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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Salt Lake City (9-468) Date: January 27, 1958

SEC. 9

9-33449

Re: Unsub;
W. MARK FELT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 9-33485
Lab. No. D-203600 BG

Examination requested by: Salt Lake City

Reference: Letter 1/16/58

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Specimen Q1 in the file entitled "Unsub; W. MARK FELT - VICTIM," will hereafter be referred to as specimen Q2 in instant case inasmuch as the afore-mentioned case, Bufile 9-33617, is being consolidated into instant case.

Specimen Q1 was submitted by your office by letter dated 12/13/57. Specimen Q2 was submitted by your office by airtel dated 12/24/57.

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Enclosures (3) (3 Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Salt Lake City

January 27, 1958
9-33487
D-[illegible] LG

Re: Unsub;
W. MARK FELT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Specimens received

Request received, 1/20/58, from Salt Lake City:

Request for comparison of evidence in case entitled "Unsub; W. MARK FELT - VIKEX," with evidence in instant case.

Results of examination:

It was concluded specimen Q1, previously received in connection with the case entitled "Unsub; W. MARK FELT - VIKEX," was prepared by [redacted] who was previously identified as the writer of specimen Q1 in instant case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/16/58

Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (9-460)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; W. MARK FELT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Reference is made to my letter 12/24/57, enclosing a postcard postmarked Toledo, Ohio, 12/21/57, containing a message indicating a possible threat to me by the writer of the postcard. The Laboratory is requested to note a similar card was received by [redacted] - VICTIM, EXTORTION at Salt Lake City.

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The Laboratory by letter dated 1/6/58, Lab No. D-267623 DG, Latent Case No. 12729, stated the two inked fingerprints appearing on the letter received by [redacted] have been identified as the right and left thumb impressions of [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]. It is thought that [redacted] may also be the subject of the letter written to me and the Laboratory may desire to make a comparison of [redacted] handwriting and possible latent fingerprints with the postcard transmitted by my letter 12/24/57.

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2 - Bureau
1 - Salt Lake City (9-460)

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Request for comparison of evidence case entitled Unsub, W. MARK FELT - AKEA with evidence in instant case.

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Q1 in 9-33617 Id Q1 + K1 in inst case. Being consist & will hereafter be Q2.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FBI, Salt Lake City

Airtel 12-[illegible]-57

Document [illegible]

A separate report will be submitted regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q1.

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Enclosures (5) (Two photographs of Q1, 3 Lab report)
Q1 - Cleveland - Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Salt Lake City

January 10, 195[illegible]
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Unsub
W. MARK FELT - VICTIM
[illegible]

Specimens received 12-26-57

Q1 Post card addressed "Mark Felt Regional Director F. B. I. Continental Bank Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah," bearing handwritten message beginning "Certain public officials...." ending "...legal way. You know who."

Results of examination:

The handwriting on specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without affecting an identification. Photographs have been added to this file for future reference.

Two photographs of Q1 are enclosed herewith for the Salt Lake City Office. Specimen Q1 will be returned to Salt Lake City within the next several days. Photographs are retained.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To Lab File...

Unsub;
[illegible]
EXTORTION

Exam # [illegible]
Lab # [illegible]

Examination requested by: FBI, Salt Lake City (12-24-57)

Examination requested: Doc - Fingerprint

Date received: 12-26-57

Result of Examination: A.L.F.

Examination by: [illegible]

[illegible]

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1. Post card addressed "Mark Felt Regional Director F.B.I. Continental Bank Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah, bearing the new beg "Certain public officials... ending ...legal way. You know who."

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FBI

Date 12/24/57

Transmit the following in Plain Text
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI - ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

From: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY

Re: UNSUB, W. MARK FELT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Postal card received SU Office today addressed to "Mark Felt, Regional Director, F.B.I., Continental Bank Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah," with following message: "Certain public officials are know how to 'shove the rod' I will shove the rod right back at them when I get back but only in the legal way. You know who"

Card postmarked Toledo, Ohio, 12/21/57. On front of card is picture of Library, Toledo.

[redacted] SU, advises he doubts if content is in violation of Federal law; however, he personally would feel better if he knew the identity of the author. Definite opinion by him not yet rendered.

Two copies designated for Cleveland as request for investigation there will probably be forthcoming.

Laboratory requested to compare handwriting with that of writers of previous extortion letters in effort to determine identity of author. Efforts should also be made to develop latent fingerprints. Forward two photographic copies of card showing handwriting to SU Division to assist in investigation. Original card enclosed.

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1 - Bureau [redacted] NOT RECORDED
2 - Cleveland [redacted]
2 - Salt Lake City
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Approved [signature] Sent [illegible]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Unsub;
W. MARK FELT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

LATENT

No lab file...

Re:

D-[illegible] SV

File #
Lab. #

FBI, Salt Lake City (12-24-57)

Examination requested by: Doc - Fingerprint

Date of reference communication: 12-26-57

Examination requested: Date received: Carey

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Post card addressed "Mark Felt Regional Director F.B.I. Continental Bank Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah," bearing hw mes beg "Certain public officials...." ending "...legal way. You know who."

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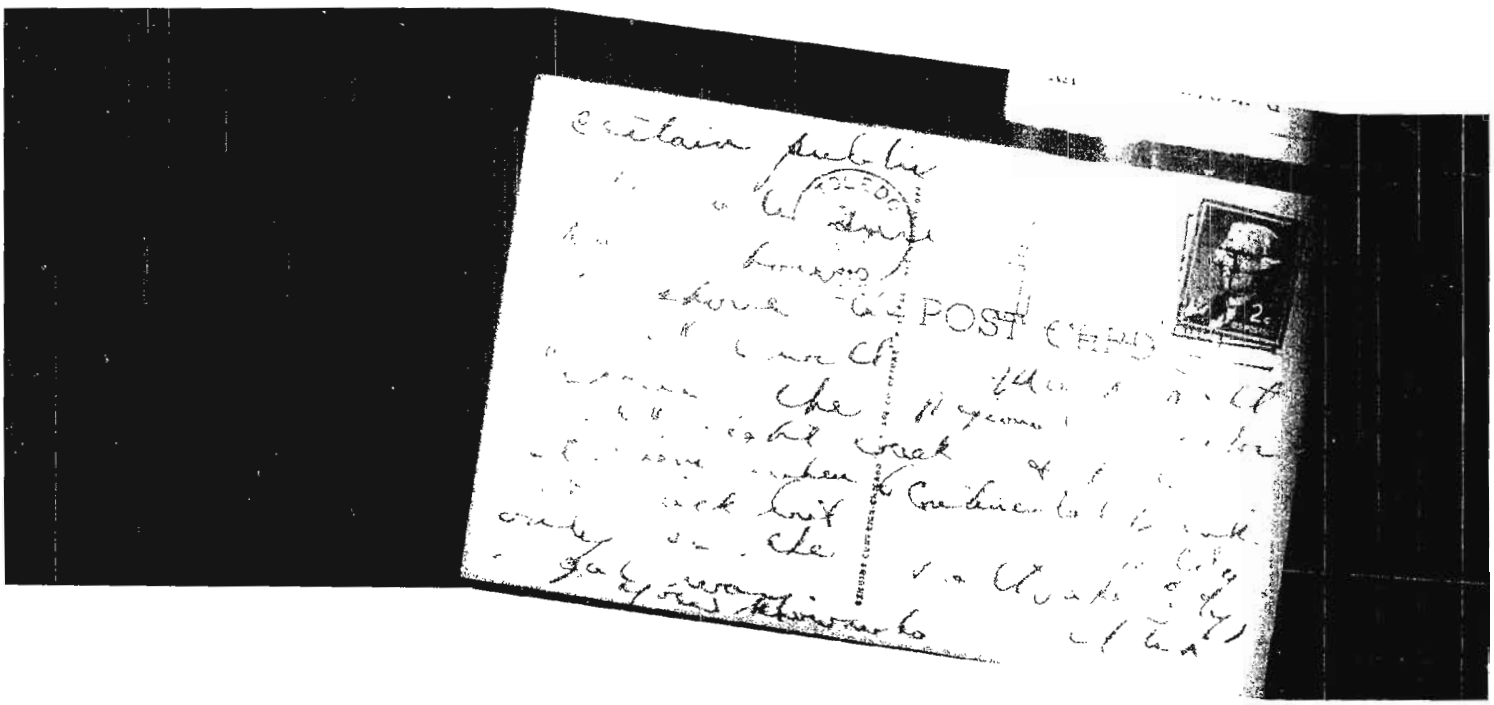

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Washington 25, D. C.

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 9-33617
LATENT CASE NO. 13188

January 10, 1958

TO: SAC, Salt Lake City

RE: UNSUB.;
T. MARK FELT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 12-24-57
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Salt Lake City
SPECIMENS: One postcard (Q1)

Three latent fingerprints of value developed on enclosed postcard, designated in separate laboratory report as Q1.

Enclosure

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

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Re:

Unsub;
W. MARK FELT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

D-868188

Examination requested by: FBI, Salt Lake City (12-24-57)

Examination requested: Doc - Fingerprint

Date received: 12-26-57

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Questions submitted for examination

Q1 Post card addressed "Mark Felt Regional Director F.B.I. Continental Bank Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah," bearing hw mes beg "Certain public officials..." ending "...legal way. You know who."

Q1 submitted for latent fingerprint examination.

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[illegible]
Salt Lake City Division
Under Transfer to Kansas City

On 12/24/[illegible] SAC Felt received an anonymous picture postal card which had been postmarked at Toledo, Ohio 12/21/[illegible]. The postal card was addressed in handwriting to Mark Felt, Regional Director FBI, Continental Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, and bore the following handwritten message:

> Certain public officials sure know how to 'shove the rod.' I will 'shove the rod' right back at them when I get back but only in the legal way.
>
> You Know Who.

An extortion investigation was opened by the Salt Lake City Division and it was ascertained that [redacted] FBI [redacted] a former convict in Utah State Prison, on a 10-year burglary sentence and more recently an inmate of the Utah State Mental Hospital, had written a similar postal card to the [redacted] at the prison and presently [redacted] Catholic church at Midvale, Utah. Comparison of the handwriting on the two postal cards by the Bureau Laboratory resulted in the conclusion that both were [illegible] same person.

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On 6/11/[illegible] [redacted] escaped from the Utah State Hospital and on [illegible] he visited the Detroit field office and presented a long written bill of particulars alleging that his civil rights had been violated while he was in prison. He [illegible] that a hospital attendant had spit on him and other attendants had [illegible] him and that while he was in prison he had heard from other convicts that [illegible] [redacted] had sent him $[illegible],000 in Government bonds which were never [illegible] to him. Records at the Utah State Hospital reflect [illegible] in February, 1962, as a mentally [illegible] prison sentence which expired on 12/[illegible] [illegible] condition [illegible] HC:[illegible]

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a [illegible] of Utah authorities of that state have made no offe[illegible] [illegible] him returned to the state hospital.

The facts of the extortion case involving SAC Felt as victim were presented to an assistant U. S. Attorney at Salt Lake City on 1/3/62. He declined prosecution indicating that in his opinion the postal card did not contain a sufficient threat to constitute a violation of the extortion statute.

Inasmuch as SAC Felt is presently under transfer to the Kansas City Division it is recommended that no further action be taken in this matter.

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FD-263 (8-11-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
[illegible]	SALT LAKE [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TITLE OF CASE

CHANGED
[redacted]
W. MARK FELT - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

Report made by [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis

Postal card postmarked 11/9/57, Cleveland, Ohio, received by [redacted] Midvale, Utah, [redacted] Utah State Prison, bearing message, "I said I'll get you for what you did to me. You know who." SAC W. MARK FELT received postal card postmarked 12/[illegible], at Toledo, Ohio, reading, "Certain public officials sure know how to shove the rod. I'll shove the rod right back at them when I get back, but only in the legal way. You know who." FBI [illegible] concluded handwriting on both cards prepared by [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] is a former inmate of Utah State Prison, [illegible] escaped State Mental Hospital in August 1957. AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution, as it is his opinion sufficient threat not contained in postal cards to bring within extortion statute.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is [illegible] name of the subject as [redacted] [illegible] conclusion that post cards sent [illegible] [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]

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Approved | Special Agent in Charge | Do not write in spaces below

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INTERVIEW REPORT

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[redacted] St. Therese Catholic Church, Midvale, Utah, advised he was [redacted] Utah State Prison. While there he became acquainted with one [redacted] He said [redacted] served a ten-year sentence for burglary, over half of which was spent at the Utah State Mental Hospital. He stated [redacted] prison term was completed in 1955, but that he was thereafter held at the Utah State Mental Hospital. [redacted] said [redacted] escaped from the mental hospital in August 1957.

[redacted] furnished a post card, which he believes was sent by [redacted] and which was postmarked November 9, 1957, at Cleveland, Ohio. This post card bears the message, "I said I'll get you for what you did to me. You know who." [redacted] furnished other documents believed to have been sent to him by the subject, some of which contained threatening language. He stated he believes [redacted] is responsible for sending these messages and [redacted] while [redacted] responsible for certain bonds and money he believes are [redacted] officials of the Utah State Prison. [redacted] stated no such bonds or money are in existence.

[redacted] advised that subsequently on December 29, 1957, he received a long distance phone call from [redacted] at South Bend, Indiana, which was a collect call and which [redacted] refused to accept.

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Interview with [redacted] File # SL 9-684

On 12/31/57 at Salt Lake City, Utah Dictated 2/4/58

By Special Agent [redacted] /cd

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FD-302 (6-3-57)

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INTERVIEW REPORT

W. MARK FELT, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, 701 Continental Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised he had received a postal card addressed Mark Felt, Regional Director, FBI, Continental Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, which post card contains the message, "Certain public officials sure know how to shove the rod. I'll shove the rod right back at them when I get back, but only in the legal way. You know who."

Mr. FELT noted the post card is postmarked Toledo, Ohio, December 21, 1957. Mr. FELT could furnish no information as to the identity of the sender of the post card.

Interview with W. MARK FELT File # SU [illegible]

on 12/26/57 at Salt Lake City, Utah Dictated 12/26/57

Special Agent [redacted] /ed

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On December [illegible], 1957, [illegible] matter [illegible] to the postal card received by [redacted] was [illegible] cussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah. [redacted] stated he would [illegible] any opinion as to prosecution pending a complete investigation of this matter.

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On December 24, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, was contacted by Assistant Special Agent in Charge HEBER M. CLEGG. [redacted] advised at that time that he doubted the message on the post card addressed to ZAC W. MARK FELT is in violation of the federal law and desired to hold prosecutive opinion in abeyance pending identity of the author.

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By communication dated [illegible] 57, the FBI Laboratory advised that the post card addressed to [redacted] dated November [illegible] 57, was prepared by [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] whose known handwriting consists of signatures on the fingerprint cards in his identification record and a twelve-page letter dated October 19, 1957, bearing the known handwriting of [redacted]

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The FBI Laboratory by communication to Salt Lake City dated January 27, 1958, entitled, "UNSUB; W. MARK FELT - VICTIM, EXTORTION," Lab No. D269860 DG, concluded that the post card addressed to W. MARK FELT and designated as Q1 was prepared by [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] who was previously identified as the writer of a post card addressed to [redacted]

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (- [illegible]) DATE / /

FROM : SAC, SALT [illegible] (- [illegible]

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Was.; W. MARK FELT -
VICTIM; [redacted]
[redacted] - VICTIM
EXTORTION
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Enclosed herewith is one copy of the report of SA [redacted] dated 2/4/58, at Salt Lake City.

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It should be noted that Salt Lake City file entitled, [redacted] - VICTIM, EXTORTION, 00:SU," has been consolidated with the file, "UNSUB; W. MARK FELT - VICTIM, EXTORTION," to facilitate investigation of both matters inasmuch as [redacted] has been identified as the writer of both cards.

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REFERENCES

Bureau letter to Salt Lake City dated 1/10/58.

Salt Lake City letter to Bureau dated 12/24/57.

Bureau letter to Salt Lake City dated 1/5/58.

Bureau letter to Salt Lake City dated 12/30/57.

Salt Lake City letter to Bureau dated 12/13/57.

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[illegible] 1958

[illegible] Attorn[illegible] [redacted] [illegible] postal card received [redacted] [illegible] with Assistant [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] stated he would [illegible] prosecution [illegible] as he does not [illegible] the card contained sufficient threat to make it a violation of the extortion statute.

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On February 4, 1958, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Salt Lake City, advised that in his opinion with regard to the postal card sent by the subject to W. MARK FELT there was not a sufficient threat to constitute a violation of the extortion statute and he would, therefore, decline prosecution; however, he felt that the matter should be subject to reopening in the event further information be received indicating the subject has violated the extortion statute.

The following is a description of [redacted] [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] as obtained from Utah State Prison records. A copy of the photograph of [redacted] is contained in the IA section of this file:

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Race
Sex
Age
Date of [illegible]
Place [illegible]
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