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THE LOS ANGELES FIND DIVISION
At Los Angeles, California, this case is receiving constant attention and the daIly activities of SIEGE L and his associates are being followed closely by Special squad at Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Ievada.

Copies of instant report are being furnished to the san franoisoo and Salt Lake City Field offices in view of the investigation presently being conducted at San Francisco and Las Vegas.

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Lite the lobby of tho St, Francis Hotel, at which time SIBGIE advised that they would bo out until about 5:30 P.IH, uni
then left the mover. apparently to attend the CPL Hearing mich was scheduled For 1:00 P.M. at CPA Effiees, 1356 Market Street, San Yraneieon.


The following investigation was conducted by Special fonts $b x$ 5, 1946: on $S_{\text {optember }}$
advised that a number of persons met in SIEGEL's suite, 1133-34, at the St. Francis Hotel at 6:00 P.M. to discuss their building plans. in unknown individual asked for $\$ 25,000.00$ for steel for the building. A. Kr. Yofeenbion was mentioned in their argument. $\square$ was authorized to make the plans for the building. There was considerable discussion between the parties present concerning a comecticn between the two building.
the ocnvereation then went towards who would be tho best witness to put on the band at the CPi Hearing. They wanted to choose tho no who would stand up best under oross examination. An unidentified individual stated that they would have to put someone on who mould show up the expert. One of the persons present suggested they put on and another individual suggested that they put on because "he is a mice colon gary" There was considerable opposition to this from the other partios present inasmuch as it was thought that could bo a "Hell of a fitness". The discussion continued among several persons who were present concerning the hearing.

Motion mosimite of a jotter received July l, 2946 in relation b oc to moneys which thought he should receive.

The discussion went tower spocifioctions for the ensino, the doors, windows, and ventilation.

it approximately 6:50 P.L. one of the indirfeprals loft the suite and it was agreed that he would moet the other parsons at 10:00 MA on September 6, 1946 in 8 IDEEL's suite.
it' 6:50 Poi. was mentioned in conversations and it mas discussed that they hoped the hearing on September fth would be favorable. was also mentioned during the conversation. it 7:10 all members lett to go to tho Fairmont Hotel for dinners it 9;15 P.K. apparently three persons returnee ko the, room
it 9:30 P. Li. Cane into the room and entered a card game which the other throe persons had started. He mention tine he: had had a very bad day and had lost $\$ 200,000.00$ in the stock market in the last three days.

Lt 10:00 P.M
told hor ho was expecting a call to come in and wanted to make since he would get it. During the conversation it was belioved that made the ocment that he should wait for the meeting the next morning to talk with

There was no furthor comment concorning him.
The card game continued and at 3:10 A.M, on September 6, 1946, two of the players in the card frame dropped out and went to an adjoining room. could not give any informalion concerning the conversation they hid. At 4:15 A.M. the card game broke up and one of the players referred to the other as

The following invostigetion was conducted by Special Agents

On Soptanber 6, 1946 furnished the following information:

At 9:30 A.H. a
called and mace arrange-
mints to meet subject and his associates in about one hour. Shortly afterward two men talked about slot machines, one being addressed as) "PenNY" (probably BEN SIEGEL). One said ho wanted to petinaconatellation to Kansas City. Mention was made of the name Shortly after 10:00 $\mathrm{A} . \mathrm{M}$. a number of pooplo came into the room. The mane of ( ph ) mentioned. here was general discussion concerning the contract for building arrangement for power and hot *rater.
said that January th was the date of the planning and that
came into the picture later and was not at tho Jamary th dis-
cushion. said that there wore no bids at that time for equipping the casino, and mention was made of a March date which was of interest to "the other side". said that all of their equipment was to go in the basement and the plan originally was made to show the heating mit under a separate building. Someone then detailed instructions as to what another should state regarding the planning and construction, and again the name of was mentioned. There was mention of an individual arriving ono lay and haring him out the next day, When the individual mono back they wanted him to go to Las Vegas, which he did,

There was then montioned that the property was bought in October. An individual behalf of $\qquad$ It was mentioned that said he went to las Vegas on were to construct the hotel. The dates November 12 and November 28th were mentioned, apparently in connection with the time the property was bought.

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Thereaftor one individual stated that what they manted was eomono to be able to say about the visual palsn having been raduced to dramings. This individual said, "Iou were the agent of in buying the proporty". An individual statod that he and
had discussed originally whero to place the hotol and had made rough draft notes.

In Jonuary an appliention (for a building (i) for slizo,000 was made in the name of the person talking It was mentioned that was to have put in a quarter of a mililion dollars. Somecne then stated that "whon we wantea to file the application for that figure (apparently $\$ 250,000$ ) they didn't want us to file plans". "I have told thom inanted to filo to get a permit. Thoy aid, ilt is a new ruling ard we ocn't get down to Las Vogas to inepeot you'. I soid, 'If I can get a permit, I don't give a $\qquad$ whether you come down and inepect or nct'." The individual talkin mentioned that on Karch 4th he and anothor follow flew to Los Angeles and discussed builicing plans for the back of the hotel. They mentioned having met GfeENBADM. On March oth the indjividual talking and another indivitual again wont to Los Angeles and

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Lit that time a contract was signed. The nane
was menticned and the individan talking did not belrove that was qualified. One of the individuals in the roon mentioned that he did not want to refute another's testimony that the project was ono job rather than consolidated. Another indivilual said "You have to conform with Goverment regulations -- right? And whon you inspectod tho jot you saw it as one job -- right?". The indivitunl to whom the question was audressed answered, "Yes".

An indivilual (apparontly 0 contractor) stated "About soven days after March 26th their como on the job. walked all ofer the jot and he said, finis job is okey, all oxcept one thing -the swiming pool'. talked to contorsation it appeared that fpparontly told them to stop the swimuins pool and also orderad the hotel down the road to stop." The individual speaking statod that fode his mistake when fold that the other construction (apparently the back portion of the hotol) was by another contractor, and he should go talk to
fi彐 not talk ta It was menticned that subject and his assjciatos has agroed not to givc fary more information than necossary.

An individual (possibly of DEL WEBB COMPiNY) statod, "Hore's one thing I don't want fou to ask wo, and that is how the two builaings comect, becauso I don't know". in individual thon stated that they becan pouring concrete on April sth and continued was the only guy that talked to
 had hoard the day before that was in Las Vegas and hoy had his desoription, so everyone knew what he rolled like won he one on the job. pros designated as the only person to talk to him he was going to stop the swimming pool and the building down tho road." The individual continued by saying, wo got a big hick out of it when he said he was going to stop the swimming pool". It was mentioned then that the building had been relocated because of the location of a well. It was mentioned that it was important to show that these changes were made prior to March esth.

An individual mentioned that he was afraid "they" will ask for detailed plans. It was mentioned that the tower on the back was put there $b \lambda$ originally as a penthouse, so somothingwuld be visible from the highway. It was also mentioned that originally wanted 250 rooms in the hotel, but 95 rooms was finally agreed upon.

There followed a discussion as to what would be told if they were questioned as to when the anchor bolts were put in the building. It was agreed that they say they "don't know axnetly, but during the course of construction". They agreed that this question will probably bo asked and then apparently agreot that they will give them the facts .-. that it was around June when the bolts wore put in.

At 12:10 PK all of tho individuals left the room, and sparcntly wont to the $C P_{i}$ Hearing, which was scheduled at 1:00 PM on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent bx on September 6, 1946:
anodised Agent at 6:18 n.... that two unknown , wis not known to the informant, adrossed ing a diagram. This man suggested a view looking down in order that ono would be able to see the hall connections therein and get the picture of the building which was being discussed.

This man stated that "was not in the early stages" and would nt know how to coordinate the whole thing fogrecd with the observations of this man who later stated that a thing which would convince the architect are the utilities. The two discussed governmental regulations pertaining to building.
at this point the informant stated that a member of other men sutured the room and, that a man named.


At this point the informant said that the group entered into a lively discussion as to the hearing before Commissioner and an union man, undoubtedly an attorney, was discussing the possibility of the Commissioner entering the argument of an estoppel. He stated that tho point is that tho government permitted construction on the building in quostion on April 29 and that woks or months later the government had said "No". that work must cease.
remarked to the group that they were not going to complete any buildings if there are going to bo criminal indictments. They then discussed the consequences of willful disoboyanco of a government stay order against construction.

Informant said that BEN/(BENJNMIMSIEGEL) then tola the group "hoy are going to indict us now so what's the difference".

in unknown man then advised that there had been an outside investigation and that he was of the opinion that continuing tho prosent course of conduct, that is, seoking to obtain permission from the governmental authority for the continued construction of the building was the best defense to any subsequent criminal action as it would show an encearor to abide by governmental rulose


BEN then remarked, according to the informant, that the FBI will "approach the Federal Judgo and tell him what to do in tho event the case is brought to Federal Court in Reno". He also added, "IUd like to oo it."

Fiformant said that BEN then discussed a deal that ho had had with GEORGE Pa PT and a third person and told of a race track that had bean rebuilt despite the prohibitions ogninsj much construction.

An unknown minn who was present remarked that he was of the opinion that Commissioner had had brought to his attention certain articles by WALTER HINCEELL and DREW PEAPSON. He then remarked that prior to the time that the FBI went to ser he was favorably disposed to their position and that he was the some after the FBI went to woe him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent $b>$ on September 6, 1946:
a advised that an unknown man at this tine stated that "for sone reuben doenn't want the complots plans for the new hotel brought in boforo the Comissioner". A discussion was then held as to what type af drawings should be submitted to the Commissioner and it was the apparent belief of all present that the Commissioner intended to submit tho question as to whether the building consisted of ono or two separate edifies to a competent orchitoot. It was stated

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent $b>c$
 on September 6, 1946:
it 9:00 PWH. on September 6, 1946, was observed at the San Francisco Airport with agents also observed

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A1 no noted in the waiting rock of the San Francisco Airport on this date was

No noted in the welting rocmon the san rawoisco airport tho CPA Hearing. it was not rec that shortly after who had testified at Appeared at the ilipport he and appeared to mot casually and talk for approximately fifteen minutes. The nature of the conversation between them was unknown to agents bit upon ono occasion was heard to say somothing regarding "two FBI Agent e".

Following their onvorsatior pos observed going to the Western Union Telegraph office at the Airport where ho sifpatdhod a. wire.

manned at the Airport until 10:50 Pome, ot which time they all boarded Western Air Line Flight $\$ 335$ departing for Los Angeles. It is noted that although this flight was scheduled to lave at 9:30, it was late and did not lave until 10:50.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:


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 to stay at the Congress Hotel, Portland, and to contact on
had contacted $\square$ advised that at 6:00 P.M. on September 6, 1946 in Room 8119 of the Palace Hotel and talked about tho CP: Roaring. It was nontioncd that tho Hearing was postpones to get tho opinion of a mon-interostod architoct whose name was to bo withheld until the day of the trial. There was also mention of a general investigntron of "the accounts home and in Los Angeles". Shortly after there mas a call to Room 8119 for $\qquad$ to check with BEN SIEGEL at the St. Francis Hots le Informant advisor that there wore no other pertinent contacts made with
 at the Palace Hotel on September 5 or 6, 1946.

The following investigation was compacted by Special Agent and the writer:

At approximately 9:15 P.M. September 7, 1946 subject and VIKGINL: HI IL were observed standing in the lobby of the San Francisco airport talking to a woman identified as
 Shortly after 9:30 P.M. subject and Miss HILL were accompanied to Nostern Airlines Plano Flight 335 sorruct to board the plane for Los ingolos.

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It was obsorved by tho writer that Miss HILI did not appear with subject or his associates from the evening of hor arrival on september \&, 1946 until she and subject departed from San Francisco on September 7, 670 1946. rather dose to her rome

Advised that she had apparently kept

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It is noted that it was reported by a local columist in the San Francisco Chronicle that "sumo of Detroit's Purple Gang have boon


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On September 9, 1946
1355 Market Stroet, was interviews at his office regarding results of the Hearing regarding the FLinGing HOTEL held on September 5 and 6, 1946. At this time he supoliol navies of witnesses who testified and a brief resume of their testimony during that session of the Hearing, all of which more completely appears in the transcripts of the Hearing. copies of which have been secured and have been forwarded to the Los Angeles Field Division.



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would reach a decision on the ELAMING CASE at the conclusion of the Hearinc to be held on September in, 1946. He felt that the Commissioner might held for subject and his associates, inasmuch as he had allowed into evilhence so much extraneous evidence, such as the large sum of money which respondents had expended since lock, that the issue had been emrusod in the Commissioner's mind. stated that he knew of no particular pressure having been brought at any time in this ouse on CPA officials. At this point, however, he volunteered that Senator Pat McCARLiN of Nevada was in Son Francisco during the time of the first leaning on? wanted to come to the Hearing, but that

> had refused to allow MoCARRAN to do Bot
prated that
he had also noted from a local nowspaper account that Senator MoCARRAN was in San Francisco on September 5 and 6, 1946 to give a speech before a conferonce of Federal, Circuit and District Judges. So far as he knew, however, MoCARRiN had not contacted any CPi officials on this ouse.
By teletype dated Sontcmber 11, 1946 the Los Angeles Field Division advised that had made reservations for six parsons on the Western Airlines leching Los Angeles at 7:00 $\mathrm{f} . \mathrm{M}$. September 12, 1946, for San Francisco.
The following investiration was conducted by Special indents
fri the writer:

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#### Abstract

At 8:55 AM, September 12, 1946 subject arrived at Mills Field, South San Francisco CAlifornia, Via Western Air Liner accompanied br These inciviauays all proceeded to San Francisco by taxi Nub, arriving at the St. Francis Hotel at 9:45 AM. Subject choked into Zoom 401. Shortly thereafter soured a room at the Hotel stewart.


 . $b 2$ b 20information:
At 10:30 fN , the following were, present in subject's room at the St. Francis Hotel Subject,
pointed out to the others that it was the contention of the Government that tho hotel is in reality composed of three separate buildings, the back, front, and center. All present thereupon apparently began to eqrinine the pans of the total and one of the arohitoots, believed to be pointed out that tho foundtigons of the buildings will cobjoin. He indicated that the for of the one building was located th one point; immediately adfacont thereto was loontod an arch from this section of the building to an adioinine sootion, tho wall continuing to an open passage which is roofed. To question as to whether there was any connection from this wall of the building. answered in the affirmative. To this
declared "that makes tho con-mootion--that's important--that hasn't been brought up as jot". At this paint an unidentified individual, possibly subject, stated "toll thou that this building, right hare and right hare (apparently referring to map), are joined". One of the architects, believed to be pointed out that it is "required on ${ }^{\text {sneering" }}$ to have a slip-joint but no physical connection. Ho then pointed out that "we have main ${ }_{n g}$ ned a 15 foot passage through hare. This lattice construction is joined with concrete. This point here where the roof comes down is on or inary enjoerinc factor. Instead of leaving dowels here wo 'll co-join it". He then (apparently discussing a feature of the plans), state? that this is a necessity requiring this as an integral part of the whole structure-even if you did not put up buildings you would have to build a wall. They then discussed the building of a shield wall or wind break making the hotel property an encloses area marking it off from the desort.

Following this the architectural features of several hotels, including the Desert Inn at Palm Springs, and the El Rancho were discussed generally. One of the persons present asked as to whether there was a connection by a foundation and an archway over the dor estab-1 lashing that this was one contimucus structure-sort of an arcade. replied that there were lateral will ounoctions : One of the attorneys,

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believed to be Itated Mone commissioner may abk if this was discussed
with your attorneys find out whether you are telling the truth or pot". Polloning this one of the attorneys put the following question to $\quad$ Unler the aot, although designated as one oontinuous parmaras in effect they could not separate so far as their sertices are concerned. The important thing in the last two hearings are the physioal oharacters which are as follows: The door, arch, footing connections, and roof tiein. This is the important thing". One of the mon then broke in, stating "He 's going to ask why there is one arch here and a different arch here. So far as you are concerned you would have designated it as one building. All this was conoeived before Maroh 26-nni if we had known we hed any rules to evade we would have done so." then statod "I told Just because we knew him we have had all this troublen. was apparently referring to the situation under which they had more than one construotion oompary. It is believed that referred to is from Las Vegas, Nevadal then mantioned "Just because was in Phoontx we brought in then declared, "Both from the standpoint of the coors, the stone on arounc, the roof was going to be one, the paint was going to be one. They were always in contact although the arch was not the same". They then discussed the necessity of having a retaining wall in order to prevent the seil fran washing away and entangering the foundation of the builcing.
then began quoting from the language of the not and pointed out that the amendment of July 2 is very important. He also mentioned that the order does not apply to any work done prior to March 26, 1946 and any work which was being done and carried on during and after that date.

Femarizod that Plot Plnn A dated July 12, 194E, Twas a plan which proviced for 60 rooms. Plon of February 22 provided for 100 rooms which would give an additional 1500 square feet of space than thet shown on the plan of Jamary 12.

At 11:45 a telephone call was places evidently to sois indirilusl reparing the hearing. Je asked this indivanal whother Commissicner warted to see them at 12:45. that date He requestod pe oallej to the phone but evisuntly was tola that was not there as yet and he consequently asked to talk to He tols
that he had just arrifed in San Francisco and he understood that Conmissioner wanted to talk to the architects immediately. He requested that notify him at DOuglas 1000, Extention 401. This mumber is noted as the telephone number fot the Fiotel St. Francis,

Following this call a general conversation took plaoo regarding the stock market. Subjeot SIBGEL was interested in Trans-hmerica atock, renarking that he wanted to see whether he had been right or wrong about this stook. A telephone oall was thereupon plaoed to Bayview 3623 but ovidently no one answered the phone.
that
then told tho group that he had oontacted nnd had a roam at the Stewart Hotel. remariked that he and statod that the Conmissioner (CPA) desired to speak to the architects immediately. upon stated that he and hotel imediately. (Apparontly the niftonms Hftel wiere the hearing was being held.) thareupon left at about 12:15 PM. Shortly after their departure SIEGEL onlled EXbrook-7211 and asked for one of the Custam's men. He askel that indivi lual about closing prices and volume. Following this conversation he remarked to the group that the atock had fallon 42 points.

A conversation mas subsequently heard betwoen $\square$ fand rogarding the statute maintoined that it was a matter of intorprotation rathor than retroactiveness asked him regarding estcppol. stated that an estoppel could be used by him (Commissioner) to make up his minf whethor or not it was one contimuous building. SIEGEL $b>c$ askod the question as to how much the Commissioner recairod for sitting at hecrincs = tol him approximntely $\$ 25000$ por dny. SIEGEL then remarled "Thy don't we pay him $\$ 100,00$ and have hin work for us", but this latter statement was apparently mado in a tone of levity. SIEGEL continucd, statine that seemed to be alrizht an! that he was an "alright guy"; that he couldn't help it if the invostigators didn't Eive him all the information.

At 12:30 P. H., Septonber 12, 1946, all indiviJuals in Room 401 left with the intention of procoe'ing to the mitcomb Hotel whero the CPil Hearing was to be conducted.
ft 12:35 P.M., SIEGEL and the others proceeded to the Hotel lhitcomb via Red anl Whito Cab 177, oni arived at the hotel at 12: 40 P.k. Tho party was met in the lobly by ovede: to the mezzanine floor of tho hotel whero the cris hearin; was due to bo hild at 1:*0 F.K.

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Between 1:00 P.K. and 1:50 Pa ta, the following indivicunls were observes moving about the mezzanine floor while waiting for the CPA

 8:25 P. Il., with occasional breaks of a few minutes, at which time tho forgoing individuals were noted moving about the mezzanine floor, it 8:25 P. If. the moctin: was aljourned ant SIEGEL, left the hotel in one cat, followed by
in another. As these cabs wore lea -ing the hotel emerged and took a third cab to the St. Francis Motel, whore ho prococae to Room 401 alone. SIEGE L and the others proceeded to Mills Field, South San Francisco, where they net for a short tine in the Grill Room. While swains the plano
 was overhear - talking to SIEGEL to the following effoct: The trouble with is ho noter does anything: - when he doesn't write it down ho cant remabor it, and he never writes anything down." SIEGEL carried n large parol, believed to be the plans of the hotel, and both he f apparently in excellent spirits. $\quad$ gat apart from the group and did not take any part in the discussion, it 10:00 P. M. all six dopartol on the Western fir Lines Flight 335 which was due at Los ingeles at minni-ht.


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It is noted that because of the length of the Hearing on September 12, 1946 subject and his associates had dome difficulty in setting an exact time to leave Son Francisco via Western Air Lines -



On Soptonber 13, 1946
1355 Harlot Street, San Francisco, California, was intorviowod by Spacial cont and the writer during which interview was present from time to tina. At this time, furnished the names of the attorneys an? witnesses present at the Hearing on September 12, 1946, which he advised was hold at the Thiteomb II otoh, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco, California, which had been tho practice in tho past when larine Rooms in tho CP. Offices of 1355 Market Street were occupied. Ie also furnished a brio resume of the testimony and fin 'inge at that Hearing; Results of tho intoriow wore furnish? to the Los Angeles Field Division by teletype and, inasmuch as the information more fully appears in transcripts of the Hearing, copies of which have been furnished the Los Angeles Field Division, the details are mot bin; sot out herein. Also advised that at about nan on Soptombor 12, 1946
who had been appointed
for independent oxport advice as to whether or not the FLEMIGO FIOTEL embraced ono or moro builitrgs, had roviewed the plans and photographs which were in evidence at the CO: Offices, 1355 Market Street, with Commissioner


Copies of the transcript of the entire Hearing on tho FLIJIGO INOTEL CASE were secured from phot static copies of pertinent Exhibits introduced during the Roaring wore mate and were forwarded to the Los Angeles Field Division.

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On September 20, 1946
CPa Commissioner in the Flimotion HOTEL CASE: was interviewed by special Agent and the writer:

At this time stated that in his mind there had been three material issues involved in the case:
(1). Whether in the begiming the project embraced solely a Casino or a unit consisting of a Casino, hotel and shops;

He stated that he found that the Project, prior to March 26, 1946, embraced the casino, hotel and shops as a unit. In giving a basis for this fining, ho stated that the most material evidence to his mind was testimony $b x$ that in January 1946 he had made arrangements for utilities, sewage disposal, and telephones for the whole unit, and not just the casino, moon which he was at that time engaged in constructing. further stated that tho various plans, as well as the construction itself, prior to March 26, 19156 , show o. that a casino, hotel and shops wore embraced in the project from the start, or at least price to March $26,19 \AA 6$.
(2). Whether there was ono building or more than ono building in tho project;

He said that he found that there was ono building.
He stated that on this point he hid roquostod the Secretary of the local office of the American Institute of ireaitocts to select a disinterested architect, He stator that the architect selected wa
aquainted
with his problem and
After
Going ever the plans end photographs in evidence, after hearing testimony at previous sessions of instant hearing read, and after hearing six hours testimony on Soptember 12. 1946, Eave his opinion that the project was ono building. tate: that he made his finding on this question on the basis pinion, and could not recall any testismong of witnesses that particularly influenced his decision in this regard. He stated the while Respondents admitted that/CEnstruction on the hotel, part of tho hotel was not started until April, 1946, he foll that the project was one buillin; and that the time of starting construction on one part of that build ling or project was not material.

(5). Whether the building was of the some size and kind $a s$ that under construction on March 26, 1946;

$\square$stated that he himself had infected this question
into the casa and that nothing had been introduced on this point at the time of the first hearing: It subsequently developed that there were two changes, one as to material used ans one as to the size. He stated that at the outset the construction wee to be of lattice steel and was later changed to reinforced concrete. The Commassinner felt, however, that this was a change from a more critical to a loss oritical material, and should not prom judie the Respondents. He stated that in regard to size, the building actually being constructed was determined to be some 7,000 square feet less than that shown on the plot plan of January 12, 1946. He felt the this ohango also resulted in a conservation of materials and thus was not in violation of any CPi order. Fie stated that he had ruled that tho plot plan sated March 22, 1946 introduce: into ouidonco as Exhibit 4 was tho $\bar{n}$ forinitivo document as to size, and construction was in close conformity to this plan". Ilo state the while there was testimony by and other witnesses for tho icsponionts at tho first hearing that the plan of January 12 was the basic plan, ho foll there woes mongering differvace between the two plans which would tnfluonco his docision, tho chief difference, ho felt, being that the larch 22, 1946 plan was smaller in size.

The Commissioner felt that there was no ovidonce of mesrepresentation and stated that mono had been offered by the Gorermont. ire states that Ai: nat testify ans he thought fopresontati .n that only ono building wo being built was neroly a onelusion at the first Mooring, that tunnels continued under tho entire "horseshoe" was also only the conclusion of the witnesses, and their idea of the tunnel, which they hay gained from having talley to the architects, and did not fool that they wore materially misstating the facts. Hie stated that he "tessa" the tunnels out" in making his decision, giving testimony regarding tho tunnels weight oily in connection with other evidence showing a physical Eonnoction botwon the buildings. He felt that the really material witnesses in the case were the architects who testified an? the CPi Investigators. He felt that the Government had not sustained the bur ton ci proof that the buildings wore separate. He thought that the

Respondents had riscomoeivod their ouse and bed brought their plans in piecemeal. thus confusing the issue. He stated that if they had brought all thoir plans in at the first hearing so that he could sos them as he di $u$ upon the conclusion of the haring, that the entire project of the casino, hotel anil shops was conceived and started prior to March 26, 1946, ho would have ruled in favor of the Respondents at the time of the first hearing. He stated that the Respondents apparently thought that they had to show the basic plan of January 12,1946 in order to prove that they were engaged on a projedt embracing the casino, hotel and shops from the beginning, rather than from sometime in March.

It was noted that tho Commissioner was unable to point out the testimony $\infty$ which he had based his findings and it was apparent that ho considered the chief issue as to whether or not there was one or more than one building. It was further apparent that on this point he had dolegato․ the docisikn to $\quad$ he architect whom he had appointed to jive him indopenhont tincal advice. From the interview it was obvinus that ho gave chief wei ht from the testimony of individuals regarded $b x$ by him as being indopencont, mainly the architect appointed by hin, and subject and associates, who was coles to testing finsolit apparently felt that, un cr tho CPL. Tegulations, $\quad$ r roue of practically independent buildings could constitute one building, since ho gave as an example of ono build-

stated that he had not been approached by any ono during the entire flaring ane stated that he had purposely gtyonu. his decision immediately on the conclusion of the last day's testimony rather than to reserve it, since he foll that if anyone were going to approach hip they would do so turin: tho time he had reserved his opinion.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION：
AT SAN FRANCISCO，CALIFORNIA
Will determine the identity and brief personal history of the following individuals：

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Chicago 项eld Division inasmuch as investigation con－ corning several of the individuals mentioned herein is being carried on by that Field Division．

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Tho stated he was desirous of keeping his identity confidential in view of the nature of the information submitted.


Who requested his nome be kept confidential.

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Special Agent of the Salt Lake City Division telephonically advised that they had received a teletype fpc the Los Angeles Office requesting that stops be taken to instal a technical on the rooms of Siegel and Virginia Hill st thXLest Frontier Hotel．
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would entrained as long as it prow era results
assured that it could be installed with coaniete pemirity．This tech would be used in connection with the Crine Survey Program．

I told that I would check on this request and advise him．I also told him not to take any action in this matter until he heard from the Bureau．

RECOMNENDATIOM：I cannot see that the expenditure and time needed to cover this technical is justified．A wire is attached，if you approve，advising Los Angeles that the technical has not been authorized．


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## Recommendation for installation of technical OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

ER: Title BENJAMI "BUGSY" SLEGEL
Character of Case MISCESLANEOUS

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:


1. Name and address of subject:

2. Location of technical operation: Same
3. Cost and manpower involved: No extra personnel needed.

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6. Type of case involved: Crime Survey and Enoketeoring Information BENJAMIN "BDGSY" 8IEGEL, Information Concorning.
7. Connection or status of eubject in the case:

BENJAMIN "BUGSY" $b x$ SIEGEI 's lioutenant in Los Angeles. He handles SIEGEL's affirs in the lattor's absonoe and is of primary fimportance in the capas Casio.
8. Specific information being sought: Information regarding activities of BENJALIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL and information of interest in Crime Survey and Racketeering investigations.
9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: When proviously inetalled this $\quad b$ surveillanoe proved of great value in retting information regarding SIEGEL and his activities. Also, prominent in the local f underworld and of interest in the Crime survey.
10. Importance of case and subject: Case currently being operated as a $k x$ Special and s the closest person to BENJAMIN SIEGEL locally.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): Direot inquiries not being made at present and a teohnioal at this point is of extreme importanoe. These subjeots are alert to physical surveillenoes and a teohnion has proven of great help in furnishing investigative leads.
12. Risks of detection involved: None.
13. Probable length of technical surveillance: Thirty days.
14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency): No.
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15. Remarks: Bureau is requested to teletype authority to fractal this technical. A survey is now being made regarding the possible installation
 fooently mot in partmont. Bureau will reobive anbaequent request for this anjrophone surveillance, but the $b \bar{c}$ teohnioal will be of great help in getting security for the microphone installation.
16. Recommendation of Assistant Director: It is. recommended that authority be granted to re-install the technical This technical had previously been approved by the Attorney ceneral and therefore additional authority is not necessary. It is recommended that the attached teletype be dispatched to the Ios Angeles Field Mrision.
17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:






DATR: November 18, 1946

To advise that Benjamin Siege and Virginia Hill are eatab-
 and that sic Hood strongly recommends reinstallation of a technical purveiple ane.

## BACKGROUND

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED


By memorandum dated November 15th. I advised you that I received a telephone call from Special Agent of the Salt Lake City Division $b x$ requesting a technical on the rooms of siegel and virginia Hill et the In si Frontier Hotel. At that time it mas recommended that the technical not be authorized and, as a result, the Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Divisions were advised by teletype that the technical installation was not authorized.

Subsequent to the above, Special Agent in Charge Hood telephonically requested that the Bureau reconsider authorizing a technical on the residence of "Bugs" Siege and Virginia mill. kr. Hood pointed out that since Siege and $K i l l$ intend to reside at the Last Frontier Hotel permanently, and because of the fact that information has recently been received indicating that Virginia Hill $\quad$ he considered that in all probability information may be developed through the technical which may result in establishing a criminal violation over winch the Bureau has jurisdiction.

Mr. Hood further pointed out that in the event personnel was not available by the Salt Lake City Division that he would recommend personnel from the Los Angeles Division to cover the technical at Las Vegas. Mr. Hood pointed out that this source would furnish a great deal of information in connection with the Crime Survey, bite in the Los Angeles and Salt Lake City Divisions.


The Los Angeles office has advised thin

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Relative to the source of her funds, it should be mentioned that the Los Angeles office previously advised on mmerous occasions that siegel was very curious as to There Hill received her money. It was reported that stegel became very ard when H II refused to relate her source of income.


## RECOMMENDATION

In view of the urgent request of SAC Hood, it is recommended that the technical on Siegel and Virginia Hill be reinstalled. Blanket authority had been previously granted on Siegel by the Attorney General. Previous authority
 will occupy the same quarters at this hotel and therefore an additional request of the Attorney General for the installation of a technical is not necessary.

## ACTION TAKEN

That the attached teletype to the Salt Lake City office authorizing the technical on "Bugs" Siegel and Virginia Hill be dispatched.

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