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(File No.) 183A-1155-1A

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77	9/5/90		✓	Copy of Immunity letter sent by [redacted]	
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78	"		✓	Copy of Layout of [redacted] Det. [redacted]	
79			✓	[redacted] of Right Turn signed by [redacted]	
				[redacted] dt. 8-10-90	
80			✓	Orig notes re interview of [redacted]	
				[redacted] -8-10-90 dt. [redacted]	
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81	9/13/90			[redacted] Orig notes re interview	
			✓	on 8-13-90 at Detroit, Mi	
83	9/26/90		✓	Orig notes re interview of both [redacted]	
				[redacted] on 8-13-90 at Detroit, Mi	
84	10/29/90		✓	Photos (15) of 19 latent fingerprints	
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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

- Copy of Immunity Letter sent by

b7C [redacted] USA & Office Detroit Mi.

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By [redacted] b7C
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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

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By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

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Advice of Right Form signed by [redacted] dated 8/10/90 see Ser #718

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INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Pg C, Pa.
Date 7/8/10/90
Time 10:25 AM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have a lawyer with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed [redacted] b7C/b7D

Witness: [redacted] b7C

Witness: [redacted]

Time: 10:28 AM

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By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of [redacted]

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8/10/90 at [redacted]

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INFORMAL IMMUNITY

LTR: 8/9/90

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O.C. - STRIKE FORCE

[redacted]

ATTN: [redacted]

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— B/C Info — [redacted] — Pg
— Not Crazy — Thoughts — 2 mos
— [redacted]
— [redacted]
— [redacted]
— DETROIT, AVE. — [redacted] can be [illegible]

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— 12 - 1/2 - Pink Rocket — Scolded — 4/75 —
— Also met [redacted] — Why do & you work —

— Saw again — 2 days much later — Shoes called
[redacted] would contact re additional $ — [redacted] or from
[redacted] — Would give you envelopes — Shine Box
Monroe St
Greektown — Old Church — [redacted] (LNU)

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Mich. Padding - [redacted]

[redacted] (" [redacted] ") [redacted]

as [redacted]) - [redacted]

was boss

- [redacted] ([redacted]) - [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]

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- Search - Postal Insp. [redacted]

- A few days later - Is this the guy?

[redacted] - Yes -

[redacted]

- Paid in cash & checks -

"[redacted]" would know him -

[redacted] was the owner -

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- [redacted]

- [redacted] did not work there -

- [redacted]

- [redacted]

- [redacted]

- [redacted]

- Brief [redacted]

- [redacted]

[redacted] leaving [redacted] ??

[redacted]

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b7D

[redacted]

[redacted] would not

[redacted]

2

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

DETROIT, MI.

[redacted]

[redacted] Contact [redacted]
Would represent

[redacted]

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b7D [redacted]

Possible Problem

[redacted] [redacted]

Tired

[redacted]

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Date Received 8/13/90

From SA [redacted]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

b7C [redacted] F.B.I.,
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Detroit, Michigan

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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b7D [redacted] [redacted]

on 8/13/90 at Detroit,

[redacted]

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4/13/90 [redacted] b7C

[redacted]

apt. [redacted]

tele. [redacted] ([redacted])

your son; [redacted]

DOB/ [redacted]

On 8/10/90 [redacted]

alone

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b7D

a) [redacted]

DOB - [redacted]

b) [redacted] report - mat.

SA [redacted] - FBI [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

(3)

[redacted] Then [redacted]

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b7D

[redacted] = [redacted]

He [redacted]

[redacted] told you that [redacted]

a) [redacted]

(4)

Is anyone involved by name of "[redacted]"

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[redacted] wrote a [redacted] Hoffa

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Date Received 8/13/90

From SA [redacted]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

F.B.I.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

b7C Detroit, Michigan
(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of both [redacted] and

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[redacted] [redacted] on 8/13/90
at Detroit, Michigan.

8/13/90

b7c [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Q = P } b7c
b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Comfort Centerline

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Reference: _____
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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

Photos of [redacted] latent fingerprints

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Photos of fingerprints - Third party

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Date Received 9-20-90

From FBI
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477 Michigan
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Detroit, Mich
(CITY AND STATE)

By b7C [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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From [redacted]
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By [redacted] SA, FBI, mpl
(Name of Special Agent)

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Description: ☐ ~~Original notes re interview~~ of

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Date Received 5-14-92

From [redacted] b7C/b7D
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE) [redacted]

By [redacted] b7C
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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(City and State)

By [redacted]
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☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Hoffa

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

b7c
b7D [redacted]

302 [redacted]

183A-1155

Interviewed on 5/4/92 [redacted]

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b7D

@ [redacted]

1. SA's ID'd themselves

2. [redacted] adv [redacted] ([redacted]) [redacted] JRH had need [redacted]

3. [redacted] + [redacted] + [redacted] & [redacted] + [redacted]
A. [redacted] JRH + disappearance

B. [redacted]
C. [redacted]

4. [redacted] + [redacted]
[redacted] + [redacted]

5. For JRH killing
A. [redacted] + [redacted] loffia [redacted]

B. [redacted] provided the details.
i.e., [redacted]

6. [redacted] ([redacted]) his [redacted]

7. [redacted] ?

b7C
b7D

+ [redacted]

8. [redacted] (JRH killing)

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

C. [redacted]

D. JRH body to [redacted]

9. [redacted]

JRH (books [redacted] "[redacted]" + Hoffa Chapter [redacted] HOFFEX Memo) some from Media.

A. [redacted] read 7 or 8 books on JRH

B. [redacted] ([redacted]) [redacted]

(2)

10. [redacted]

11. [redacted] - Definitely

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

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b7D

12. [redacted]

A. [redacted] JRH [redacted]

13. [redacted]

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

([redacted] JRH, [redacted] ?)

14. FR was JRH atty in Fla on land Deal near Tampa

15 [redacted]

A. [redacted]

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b7D

16 [redacted]

A.
B.
C.
D.

17 [redacted] JRH

A. [redacted]

B. [redacted]

The following is a description of _____

as obtained through observation and interview:

NAME: [redacted]

ALIASES: [redacted]

RACE: W

SEX: M

AGE:

DATE OF BIRTH: [redacted]

PLACE OF BIRTH:

HEIGHT:

WEIGHT:

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HAIR:

EYES:

BUILD:

COMPLEXION:

SOCIAL SECURITY #: [redacted]

DRIVER'S LICENSE#:

CITIZENSHIP:

SCARS OR MARKS:

OCCUPATION: [redacted]

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AND ADDRESS: [redacted]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: [redacted]

TELEPHONE AT HOME: [redacted]

TELEPHONE AT WORK:

AUTOMOBILES AND TAG NUMBERS:

EDUCATION:

MILITARY SERVICE AND SERVICE #:

PREVIOUS ARRESTS:

MARITAL STATUS:

RELATIVES (IMMEDIATE):

5/4 2nd 4/5

'81 [redacted]

However, [redacted]

b7C
b7D

[redacted]

Re: [redacted]

[redacted]

a. free press

[redacted] → [redacted] → [redacted]

[illegible]

[illegible] [redacted]

[illegible] [redacted]

[illegible] in Tampa Fla.

[illegible] [redacted] [illegible]

TUES, MAY 5 ... 9 W A

[redacted]

out [illegible] [redacted]

Rt. (W) on 2A [illegible] CONCORD

[illegible] CONCORD [illegible]

[redacted]

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b7D

[redacted] HOFFA

[redacted] ADDRESS

HOME [redacted]

[redacted]

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b7D

FBI # [redacted]

DOB [redacted]

SSAN [redacted]

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence 1A

Serial # of Originating Document _____

Date Received 4/22/93

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(City and State)

By SA [redacted] b7C
(Name of Special Agent)

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Title: Hoffa; OO: Detroit

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of b7C [redacted]

4/27/93

@ [redacted] - [redacted] -

[redacted] - he owned

[redacted]

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[redacted] ~~wh~~ admitted to pay

[redacted] to take [redacted]

SSN [redacted]

[redacted] was [redacted]

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Date Received 1/26/93

From Office of Motor Vehicles
(Name of Contributor)

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(Address of Contributor)

Baton Rouge, La.
(City and State)

b7c

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Title:

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

Driver's License for Joseph Kenneth Frame

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence SAN ANTONIO

Serial # of Originating Document

Date Received 6/2/93

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b2 By [redacted] (Special Agent) IA

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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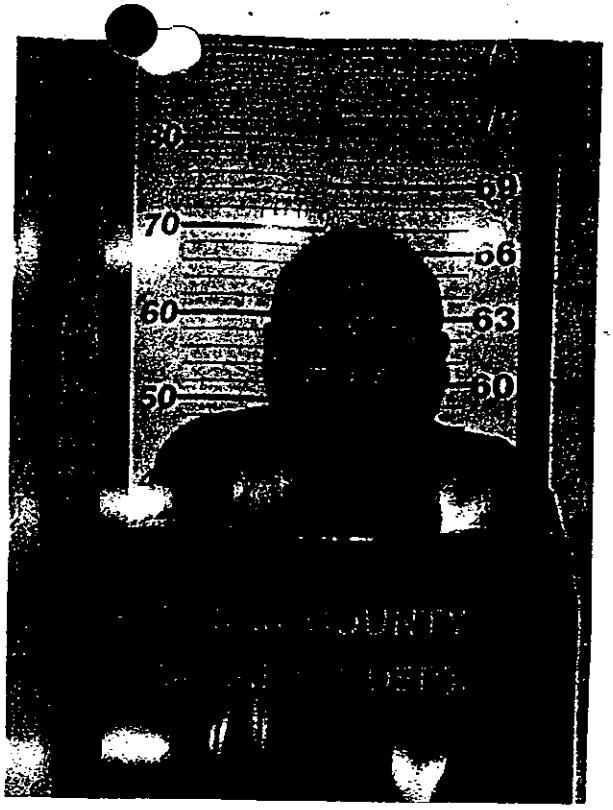
☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: HOFFEX
OO: DETROIT

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

4 PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOSEPH K. FRANCE, WM. BORN 12/21/22, BALTIMORE MD., BCSO# 0194621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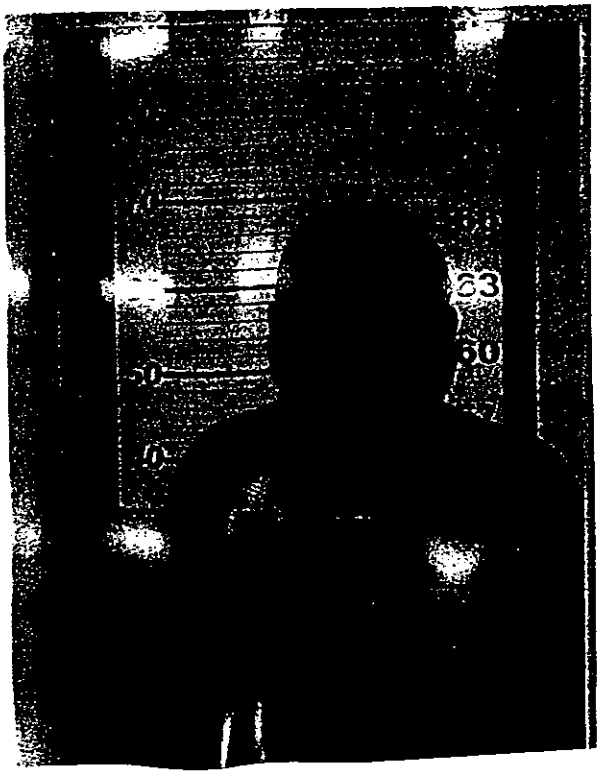
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JOSEPH K. FRANCE
WM
DOB: 12/21/22
POB: BALTIMORE, MD.

Polaroid K20419A44224/.

JOSEPH K. FRANCE
WM
DOB: 12/21/22
POB: BALTIMORE, MD.

Polaroid K20419A44224/.

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Title: HOFFEX
OO: Detroit

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of
Joseph Kenneth Trance

8/26/93

France ror' CA.

Joseph Kenneth France
{ - prison } C.
{ mentally ill.

12/21/22
Baltimore, MD

Has lived in N.O. 2c 1968.
Lived in St Augustin, FL
Atlanta, GA

Comp Stat.

) ill. & 2 heart attacks

Emphysema, health [illegible]

[illegible]

Went down to library [illegible]

[illegible] info [illegible] built a story

on that, called CA, [illegible]

[illegible] receptive, flew [illegible]

[illegible] N.Y. on [illegible] occasions,

[illegible] Time frame was good,

[illegible] date [illegible] happened,

(Hoffa)

Steve Dunlevee and UF

interviewed [illegible],

at first [illegible] Dun [illegible]

[illegible] detector test [illegible]

[illegible] beat it,

He was paid $ 15,000

J — credibility —
truth & fiction,

Has been ag,) forgery.
assault - divorced proceedings.

Was in Military 1/41 sent
to Hawaii & there of a
24th infantry div, in 1952, 195
left went to Baltimore
diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic springfied
committed to 2 state
mileage state 1962 Hospital Baltimore, Georgia - Central
State Hosp. Was on medication

CA verified is a - prison

He told CA [illegible]
[illegible] by accords in prison
[illegible] as [illegible] if he wanted to
make a lot of money -

529-3577

He is a [illegible]
by a Southern
Family [redacted]
b7c He had done
typesetting for him
he has five
clubs in F.Q.
"Famous Door"
had called
prison for it.
Back Stage.
daughter
Born 11/52

J.K.F. height - 5'10"
weight @ 165

brother lives -
somewhere
they had had
a program on
TV that triggered
pick
Hoffa.

Has never been
involved in any
type of violent
behavior.

He was literally
starving - is decided
to put show together.
Now has pension -
can keep food in
the house.

~~Further identification of the activities and affiliates membership of the Dallas organization.~~

Joe Kenney, with trio.
Played horn then organ,

215-12-9052

He contacted board copy & First Edition,

Ed. Penn in Atlanta met.
Tony Riccardo a runner for Frank Costello, this u around '61,
was in another cell block at time + ~~Colonel~~
Rosenbergs brother

b7c

(ex-wife) [redacted]
Me daughter [redacted]
lives in [redacted].

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By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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☐ Yes ☑ No

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Title: Hoffa

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of [redacted]

-ARS
-RDC

1-31-94

[redacted]

POB [redacted]

mother [redacted]

[redacted] knew about 5 months

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b1D

[redacted]

spelling

[redacted]

When [redacted] wanted to me JRH. JRH didn't want to So [redacted] was got to get JRH to meet at Red Fox. JRH spoke to [redacted] " [redacted] [redacted] warned JRH not to meet Tony Pro at all. But [redacted] took JRH to meeting in his own vehicle (Pontia

JRH was hooked to JRH → They talked

[redacted] pulled up in [redacted] She saw [redacted] JRH [redacted] was in [redacted] JRH [redacted] in alligator on it. [redacted] at [redacted] One [redacted] shot

why was he there?

[redacted] Hoffa [redacted]

[redacted] 8(ph) [redacted]

[redacted] w/in [redacted]
from [redacted] JH bound in [redacted] to
next day [redacted] They [redacted]
[redacted] to [redacted]

[redacted] in JH [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] was in parking lot -
if at request of [redacted] (Backup)
[redacted] was at [redacted]

[redacted] knows [redacted] → Bro.
[redacted]

H P [redacted]

when [redacted]

[redacted]

Ade was at Feds at Milan credit card

[redacted]

at Red Fox - [redacted]

[redacted] Hoffa etc. or
[redacted] involved
[redacted]

p 2 [redacted] thought would

[redacted] was involved [redacted]

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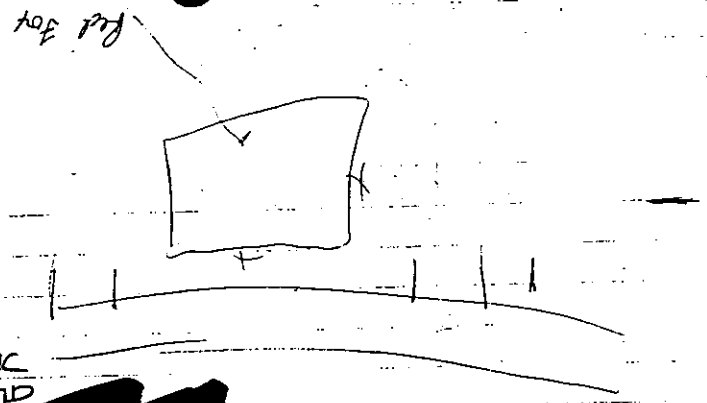
b7D

[redacted] Atad [redacted] lin [redacted] befae [redacted]

[redacted] sot [redacted]

[redacted]



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)092	2 PHOTOS OF JOSEPH K FRANCE W/M 12-21-22 BALTIMORE, MD
)091	DRIVERS LICENSE FOR JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE
)090	ORIGINAL NOTES RE INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]
)089	ORIGINAL NOTES RE INTERVIEW OF [redacted]
)088	COPY OF [redacted] WHICH WAS GIVEN TO SA [redacted] BY [redacted]

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By b7C [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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Title: Hoffex

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of
b7C
b7D [redacted]

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b7D

Hoff. July, 75

Def.

Wrote

James Hoffa Jr

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(Name of Special Agent)

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☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: Hoffex OD DE

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original ~~notes re interview of~~

b7c Letter from [redacted]

dated 4-11-96

April 11, 199[redacted]

[redacted] S.S.A.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Suite 2600
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Attn: [redacted]

RE: [redacted]/J.R. Hoffa

Dear Sirs;

b7c

For your information, Please find below a list of those persons who are listed by name [redacted]

Also, as stated to you/your office earlier, [redacted] is NO LONGER representing me in any form on both this matter ([redacted]) or [redacted] He has failed to fulfill his contract with me in not relaying information I wished relayed to you.

Full names of those involved listed in Manuscript are:

James R. Hoffa [redacted] Tony Giacalone -others-

First names of those involved listed [redacted] are:

[redacted] -others-

In the event we are able to identify some of those first name only people [redacted], we will add those last names at that time. I understand [redacted] contacted you in regards to [redacted] and you/your department informed her that there was no problem with such [redacted] Thank you for that.

Sincerely,

b7c [redacted]

cc: file
EC
KF

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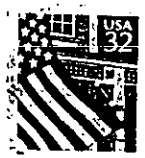

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b7c [redacted] SSA
FED. BUR. INV.
Suite 2600
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan
48226

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b7c **By** [redacted]
(Agent)

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Title: Hoffa

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☑ Original notes re interview of [redacted]

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7-21-95

10:29 AM

#1 [redacted]

an

b7D

#2 # Q67 [redacted]

#3 Q67 [redacted]

#4 Q67 [redacted]

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(Agent)

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☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: A Hoffa

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

b7c
b7D [redacted]

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[redacted]

POB [redacted]

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heard things in [redacted]

[redacted]

Know [redacted]

Met [redacted]

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meet [redacted]

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[redacted] re Hoffa

[redacted] - [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

b7C
b7D

work for [redacted]

[redacted] is it true that [redacted]

[redacted] put [redacted]

[redacted]

③

[redacted] is a

[redacted] - went on how they

[redacted]

[redacted] & [redacted]

[redacted]

b7C
b7D

[redacted] pissed

off re things.

[redacted]

re [redacted] knows

[redacted] says [redacted]

is [redacted]

[redacted] said Hoffa in trust

[redacted]

(4)

[redacted]

Got to [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

b7C
b7D

[redacted]

doing time

[redacted] "" was telling

to [redacted]

Jane a [redacted]

[redacted]

P.O. [redacted] yoa.

[redacted]

b7c
b7D

[redacted]

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(City and S[redacted])

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: Hoffey

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ ~~Original notes re interview of~~
Letter, [redacted] and
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108	8/24/79			Memorandum re [redacted]	
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110	6/10/00			Log for surveillance of [redacted] 1/16/79 (Rec'd from Miami, orig MM 183-646-1A#2)	
111	6/10/00			FISUR LOG 1/12/79 re: [redacted] (Rec'd from Miami, orig MM 183-646-1A#3)	
112	6/10/00			Orig & Copy of SUBS FOR TOLL RECORDS & 2cc of LETTER 5/22/79 from STRIKE FORCE TO [redacted] (Rec'd from Miami, orig MM 183-646 1A#4)	

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CONCERNED ABOUT NOT PREV. [redacted]

(2B)

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- ON DAY OF [redacted] / WAS CONCERNED FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY.

- NICKNAME OF [redacted] / [redacted] "[redacted]" [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

- ~~HAS LOTS OF INFO. RE THESE GUYS.~~

COULD I.D. CRD PHOTOS OF [redacted]

(2)

WHAT DATE. ~ 1967

[redacted] @ [redacted]

[redacted], [redacted]

b7C
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[redacted], [redacted], [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] (PH.)

[redacted] MARCUS' RED FOX LOUNGE IN SHOPPING CTR.

[redacted] SAW HOFFA IN PKG. LOT ON DAY 7/30/75

HE DISAPPEARED [redacted]

AS IF HE [redacted] (STANDING [redacted])

SAW [redacted] / [redacted] ± BEFORE.

@ ~~SAME~~ PARKING LOT, ACROSS THE STREET

FROM RESTR. HE DISAPPEARED.

STANDING BY [redacted] / [redacted]

[redacted] (T) [redacted] SAT. 7/18/98

— LIVES IN [redacted] [redacted]

HOFFA ABDUCTION 7/1975

[redacted] CODE # [redacted]

MOB CONNECTED

NEEDS SOMETHING RIGHT NOW

b7C
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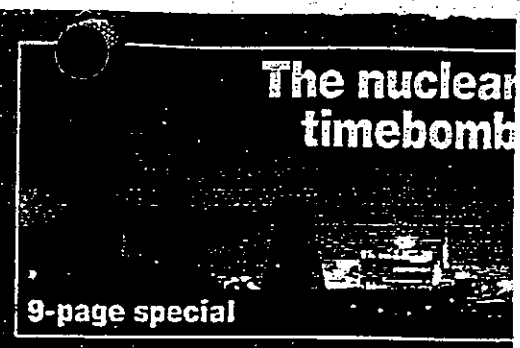

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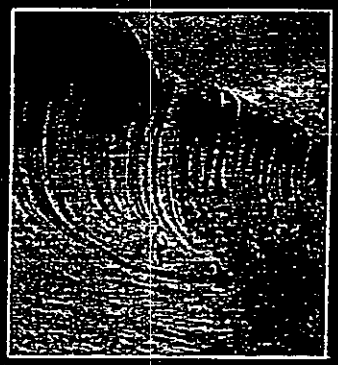

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Gold diggers

A gold clasp that would have held a feathered cloak on the shoulders of a virgin sacrificed to the god of water

Being a professional treasure hunter is not the glamorous job it might at first sound. Forget images of Indiana Jones-style adventure: it's a slow game of win some, lose some, and the locations are often more remote and dangerous than exotic and exciting.

Expenses can easily run into six figures, and red tape is a constant frustration. Hard work and meticulous preparation are as important as diving and caving skills. A hunter not only needs the latest technology but also a shrewd eye for business.

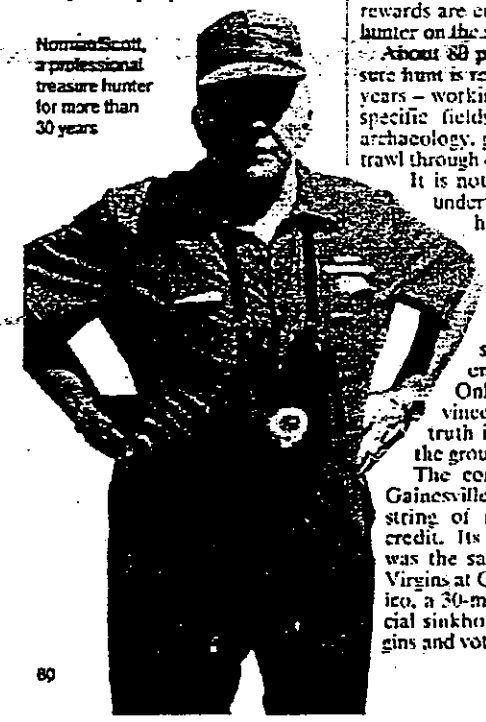
Norman Scott is president of an American treasure recovery company called Global Explorations. For more than 30 years, since he retired as a pilot with the US Air Force, Scott has been one of the world's leading treasure hunters, collaborating with governments, museums and big corporations.

At 62, Scott is a veteran of 24 expeditions in 16 countries. By no means all have been successful. "You don't find gold every day," he says. "Treasure hunting is a laborious, detailed job: years of digging can end in nothing but dust and tears. But the rare, rich rewards are enough to keep the hunter on the scent."

Only a few rumours of buried treasure are worth pursuing

About 80 per cent of a treasure hunt is research, often over years – working with experts in specific fields of history and archaeology, paying linguists to trawl through documents.

It is not something to be undertaken lightly. "We hear many rumours about lost treasure, but few are worth pursuing. I never proceed till we've amassed sufficient evidence," says Scott. Only when he is convinced that there is truth in a rumour does the groundwork begin.



Norman Scott, a professional treasure hunter for more than 30 years

The company, based in Gainesville, Florida, has a string of recoveries to its credit. Its greatest success was the sacred Well of the Virgins at Chichen Itza, Mexico, a 30-metre-deep sacrificial sinkhole into which virgins and votive offerings were hurled in praise of Chac, the Mayan god of water.

The remains of 500 sacrificial victims were recovered, plus hundreds of artefacts – gold, jade, copper and pottery – dating back 1,200 years. Scott wants to return. "We found a lot," he says, "but there's much more in there."

At present, Scott is confident he's on the brink of the find of a lifetime. He and a staff of ten are working in Germany. With the blessing of the minister for culture and the official archaeologist for Berlin, he has been helping to unravel the intricate Hitler bunker complex. The wider search is for what could amount to two-thirds of the world's art treasures, stolen by the Nazis and believed to be still hidden.

The investigations are the first to combine documents from the KGB, German records in Berlin, MI5 and the Public Records Office in London, and records in Washington. All concern "safe storage" – a SS euphemism for theft – of many art treasures.

"We're talking about 12,000 unfound paintings and other objects," says Scott. "Hitler's own art collection amounted to 10,000 paintings. Where did they all go?"

Priceless Egyptian and Greek items taken by the Nazis from museums and private collections include Catherine the Great's Amber Chamber, and a series of elaborate amber and jewel panels worth an estimated $158 million and believed to be all or partly hidden in Weimar, a town in the former East Germany.

"We're getting warmer," says Scott, who so far has spent $300,000 on the search. "What takes time is that I am dealing with highly efficient minds who knew about hiding things. The ▶

Chichen Itza: a Mayan treasure haul

Down Mexico way

Norman Scott's expedition to Chichen Itza was sponsored by 21 American companies. It involved 60 men and women in a 21-unit caravan, with equipment worth $500,000

Clarifying murky depths

Scott made the murky water in the 30-metre sinkhole clear by adding chlorine and filters, so divers could see their way safely and take photographs. This also removed risk of infection. Originally, the plan had been to drain the well, but this failed because it was linked to the water table of the Yucatan Peninsula

Thirty-four years of Global Explorations

- **1959** First expedition – to a fort in the sunken city of Port Royal, Jamaica
- **1964** Recovered cannons and religious art off Jamaica, probably from the Spanish galleon, the *Genoves*
- **1966** Valuable silver coins, cannons and anchors from six wrecks divided with the government of the Bahamas
- **1969** 4000 artefacts, including gold and jade, in Mexico
- **1977** Silver bars and coins from the *Merevila*, a Spanish galleon off the Bahamas
- **1987** Secured an Act of Congress to dig in the White Sands missile range, New Mexico
- **1993** Searching for Incan treasure in Lake Brunner, 4000 metres up an extinct volcano in the Ecuadorian Andes

Votive offerings

Fine pottery retrieved from the sinkhole by Global Explorations. The team of divers had to share the water and surrounding area with venomous water moccasins and coral snakes, and risk becoming ensnared in six metres of mud latticed with roots

Defying the curse

Some of the haul from Chichen Itza. Among the finds were teeth and skulls of 500 sacrificial victims. Relics were handed over to Mexico's Institute of Anthropology and History. Fortunately, the well's fabled death curse did not strike during the excavations

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Technology plays a major part in modern treasure hunting, but you still have to know where to use it

Nazis used false bottoms on trains, blew up entire mountains, and used rubble traps, so I have to take things step by step."

Researchers employed by Scott have spent weeks trawling through former East German records. "The wonderful thing is that they haven't been touched since the war, and everything is meticulously recorded.

"The Nazi removal of art from other countries was a systematic process, not haphazard looting, which makes our job easier. When Berlin was bombed at the end of the war, the SS loaded a train with priceless art and took it into central Germany."

Following this trail, Scott's investigations have taken him to a castle in Thuringen, eastern Germany, which until recently was believed to have no basement. Special radar has shown that the castle, which was rented but not used by Hitler, does indeed have a basement.

Eleven treasure hunters have lost their lives on this trail since the end of the war, some mysteriously, according to Scott. "I've hired security experts for protection, as some people believe files survive with incriminating evidence against people still living."

Scott will continue his investigations throughout the spring. And if he finds the lost treasures? "They are the property of the German authorities. The law varies from state to state – in many cases the original owner gets it all. In the absence of the owner, the finder and landowner share the spoils. While museums have records to prove ownership, it will be hard for the descendants of private collectors to prove their claims."

Expensive technology plays a crucial part in professional treasure hunting. Global Explorations' armoury includes equipment capable of identifying unusual buried features below either the ground or the sea-bed.

For example, "ground-penetrating radar" can "see" up to 70 metres below ground level. It profiles the ground according to

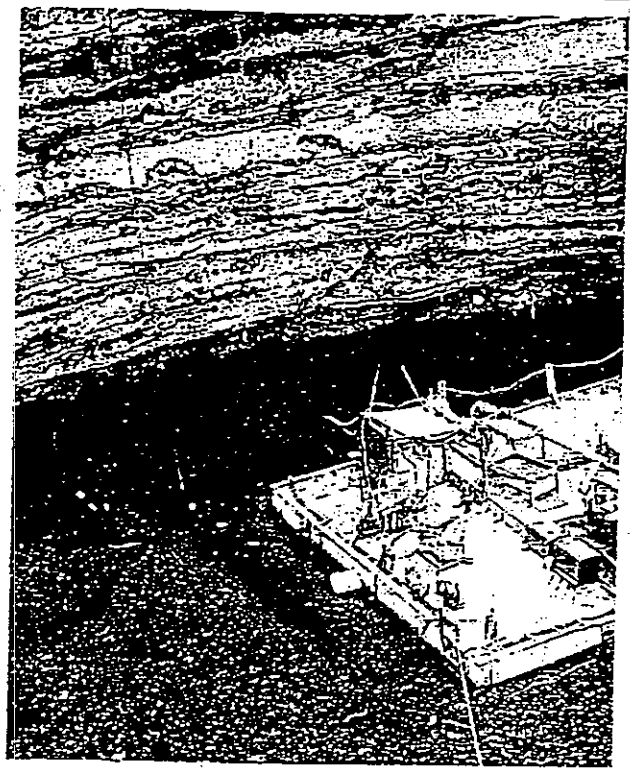
Individual detection instruments each have their drawbacks

density – rock, soil, caves and passageways propagate the radar signal with different velocities.

Infra-red scanning is used to detect heat escaping from small holes in the ground. Changes in temperature around small holes in the ground can vary from the surroundings by 5°C – and this can indicate the existence of underground caverns.

Once a "location probability curve" has been drawn by a computer, "electro-resistivity profiling" can be carried out. This involves sinking probes into the ground and passing a current through a grid of wires connecting

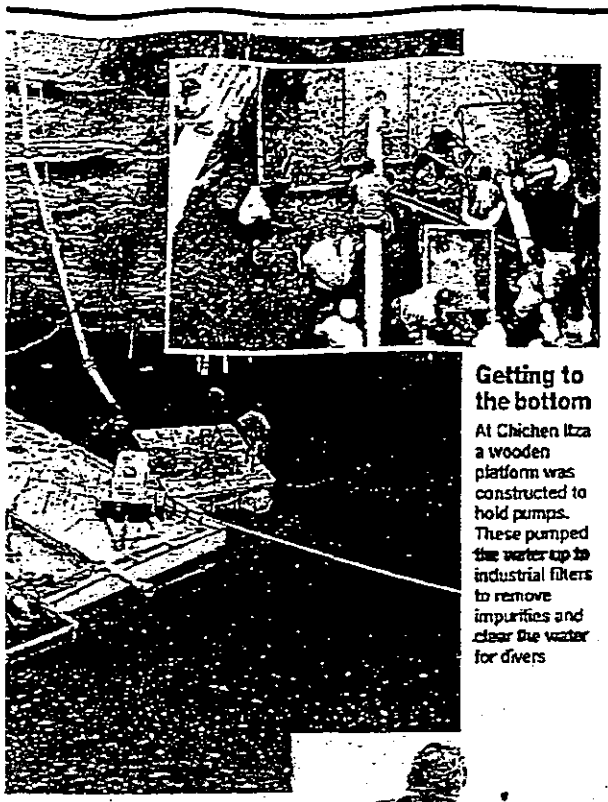
Spanish treasures
Coins from a 1977 project off the Bahamas, where a sunken galleon was found. Expenses can reach $1 million in shallow seas and $10 million in deep water



How the treasure hunt experts get their results

Electronic searching equipment improves the odds of latching on to the trail of hidden treasure, but it is very expensive: a project can cost anything from $25,000 to $1.5 million. Much spadework is saved by gadgetry that 'sees' beneath the ground. The more data collected by these means, the better

If a wreck lies in shallow water, machines called prop washers are used. Giant inverted vacuum cleaners, they blast the sand and sedimentation away, clearing the wreck for either divers or a robot to start searching



Getting to the bottom

At Chichen Itza a wooden platform was constructed to hold pumps. These pumped the water up to industrial filters to remove impurities and clear the water for divers

Up a volcano in the Ecuadorian Andes

At the base camp, porters load up for an eight-hour march across the mountains to the area around Cerro Hermosa, an extinct volcano 4,200 metres above sea level. The Llanganati mountains are thought to contain a vast treasure, hidden from the Spanish when the last Inca king, Atahualpa, was executed. Global Explorations is a subcontractor on the project and is using a remote operated robot (worth $25,000) to explore Lake Brunner – what appears to be a human-made lake. The lake's name comes from explorer Eugene Brunner, who spent the last 40 years of his life looking for the burial site of the Inca gold

Magnetometer: $5000 Developed during World War II to help planes locate submarines, this spots changes in the earth's local magnetic field that can indicate a buried anomaly

Satellite navigation system: $2000 Position and altitude can be fixed to within 10 metres

Infra-red scanner: (above) $25,000 Detects temp. changes resulting from underground caverns **Ground-penetrating radar: (left) $35,000**

them. The ground's electrical resistivity can be calculated, and the layers of soil identified down to a depth of 150 metres. As water is a good conductor of electricity, underground rivers, streams and lakes show up well.

Global Explorations' full-time geophysicist makes frequent use of magnetometers, which sense minute local variations in the earth's magnetic field caused by buried items – from boulders and buried metal to holes refilled with different material.

All these instruments need to be used together, because each has shortcomings. The electro-sensing equipment is little help

Treasure hunting is still a business of risk and cunning

in a granite area, as granite is a poor conductor of electricity; and the radar does not work well in clay or wet conditions.

Marine treasure hunting requires even more sophisticated instruments. As most wrecked ships lie buried deep in the sand, the ocean-bed must be profiled. "Side-scan sonar" reveals any unnatural protrusions.

Once a likely site is found, a "sub-bottom profiler" is sent down. This sends electrical impulses into the sand and gives Scott and his team density readouts on board their recovery vessel, the *Privateer*.

Where ships are lying in deep water, a "robot remote-operated vehicle" (ROV) descends with a camera, its journey relayed on screen to the *Privateer* crew.

This expensive equipment – ROVs cost up to $5 million – is an important part of the treasure hunter's work, but it will not find treasure on its own. "It is not so much the technology we use," says Scott, "but the art of knowing when and where to use it and how to interface information from each source."

Even with all the resources at Scott's disposal, it's a business of risk and wit. To keep Global Explorations afloat, he often sells the film, book and photographic rights in advance of discovery. And sometimes a search has to be abandoned as a failure.

Scott sighs at the mention of the SS *Central America* – the one that got away. The *Central America* was the greatest marine recovery of all time. She was loaded with $1 billion dollars in gold and 400 passengers when she was sunk by a hurricane in 1857 off the coast of South Carolina in 2,500 metres of water.

Scott had been researching the ship's location for years but sold his research to the Thompson and Columbus America group, which in the late 1980s spent $12 to $15 million and found the ship. As it was more than 320 kilometres off America's coast, the salvers did not have to give a percentage to the government.

Among the several projects Scott and Global Explorations are involved in is the hunt for gold in Victorio Peak, New Mexico, part of the American Army's top-security White Sands missile range. Gold was supposedly found in the Peak in 1937 by one Milton "Doc"

Treasure hunting and the amateur enthusiast: inspired detective work

How a metal detector could help you to discover the buried past for yourself

Last November, Suffolk pensioner Eric Lawes was helping a neighbour look for lost farming tools when he stumbled upon the most valuable "pot of gold" ever found in this country. Just under the surface of the newly ploughed field near Hoxne was a treasure trove of Roman coins, spoons, figurines and jewellery believed to be worth up to £10 million.

Metal detecting first became popular in the 1970s. Today thousands of amateur treasure hunters comb the fields and beaches of Britain with metal detectors. As David Wood of the National Council for Metal Detecting (NCMD) says: "Most people don't look for treasure, just for something to treasure."

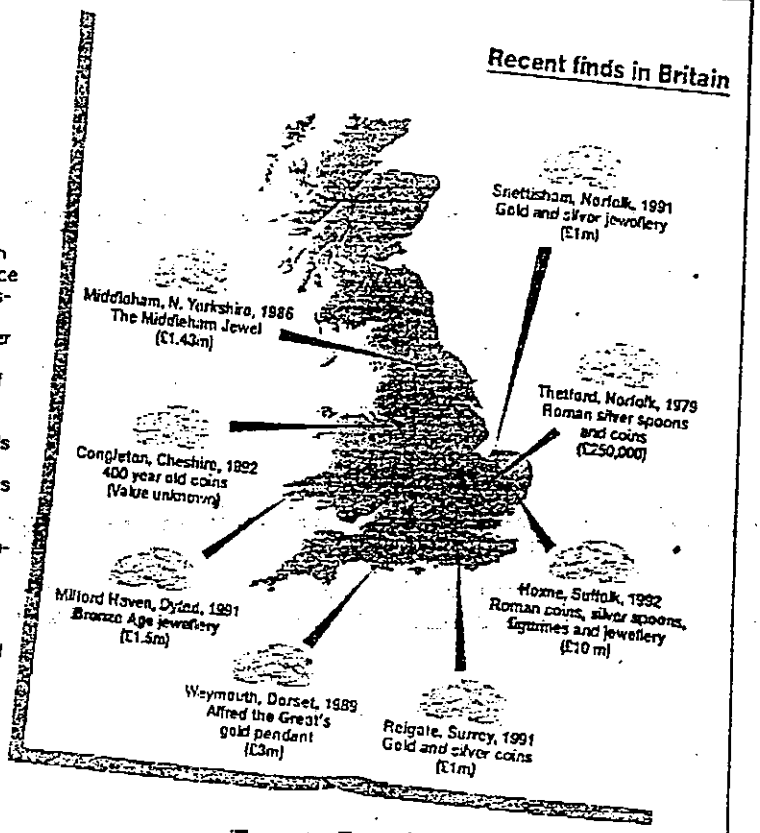
To get started you need a detector. These cost between £50 and £700. Metal detectors all work in the same way, but the price range reflects ability to distinguish between metals, so you can decide whether or not it's worth digging.

You should be aware of the "Treasure Trove Law" (see below). As a useful guide, the treasure hunter's code of conduct is available from the NCMD. Rules include asking permission to use someone else's land. If you do make a valuable find, this reduces the likelihood of complicated legal problems.

Treasure hunting magazines *Treasure Hunting* and *Searcher* also provide a copy of the code in every issue, as well as carrying details of the 250 local clubs around the country.

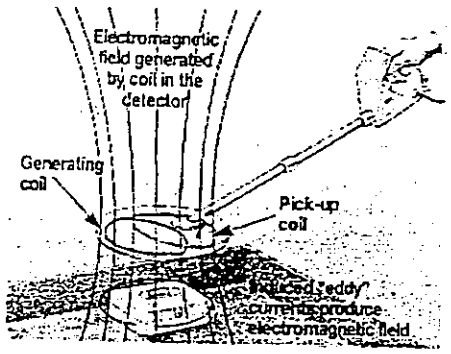
● *The NCMD can be contacted on 0635 522578*

Recent finds in Britain



Detection work

Inside the metal detector head are two coils: one generates an electromagnetic field that induces "eddy currents" in buried metallic objects; the other has an electric current induced in it by the electromagnetic field produced by the eddy currents below. A find is relayed to the user by a flashing light or earphone tone



'Treasure Trove Law': finders, keepers?

The "Treasure Trove Law", which dates from the rule of Edward I (1239-1307), concerns gold or silver objects that have been hidden, and whose owners cannot be traced.

Treasure finds must be reported to the district coroner's office. If the coroner decides the coins were lost or abandoned, they are given back to you. If the coroner decides the coins could qualify as treasure trove, an inquest is held – similar to those held to establish the cause of a person's death.

A panel of experts, including representatives from the British Museum, then decides if the coins fall into the definition of treasure trove. If so, they are the property of the Crown, but the finder is given their full market value. If the jury decides they do not qualify, then the finder gets them back, to do with them what they choose.

▶ Noss, a part-Indian foot doctor.

Rumours say there could be as much as three billion dollars' worth in gold bars and coins. Doc said he moved the treasure from a cavern and hid it around the mountain. But an attempt to clear a boulder from a tunnel using dynamite sealed the treasure forever. Doc was shot in an argument in 1949. Ova Noss, his first wife, searched fruitlessly for years. Another wife and the Apache Indian Nation reckon they have a claim. In 1977 Scott decided to find out for himself. During the ten days the military allowed him access to the site no gold was found. Now, some of the Doc's heirs are there again, with advice from Global Explorations.

Global has also been working on a project to find and recover the *San Jose*, "the largest treasure-laden galleon that ever sailed the seas", sunk in 1708 off the coast of Cartagena, Columbia.

But perhaps the most frustrating case lingering on Scott's books is the USS *Tecumseh*, which was sunk during the American Civil War in Mobile Bay, off the coast of Alabama. The ship was part of the Union fleet under Admiral David Farragut, who assured his fame with the phrase: "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

Scott's project to salvage the wreck was called to a halt when it transpired that the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, had sold the media rights years before. To complicate the stalemate, the State of Alabama is now saying it owns rights to the Bay. "This is a wonderful story just waiting to be uncovered," says Scott. "It's America's history waiting to be explored, rather than a gold hunt, and people are prepared to back it."

Other projects under way include research on a Spanish ship that went down off the Honduran coast in 1605, and a project outside Prague for a client who had works of art "stored" by the SS during the last war.

But his greatest success? "To date it's Chichen Itza. But I think you should ask me again in a couple of months time."

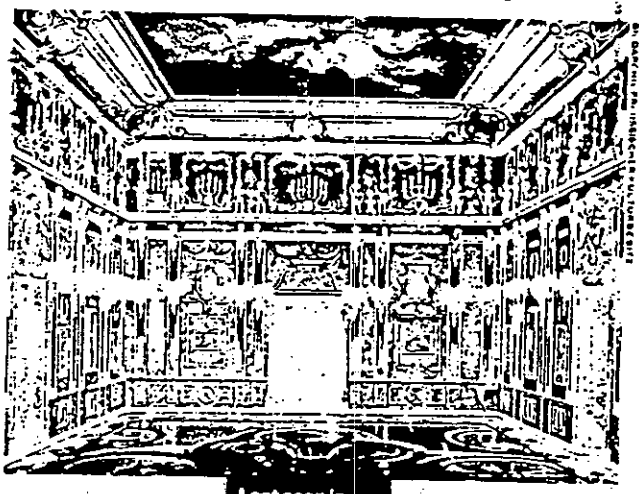
Sally Richardson ■

SPOILS OF WORLD WAR II

By MICHAEL WALSH MUNICH

WHEN FORWARD UNITS OF GENERAL GEORGE PATTON'S THIRD Army entered the dark recesses of the Merkers salt mine near Weimar in April 1945, they found a wondrous treasure. There, stashed away for safekeeping by the crumbling Third Reich, were 285 tons of gold, nearly $520 million in various currencies, 1,214 crates of art, including works by Renoir, Raphael, Van Dyck and Dürer, 140 rolls of Oriental rugs, and 2 million books, many of them rare editions—trophies of the Nazi blitzkrieg that became spoils of war.

The Merkers find was only a small part of a vast amount of precious metals and priceless art that disappeared in the chaotic aftermath of World War II—and which is now the object of a worldwide treasure hunt. Just as new technology has stimulated the search for sunken treasure, so the collapse of communism and the unification of Germany have stepped up the hunt for wartime booty. The list is headed by the fabled Amber Room, also called the "Bernstein Zimmer," an ornate chamber of amber wall panels, Venetian glass and gilded wood valued today at $158 million. Presented by the Prussian King to Czar Peter the Great in 1717 to cement a peace treaty, the room was part of the Catherine Palace near St. Petersburg until 1941, when it was dismantled by the Germans and trucked back to Königsberg, now Kaliningrad, in East Prussia. The Bernstein Zimmer forms part of a larger cache of valuables hastily evacuated from Königsberg at the end of the war by a Wehrmacht officer named Erich Koch, which subsequently disappeared on its way to an underground stronghold south of the city.



Last seen in 1941, the "Bernstein Zimmer" heads the list of invaluable lost artworks

The catalog of lost, missing or possibly destroyed items is not limited merely to gold and precious stones. It also includes collectibles such as paintings, musical scores and the correspondence of Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun. In a tale of theft and countertheft on the part of Axis and Allies alike, both sides looted each other with abandon. Some treasure, such as the putative horde of King Priam of Troy that vanished in Berlin in 1945 and recently turned up in Moscow, was taken home from Germany by the conquering Red Army. Other artifacts—like the trove of medieval church art from Quedlinburg in eastern Germany that was returned from its hiding place in Whitewright, Texas, last year—were brought back as booty by American soldiers. "Everything was for the taking," says Kenneth D. Alford, a Virginia banker and amateur sleuth whose hobby for the past 13 years has been tracing stolen art through U.S. government archives. "Everybody just helped themselves." Alford's patient following of the paper trail assisted Willi Korte, a native German and hunter of Nazi treasure who lives outside Washington, in locating the Quedlinburg trove, which included two rare medieval manuscripts and a jeweled reliquary, in 1990. The collection had been mailed home to Texas by a U.S. Army lieutenant named Joe Meador.

Korte and Alford believe they have also traced the missing Hitler-Braun correspondence. According to controversial British historian David Irving, the letters were packed in a suitcase that belonged to Robert Gutierrez, an officer in the Seventh Army's 307th Counter Intelligence Corps, and shipped home. Gutierrez, who in 1945 interrogated several high-ranking Nazi officers in charge of secreting the Führer's personal possessions, admits to having taken some silverware and dresses belonging to Braun, which he later turned over to Korte and the Bavarian government, but denies having the letters. Korte, Irving, and Norman Scott, whose Florida-based company, Global Explorations, Inc., is also searching for the Amber Room, have each visited the 78-year-old Gutierrez, who so far has resisted all overtures. "If he does have the stuff, I don't see how he can part with it at this point," says Korte. "The mere existence of the letters would cause a sensation."

It is the Amber Room, however, that continues to fire the treasure hunters' imaginations—if indeed it still exists. Russian President Boris Yeltsin has declared his belief that the Amber Room is in eastern Germany. Another possibility is that it was inadvertently destroyed by the Russians, who found it when they took Königsberg, and still another that it sank with the refugee-filled freighter *Wilhelm Gustloff*, torpedoed by the Soviets in 1945 in the Baltic.

The most ambitious search is that of Global's Scott, a former U.S. Air Force public relations officer, who last year explored an abandoned Nazi-era plaza in Weimar, a former V-2 rocket plant near Nordhausen and the Heimkehle cave in Sachsen-Anhalt in his quest for the Amber Room or any part of the Koch collection. Scott's 30-year track record is highlighted by his 1968 excavation of the lost Sacrificial Well at Chichén Itzá in Mexico, a 1,200-year-old repository of Maya valuables. In Germany, Scott and his team are using sophisticated ground-penetrating radar as well as good old-fashioned heavy lifting in their searches; so far, like everyone else, they have come up empty-handed. Scott now believes the Amber Room stayed behind in Kaliningrad, and has been invited by the Russian Ministry of Culture to hunt for it there.

Missing for a half-century, the Amber Room and other treasures have lost none of their allure. "It's like buying a lottery ticket," notes Alford. "Everybody's a treasure hunter. We're all Indiana Jones at heart." ■

devoted businessman, disciplined and methodical. He also heads intriguing missions in search of long-lost treasure

Like Indiana Jones

.. minus the bravado

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Norman Scott, shown at left, in his at-home office, is quick to emphasize that he doesn't consider himself a "treasure hunter," which he says "has to have a percentage the find." Rather, Scott and his company generally give the artifacts they recover to the host nation. They make money by selling the media rights to their expeditions for TV specials, books and magazines. ABOVE: Nazi helmets, ammunition boxes and a gas mask uncovered during Global Expeditions' excavation in Germany's Heimkehr Caverns.

By ANDREA BILLUPS
Sun staff writer

Hop on a plane, visit exotic vistas, solve centuries-old mysteries, find billions in buried treasure. Sound like a juicy novel or an Indiana Jones screenplay? For Alachua businessman Norman Scott, it's not only a real-life adventure, it's also his job.

Scott, 67, owns Global Explorations, a company devoted to finding missing cultural assets. Since starting his company in 1959, Scott and his crew of A-Team-like characters have used their expertise in archaeology and geophysics to dig for historical treasures like Inca gold, pirate loot and art masterpieces pilfered by the Nazis during World War II.

"It's work while you are doing it," Scott offers casually, "but fun after you see what you've found."

To hear Scott tell it, the stuff of intrigue and spy novels, the stuff he does regularly, is all in a day's work. With the exception of a quiet strength, Scott exudes very little of the Indiana Jones bravado. He enters his living room all business, talking matter-of-factly about a career that offers a glimpse of the world that most have only read about in fiction.

Scott's associates buzz with enthusiasm over their work and tell of a devoted businessman whose often-serious nature comes from overseeing a complex organization. Scott, they say, is disciplined and methodical. He plans every aspect of each

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Profile: Norman Scott

Personal: Age, 67; marital status, divorced; one daughter, one son, two grandchildren
Last book read: "Martin Bormann — Nazi in Exile," by Paul Manning
Last movie seen: "Evita"
First job: Lifeguard at a Long Island, N.Y., pool at age 12. "I lied about my age to get a lifesaving certificate."
Car he drives: '92 Buick station wagon
Best advice ever received: From his grandmother. "Save your money for a rainy day."

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A job just like Indiana Jones'

Gainesville's Norman Scott directs intriguing missions worldwide in search of long-lost treasures like Inca gold and pirate loot.

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Norman Scott

Next on his agenda, the Russian czar's fabled Amber Room

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mission, from doing research to establish historical accuracy, to getting permits from foreign governments, to finding investors, to assembling high-tech equipment to marketing his product to producers and editors.

To complete his mission, he puts together a colorful and competent team, each of whom join the expedition to offer a particular expertise.

Jerry Lee is an electronics expert and certified diver who does geophysical detection work. He's been with Scott for 26 years. "There are hundreds of thousands of treasures out there all over the world," Lee says of his unusual job. "It can be lucrative, sure, but it takes a lot of luck."

Bernie Schuster, born in Germany but now living in Jacksonville, serves as Scott's German interpreter. He's been on six or seven expeditions over about four years.

To an "outsider," Schuster says, exploration work may seem exciting. The cultural aspects of the travel are interesting, but translating during 15-hour days can be stressful. "It's a mixed bag of good things and bad things," Schuster says.

Even though Eddie Colt operates his own successful business in Trenton, the self-described "wildman" with the gunshot delivery seems more than happy to take off across the world with Scott.

"I'm Norman's construction foreman and bodyguard," Colt says proudly.

Does he need one? "Well, yes. Sometimes he does," Colt proffers, offering only a brief explanation as to why.

Colt delights as he describes the time he went on a dig to Germany with Scott and unearthed a bomb.

"Everyone told us to get back and leave it alone," said Colt, "But I picked it up."

It didn't explode. It was old and rusty.

Of his adventures at Global: "It's so exciting it's unreal. We go back 3,000 feet in caves. We run into bears. We dig into bombs. This is probably one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. It's very thrilling, but yeah, it's very dangerous. I love it."

So does Charles Anderson.

After 20 years wrapped tight in the "mundane security" of the insurance business, Anderson, who now dabbles in future, hooked up with Global as an investor. Since then, he's became an associate, confidante and friend of Scott's, and calls him a man of integrity and a tireless worker.

"It's an honor to work with him," Anderson said. "These things are so difficult. They just wouldn't go without a powerful man with a lot of determination. It's amazing how much the man gets done on so many fronts."

In the next few weeks, Anderson, Colt, Schuster and Lee will join Scott's latest expedition to an area in what used to be East Germany where they will

attempt to unearth the fable Amber Room.

A gift to the Russian Czar from King Frederick of Prussia, the room was once assembled in the palace of Catherine the Great and filled with amber statues, panels, plates and gold figures valued at $158 million. But when the Nazi's captured St. Petersburg during World War II, they dismantled the Amber treasures and shipped them to a secret bunker where they supposedly remain today.

Through information he gleaned from an informant and initial visits to survey the site, Scott thinks he may have located the plundered treasure.

If he digs into the motherlode, it could be not only historically meaningful but also financially lucrative. Scott, however, is quick to shake off the label of "treasure hunter."

He isn't another Mel Fisher, the man who made a fortune unearthing the shipwrecked Atocha, although the two are friends. Rather, Scott made his mark in the exploration business over the years by using a unique marketing approach.

Instead of digging for the big bucks and taking a cut of his find, his company finances trips through contributions from private investors and sells the media rights to these authentic, historical explorations.

"A treasure hunter has to have a percentage of the find," Scott said. "We work strictly on the media. We market the media and we recover artifacts that we give to the host nation."

Shows that feature digs and excavations are in high demand, too. People relate to the history and to the stories, Scott says.

"With 500 channels, there's always a need for a product," he said. "All we are doing is furnishing them with a historically accurate product." In the past few years, Global has sold nine network shows, 14 books, and has been featured in a host of magazines and publications worldwide.

Using the media to support his business was a natural for Scott, who graduated from the University of Virginia, served as an Air Force pilot and later ended up as a television director who once worked on "Meet the Press."

After a few years of doing excavation work on the side, Scott used his contacts in the media and advertising as a way to finance his growing exploration business. Today, depending on its complexity, a project can cost from $100,000 up to $1 million. Most average between $300,000 and $600,000.

The evolution of high-tech detection equipment in the last 10 years has dramatically changed the way his company does business, Scott says. Computers, global positioning sys-

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THE WORKLIFE PROFILE

Norman Scott, far left, supervises an excavation by his Global Exporations team in the Heimkehle Caverns of Germany.

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Technology alters the art of excavation

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tems, proton magnetometers, sidescan sonar and ground-penetrating radar make it easier to recover cultural assets that used to be unattainable.

But using the latest and best technology also can be expensive. To offset his costs, Scott has turned to corporations who have loaned him equipment or even given him products in exchange for the media publicity. "Industrial firms have been a great part of our marketing."

Also key to his success has been his move to the Gainesville area from South Florida in 1990. Although his office is nestled in his home, located in a remote section of Alachua County, Scott said its proximity to the university has been crucial.

In addition to the research capabilities available at UF's library (which, according to Lee, houses one of the largest archives of microfilmed Spanish documents, including ship manifests), the international community that comes from a university town has provided Scott with translators and other persons that are crucial to work overse.

"I couldn't buy the type counseling and expertise that t provides," Scott says. "I'm ve. very happy here. I wouldn't anywhere else."

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Shoes From the Deep to Salve War Wounds

By WILLIAM J. BROAD

In a small way, Paul Tidwell is closing the circle for more than 100 Japanese families torn by war.

A half-century ago, their loved ones disappeared at sea aboard the I-52, a Japanese submarine. The craft was carrying two tons of gold and other material to Hitler when American forces torpedoed her in the Atlantic, sending the warship to a grave more than three miles down.

On Monday, Mr. Tidwell is flying to Japan to give the families three shoes he found near the sunken warship, delivering them as a symbol of the crew's return. The families, all members of a group formed to honor the I-52 dead, have planned memorial services across the country this week.

For decades, the I-52 was presumed lost forever, her 109 men gone, little more than memories.

But in 1996, Mr. Tidwell, a maritime researcher, used advanced technology to find the submarine, and three months ago he returned with a group of experts for the first close inspection. Diving miles deep, he and his team photographed the ship and saw not only her antiaircraft guns but a glove, a sweater and a pair of binoculars.

In flying to Japan to return the lost shoes, the only personal items recovered, Mr. Tidwell is doing more than showing respect for fallen enemy soldiers.

An American travels to Japan on a peace mission

A war hero himself, with two Bronze Stars won in two tours of duty in Vietnam, Mr. Tidwell is also a businessman eager to maintain good relations with the Japanese as he works to recover the two tons of gold that eluded him on the recent expedition. The 146 bars are worth about $20 million. Beyond paying off creditors and expedition costs, Mr. Tidwell has not said what he plans to do with the money.

"A lot of guys set out to do what Tidwell did" in looking for a lost treasure ship, said Richard N. Billings, who is writing a book about the submarine's discovery. "He actually found it, photographed it, honored it and is now returning part of it to the families."

Mr. Tidwell held his own memorial [illegible] who described it in detail.

Mr. Tidwell plans to return to the I-52 perhaps as soon as this spring to try to get the gold. It has beckoned to him ever since May 1990 when, while doing research in the National Archives, he stumbled upon a once-secret wartime document that told of I-52's lost cargo of gold bars.

"Seeing the sub, practically touching it, was for me the peak of an eight-and-a-half year journey," Mr. Tidwell said in a statement soon after the monthlong expedition ended last December.

After finding the ship in 1995, Mr. Tidwell began working out the logistics and assembling the experts for a recovery expedition. He won financial backing for the venture from James Philippone, a lawyer in Rochester, and the National Geographic Society, which is producing a television documentary and a magazine article about the lost submarine.

The I-52 rests in the mid-Atlantic some 1,200 miles west of the Cape Verde Islands. It is 3.2 miles down, about a mile deeper than the Titanic.

To get there, Mr. Tidwell hired twin Russian submersibles known as Mir, or Peace. Each Mir carries an array of lights and room for three people, who peer through small portholes made of thick glass.

Seven times Mr. Tidwell's expedition sent the submersibles down to the I-52, surveying the wreck and learning its secrets. Team members say it is well preserved, and spooky.

"Always in the background, especially when we saw the shoes, was the fact that those sailors lost their lives and that we were the first ones to see it in 50 years," said Tim McGinnis, an ocean engineer based in Seattle who was part of the diving team.

Human bodies are thought to disappear relatively quickly in the deep sea. Over decades, the frigid brine dissolves even bones. But many objects undergo little or no decay.

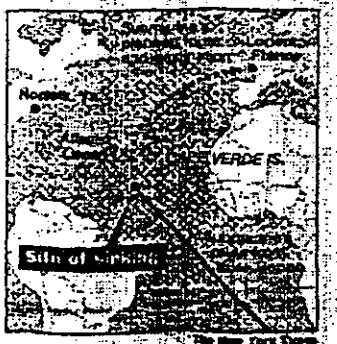
Longer than a football field, its conning tower four-stories high, the I-52 was crossing the Atlantic as a cargo vessel laden with metals and raw materials for the Nazi war machine. On a moonless night in June 1944, it was intercepted by an American task force and hurled into the Atlantic's icy depths.

The I-52's exact resting place was long unknown, because navigation in wartime was often crude. In 1995, Mr. Tidwell drew on American and Russian naval experts to find the I-52, first dangling a sonar on a long line from a ship and then confirming the discovery with a tethered camera pod.

After he announced the find, some [illegible] team looked long and hard, it found no gold in the debris field.

Marty Katz for The New York Times

Paul Tidwell with one of the shoes found in a Japanese submarine's wreckage. He plans to return the shoes to relatives of dead crewmen.



The New York Times

More than 100 men went down with the Japanese submarine I-52.

The National Geographic documentary is to be shown this fall on NBC at the same time that the magazine article appears. Under a contract with National Geographic, Mr. Tidwell cannot speak to reporters until after the two productions appear. In December, the society released a short news summary about the expedition that included a statement by Mr. Tidwell.

This week in Japan, he is to visit family members and Government ministers and travel to Kure, a port city and naval base near Hiroshima where the I-52 was built. Mr. Billings, the author, said that the shoes and any other personal artifacts recovered would probably go into a naval museum being built at Kure.

at sea, laying a dark wreath on the choppy waters above the wreck and a Japanese flag on the side of the sunken submarine during a dive.

William D. Gordon, one of two Navy pilots credited with sinking the I-52 and one of three squadron members who were on the recovery expedition, said Mr. Tidwell's respect for the lost men was clear.

"He's very serious about that," said Mr. Gordon, who was one of several members of the expedition.

its cargo remained Japanese property. Mr. Tidwell vowed to press the claim, which was aided, experts say, by Japan's postwar Constitution, which renounced warships and allowed any Japanese military forces to engage only in self-defense.

Even so, Mr. Tidwell promised that he would return any personal artifacts he was able to raise. The Japanese group receiving them is the Association of the Bereaved Families of I-52.

The recent expedition began and ended in Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands. On board the Russian ship Keldysh were three American servicemen of the Navy's VC-68 squadron of Avenger bombers, which torpedoed the enemy submarine.

Expedition divers found two large holes in the I-52's side, both apparently torn by torpedoes. Strewn about the broken sub were artifacts spilled from her guts, including pots, pans and crew bunks. Although the

When Mr. Tidwell returns to the [illegible] later this year, he plans to do whatever is necessary to get to gold, including cutting into the submarine's side. But his advisers said he planned to do so with the consideration appropriate for a fallen warship in which many men died.

"He's no gold bug," said Ronald Goldfarb, a lawyer in Washington who represents Mr. Tidwell. "He's seriously interested in history and respecting this as a grave site."

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Third party investigation records into the disappearance of Hoffa.
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Title:

Hoffex

OO:DE

Reference:
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Description: ☒ Original ~~notes re interview of~~

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to disapperance of

James P. Hoffa

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From [redacted]

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Hoffer

Reference:

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ ~~Original notes re interview of~~

Letter from

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re Hoffa's Car.

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Letter from a third party to the Detroit Field Office in writer's own handwriting -

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By [redacted]

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Receipt Given ☐ ☒ No

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)
☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Hoffex

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ ~~Original notes re interview of~~
Notes Re Hoffex
conference 11-20-0

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Case agent notes re 11/20/00 Conference

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By SA [redacted] b7C
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☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: "Hoffex"

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

Original surveillance Log, dated 05/23/01.

SURVEILLANCE LOG
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FILE NUMBER: 281A-DE-67821

DATE OF SURVEILLANCE: 05/23/01 DAY OF THE WEEK: Weds

WRITER OF SURVEILLANCE LOG: SPECIAL AGENT [redacted]

SURVEILLANCE WAS CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF [redacted]

THE WEATHER WAS Overcast, Rain, AND THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE NOTED:

TIME	INITIALS	OBSERVATIONS
10 03/A	[illegible]	Surveillance initiated in the area of above residence
		located in the [redacted].
10 03/A	DKM	[redacted] observed outside of front
		of residence CO wearing a [redacted]
		[redacted] with [redacted]
		[redacted]
		observed parked in Driveway
12 19/P	DKM	[redacted] arrived at residence
12 23/P	JM	[redacted], occupied by one
		unknown [redacted] seated in vehicle, Passenger
		seat.
12 25/P	DKM	Unknown W/M #1, wearing [redacted]
		exited the residence and enters [redacted]
		W/M #1 is described as approximately [redacted].

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FILE NUMBER: 281A-DE-67821 SURVEILLANCE DATE: 05/23/01

TIME		OBSERVATIONS
		[redacted]
		[redacted] years of age, and [redacted]
12 25/P	JW	[redacted] Departs residence with w/m #1, [redacted]
		and [redacted] #1. Vehicle is Determined to be
		a [redacted] : [redacted]
		[redacted] still packed in Driveway.
12 54/P	JM	[redacted]
		[redacted]
1 40/P	JW	No activity surveillance Discontinued
[redacted]		[redacted] SA FBI [redacted]
[redacted]		[redacted] SA, FBI [redacted]
[redacted]		[redacted] SA, FBI [redacted]
[redacted]		[redacted] SA FBI [redacted]
[redacted]		[redacted] SA FBI [redacted]
[redacted]		[redacted] SA, FBI [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE

FILE NUMBER: 281A-DE-67821 SURVEILLANCE DATE: 05/23/01

TIME		OBSERVATIONS
05409	PI [redacted]	[redacted] (PL)
		[redacted]
		[redacted]
		C/O [redacted]

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(Name of Special Agent)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No
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☐ Yes ☐ No

Title: Hoffex
Rico-LCN
00:DE

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

b7C
b7D [redacted]

SS# [redacted]

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[redacted] # [redacted]

DOB [redacted]

SSAN unknown.

in for [redacted]

[redacted]

conversation w/ Anthony Provenzano (Tony Pro) dead now.
on a sunday afternoon - evening
mafia N.J.

[redacted] mafia out of NY

conversation was Tony Pro - making off
& habeas corpus to courts in N.J.

[redacted]

[redacted] ? Tony Pro started talking
freely. Started talking about Hafa
[redacted] all excited about Tony's saying.
Tony took [redacted] into confidence.
Tony told [redacted] where Hafa was buried at.
Tony Pro saying how Hafa killed + people present.
+ where Hafa was. + pertinent place.
under the Fast lane of Eseslower
express way + 170th St. in Detroit Mich
about 1972 or 1973 [illegible]

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b7D

Doesn't remember names of who present.
only remembers Tony Pro restored this

[redacted]

met [redacted]
at [redacted] or [redacted]

Seen + heard a lot of stories about Hoffa

[redacted] didn't pay much attention to names and the details of how Hoffa killed.

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get state sentence done away w/.
Knows a lot about [redacted]

Took Hafa from a House at Knight Park
to Freeway where repairs being made
dug a Hole place Hafa in it + concreted
of the Hole when repairs made
— check w/ Highway Dept on when work
was done

heard he [redacted]

[redacted]

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