

**MICHAEL ROYKO**

FBI

Date: 10/19/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: FBI LAB AND ID DIVISIONS)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9-5846) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
 "J. M. Mc C.";  
 MIKE ROYKO,  
 COLUMNIST,  
 CHICAGO DAILY NEWS  
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS -  
 VICTIM  
 EXTORTION  
 OO: CHICAGO

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the following items:

1. Envelope postmarked Monaca, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1971, addressed to "Mr. MIKE ROYKO...etc."
2. One-page handwritten letter, dated October 14, 1971, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to "Mr. MIKE ROYKO (a true patriot)."
3. One xerox copy of each of above described items.

4. One reproduced copy of column written by MIKE ROYKO, dated Monday, October 11, 1971.

Enclosed herewith for the Cleveland Division is one xerox copy of above described items for the information of that office.

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 1 - Cleveland (Info.) (Encl. 3)  
 2 - Chicago  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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## ROYKO is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	9/19/32
POB	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses



CG 9-5846

Mr. ROYKO was advised that should he feel protection is necessary as a result of the threatening letter in question, such should be requested of local authorities.

The Lab is requested to compare submitted letter with the anonymous letter file and to afford this letter with other appropriate examination. The Identification Division is requested to conduct an appropriate latent fingerprint examination on submitted items. Both Mr. ROYKO and [redacted] have served in the U.S. Army (serial numbers recalled) and were fingerprinted in connection with that service. They are the only individuals they have advised who have handled the letter in question. b7C

It is requested that submitted items be returned to the Chicago Division following completion of requested examination.

Investigation at Chicago continuing.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

EX-115

November 10, 1971

YOUR FILE NO. 9-5846  
 FBI FILE NO. REC-122 9-59422 - 1  
 LATENT CASE NO. A-44466

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: UNSUB., AKA  
 "J. M. MC C.";  
 MIKE ROYKO, COLUMNIST  
 CHICAGO DAILY NEWS  
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 10/19/71  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago  
 SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1  
 Handwritten letter, Q2

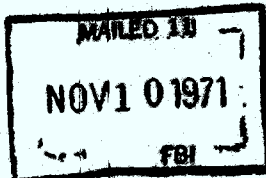
Listed Q specimens described in separate  
 Laboratory report.

No latent impressions of value appear or were  
 developed on specimens which are enclosed, together with  
 two copies of newspaper clippings also received.

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



John Edgar Hoover, Director

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10/16/71FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

## Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **UNSUB, aka "J.M. Mc C.";**  
**MIKE ROYKO, COLUMNIST,**  
**CHICAGO DAILY NEWS**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM;**  
**EXTORTION**

**LATENT**

3:30 p.m. ja

Received 10/15/71 3422

Lab. # **D-711022044 MS**

LCN-44466

**OO: Chicago**  
 Examination requested by: **Chicago (9-5846) Airtel 10/19/71**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**Date received: **10/21/71**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Names submitted for elimination purposes (F):

Noted by: [REDACTED]

MIKE ROYKO, DOB: 9/10/32, W/M

*614*  
*No lat. imps. of blue ink 1-2 in, N/A H 7003*  
*Detained, returned as inc. with 2 photographs*  
*of newspaper clippings also recd. (4 inc.)*  
Specimens submitted for examination

**Q1 Envelope postmarked "MONACA, PA 15067 OCT 15 PM 1971"**  
**bearing handwritten address "Mr. Mike Royko (Columnist?)**  
**Chicago Daily News Service Chicago Daily News. Chicago,**  
**Illinois. 60607"**

**Q2 First page of accompanying handwritten letter dated 10/14/71,**  
**beginning "Mr Mike Royko (a true patriot)..." and ending on**  
**reverse side "...with a 50 ft. pole"**

**ALSO SUBMITTED: Photocopies of newspaper clipping, written by**  
**Mike Royko**

*Lab. report separate*

**RETURN EVIDENCE**

cc: [REDACTED]

Examination completed

9:05 AM

11-9-71

Dictated

11-9-71



REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Chicago

November 16, 1971

Re: **WISUB, aka "J.H. Mc C.";**  
**MIKE ROYKO, COLUMNIST,**  
**CHICAGO DAILY NEWS**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM;**  
**EXTORTION**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director  
YOUR NO. **9-3848**  
FBI FILE NO. **9-33422**  
LAB. NO. **9-711023044 MS**

Reference **Airtel dated 10/19/71.**

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File.**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is **temporarily retained.**

**MATERIAL SUBMITTED:**

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "MICHICA, PA 18007 OCT 18 PM 1971" bearing handwritten address "Mr. Mike Royko (Columnist?) Chicago Daily News Service Chicago Daily News. Chicago, Illinois. 60607"**
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**ALSO SUBMITTED:**

Photocopies of newspaper clipping written by **Mike Royko**

Cleveland

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**9-53422-2**

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**Remarks:**

No watermarks or indented writings of significance were noted on Q1 and Q2. A record of the physical characteristics is being maintained in the Laboratory in the event a further examination is requested.

You will be separately advised regarding the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q1 and Q2.



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10/26/71

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

Re: UNSUB, aka "J.M. Mc C.";  
MIKE ROYKO, COLUMNIST,  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

File # 9-53422-2  
Lab. # D-711022044 MS

OO: Chicago  
Examination requested by: Chicago (9-5846) Airtel 10/19/71

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 10/21/71

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

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RETURN EVIDENCE

Trans. Lab. Report  
11/19/71  
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N.W. Q1 and Q2 searched A.L.F. III E. (H) Glenn  
Pennsylvania. No ident. Copy to be added.

Q1 - White bond envelope - No watermark or  
significant indentations. 2 cent stamp taken from a sheet  
1 cent stamp taken from a booklet  
Length 9.46 inches  
Width 4.15 inches  
Thickness .0040 inches

Q2 - Sheet of white paper - No watermark or  
significant indentations -  
Length 10.72 - 10.74 inches  
Width 6.93 inches  
Thickness .0052 inches

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

**LATENT**

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**MIKE ROYKO, COLUMNIST,**  
**CHICAGO DAILY NEWS**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM;**  
**EXTORTION**

File # **9-53422-0**  
Lab. # **D-711023044 MS**

Examination requested by: **Chicago (D-5546) Airtel 10/10/71**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint** Date received: **10/21/71**

Result of Examination: Examination by: **[REDACTED]**

*Please treat & return to Chicago*

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Specimens submitted for examination

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Photocopies of newspaper clipping written by Mike Royko

**RETURN EVIDENCE**

*Edam LFPS, with Q's 1-2 & PS to Chicago*  
*wfr*



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ENCLOSURE

9-53422-2



Mr. Mike R. (a true patriot) .  
Chicago Daily News.  
Chicago, Illinois

Cleveland Ohio  
October 14, 1971

you ignorant Hungarian son of a bitch to mention Tricky Dick with  
the Kennedys. only a perverted bastard like you agnew and other son  
of a bitch would do. you mention Cuba, you lying bastard Kennedy  
took office Jan. 1961. Invasion of Cuba April 1961. You don't son of a  
bitch do you think Kennedy knew anything about this? I want Eisenhower  
and his vice pres Tricky Dickie head of this crap? Why don't you tell  
readers this? Why don't you tell your readers if we enough Cuba all  
of South and Central America would now be communist. This invasion  
would have played in Russian hands. Pres. Truman gave Nixon the right  
name "Tricky Dickie" now name and son of a bitch bastard. When they asked  
Eisenhower what Nixon did while he was his vice president, "he replied,  
"Have one several weeks and I'll think of something." Why don't you  
tell your readers that? Why don't you tell your readers no Kennedy ever  
lost one cent of salary while he was in office or didn't you know you dirty  
Hungarian bastard. Both Kennedys are dead as you attack them. I see  
real Americans were murdered by loyal bastards like you. Both  
killed as was Martin Luther King by the so called leftist militants.  
Why don't they ever try to assassinate Nixon or Agnew or Wallace or  
Mad-Ox? You're not damn right only real Americans get killed.  
Another Kennedy was blown up at body never found fighting for his  
country on a dangerous mission & settled in a plane crash while  
serving with International Red Cross on errand of mercy. Why  
did you wait until Oct. 14 to run your goddamn traps in Cleveland  
Press? Why didn't you write sooner? If Kennedy has four White  
Houses you and bitch your bastard head off you perverted bastard.  
He took 100% raise from 100,000 to 200,000 per year tell us  
about that you dirty son of a bitch. you say, "but traps in increasing  
numbers to take part in a civil War in Asia. a great God will send  
you a justified punishment for this lie. Mr. Ike the golfer and  
Tricky Dickie sent the first 880. Kennedy under permission of  
both Ike and Tricky Dickie sent 16,000. Why did you open your God  
damn mouth then, or why didn't you give 16,000 instead of "sent  
traps"? You made the intelligence of a six year old school child.  
Now they're bringing out another stick deal by Tricky Dickie tell us  
about that? On Mitchell and other old law partners of Nixon?  
you you dirty thunk tell us about that. Now you're out there people  
(not bastards like you) want another Kennedy. By now they just don't  
believe bastards like you. Ask your fellow Hunkys and they'll for all  
Kennedys 10 to 1. You bastard said Pres. Kennedy appointed his own  
brother as vice pres. It's damn good thing he did. He was only one  
that had guts to send another bastard Hoffa to jail if he wouldn't  
have been there.

D-31102744  
10-15-71



you really are a fair son of a bitch. When Kennedy invaded Cambodia,  
Are any of the goddamn Veterans in Laos or the brave Eisenhower  
serving in any dangered zone. God damn rotten father and  
son of a bitch. See Kennedy in South Pacific with a crippled back  
stained 9 of his buddies. Did they ever make a move out of  
appliance of Nixon or Eisenhower. The two greatest failures in U.S.  
History as pres. and vice pres. How much do the wealthy Republicans  
pay you or how many free meals do they invite you to? Would  
you or the millions of other Americans be covered under social  
security or Medicare under the rich Republican sons of bitches.

you state old man Kennedy (he's also dead and not hard to defeat himself)  
spent millions to win primaries. Here you rotten son of a bitch  
tell all Americans who voted for Kennedy sold out their brotherhood.  
How dumb do you think real Americans are? Tell us about the  
brave Haynes and Hoopes and Ridgans who got millions out of this  
nation (under Nixon and the). No goddamn wounded Hoopes wants to  
build a Golf Tower to die. He made millions under this dumb  
like taking stars overseas to make big "Specials" that he made  
millions on while we poor taxpayers paid for it. Only a God damn  
son of a bitch heavily bastard could write like you would forget  
a woman holding her martyred husband's brains in her hands  
and holding the hands of two orphaned children at his funeral.

Only a goddamn bastard could forget this or 11 fatherless Kennedy's  
when their father he was murdered by bastards as you. Yes a  
good God is going to visit many tragic things on you and no  
doubt your family who must have collected your Husky  
tendencies. When you get assassinated see how they take it.  
Jesus we hell never matched your goddamn rottenness

Sure you'll get better different than this from the same type  
bastards as you are and Kennedy haters who cheered when both  
were killed. Now you stinking bastard listen and listen good.  
You are a marked man for a "35" marriage perhaps your other  
bastards on the editorial desk can write your obituary on "Sun"  
"decent" "Nuke war etc etc." and "God damn" has like that. Perhaps  
you bastard you wouldn't see with Edward Kennedy but you wouldn't  
have sudden with his brother John in South Pacific either, now  
would you? you are rotten father son of a bitch. To compare a son  
son of a bitch like Nixon is like comparing you to Walter J. Reuther.  
Tell us why Nixon is worse than White House of dogs each week  
and you bastard tell us about about J. the whole senator.  
you're three, you good, at least make your peace with God now.

D-110220941

J. M. McC.  
Post Office  
Cleveland, Ohio 44101



Mr. Mike Reuther (Kodakman?)

Chicago Daily News Service

Chicago Daily News

Chicago, Illinois 60607

Mike Reuther  
Chicago Daily News  
Chicago, Illinois 60607

D-711022097

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To the undersigned parties being executed on 10/14  
for the purpose of being 2 yrs & more... with pleasure  
From major Robert Louis Smith

D-7N022094



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>12/2/71</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/18 - 11/19/71</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUB, aka "J.M. MC C"; MIKE ROYKO, COLUMNIST, CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>kas</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>EXTORTION</b>	

REFERENCE: Chicago airtel to Director dated 10/19/71.

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  <b>1-Bureau (9-53422) 1-USA, Chicago (ATTN: AUSA M.D. MARRS) 1-Chicago (9-5846)</b>					SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">9-53422-3</div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 150px;">             12 DEC 13 1971           </div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg);">             REC-3 EX-117           </div>			
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Chicago (ATTN: AUSA M.D. MARRS)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: CHICAGO  
Date: 12/27/71

Field Office File #: 9-5846

Bureau File #: 9-53422

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
MIKE ROYKO,  
COLUMNIST, CHICAGO DAILY NEWS,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: MIKE ROYKO, "Chicago Daily News" Columnist, Chicago, Illinois, on 10/18/71 received a letter in the U.S. Mail threatening his safety. Letter postmarked Monaca, Pennsylvania, denounced ROYKO for newspaper column written regarding JOHN F. KENNEDY and the KENNEDY brothers. Examination of letter by FBI Laboratory and Identification Divisions did not effect identification of subject. No suspects developed. AUSA, Chicago, declined prosecution.

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DETAILS:  
[REDACTED]  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/28/71

Date

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Characteristics	Wears glasses

10/18/71

Chicago, Illinois

CG 9-5846

On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_  
by SA [redacted] and [redacted] glk **b7c** Date dictated 10/22/71

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CG 9-5846

By communication dated October 19, 1971, material as furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by MIKE ROYKO was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory and Identification Divisions for examination.

By communication dated November 10, 1971, the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division reported results of examinations conducted on submitted items:

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Chicago

November 10, 1971

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MIKE ROYKO, COLUMNIST,  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI FILE NO. 9-53422  
LAB. NO. D-711022044 MS

Reference Airtel dated 10/19/71.

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Photocopies of newspaper clipping written by Mike Royko

1 - Cleveland

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-5846  
FBI FILE NO. 9-53422  
LATENT CASE NO. A-44466

November 10, 1971

TO: SAC, Chicago

UNSUB., AKA  
RE: "J. M. MC C.";  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1  
Handwritten letter, Q2

Listed Q specimens described in separate  
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No latent impressions of value appear or were  
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Enc. (4)

1 - Cleveland



CG 9-5846

On November 18, 1971, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) MICHAEL D. MARRS, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, following his review of this matter advised that he would not consider prosecutive action. Mr. MARRS noted that since investigation to date has disclosed no subject; that no suspects are known and since there is question as to the criminal intent on the part of the author of the communication in question, he does not believe prosecutive action is warranted.

On November 18, 1971, the opinion of the AUSA was furnished to Mr. ROYKO and he was again reminded that if he felt protection was necessary, such should be requested of local authorities.



10-10-1976

10-10-1976

Date	Time	Description	Remarks
10/10	10:00	Left for [redacted] [redacted]	
10/10	10:00	[redacted] [redacted]	
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		[redacted] [redacted]	
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Date Received 6/3/76  
From Mikhail Doyko  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)  
G. Daily News  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ No

Receipt Given

☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Letter from Francis  
Jade Blahely



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Blakely  
4236 N. Broadway  
60613

Mr. Mike Roghe  
Chicago Daily News  
401 N. Wabash  
Chicago 60611



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Weds, June 2

Dear Mr. Royko,

I won't be calling  
you any more, but you'll  
be hearing from me  
other ways.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9-4699) (P)  
SUBJECT: FRANCIS JUDE ELANELY, aka  
Michael Corleone;  
MIKE ROYKO - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

On 6/3/76, MIKE ROYKO, well-known author and columnist for the Chicago Daily News, advised that he received a threatening letter dated and postmarked 6/2/76, from the subject. The letter stated, "Dear Mr. ROYKO, I won't be calling you any more, but you'll be hearing from me other ways. CORLEONE." ROYKO advised that the subject has been calling him and barging into his office at the Daily News since March, 1973. ROYKO advised that he determined that the subject was a mental patient who kept escaping from a mental institution and contacting him using the name MICHAEL CORLEONE. ROYKO further advised that the subject had always used cryptic remarks and veiled threats such as contained in the letter. ROYKO furnished the letter and envelope advising that this was the only letter he ever received from the subject. The letter is maintained in the Chicago file.

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On 6/9/76, the facts of this matter were presented to AUSA JOHN SULLIVAN, SDI, Chicago, who declined prosecution because the letter contained no real direct threat and further because there does not appear to be any violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

In view of the above, Chicago is conducting no further investigation into this matter and will confirm the AUSA's opinion separately. [REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 6/14/76

MIKE ROYKO, Columnist, Chicago Daily News, 401 North Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he received a threatening letter from FRANCIS JUDE BLAKELY who is also known as MICHAEL CORLEONE. ROYKO furnished the letter and envelope dated June 2, 1976, and postmarked June 2, 1976, at Chicago. The letter stated, "Dear Mr. ROYKO, I won't be calling you any more, but you'll be hearing from me other ways. CORLEONE." The envelope contained a return address of "BLAKELY, 4236 N. Broadway, 60613."

ROYKO advised that he first saw BLAKELY in March, 1973, when BLAKELY appeared at his office at the Daily News and stated, "I am MICHAEL CORLEONE." BLAKELY told ROYKO that he wanted to run for mayor and that he wanted ROYKO to handle the campaign. When BLAKELY would not leave, ROYKO had the building guards escort him out. ROYKO stated that one time BLAKELY came in with a minister who was there to make sure that BLAKELY did not hurt anyone. ROYKO stated that BLAKELY had been in the office several times and had been stopped by the building guards several times when he attempted to get in. BLAKELY also telephoned numerous times. ROYKO stated that BLAKELY had an intense way of talking, using cryptic phrases and veiled threats.

ROYKO stated that he had determined that BLAKELY was a mental patient in 1973 and that he kept escaping from the institution and would then attempt to contact either himself (ROYKO) or a Chicago alderman. ROYKO wrote a column about this in July, 1973.

ROYKO stated that on May 10, 1976, BLAKELY again appeared at his office and had his hand in his coat pocket. ROYKO told him that he did not have time to talk to him and BLAKELY replied, "I won't put up with this much longer."

ROYKO stated that the letter was the only letter he received from BLAKELY.

Interviewed on 6/3/76 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 9-6699 -2  
by SA [REDACTED] bck Date dictated 6/7/76



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219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

July 9, 1976

Samuel K. Skinner  
United States Attorney  
Department of Justice  
Fifteenth Floor - South  
Everett McKinley Dirksen Building  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney  
John L. Sullivan

Re: Francis Jude Blakely,  
Also Known As  
Michael Corleone;  
Mike Royko - Victim  
Extortion

Dear Mr. Skinner:

This letter is to confirm a conversation on June 9, 1976, between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) John L. Sullivan of your office, and Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), regarding the above captioned case.

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Briefly, the facts are that on June 3, 1976, Mike Royko, the well known columnist for the "Chicago Daily News", received a threatening letter dated and postmarked June 2, 1976, from Francis Jude Blakely. The letter stated, "Mr. Royko, I won't be calling you no more but you'll be hearing from me other ways. Corleone." Royko advised that Blakely has been calling him and charging into his office at the "Daily News" since March, 1973. Royko

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It was AUSA Sullivan's opinion that because the letter contained no real direct threat to Royko, and further because there did not appear to be any violation of the Federal Extortion Statute, he would decline prosecution of Blakely.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD G. WELD  
Special Agent in Charge

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9-6699) (P)

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In view of the above, Chicago is conducting no further investigation into this matter and will confirm the AUSA's opinion separately. [REDACTED]

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