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SUBJECT Marvin Gaye

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Date 10/14/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (196-10) -P
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] :3
 (FNU) [REDACTED] 3
 MARVIN GAYE 3
 FBW (B)
 (OO: RICHMOND)

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of opening communication in captioned matter, Richmond airtel to Atlanta, dated 10/5/77.

This communication summarizes events leading to institution of investigation and contains preliminary opinion of AUSA, EDVA, Richmond, in connection with possible violation of T18, USC, S2314.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (196-10) -P-

[REDACTED] b7c
(FNU)
MARVIN GAYE
FBW (B)

(00 - Richmond)

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy each of the following items:

- 1) Telegram dated 8/31/77, to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
- 2) Mailgram dated 9/1/77, to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
- 3) Mailgram dated 9/2/77 to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
- 4) Telegram dated 9/13/77, to [REDACTED] from the Tent Markers Corp.;
- 5) Telegram dated 9/19/77, to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
- 6) Receipt dated 9/19/77, acknowledging payment of \$40,000 by [REDACTED] to Marvin Gaye Productions;
- 7) Receipt dated 9/20/77, acknowledging payment of \$40,000 by [REDACTED] to Marvin Gaye Productions;

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- 8) Central National Bank Customer Debit dated 9/7/77, reflecting \$40,000 wired to BM Enterprises, Lithia Springs, Ga.;
- 9) Central National Bank letter dated 9/20/77, confirming above transfer of funds to the Commercial Bank of Lithia Springs, Ga.;
- 10) Signed statement of [REDACTED] acknowledging indebtedness in the amount of \$40,000 to Concerts South LTD/[REDACTED]

Also enclosed are two copies each of an FD-302 reflecting interview on 9/29/77 with [REDACTED] in the company of [REDACTED], and an insert reflecting contact with AUSA RAYMOND A. CARPENTER, EDVA, Richmond, Va.

The enclosed items relate basically to complaint of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the effect that [REDACTED] through wire communications enclosed, as well as supplemental telephone conversations, advised that he would produce MARVIN GAYE to appear in Richmond on 9/19/77 and in Norfolk on 9/20/77 at a total fee of \$40,000.00 per performance (\$80,000.00), demanding half in advance (\$40,000.00) to secure GAYE's appearance. On GAYE's arrival in Richmond, he insisted that no money had been given him by [REDACTED] and he then demanded \$40,000.00 in advance before performing in Richmond and another \$40,000.00 in advance before performing in Norfolk. These amounts were paid by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and subsequent contact with [REDACTED] has produced unsatisfactory results. [REDACTED] orally and in writing (Enclosed Item No. 10) acknowledged his indebtedness to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] however, he eventually advised them he simply did not have the money and would not be able to return the \$40,000.00 initial deposit.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised they have paid out \$120,000.00 and the total gate for both performances resulted in approximately \$110,000.00. They, therefore, suffered a \$10,000.00 actual loss as opposed to realizing what should have been a \$30,000.00 profit to be shared at settlement.

Atlanta note that AUSA CARPENTER advised that any potential witnesses who refuse to cooperate should be informed that they will, in the alternative, be summoned before a Federal Grand Jury at Richmond, Va. He further advised that all potential subjects should be appropriately advised of their constitutional rights.

It is noted [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] on 10/3/77, he was traveling to Richmond to settle on 10/4/77, however, [REDACTED] advised on 10/5/77, that [REDACTED] never arrived.

LEADS:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GA.

(1) Will interview [REDACTED] Empire Productions, 3100 Cascade Rd. It is noted [REDACTED] also does business as BM Enterprises and Seldom Enterprises. Note also [REDACTED] furnished Telephone Numbers for [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] (Office) and [REDACTED] (Residence).
Atlanta, GA

(2) Will interview [REDACTED] MARVIN GAYE, noting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] suspect [REDACTED] to be in collusion with [REDACTED]

(3) Will attempt to further identify (FNU) [REDACTED] whose check for \$75,000.00 was allegedly responsible for enticing GAYE to travel from Atlanta to Richmond.

(4) Will interview MARVIN GAYE to determine whether he received any of the funds advanced by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

AT LITHIA SPRINGS, GA.

Will contact Commercial Bank of Lithia Springs and determine identity of individual who received \$40,000.00 transfer on 9/7/77, from Central National Bank, Richmond, Va.

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RICHMOND

AT RICHMOND, VA.

b7c Will maintain contact with complainants and AUSA and will notify Atlanta of any further development, specifically any effort made by [REDACTED] or others to settle with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]