accomplished. SMITH has since been told that PRO has left the country for England and the Air Cargo Express office in Miami is not in operation.

In addition, referring to notes maintained by his associate, FRANK J. GLANKLER, JR., it was determined that BASZNER had been called on November 3, 1976, by telephone. The answering party advised that he was not there but that ROBERT CAGGIANO was available. This was the first indication, November 3, 1976, that CAGGIANO was an official of World Aircraft Exchange. SMITH believes he is the President of the corporation. BASZNER, according to the notes, called Memphis back and allegedly claimed that W.V.P. would withhold disbursements until such times as the individual work was done. PRO had spoken to PRESLEY, according to BASZNER, and was getting the plane fireproofed, cardexing and re-establishing its crash worthiness. BASZNER, who had arranged for the purchase of the plane, received a commission for this, but PRO had told him that a voice recorder and other equipment were being provided for the plane. BASZNER received about \$45,000 to provide the financing and technical program and was following up the certification of the plane and would verify its appraisal. Allegedly BASZNER had five checks from PRO, all of which were bad.

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SMITH said that W.W.P. had been located by CAGGIANO to set up the financing in this first transaction with PRESLEY. WINFIELD of Commercial Air Transport voices the same claim. W.W.P. was to get two months rent as a commission and then receive no further reimbursements. W.W.P. was the lessor and owner of the plane, the Jetstar, and the lease was assigned to the Chemical Bank of New York. THOMAS MICHELS, 55 Water Street, Suite 1822, New York City, was the bank official involved.

SMITH further stated that he had been informed by RICHARD R. NEVILLE, Chief, Federal Aviation Administration, Miami, Florida, that on September 7, 1976, Span East Airlines, Inc., doing business as Air Cargo Express, requested that the FAA hold operating certificate CE-24(C) until such time as the company could again comply with the requirements of the Federal Aviation regulations. The carrier also voluntarily surrendered its operating certificate on September 7, 1976, which was cancelled the same date.

SMITH believes that he has had conversations with PRO subsequent to that September 7 date, wherein PRO informed him of additional repairs progressing on the Jetstar. SMITH is endeavoring to locate his office records to substantiate these conversations.

As a matter of information SMITH furnished a copy of the Aircraft Lease Agreement between ELVIS PRESLEY and Air Cargo Express, Inc., dated in May, 1976. This was superseded by the contract ultimately signed July 13, 1976. Contained in the May, 1976, proposed contract was a clause which would allow payments to be paid directly to the First Trust Company of Houston, 811 Rusk Avenue, Houston. SMITH was unable to explain why this particular bank was designated and is not familiar with who drew up this contract. //

Contained in Class 13 was indication that Air Cargo Express, Inc., was located at 1750 Northwest 69th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

PRO also furnished a document by Span Air, Inc., FREDERICK P. PRO, President, certifying this to be a public corporation listed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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SMITH was unaware of the relationship of Span Air, Inc., with Air Cargo Express.

A Provision to the Lease dated July 15, 1976, and identified as Rider No. 1, was furnished by HANS ACHTMANN to VERNON PRESLEY and related, in part, to the release of funds from W.W.P. The second paragraph is as follows: "The Balance of the payment between American National Bank and the capitalized cost of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) shall be paid to Elvis A. Presley, who will distribute such funds for the purpose of up-dating said Aircraft to comply with F.A.R. 121 specifications and 121 Maintenance Program." Although this rider was initialed by ACHTMANN, it was contrary to the original lease agreement which would put the burden on Air Cargo Express and World Aircraft Exchange, Inc.

SMITH questioned the purpose for ACHTMANN doing this because it appeared that ACHTMANN felt he was being put in the middle between PRESLEY and PRO. If PRO or his associates were doing something irregular with regard to the repairs to the plane, and reports of repairs to W.W.P. caused payments to be made to World Aircraft in error, ACHTMANN would be responsible to a degree.

SMITH also had in his possession a copy of "Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Air Cargo Express, Inc." This is dated June 30, 1976, and identified the directors as being FRED PRO, President, and BOY SMITH acting as secretary. According to the minutes, a discussion was held as to who should be authorized to sign and execute instruments of purchase of the aircraft in behalf of the corporation. A resolution was made and passed that FREDERICK P. PRO, President, be authorized to sign and execute lease and sub-lease of the aircraft from ELVIS A. PRESLEY. These minutes are signed FREDERICK P. PRO, Chairman; BOY E. SMITH, Secretary.

D. BEECHER SMITH, Attorney, 1 Commerce Square, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he had been in receipt of a Dun and Bradstreet report relative to Air Cargo Express, Inc., with a business address of 1750 Northwest 69th Avenue, Miami. The report reflects the company was started in 1976 with 10 employees and on April 15, 1976, FREDERICK PRO, President, deferred financial information. The officers were identified as FREDERICK PRO, President; CHESTER HORTON, Secretary and Treasurer; and RAY SMITH, Vice President. The business was incorporated in Florida in January, 1976.

PRO, born in 1926, is divorced. His background, according to the report, is that he graduated from Temple University, obtaining a degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master's degree in Electronic Engineering. After military service, he was with RCA until 1958, was Vice President and General Manager of Budd Electronics during 1963, and in 1970 he was Vice President for the Railway Division of Budd Company. He spearheaded the Metroliner (New York City, Washington, D. C.) Trailing Program. He also received the 1964 Paris LeBourget Air Award for New Concepts. He also served as consultant to a governmental agency for Futuristic Electronic Transportation Exploitations. In 1972, as Investor and Chairman of the Board of Parker West Corporation, Boynton Beach, Florida, he set up this as a holding company owned by local and foreign investors. In rapid succession, Parker West Corporation purchased the assets of Classic Industries, Inc., changed the name to Classic Motors, Inc., manufacturing antique replicas, and he purchased assets of Electronic Systems Division of Dynamics Corporation of America, which he changed to Rel-Reeves, Inc. This organization manufactured record retrieval equipment.

He set up Romulus Motor Car Company, Inc., manufacturing automobile replicas. He set up Interpole Communications, Inc., Precision Electronics Corporation, and Classic Marketing, Inc., which soon merged into one or another of the above outlined corporations. On July 22, 1975, Parker West Corporation and its three subsidiaries, Classic Motors, Inc., Rel-Reeves, Inc., and Romulus Motor Car Company, Inc., filed voluntary petition for arrangement under Chapter XI, U. S. District Court, Miami. This is

listed under case # 75-999. Total liabilities were reported at \$9,143,000, and total assets of \$16,417,000. Attorneys were identified as Maas, Rogers, and Chauncey, 321 Royal Poinciana Plaza, Palm Beach, Florida. Referee was PAUL HYMAN, and filing at the same time was FREDERICK P. PRO under case # 75-1005.

Information concerning RAY SMITH or CHESTER BORTON was undetermined by Dun and Bradstreet.

Air Cargo Express is affiliated through FREDERICK PRO with Worldwide Communications, Inc., incorporated in Florida in 1976 and located at the same address as a holding company. Trident National Corporation, Inc., incorporated in Florida in 1975 or 1976 as an air cargo organization, is another affiliate, as is Span Air, Inc., purchased March 10, 1976, as a freight transport organization. Dun and Bradstreet reported that Air Cargo Express moved from 5757 Northwest 27th Avenue, Miami, Florida, (305-883-5533) to 5553 Northwest 36th Street, Miami, Florida.

On August 10, 1976, according to Dun and Bradstreet, the local press reported a suit in the amount of \$1,289 was entered against Air Cargo Express, Inc., by State Southern Management Company, Inc., in County Court, Miami, under docket # 7612697SP-OS.

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On February 14, 1977, D. BEECHER SMITH, attorney, telephonically advised that the pilot for ELVIS PRESLEY who would have knowledge of the condition of the plane before and after it was surrendered to FRED PRO, aka MILO HIGH, [REDACTED] b7C

VERNON PRESLEY can be contacted at the Graceland Estates and an appointment arranged by calling him on the private line [REDACTED] b7C

SMITH also advised that he has received a call from ANGELO G. MANNARINO who was in Miami. MANNARINO told him that PRO had sent "two goons" to MANNARINO to force him to make a \$70,000 loan to PRO.

SMITH also had a copy of Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of Air Cargo Express, Inc., which reads as follows:

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AIR CARGO EXPRESS INC.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Air cargo express Inc., was held at 5553 N.W. 36th Street Miami, Florida on June 20, 1976 at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to waiver of written notice.

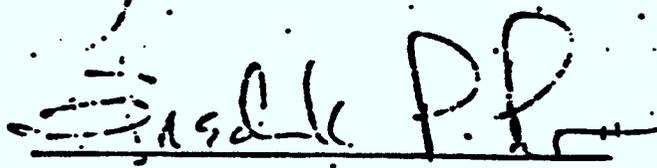
All of the Directors being present, Fred Pro, President (title), acted as Chairman, and Roy Smith acted as secretary.

A discussion was held as to who should be authorized to sign and execute instruments of purchase of aircraft in behalf of the corporation. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was passed:

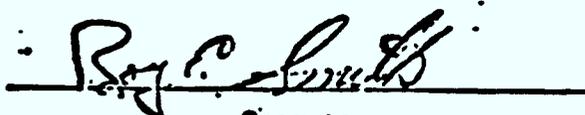
BE IT RESOLVED that Frederick P. Pro, President be authorized to sign and execute Lease and Sub-Leases of Aircraft from Elvis A. Presley.

Therebeing no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 20 day of June, 1976.



Chairman



Secretary

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On February 18, 1977, this case was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney GLEN GARLAND REID at which time he agreed to issue grand jury subpoenas for



The possibility exists of not only a Fraud By Wire violation, but a conspiracy to promote same.

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D. BEECHER SMITH, II, Attorney, in the law firm of Montedonico, Heiskell, Davis, Glankler, Brown, and Gilliland, One Commerce Square, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

Through a review of his records, he was able to determine that calls were made from his office to the office of FRED PRO (305-883-5533), Miami, Florida, on September 14, October 4, 7, and 8, 1976. SMITH recalls in the conversation of September 14, the topic of improvements to the airplane was discussed and PRO told him on the telephone that the wings had been removed and X-rayed at one inspection.

PRO told him that the Cardax System was installed and the plane had been on test flights under the supervision of a representative of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

SMITH reminded PRO that all checks issued by PRO had failed to clear the bank and he complained of difficulty in financing in that assets were not transferred from the right bank into his accounts.

PAUL KNIGHT, Aviation and General Insurance Company, Hollywood, Florida, received a cashier check in behalf of PRO from the Mercantile Bank and Trust Company, somewhere in the West Indies. SMITH had received information that this particular bank only had assets of \$100,000 and yet was capable of issuing cashier's checks of greater amounts than total bank assets.

SMITH had in his possession copies of the flight log of the Lockheed Jetstar. When the aircraft was repossessed, it was discovered that only a minimal amount of work by a company called General Air Services, Inc., of Miami, had been performed on the plane and none of the information furnished by PRO regarding the repairs to the plane as having been completed had in fact been accomplished.

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by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 2/28/77

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SMITH will review his file in connection with the PRESLEY account to determine if he had made specific memorandum concerning the various telephone calls he had with PRO and others in this case.

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