

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: ROCCO “ROCKY” FRANCIS
MARCIANO

FILE NUMBER: 9-HQ-25764

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 11 1954

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
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Mr. Mohr ✓
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WASHINGTON 3 NEW YORK 2 AND PHILA 1 FROM BOSTON

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

UNSUB. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, VIKEX. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROCKTON, MASS. PD, TURNED OVER TO SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS DATE HANDPRINTED LET POSTMARKED GLEN OLDEN, PA. MARCH NINE FIFTY
FOUR, ONE P.M., ADDRESSED TO QUOTE MR. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, DOVER ST,
BROCKTON, MASS. UNQUOTE, FATHER OF WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ROCKY
MARCIANO. LET READS, QUOTE LISTEN MR. MARCHEGIANO, EITHER YOUR SON,
ROCKY, LETS EZZARD CHARLES BEAT HIM IN THE JUNE SEVENTH IN TITLE FIGHT
OR WE-LL BUMP OFF HIS WIFE AND SMALL CHILD. WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
OF MONEY WAGERED ON CHARLES AND WE-RE DESPERATE. WE KNOW THAT A WASHED
UP BUM LIKE CHARLES HAS NO CHANCE AGAINST ROCKY WITHOUT A LITTLE COOPER
ATION FROM ROCKY. WE-RE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE CITY OF BROCKTON AND THE
ENTIRE SURROUNDING AREA. IT WON-T BE MUCH TROUBLE TO TAKE CARE OF ROCKY-S
WIFE AND CHILD IF HE CROSSES US AND WINS THE FIGHT UNQUOTE.
SIGNED, QUOTE DESPERATE DUO UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY

ADVISED HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH MARCIANO'S MANAGER, [REDACTED] AND STATED
IN HIS ESTIMATION [REDACTED] IS CAPABLE OF RESORTING TO SENDING OF SUCH A LET
FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES TO STIMULATE ADDITIONAL GATE RECEIPTS AT FORTH
COMING CHAMPION FIGHT. LET BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LAB AND VICTIM BEING
INTERVIEWED. PHILA. WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INQUIRY AT GLEN OLDEN, PA..

MAR 22 1954
END PAGE ONE

CC: MR. ROSEN

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tamm

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IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AUTHOR OF LET. PHOTOSTAT OF LET BEING FORWARDED
AMSD. TO PHILA. FOR POSSIBLE USE IN OBTAINING OF HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS.
FOR INFO, ROCKY MARCIANO PRESENTLY AT TRAINING CAMP LIBERTY NEW YORK.
FAMILY DOES NOT DESIRE HIM INFORMED ABOUT LET. FOR BUREAU INFO VIKEX
HAS TALKED IN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD ABOUT RECEIPT OF LET AND PUBLICITY WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY FOLLOW.

FOSTER

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NYC BS R2 NY GSM

PH BS R 1 PH VJM

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*Victim of
Extortion*

Lab.
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SAC, Boston

March 23, 1954

Director, FBI

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UNSUB
PERRINO MARCHESEANO
VIKIX

Reurlet March 12, 1954.

The submitted envelope and accompanying letter have been examined but no latent impressions of value were developed. The submitted specimens are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

Enclosures (2)

CC-Philadelphia

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Att.: FBI Laboratory)

DATE: 3-12-54

FROM : *HBFw*
SAC, BOSTON (9-new)SUBJECT: UNSUB *(D)*
PERRINO MARCHEGIANO - Victim
EXTORTION

There is forwarded herewith for appropriate examination the evidence listed below:

Envelope postmarked Glen Olden, Pennsylvania, 3-9-54, 1:00 p.m., addressed to Mr. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, Dover Street, Brockton, Massachusetts.

Accompanying one-page letter containing hand printing and reading, "Listen Mr. MARCHEGIANO:" and signed, "Desperate Duo".

For the information of the Laboratory, on February 11, 1954, *b7c*
[redacted] (NA) gave the above-described letter and *b7D*
envelope to SA [redacted]. He stated that this letter was turned over to Patrolman [redacted] of the Brockton Police Department by the Victim, who, in turn, delivered it to [redacted].

It is requested that this letter be searched through the Anonymous Letter File and that it be treated for the development of latent fingerprints. In addition, it is requested that the paper and envelope described above be examined for any marks of identification which might assist in tracing its source.

For the information of the Laboratory, this letter was handled by [redacted] Patrolman [redacted] and the Victim.

Mr. MARCHEGIANO, the Victim, stated that it was also handled by [redacted] *Cy*

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[REDACTED] He stated also
that it was handled by [REDACTED] a distant relative.

There are also enclosed herewith two photostatic copies of the above-described letter and envelope.

It is requested that upon the completion of this examination a copy of the report be forwarded to the Philadelphia Office and that the original letter be returned to the Boston Office.

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WASHINGTON 3 NEW YORK 1 FROM BOSTON 15 4-30 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

UNSUB, PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, VIKEX. RE BOSTON TEL MARCH ELEVEN,
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR. [REDACTED] 7-1

PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, STATED TODAY THAT ON SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH
FOURTEEN, [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED] AT ROCKY MARCIANO-S
TRAINING CAMP, LIBERTY, NEW YORK, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] STATED
ROCKY WAS AWARE OF INSTANT LETTER AND ALSO THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY
RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW
ROCKY MARCIANO CONCERNING INSTANT LETTER AND ALSO OBTAIN FROM HIM
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FBI LABORATORY ANY LETTERS OF A THREATENING NATURE
WHICH HE MIGHT PREVIOUSLY HAVE RECEIVED.

FOSTER

END ACK PLS

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Mr. Rosen

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WASHINGTON 2 FROM BOSTON 13 7-35 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

UNSUB. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, VIKEX. RE MY TEL THREE ELEVEN FIFTYFOUR.
INQUIRIES BEING RECEIVED FROM LOCAL PRESS IN REGARD TO ABOVE MATTER.
PAPERS ARE IN POSSESSION OF MOST OF THE FACTS. PAPERS ARE BEING ANSWERED
"THE FBI IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION." IN REPLY TO THEIR QUIRIES.

FOSTER

END CK PLS

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Mr. Rosen

CC: MR. ROSEN
ASST. SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 18, 1954

To: SAC, Boston

CL.R.-7

Re: UNSUB;
PERRINO MARCHEGIANO
VIKEX

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 9-new
LAB. NO. D-181659 HE

Examination requested by: SAC, Boston
Reference: Letter 3-12-54
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope with hand printed address to "Mr. Perrino Marchegiano Dover Street Brockton, Massachusetts," postmarked "GLEN OLDEN PA. MAR 9 1954 1 PM."
Q2 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Listen Mr. Marchegiano: Either your son, Rocky, lets..., " signed "Desperate Duo."

Results of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but nothing of significance was found. A photographic copy of these specimens has been added to this file for future reference.

The envelope Q1 is made of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{2}{3}$ ". The address is hand printed in blue pencil. Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring approximately 11" x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The message is hand printed in blue ink with a ball-point pen.

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You will be advised separately concerning the results of the latent fingerprint examination on specimens Q1 and Q2 at which time these specimens will be returned to you.

Philadelphia

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BOSTON**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON	DATE WHEN MADE 3/31/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] ppm
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT: PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, [REDACTED] - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, Brockton, Massachusetts, father of ROCKY MARCIANO, received letter postmarked Glen Olden, Pennsylvania, which threatened life of wife and daughter of ROCKY MARCIANO. Letter forwarded FBI Laboratory. AUSA, Boston, states letter violation of Extortion Statute. No suspects developed.

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DETAILS: AT BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

This investigation is predicated upon information received March 11, 1954, from [REDACTED] (NA) of the Brockton, Massachusetts Police Department. On this date [REDACTED] turned over a letter which had been received by the Brockton Police Department from **PERRINO MARCHEGIANO**, father of World Heavyweight Champion ROCKY MARCIANO.

The envelope in which this letter had been sent bore the hand-printed address, "Mr. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, Dover Street, Brockton, Massachusetts," and was postmarked, "Glen Olden, Pa., Mar. 9, 1954, 1 p.m." The envelope contained a one-page hand-printed letter which is set forth hereafter.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H. J. G. [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 2 - Bureau 1 - USA, Boston 2 - New York 2 - Philadelphia 2 - Boston (9-805) COPY IN FILE		9-25764-6 APR 3 1954	SE 50 RECORDED - 9

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

"Listen MARCIANO:

b7c "Another reminder-either let EZ CHARLES beat you in that June
fight or your wife and child get bumped off. We're
very familiar with the city of Brockton and the entire
surrounding area. If you think that it is worth the lives of
your loved ones to win an old boxing watch, go ahead. If you
do you'll regret it for the rest of your life. You're guaranteed
a return in 90 days; ain't you? Why be so foolish as to ignore
this threat on your loved ones' lives. Play ball with us;
you can take care of CHARLES in the return match.

"Desperate Duo"

b7c b7D [redacted] stated that the recipient of this letter, PERRINO
MARCHEGIANO, had brought this letter to the Brockton Police Department
and turned it over to the desk officer, Patrolman [redacted] and
that Patrolman [redacted] then immediately turned it over to [redacted]
[redacted] from whose possession it was received by this Bureau.

Mr. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, 168 Dover Street, Brockton, stated that the
above-described letter had been delivered to his home on March 10, 1954.
He stated that it was opened by [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that this letter was opened
and read by [redacted] and that it was then read by him.

He stated that it was also read and handled by the following persons,
all of whom are related to him:

b7c [redacted] Brockton
[redacted] Brockton
[redacted] Brockton
[redacted] Brockton
[redacted] Brockton

In addition to these people Mr. MARCHEGIANO stated that he also showed
this letter to [redacted] Brockton.

[redacted] Brockton.

Concerning the possible author of the letter Mr. MARCHEGIANO stated that
he knows no one in Glen Olden, Pennsylvania, and, in fact, he stated that
he was not familiar with anyone in the entire state of Pennsylvania. He
stated that he had no idea whatsoever concerning the possible identity
of instant letter.

b7c [REDACTED] ROCKY MARCIANO's
[REDACTED] ROCKY receives approximately twenty-five letters
per day from all over the world. [REDACTED] stated that several years ago
[REDACTED] ROCKY MARCIANO, received a threatening letter which was inves-
tigated by the Brockton Police Department and found to have been written
by a young child in the city of Brockton but that with this exception he
has never before received a letter of a threatening nature, nor have any
of the other members of the immediate family ever before received a letter
of a threatening nature.

[REDACTED] went on to state that the greatest majority of the letters
received by ROCKY are of a commendatory nature and usually include a
request for an autographed photograph of the champion. [REDACTED] said that in
addition to this type of request he receives numerous requests from groups
and organizations all over the United States requesting him to make per-
sonal appearances and to fulfill speaking engagements and that also he
receives numerous letters from various charitable organizations requesting
that he donate funds for different causes. [REDACTED] pointed out also that
quite frequently he will receive letters from various individuals through-
out the various parts of the country requesting him to send them money
for their personal needs, usually explaining that they have suffered
some sort of a financial setback and that they need his help financially
until they can again establish themselves.

It was stated by [REDACTED] that occasionally ROCKY will receive a
critical letter but that the criticism of the author is generally directed
at ROCKY's particular style of fighting.

All of the letters which have previously been received by the champion
and which are [REDACTED] were reviewed, but
none of these letters had been mailed from Glen Olden, Pennsylvania,
nor could any letters be found which were hand-printed and comparable
with the handprinting appearing on the instant letter.

Mr. MARCHEGIANO stated that at the present time his son, ROCKY MARCIANO,
is in training at Grosinger, Liberty, New York. Mr. MARCHEGIANO stated
[REDACTED] who
[REDACTED] Mr. MARCHEGIANO stated that [REDACTED]
is presently travelling in Mexico on a pleasure trip and is not expected
to return to the United States for several months.

Mr. MARCHEGIANO is described as follows:

Name
Sex
Color

PERRINO MARCHEGIANO
Male
White

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Height	5'6"
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Small
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Dark
Occupation	Retired shoe worker
Born	April 20, 1894, Albruzzi, Italy
Marital Status	Married
Wife	[REDACTED]
Children	ROCKY (ROCKY), age 30

b7c [REDACTED]

b7c Mr. MARCHEGIANO gave the following description of [REDACTED]

Name
Sex
Color
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Age
Born

Mr. MARCHEGIANO stated that ROCKY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Brockton.

By letter dated March 12, 1954, the previously-described letter and envelope were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for fingerprint examination and also for a search through the Anonymous Letter File.

On March 12, 1954, Assistant United States Attorney JAMES J. SULLIVAN, JR., Boston, Massachusetts, stated that in his opinion the contents of the instant letter constituted a violation of the Extortion Statute.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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[REDACTED] (MA) Detective Division, Brockton Police Department, Brockton, Massachusetts, confidentially advised that he is acquainted with MARCIANO's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and stated that in his estimation WEIL is capable of resorting to the sending of such a letter for publicity purposes to stimulate additional gate receipts at the forthcoming championship fight.

LEADS

NEW YORK OFFICE

At Liberty, New York

Will interview ROCKY MARCIANO at his training camp for any information he might have which would be of value in identifying the person responsible for the sending of instant letter.

At New York City

Will interview [REDACTED] ROCKY MARCIANO's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has an office located in New York City, for any information he might have which would be of value in identifying the person responsible for the sending of instant letter, bearing in mind that [REDACTED] (MA), of the Brockton, Massachusetts Police Department, confidentially advised that in his estimation WEIL is capable of sending such a letter himself for publicity purposes.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At Glen Olden, Pennsylvania

Will make inquiries deemed advisable in an effort to obtain any information which would be of value in identifying the author of the instant letter.

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LEADS

BOSTON OFFICE

At Boston, Massachusetts

Will report the results of the FBI Laboratory examination of the letter in this case.

At Brockton, Massachusetts

b7c Will remain in contact with PERRINO MARCHEGGIANO [REDACTED] in the event that other letters of this nature are received.

REFERENCES

Boston teletype to Bureau, New York and Philadelphia dated March 11, 1954.
Boston teletype to Bureau dated March 13, 1954.
Boston teletype to New York and Philadelphia dated March 12, 1954.
Boston letter to Philadelphia dated March 12, 1954.
Boston letter to Director, Attention FBI Laboratory, dated March 12, 1954.
Boston teletype to Bureau and New York dated March 15, 1954.

SAC, New York (9-2002)

March 25, 1954

Director, FBI (9-25764)

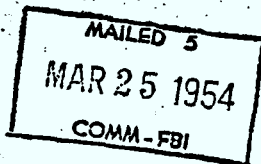
UNSUB - PERSINO MARCHIEGANO - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Reurlet March 16, 1954, instant, submitting specimens designated in the Bureau's laboratory as Q3 through Q6.

The above-described specimens examined Bureau's Single Fingerprint Section, no latent impressions developed. Q3 through Q6 enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

Enclosures (4)



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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 3-22-54 9:00 AM bc

L A T E N T S

LAB FILE

Re:

UNSUB
PERRINO MARCHIEGANO
VIKEX

File #

Lab. # D-181752 HE

Examination requested by: SAC, New York (9-2002)

Date of reference communication: Let 3-16-54

Date received: 3-18-54

Examination requested: Document - Fgpt

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q3 Env bearing hp add to "Mr. Rocky Marciano Heavyweight Boxing Champion & Marciano Training Headquarters Catskill, Mountains Grossinger, New York," pm "FOLCROFT PA. MAR 9 1954 10-AM."
- Q4 Acc two-page let on small notebook paper ~~XXX~~ beginning "Listen Cocky Rocky, We mean business. We've....," ending on reverse side "...bet on that. Desperate Duo."
- Q5 Second-page beginning "P. S. We're sending you this note early. You've got,...," and ending "...before that fight."
- Q6 One-page letter beginning "Listen Marciano: Another reminder-either let....," and signed "Desperate Duo."

*Examined 3-23 no leads. B.**Dict 3-23 B*

CC: Boston

*Quoted 3-23-54
B. B.*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
ATT: FBI Laboratory

FROM : SAC, New York (9-2002)

SUBJECT: UNSUB - PERRINO MARCHIEGANO - VICTIM
EXTORTION

DATE: 3/16/54

Re Boston tel, 3/16/54.

Heavyweight Champion ROCKY MARCIANO received two letters in the last two weeks apparently written by the same individual who signs himself "Desperate Duo." One letter bore the postal stamp Folcroft, Pa., 3/9/54, at 10, and was addressed to MARCIANO at his training headquarters in Grossinger, NY. This letter threatened ~~to kill his wife and child.~~

Another letter in similar handwriting signed similarly, the envelope of which was not available, also threatened to kill the wife and child of MARCIANO.

Enclosed is the first letter on two pieces of paper and the envelope in which it was enclosed, and the second letter on one large paper, the envelope of which is not available. AL WEILL, Manager of the champion, advised that numerous people had handled the letters and envelope, and that he could not identify them.

It is requested that the enclosures be compared with the anonymous letter file at the Bureau and with any known extortionists in the Bureau files. It is further requested that material furnished by the Boston Office also be compared with the enclosures.

Results of instant comparison should be furnished to the Boston Office also.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 3/16/54

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
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Miss Gandy

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

UNSUB - PERRINO MARCHIEGANO - VIKEX. ON THIS DATE, [REDACTED] HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ROCKY MARCIANO, TURNED OVER TO THIS OFFICE 2 LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE CHAMPION OVER THE PAST 2 WEEKS, WHICH THREATENED THE LIVES OF MARCIANO'S WIFE AND CHILD. THE LETTERS WERE APPARENTLY WRITTEN BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL AND THE ONLY ENVELOPE FOR THE LETTERS AVAILABLE WAS MAILED FROM FOLCROFT, PA. ON 3/9/54 AT 10. THIS LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO MR. ROCKY MARCIANO IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE BLUE CRAYON. THE WRITING ON THE LETTERS THEMSELVES IS IN BLUE INK. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THESE LETTERS, HE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS OVER THE PAST 2 WEEKS, WHEREIN BOTH HE AND ROCKY MARCIANO HAD BEEN THREATENED WITH DEATH. IN THESE PHONE CALLS, NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE THREAT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE ONLY SUSPECT HE HAD IN MIND WAS AN INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE REASON HE SUSPECTS THIS INDIVIDUAL IS THAT [REDACTED] HAS A VOICE THAT CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE INDIVIDUAL WHO TELEPHONED HIM AND FURTHER THAT [REDACTED] TOLD HIM ON ONE OCCASION THAT HE, [REDACTED]

ROCKY AND IF [REDACTED] LETTERS IN THIS CASE

3-BUREAU (REGULAR)
1-BOSTON (REGULAR) (ENCS. 4)
2-PHILADELPHIA (REGULAR) (ENCS. 4)

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

WERE SHOWN TO AUSA JOSEPH P. MARTIN, SDNY, WHO STATED THERE WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION AND AUTHORIZED INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE THE SUBJECT. ENCLOSED FOR THE BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA OFFICES ARE PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS. PHILADELPHIA IS REQUESTED TO DISPLAY THESE PHOTOSTATS AT THE FOLCROFT POST OFFICE KEEPING IN MIND THAT THE ENVELOPE WAS ADDRESSED IN BLUE CRAYON IN ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY THE SENDER. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

KELLY

APPROVED - COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JAN 15 1964
Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

SAC, New York

March 22, 1954

Re:

UNSUB,
PERRINO MARCHIEGANO
VIKEX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2002

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO. D-181752 HE

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter 3-16-54

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

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Results of examination:

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It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on specimens Q3 through Q6 was prepared by the same person who prepared the questioned hand printing appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2. Specimens Q1 and Q2 were submitted by the Boston division with a letter dated March 12, 1954.

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Specimens Q1 through Q6 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but nothing of significance was found. A representative copy of these specimens has been added to this file for future reference.

The envelope Q3 is made of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring approximately 6 1/2 inches by 3 2/3 inches. This envelope is irregularly torn on the right edge and the address is hand printed in blue pencil. The paper comprising specimens Q4 and Q5 is ruled with seventeen blue-green lines spaced at an average distance of .250 inches apart. These sheets of paper have been torn from a small spiral notebook and measure approximately 5 inches by 2 7/8 inches. Specimens Q4 and Q5 contain no watermarks and the corners opposite the spiral edge are rounded. The message on these specimens is hand printed in blue ink with a ball-point pen. Specimen Q6 is a sheet of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring approximately 11 inches by 8 1/2 inches. The message is hand printed in blue ink with a ball-point pen.

You will be advised separately concerning the results of the latent fingerprint examination on specimens Q3 through Q6 at which time these specimens will be returned.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : ATT: FBI Laboratory
 SAC, New York (9-2002)
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
 PERRINO MARCHEGIAN - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

DATE: 4/8/54

Remylet, 3/16/54.

Enclosed find a simulated envelope bearing the inscription, Mr. ROCKY MARINO, Grosnhr, N.Y., and a sheet of bond paper bearing the portion of a sentence as follows:
 "Listen Marcino. another reminder - either let ME THROAT

These specimens were obtained from [REDACTED] who had been mentioned by WEILL, manager of the Champion, as a possible suspect since an individual with the voice reflections similiar to [REDACTED] called WEILL at about the time the questioned documents were sent to the MARCHEGIANOS.

The suspect is an [REDACTED]

It is requested, however, that the above mentioned specimens be compared with the handwriting specimens - Q1 through Q6, in instant matter and the results of such comparison made known to this office and the Boston Office, the office of origin.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 3-18-54 9:00 AM

L A T E N T

LAB FILE

Re:

UNSUB
PERRINO MARCHEGIANO
VIKEX

File # 9-25764-
Lab. # D-181659 HE

Examination requested by: SAC, Boston (9-new)

Date of reference communication: Let 3-12-54

Date received: 3-15-54

Examination requested: Document - Fgpt

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Env with hp address to "Mr. Perrino Marchegiano Dover Street Brockton, Massachusetts," pm "GLEN OLDEN PA. MAR 9 1954 1 PM."
- hp
- Q2 Acc one-page/let beg, "Listen Mr. Marchegiano: Either your son, Rocky, lets...,," signed "Desperate Duo."

CC: Phila

Return evid...

Q2 to photo 3-18 J.L.
No extracts of value 3-22 J.L.
Q1 + 2 returned here with

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BOSTON**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/8/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/11-13, 15-19, 22-26, 29-31; 4/2/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; PERRINO MARCHEGIANO - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Two letters and one envelope received by ROCKY *ab 71* MARCIANO at his training camp at Grossinger, N.Y., were turned over by him to his manager, AL WEILL, who in turn furnished them to the Bureau for examination. FBI Laboratory concluded that these letters and the accompanying envelope were prepared by the same unknown individual who wrote to PERRINO MARCHEGIANO at Brocton, Mass. Suspect **[REDACTED]** mentioned by WEILL as a suspect in instant matter, denies involvement.

DETAILS:

SA **[REDACTED]** contacted ROCKY MARCIANO at his training camp, Grossinger, New York. He advised that beyond receiving two letters signed "Desperate Duo", he knew nothing further of instant matter since he had then turned these letters over to his manager, AL WEILL.

The writer and SA **[REDACTED]** contacted **[REDACTED]** at the Shelton Hotel, 519 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and he furnished the reporting agent with the two letters received

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by MARCIANO and one envelope inclosing one letter. The envelope was addressed to:

"Mr. ROCKY MARCIANO
Heavyweight Boxing Champion
c/o Marciano Training Headquarters
Catskill Mountains
Grossinger, New York"

and was dated March 9, 1954 at 10:00 AM in Folcroft, Pennsylvania. This envelope contained a letter addressed to:

"Listen Cocky Rocky,

"We mean business. We've decided to bet out life savings on the impossible, ~~to~~ Charles to defeat you for the title in June. We aren't that dumb that we don't realize that's impossible - for that washed up bum to lick you, that is unless we receive a little cooperation from you. Either you lose that fight, we don't care how - decision or KO - or we will ~~blow off your wife and little child~~. To repeat we don't care how you lose, just lose. If you fail to obey us and win the fight, it's curtains for your wife, and child and not necessarily right after the fight or even months after. We're willing to wait as long as we have to should there be a guard around them. We'll get ~~it~~ sooner or later. You can bet on that.

"Desperate Duo

"P.S.

"We're sending you this note early. You've got loads of time, over 3 months, to think it over. If you're smart you'd better heed us. A little old boxing match ain't worth ~~losing your~~ loved ones lives over. You can get the title back again. He's bound to give you a return fight in 90 days. We promise that we won't send you any letter of threat before that fight."

In addition, the following letter was received but the date of the receipt and the place from which mailed is not available since the envelope had been lost sometime between the time MARCIANO received it and ~~WEILL~~ returned it over to the reporting agent.

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"Listen Marciano:

b7C "Another reminder - either let Ez Charles beat you in that [redacted] fight or your wife and child get bumped off. We're very familiar with the city of Brockton and the entire surrounding area. If you think that it is worth the [redacted] to win an old boxing match, go ahead. If you do you'll regret it for the rest of your life. You're guaranteed a return in 90 days, ain't you? Why be so foolish as to ignore this threat on you [redacted] lives. Play ball with us; you can take care of [redacted] in the return match.

"Desperate Duo"

b7C [redacted] was interviewed thoroughly in instant matter and he said that he could not identify positively the writer of the aforementioned letters. However, he pointed out that he had one suspect in mind and he explained that the reason he believed this individual was a suspect was because of the following reasons.

b7C [redacted] stated that for the period of the first three weeks of March 1954, he had received three telephone calls from an unknown individual. The first one was received by his [redacted], who in the presence of [redacted] admitted that he had received a call wherein the caller asked for [redacted] stating that a friend was calling and that [redacted] then turned the call over to [redacted]. [redacted] stated that the caller then said, "Where's Rocky - will kill him and you too [redacted] him - [redacted] you too." The caller then hung up.

Several days later while [redacted] answered the telephone and an individual whom he assumed was identical with the first caller said, "We have been waiting for you - we have been up at Grossinger - we thought you would be there too - you Jew -----".

On March 15, 1954 the same individual called and said to [redacted] after he said to [redacted] "Tell him I am waiting for him, the Jew -----."

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On March 17, 1954, after this initial contact, WEILL told the writer that he had received another call from this caller wherein similar language was used. As a result of these telephone calls, [REDACTED] stated that one suspect by the name of [REDACTED] might have been the caller since he thought the tonal inflections of the caller were somewhat similar with [REDACTED] stated that he had known [REDACTED] for many years and described him as a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] when he saw [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] man, [REDACTED]

ROCKY [REDACTED]

At the Polyclinic Hospital, 345 West 50th Street, New York City, it was ascertained that a [REDACTED] had been treated at that hospital for various afflictions, his home address was [REDACTED]

At the aforementioned address, the reporting agent interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was questioned about the story he allegedly had told WEILL. He stated that about [REDACTED]

MARCIANO, [REDACTED] of ROCKY MARCIANO, and the Champion himself mentioned, among other names. [REDACTED]

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However, some hours later, WEILL came running over to see him for a full description of the three aforementioned suspects. WEILL explained to him that he, WEILL, had just heard that MARCIANO had received a couple of threatening letters in the mail. [REDACTED] repeated what had been stated heretofore and mentioned that this was his conclusion and that he could not specifically state that the unknown individuals named any one of the principals in instant matter.

[REDACTED] volunteered that he had called WEILL approximately March 15, 1954 and tried to further explain what had happened, pointing out that if WEILL gave him the OK, he would "take care of them" by beating up the suspects who will be further identified here and after. WEILL hung up on him on this call and he has not spoken to WEILL since.

It is pointed out that [REDACTED] later admitted [REDACTED]

Specimens were taken from [REDACTED], however, he became so agitated that only a few specimens were taken and the physicians at Polyclinic Hospital advised against further agitating [REDACTED] at this time since he was to be operated on in the near future (April 1, 1954).

He described the three individuals as follows:

1. Puerto Rican, 5'8", extremely thin, heavy beard, 32 years old, wears levis.
2. 5'3", 120 lbs., dark hair, Puerto Rican.
3. 5'3", Puerto Rican.

He did not identify these individuals further and stated that he had not seen them since that first time. He thought they were small-time gamblers.

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[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Complexion
Occupation
Characteristics
Wife
Education

[REDACTED]

Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory reported that a comparison of the aforementioned letters received by MARCIANO at Grossinger reflected that they were prepared by the same individual who prepared the specimens received by PERRINO MARCHEGIANO. No identification could be made from specimens in the anonymous letter file.

The letters in instant matter were shown to Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH P. MARTIN, Southern District of New York, and he stated that there was a clear violation and requested full investigation to identify and locate the subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

LEADS

BOSTON

At Brockton, Massachusetts

Will furnish this office with all pertinent facts for appropriate referral to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York.

PHILADELPHIA

At Folcroft, Pennsylvania

Will attempt to identify the sender of the envelope dated March 9, 1954 at that town as requested in New York Air tel.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

b7c Will keep in contact with ALW EILL [REDACTED] in an attempt to identify the unknown individuals mentioned by [REDACTED]

Will advise the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, of results of instant investigation.

REFERENCE: Boston teletypes to New York, 3/11/54, 3/12/54, and 3/15/54.
New York Air Tel to Bureau, 3/16/54.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

April 14, 1954

Re: UNSUB
PERRINO MARCHECIANO
VIKEX

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2002
FBI FILE NO. 9-25764
LAB. NO. I-183076 HE

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter 4/8/54

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

67c K1 Portion of an envelope and one sheet of white paper both bearing known hand printing of [REDACTED]

Results of examination:

Because of the limited amount of comparable known hand printing available for comparison purposes, it could not definitely be determined whether or not [REDACTED], K1, prepared the specimens Q1 through Q6. If further examination is desired in connection with this matter, it is believed that it will be necessary to have additional known hand printing of [REDACTED] containing lower-case letters. Any such specimens should be sufficient in quantity to show the normal variations in this individual's hand printing.

Specimen K1 is returned herewith. No copies have been retained.

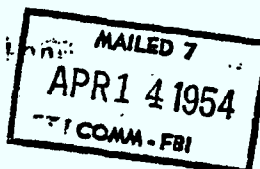
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BOSTON**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON	DATE WHEN MADE 4/16/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2,9,12/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] GM 67C
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT: PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, [REDACTED] VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PERRINO MARCHEGIANO states he has received no additional letters. Results of Laboratory Report set out.

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DETAILS:

At Brockton, Massachusetts:

PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, 168 Dover Street, Brockton, Massachusetts, father of World Heavyweight Champion ROCKY MARCIANO, stated that he has received no additional threatening letters.

[REDACTED] Brockton, Massachusetts, ROCKY MARCIANO **[REDACTED]**, stated that no additional threatening letters have been sent to MARCIANO at his home address.

Neither **PERRINO MARCHEGIANO** **[REDACTED]** could furnish the names of any possible suspects.

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By Report No. D-181659 HE, dated March 18, 1954, the FBI Laboratory reported that the hand printing appearing upon the letter and envelope which were previously received by PERRINO MARCHEGIANO was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File, but nothing of significance was found.

The physical characteristics of the envelope and the paper upon which the extortion letter was written, were set forth in this report and it was stated that the envelope measures approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{2}{3}$ " and is made of white bond paper containing no watermark. The address on this envelope is hand printed in blue pencil.

The sheet of white bond paper upon which the extortion letter was written measures approximately $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" and contains no watermark. The message appearing thereon is hand printed in blue ink with a ball-point pen.

By letter dated March 23, 1954, the Identification Division reported that this envelope and letter were examined but that no latent fingerprints of value were developed thereon.

b7c [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is still in Mexico and she does not plan to leave there for several weeks. [REDACTED] stated that she did not know whether [REDACTED] would return to Brockton or whether she would go [REDACTED] training camp at Liberty, New York.

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LEADS

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City:

b7c Will report results of interview with ROCKY MARCIANO and MARCIANO's manager, AL WEIL.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

* At Glen Olden, Pennsylvania:

Will make inquiries deemed advisable in an effort to obtain any information which would be of value in identifying the author of the instant letter.

THE BOSTON OFFICE

At Brockton, Massachusetts:

b7c Will remain in contact with FERRINO MARCHEGIANO and [REDACTED] in order to ascertain whether any other letters of this nature are received.

Will, upon the return of [REDACTED], to her home in Brockton, Massachusetts, interview her for any information she might have which would be of value in identifying the individual responsible for writing instant letter.

REFERENCES: New York Air-Tel to Bureau, Boston and Philadelphia dated March 16, 1954.

Laboratory Report to Boston dated March 18, 1954.

Letter from Identification Division to Boston dated March 23, 1954.

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated March 31, 1954, at Boston.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 10, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
 PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, AKA
 HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ROCKY MARCIANO - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

Tolson ✓
 Ladd ✓
 Nichols ✓
 Belmont ✓
 Clegg ✓
 Glavin ✓
 Harbo ✓
 Rosen ✓
 Tracy ✓
 Mohr ✓
 Trotter ✓
 Winterrowd ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Holloman ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

For record purposes, [REDACTED] of United Press (Executive 3-3430) called [REDACTED] in my office at 2:40 p.m., 5-7-54, stating she understood heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano had by letter and phone calls received threats to himself and family. The New York Office of United Press had said the FBI is investigating the matter. She asked for comment.

BACKGROUND:

On 3-11-54 an officer of the Brockton, Massachusetts, Police Department turned over to the Boston Office of the FBI a handprinted letter postmarked Glen Olden, Pennsylvania, 3-9-54, addressed to Perrino Marchegiano, Dover Street, Brockton, Massachusetts. The latter is the father of world heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano. The letter stated that either Rocky allow Ezzard Charles to beat him in their 6-17-54 title fight or "we will bump off his wife and small child." The letter indicated the writer had a tremendous amount of money wagered on Charles who had little chance to beat Rocky, and the writer said he was familiar with the Brockton area.

Principals in the matter, including Al Weill, Rocky's manager, were interviewed by the Bureau. Weill in turn gave to the New York Office two additional letters containing threats and said also he had received several phone calls during the first two weeks in March threatening death to both Rocky and himself. We are still investigating the matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

[REDACTED] was advised we had no comment to make. Later the afternoon of 5-7-54 Supervisor [REDACTED] of the New York Office advised that United Press in New York had learned from a source close to Marciano, probably Al Weill, that the FBI had in fact entered the investigation. The New York Office, of course, answered queries concerning our participation with no comment.

cc - Mr. Boardman
 cc - Mr. Rosen

REW:rcw

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SAC, New York (9-2002)

May 28, 1954

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UNSUB; PERRINO MARCHEGIANO,
VIKEX

Reurlet May 18, 1954, submitting an envelope and accompanying letter for laboratory and latent fingerprint examination.

Three latent fingerprints of value developed on the letter which is designated in the laboratory report as Q8. The envelope and the letter are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-25-54 9:00 AM bc

L A T E N T

LAB FILE

Re: UNSUB, PERRINO MARCHEGLIANO-
VICTIM EXTORTION

File # 9-23784 -13
Lab. # D-185087

Examination requested by: SAC, NEW YORK (9-2002)

Date of reference communication: 5/18/54

Date received: 5/20/54

Examination requested: Document- Fgpt

Result of Examination:

Examination by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q7 White envelope bearing hp add ROCKY MARCIANO, HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMP
c/o MARCIANO TRAINING BASE, GROSSINGER COUNTRY CLUB, GROSSINGER, NEW YORK;
pm May 11, 1954 9AM Sharon Hill Pa.
- Q8 Sheet white paper bearing msg beg "One last reminder,..." and ending
".....Desperate Duo"

Q 8 to photo 5-25 J.L.
3 lat. fgpts of value developed on
Q 8 5-27 J.L.
Q 7 + 8 enclosed with report.

Anal
5-28-54
24-25-54
J.L.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-25764)
 (Att: FBI Laboratory)
 FROM : SAC, New York (9-2002)
 SUBJECT: UNSUB, PERRINO MARCHEGIANO-VICTOM
 EXTORTION

DATE: 5/18/54

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There is being forwarded herewith the original and a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to ROCKY MARCIANO, Grossinger, NY.

The envelope is postmarked May 11, 1954, Sharon Hill, Pa., and contains a hand printed message on white paper, signed "Desperate Duo." The letter was turned over to the NYO by AL WEILL, MARCIANO's Manager, on May 18, 1954. WEILL stated that the letter had been handled by himself and by 2 persons, namely, [REDACTED]

It is requested that the hand printing be compared with the hand printing on other letters previously forwarded in this case, and that the paper be analyzed for any water marks. It is also requested that the paper containing the message be processed for latent fingerprints. The results should be made available to the Boston and NY Offices.

A photostatic copy of the letter is being enclosed for the Phila. Office. Phila. is requested to exhibit the envelope to employees of the Sharon Hill Post Office, an attempt to identify subject.

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 Philadelphia (Enc. 1)

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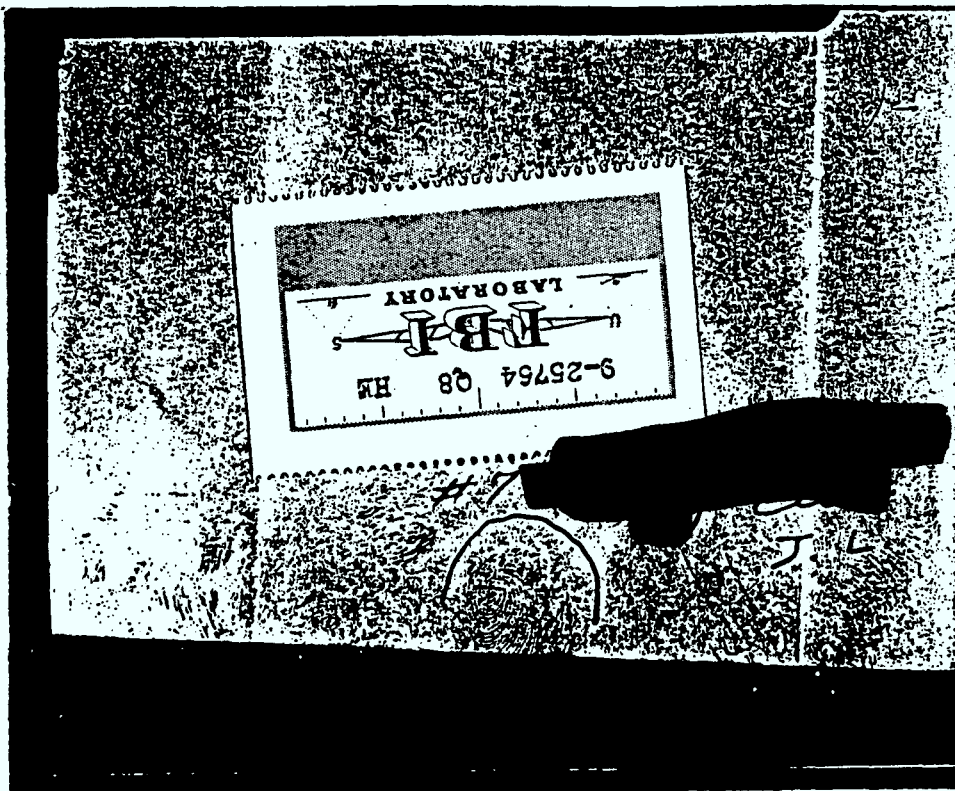
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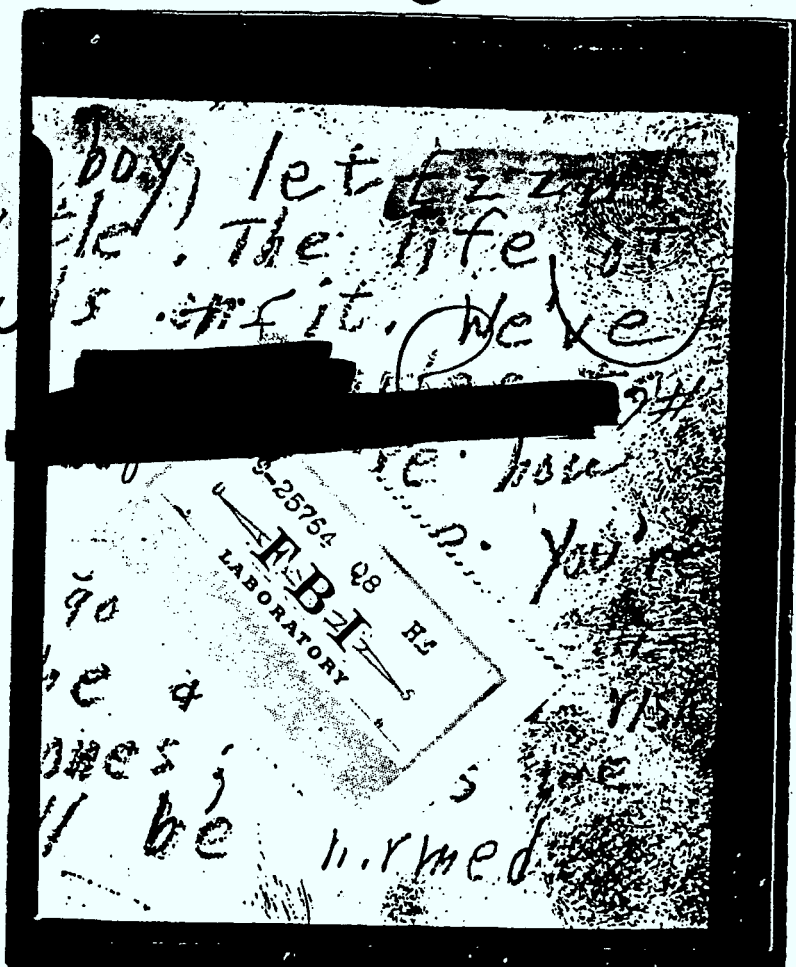
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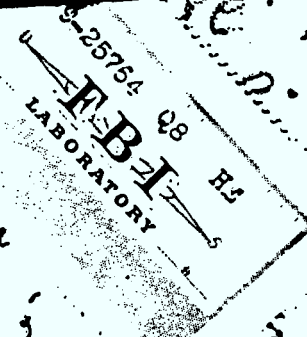
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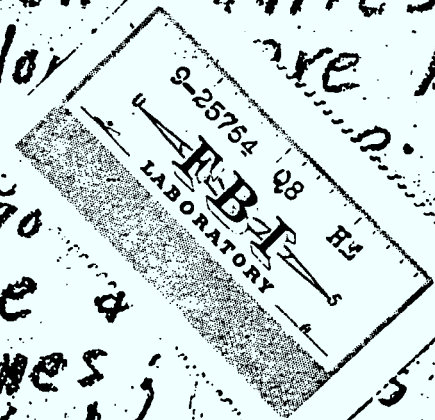


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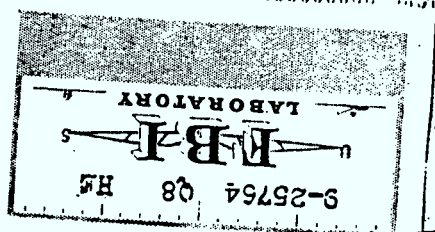


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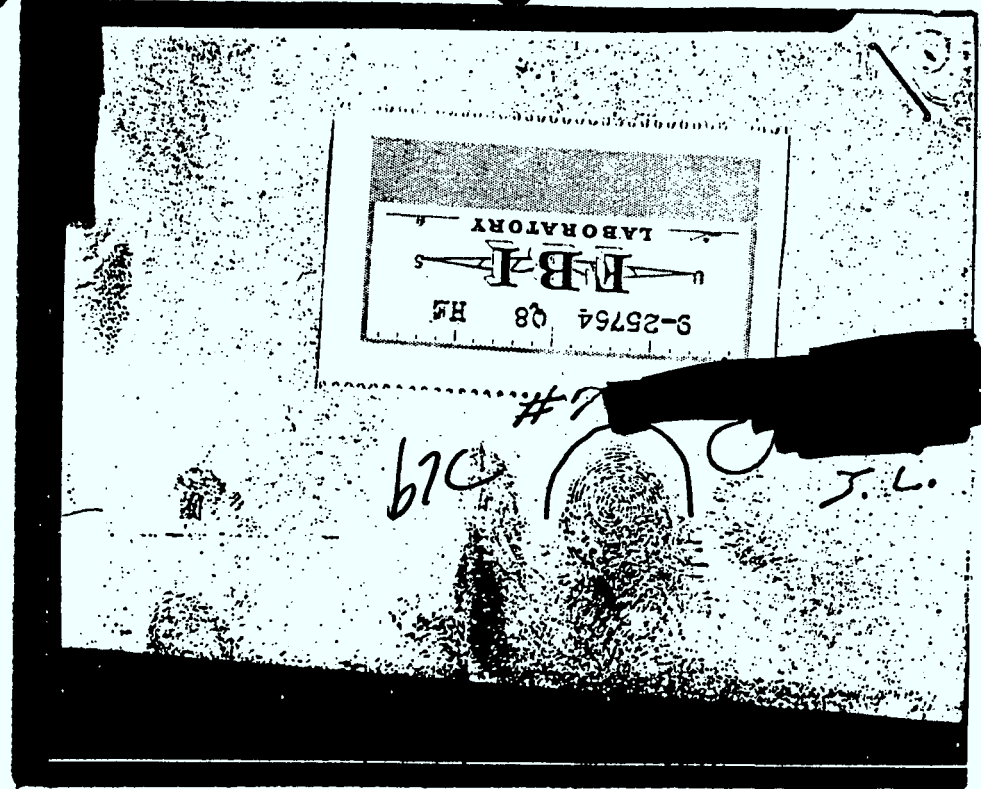
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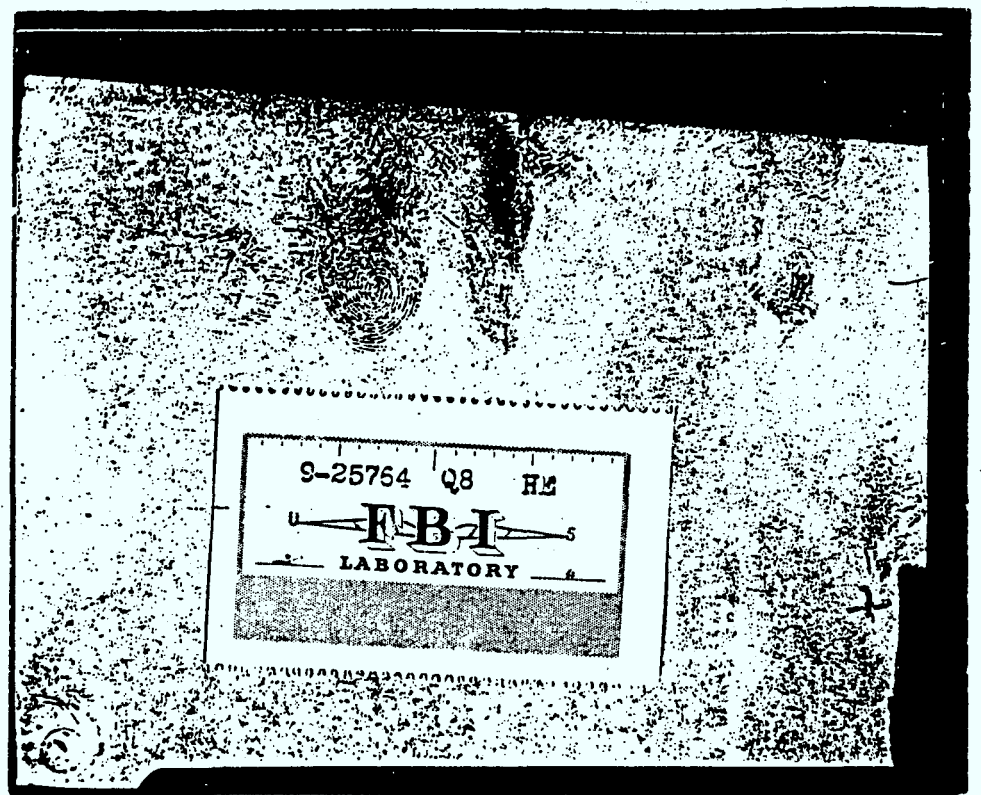


#7 [redacted] J.L.

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Director, FBI (9-25764)
(Att: FBI Laboratory)
SAC, New York (9-2002)

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BOSTON

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/18-24; 4/2-15-27; 5/12-17/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (ne) b7c
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, [REDACTED] - VICTIMS b7c			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Folcroft and Glen Olden, Pa., Post Offices failed to reflect identity of writer of instant letters. Contacts with local gamblers in Philadelphia, Delaware County and Chester, Pa., made by Chief of County Detectives, Pennsylvania State Police and Philadelphia Police Department with negative results. Inquiries indicate that betting is light and will not start until week before championship fight. Several gamblers state they are of opinion that letters are publicity stunt. Investigation continuing.

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*fc - kept
EHH - [REDACTED]
2/15/55*

DETAILS:

At Glen Olden, Pa.

b7c **[REDACTED]** Postmistress, was contacted by the writer concerning the receipt and handling of the letter addressed to Mr. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO. A photostatic copy of the envelope was displayed to **[REDACTED]** who, after noting the postmark, advised that the letter could have been dropped in anyone of their boxes between 8:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon, on March 9, 1954.

The envelope was displayed to the following clerks who

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 2 - Bureau (9-25764) 2 - Boston (9-805) 2 - New York (9-2002) 68 MAY 26 1954 Philadelphia (9-1411)		9-25764-14 20 MAY 21 1954	RECORDED - 73 EX-12 [REDACTED]

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handle all incoming and outgoing mail:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

All advised that although they have very little mail for the state of Massachusetts they could not recall handling instant letter.

b7c

At Folcroft, Pa.

[REDACTED] Assistant Postmaster, was contacted and after viewing the envelope addressed to Mr. ROCKY MARCIANO, advised that he could not recall having handled this piece of mail.

[REDACTED], Clerk, examined the envelope and advised that to the best of his knowledge he did not handle instant letter.

[REDACTED] pointed out that although the envelope postmarked at Folcroft showed the time as 10:00 a.m., the letter could have been placed in their only box located on Chester Pike in a matter of minutes before or after the second letter was placed in one of four boxes of the Glen Olden Post Office whose territory adjoins theirs.

[REDACTED] further explained that the letters could have been mailed before 10:00 a.m., which accounted for that office's 10:00 a.m. postmark. The Glen Olden Post Office picks mail up about the same time but because it is larger they do not start postmarking their mail until 1:00 p.m.

It should be noted that the Chester Pike is a main highway running between Philadelphia and Chester, Pa., and anyone traveling that highway could have mailed instant letters.

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At Media, Pa.

b7c [redacted] Delaware County Detectives, who is cooperative with the Bureau, was contacted by the writer and displayed the letters received by the victims in this case. [redacted] stated that he has heard very little concerning betting on the forthcoming fight but would make inquiries among his contacts with the gamblers in the Delaware County area.

[redacted] later contacted the writer and advised that information obtained by him indicated that the betting was extremely light. He further advised that he is acquainted with the activities of the majority of the gamblers in that area and could not think of anyone who could be considered a logical suspect.

[redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, was contacted concerning logical suspects. [redacted], through contacts with the gambling element in the Delaware County area which includes the city of Chester, Folcroft, and Glen Olden, advised that to date there has been very little betting on the coming championship fight.

At Philadelphia, Pa.

[redacted] Central Intelligence Division, Philadelphia Police Department, was contacted concerning suspects in the gambling world who may be involved in instant case. [redacted] later advised that his contacts immediately indicated that they thought the writing of the letters was a publicity stunt. They further advised him that there was little money being bet on the fight at this time and if any large bets were made they would not be placed until a week before the fight.

It should be noted that all of the persons contacted by the writer have advised that they will maintain close contact with their informants who in turn will advise them if any large bets are placed in favor of CHARLES winning instant fight.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

LEAD

THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

b7C

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED]
Philadelphia Police Department; Chief of Delaware County, Pa.,
Detectives [REDACTED] Pennsylvania
State Police, for any information they may receive
from their contacts with the gambling element in the
Philadelphia area.

Will report the results of contacts with informants and
PCIs of the Philadelphia Office for information that
may lead to the identification of the writer of instant
letters.

REFERENCE:

Boston teletype to Bureau, New York, and Philadelphia
dated 3/11/54.

MAY 21, 1954
AIR-TEL

SAC, NEW YORK (9-2002)

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UNSUB., PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, VIKEX. REURLET 5/18/54.
CONCLUDED HAND PRINTING LETTER AND ENVELOPE SUBMITTED RELET
PREPARED BY PERSON WHO PREPARED PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED QUESTIONED
EVIDENCE. NO WATERMARKS FOUND IN EVIDENCE. SEPARATE REPORT
WILL BE FURNISHED REGARDING FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION. RUC.

HOOVER

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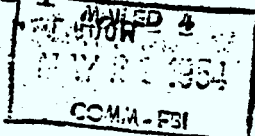
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Handwritten signatures and initials:
V. Van
Auto
S. G. M.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

L A T E N T

LAB FILE

Re: UNSUB, PERRINO MARCHEGIANO-
VICTIM EXTORTION

File # 9-25764 -15
Lab. # D-185087

Examination requested by: SAO, NEW YORK (9-2002)

Date of reference communication: 5/18/54

Date received: 5/20/54

Examination requested: Document- Fgpt

Result of Examination:

Examination by [REDACTED]

*HP Q 7+8 ident prev.
Physical Characteristics Taken*

67C

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Specimens submitted for examination *80mm.*

- Q7 White envelope bearing hp add ROCKY MARCIANO, HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMP
c/o MARCIANO TRAINING BASE, GROSSINGER COUNTRY CLUB, GROSSINGER, NEW YORK;
pm May 11, 1954 9AM Sharon Hill Pa.
- Q8 Sheet white paper bearing msg beg "One last reminder,..." and ending
".....Desperate Duo"

*Air-tel
5/21/54
JHM-me*

Q7

ROCKY MARCIANO

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8.

HEAVY WEIGHT BOXING CHAMP

last b^w wife your just Ezzard

from Rocky

~~Wife~~

just lose

C... G... b... f... y... Charles

Physical Characteristics:

Q7. Plain white bond envelope. no watermark.
Handprinted name & address in pencil.

Length - 6.42 - Right edge torn unevenly

width - 3.62

Thickness - .0043"

Q8. Plain white sheet of ^{and} writing paper - no watermark
Handprinting in pencil

Length - 11.0

width - 8.52"

Thickness - .0042"

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/24/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/18/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c rec
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT: PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, [REDACTED] - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

An additional threatening letter addressed to **ROCKY MARCIANO** was turned over to the NYO by his manager, **AL WEILL**, on **5/18/54**. Instant letter has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination. Results of the examination of the handwriting of [REDACTED] set out.

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DETAILS:

On May 18, 1954 **AL WEILL**, Manager of heavyweight champion, **ROCKY MARCIANO**, was contacted by the writer and SA [REDACTED] at the Shelton Hotel, 519 Lexington Avenue, New York City. At this time **WEILL** turned over a letter which had been received at the **MARCIANO Training Camp** during the previous week.

It was noted that the envelope was postmarked **Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1954**. The letter was addressed to **ROCKY MARCIANO, Heavy-Weight Boxing Champ**, in care of **Marciano Training Base, Grossinger Country Club, Grossinger, New York**.

The letter contained a hand printed message on white paper. The message is being set out as follows:

*to - Al Weill
EHH - [initials]
2/15/55*

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT (2-Bureau (9-25764) 2-Boston (9-805) 2-Philadelphia 2-New York (9-2002)		9-25764-16	RECORDED - 69 INDEXED - 69 EX-123
		<i>copy in file</i>	

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b7C "One last reminder, ROCKY old boy, let EZZARD win that June 17 title battle. The life of your wife and son depends on it. We've wagered our life's savings on CHARLES to win; don't cross us. We don't care how you lose - decision or KO - just lose. You're entitled to a return go in 90 days. You can beat CHARLES then. Don't be a fool and risk the [REDACTED] of your loved ones; do as we tell you and no one will be harmed.

Desperate Duo"

b7C The above mentioned letter has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination as to handwriting, paper water marks and latent fingerprints.

Mr. WEIL advised that the above mentioned letter was handled by himself and by [REDACTED]. He advised that the [REDACTED] mentioned above are stationed at the training camp in Grossinger, New York.

WEIL advised that he had not discussed this letter with MARCIANO. WEIL stated that he had no information as to the identity of the person who had sent this letter or the other letters. He advised that he thought that it might be the work of a "crank".

He stated that he knew of no one working around the camp who might be disgruntled and that he knew of no one who had been discharged or who had been refused employment, and for that reason, might bear some animosity.

Regarding the handwriting samples obtained from [REDACTED] and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, the Laboratory report reflects that it could not be determined from the limited amount of known specimens available whether or not [REDACTED] had prepared the questioned letters.

Photostatic copies of the above mentioned letter have been forwarded to the Boston Office for information and to the Philadelphia Office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

LEADS

PHILADELPHIA

At Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania

Will display the photostatic copy of the envelope postmarked Sharon Hill to Post Office employees in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the sender.

NEW YORK

At Grossinger, New York

Will interview [REDACTED] for any information they may have as to the identity of the writer of this letter and of the previous letters. b7C

REFERENCE

Teletype to the Bureau 5/18/54. b7C
Report of SA [REDACTED], Boston, 4/16/54.

MAY 19, 1954

TELETYPE
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PHILADELPHIA
BOSTON

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9-25764-17

UNSUB; PERRINO MARCHEGIANO DASH VICTIM, EXTORTION.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THAT LETTERS THIS CASE ORIGINATE
FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU
ENDEAVOR TO DISCREETLY OBTAIN FROM USUAL OUTSIDE
SOURCES HAND PRINTED SPECIMENS AL WEIL

b7c

SINCE POSTMARK

ON ENVELOPES LETTERS THIS CASE ALL ORIGINATE DELAWARE
COUNTY, PHILADELPHIA SHOULD CONCENTRATE INVESTIGATION
THAT AREA IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP UNSUB. ALL OFFICES
GIVE THIS CASE PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS INVESTIGATIVE
ATTENTION UNTIL BROUGHT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

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EHH:rem

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Glavin
Harbo
Rosen
Tamm
Tracy
Mohr
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Tele. Room
Holloman
Miss Gandy

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MAY 18 1954

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

WASH 20 FROM NEW YORK. 18 11-09 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

UNKNOWN SUBJECT. PERRINO MARCHEGIANO, VIKEX. RE BUREAU FILE NINE DASH
TWO FIVE SEVEN SIX FOUR. ON THIS DATE, AL WEILL, MANAGER OF HEAVY-
WEIGHT CHAMPION ROCKY MARCIANO, TURNED OVER TO THE NYO A LETTER POST-
MARKED SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY ELEVENTH, FIFTYFOUR AND ADDRESSED TO
ROCKY MARCIANO, GROSSINGER, NY. INSTANT LETTER CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE HANDPRINTED IN PENCIL ON WHITE PAPER.... ~~QUOTE~~ ONE LAST REMINDER
ROCKY OLD BOY, LET EZZARD WIN THAT ~~JUNE SEVENTEEN TITLE BATTLE~~. THE
LIFE OF YOUR WIFE AND SON DEPENDS ON IT. WE-VE WAGERED
OUR LIFE SAVINGS ON CHARLES TO WIN. DON-T CROSS US. WE DON-T CARE HOW
YOU LOSE, DECISION OR KO, JUST LOSE. YOU ENTITLED TO A RETURN GO
IN NINETY DAYS. YOU CAN BEAT CHARLES THEN. DON-T BE A FOOL AND RISK
THE LIVES OF YOUR LOVED ONES, DO AS WE TELL YOU AND NO ONE WILL BE
HARMED. DESPERATE DUO. ~~END QUOTE~~. THE HAND PRINTING APPEARS
SIMILAR TO THE PRINTING ON LETTERS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED. WEILL
ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED INSTANT LETTER WITH MARCIANO. WEILL
UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE WRITER
AND BELIEVES IT TO BE THE WORK OF A CRANK. INSTANT LETTER BEING
FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY. A COPY WILL BE FORWARDED TO PHILA
SO THAT IT CAN BE DISPLAYED TO POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES AT SHARON HILL.
WEILL WAS READVISED THAT FBI COULD OFFER NO PROTECTION AND IT WAS
SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT LOCAL POLICE FOR PROTECTION IF SUCH WAS
DESIRED. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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1-25764-1 KELLY

CORR LAST WORD IN LINE FOUR SHUD BE "TO"

MAY 24 1954

END

NY R 20 WA WS

Mr. Rosen

CC: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR

Called Laboratory

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 20, 1954

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
PERRINO MARCHEGIANO - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Tolson	✓
Ladd	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Clegg	✓
Glavin	✓
Harbo	✓
Rosen	✓
Tracy	✓
Gearty	✓
Mohr	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The victim is the father of Rocky Marciano, who is defending the heavy weight championship in a fight with Ezzard Charles on June 17, 1954. Four letters have been turned over to the New York and Boston Divisions which contained threats against Marciano's wife and child unless he loses the fight on June 17, 1954. One envelope was postmarked Glen Olden, Pennsylvania, and the other envelope was postmarked Folcroft, Pennsylvania. One letter was made available but no envelope for it was received. The above three letters and envelopes were prepared by the same individual. They are hand printed.

New York teletype dated May 18, 1954, reports receipt of an additional letter and envelope bearing the postmark Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania. It is hand printed and in the same vein as the other three letters. This letter is being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the other three letters.

When the Boston Division received a letter on March 11, 1954, [redacted], Detective Division, Brockton, Massachusetts, Police Department, stated he knew Al Weil, a number of years and in his estimation, Weil is capable of resorting to sending such a letter for publicity purposes. The other three letters were furnished to Agents of the New York Division by [redacted], manager of Rocky Marciano.

OBSERVATION:

In view of the publicity in the newspapers, radio and television regarding the receipt of these letters, there is a possibility that they may have been instigated by Al Weil for publicity purposes.

ACTION:

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If you are in accord, the attached teletypes should go to New York, Boston and Philadelphia suggesting that hand printed specimens be obtained from outside sources of [redacted] of Marciano at Grossingers, New York, where he is training and any other camp followers connected with Marciano. Philadelphia is also being instructed to concentrate their investigation in Delaware County where Sharon Hill, Folcroft and Glen Olden are located since all letters originate within that county.

Attachment 215

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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MAY 26 1954

TELETYPE

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WASH 6 BOSTON 1 FROM NEW YORK 26 1-28 AM
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UNSUB, PERRINO MARCHEGIANO-VICTIM EXTORTION. RE BUREAU TEL MAY
TWENTYLAST. INQUIRY AT NY REFLECTS THAT ROCKY MARCIANO

b7c
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NO STREET ADDRESS AVAILABLE. SUGGEST BOSTON
ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CLEVELAND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SPECIMENS OF [REDACTED]
CHICAGO REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE ILL. BOXING COMMISSION FOR INFO ON
[REDACTED] AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO OBTAIN PRINTED
SPECIMENS OF [REDACTED] FOR THE BENEFIT OF CLEVELAND AND CHICAGO OFFICES,
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ROCKY MARCIANO PRESENTLY TRAINING AT GROSSIN-
GER, NY HAS RECEIVED THREE HANDPRINTED THREATENING LETTERS ALL MAILED
FROM TOWNS IN DELEWARE COUNTY, PA. BUREAU HAS SUGGESTED THAT ATTEMPTS
BE MADE TO DISCREETLY OBTAIN FROM USUAL OUTSIDE SOURCES HANDPRINTED
SPECIMENS OF MARCIANO [REDACTED]
BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS CASE BE GIVEN CONTINUOUS AAND PREF-
ERRED ATTENTION. BOSTON ORIGIN.

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KELLY

CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND ADVISED

EX-123

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Cd: MR. ROSEN,
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Mr. Rosen

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AIR-TEL

RECORDED-33 **9-25764-20** SAC, CHICAGO (9-2104)
UNSUB., PERRINO MARCHEGIANO - VIKEX. REURAIRTEL MAY 26, 1954.
EX-112 NO CONCLUSION WHETHER PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED QUESTIONED EVIDENCE,
b7c Q1 THROUGH Q8, PREPARED BY [REDACTED] Kc2, SUBMITTED WITH
URAIRTEL MAY 26, DUE TO LIMITED NATURE OF HAND PRINTING ON
SUBMITTED KNOWN SPECIMENS. Kc2 RETAINED. RUC.

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HUGHES

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