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BUGSY SIEGEL

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BUREAU FILE

SUBJECT BUGSY SIEGEL

FILE NO. 62-81518

SECTION NO. 12

SERIALS 311

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles (15) California
November 27, 1946

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation of this case every effort is being made to determine whether BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL is committing any violation against the laws of the United States or whether any past violation can now be proved. In this connection, recently developed information indicates that one of the primary activities of SIEGEL and his cohorts is the traffic in narcotics. It is felt that it is desirable to develop more foundation information with regard to this matter; and, accordingly, offices receiving copies of this letter are being requested to develop factual information which will tend to prove or disprove that SIEGEL is and has been interested in the narcotics traffic.

Except where otherwise indicated, the following information was furnished by [REDACTED]

It has been rumored for several years and has been the subject of reporting in various Bureau cases, particularly with reference to VIRGINIA HILL as a National Defense Subject, that she is a very free spender, has limited funds [REDACTED]

This money appears to be used by VIRGINIA HILL, strictly for her own personal needs. She throws expensive parties; buys expensive clothes and jewelry; spends freely at night clubs; tips waiters heavily, and otherwise disposes very freely of this money. [REDACTED]



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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

[REDACTED] b7c b7D

The Chicago Office is requested to develop and report full background information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] an informant close enough

The Chicago Office may have to develop this information. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

For the information of the Chicago Office, VIRGINIA HILL has been in contact with [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] are very well known to the Chicago Office as notorious characters in the Capra Matter. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

VIRGINIA HILL is in constant contact with dope peddlers in the Los Angeles Area. She is known to have associated with [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] VIRGINIA HILL is known to contact Chinese and Filipino places of amusement; however, the purpose of these contacts is definitely undetermined at present. VIRGINIA HILL is likewise in frequent contact with [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] VIRGINIA HILL, under the names of OMA VIRGINIA HILL, OMA VIRGINIA ROGERS, OMA VIRGINIA GRIFFIN and OMA VIRGINIA PALADEZ, traveled to Mexico City [REDACTED]

Director, FBI

November 27, 1946

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

[REDACTED] from March 12, 1944 to April 7, 1944. VIRGINIA HILL stated that this trip was for a vacation. [REDACTED]

Both individuals stayed at the Hotel Reforma, Mexico City. b7c

In regard to narcotic matters it is known that VIRGINIA HILL has visited a den in Chinatown where outsiders were excluded and that "smoking" was going on and "they were flying high". It is also known that frequent reference is made between VIRGINIA HILL and BEN SIEGEL to "candy". It is not definitely known whether the term is used to denote the sugar product or whether it is meant to be narcotics as used by narcotic peddlers. The possibility cannot be overlooked that besides their personal interest in each other that VIRGINIA HILL and SIEGEL have business interests along similar lines, possibly in the narcotic field. It is now becoming better known that SIEGEL is, perhaps the King-Pin narcotic distributor in the West as will be indicated later in this letter. In addition, the possibility of prostitution, particularly on the part of VIRGINIA HILL, should not be overlooked. [REDACTED] b7c b7d

Concerning the marital and the sex activities of VIRGINIA HILL, it is known that HILL was married on three occasions, one of her husbands being deceased, the other believed to be [REDACTED] and the third an Alabama football player. [REDACTED] b7c

Director, FBI

November 27, 1946

Re: **REDACTED**

[REDACTED]

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The San Francisco Field Division is requested to investigate and report any activities **[REDACTED]** which might indicate narcotic activity or prostitution activities. In this connection, it is suggested that mail covers be employed and available informants be used or that a suitable informant be developed who will know the actual operations and designs of this woman.

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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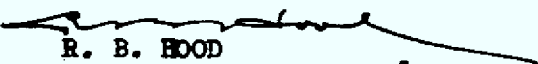
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From these observations and from other information already reported in connection with [REDACTED] it is apparent that SIEGEL and many of his hangers on are involved in the narcotic business and it is desired to develop, if possible, concrete evidence which would be admissible in the event of a trial of SIEGEL.

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[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD
SAC

[REDACTED]
62-2837

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. **DECEMBER 11, 1946**

Transmit the following message to: **SAC's LOS ANGELES CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY** **URGENT**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. ROSEN

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DATE: December 12, 1946

FROM :

DATE 11-4-45 BY SP-7 [redacted]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, CRIME SURVEY

PURPOSE

To set forth information concerning the murder of Harry Meyers, with alias Harry Mackley, and Frank Keller at Los Angeles in 1933, in which current information has implicated Siegel.

FACTS

[redacted] has indicated that Siegel was implicated in the murder of Meyers and his bodyguard, Frank Keller, at the Bella Napoli Restaurant in Los Angeles on August 28, 1933. Siegel was alleged by the informant to have been assisted in the commission of these murders by [redacted], an underworld gunman who is now acting as a strongarm man for Siegel, and [redacted] an underworld character who is now deceased.

A review of the Bureau's files fails to reflect any detailed reference to the murder of Meyers and Keller. It is observed that this killing took place prior to the enactment of the Unlawful Flight Statute. Apparently the Bureau had no investigative jurisdiction over these gangland slayings.

A reference to these murders, however, is contained in the case entitled [redacted] was. et al, Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Murder" (Bureau file 95-521). This investigative file pertains to another gangland slaying in Los Angeles involving the murder of George L. Bruneman and an innocent bystander at Los Angeles on October 25, 1937. Information was received by the Los Angeles Division at that time indicating that Bruneman had acted as fingerman for the killing of Meyers and Keller, who are described as Chicago gangsters. It was indicated that Meyers and Keller were wanted for the murder of Morry Moll, not otherwise identified, and that Bruneman fingered them [redacted] underworld friends of Morry Moll. The reliability of this information received by the Los Angeles Division in 1938 is unknown. It is noted, however, that it varies materially from the present allegations involving Siegel as being a participant in this murder.

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Mr. A. ROSEN

ACTION

These data are supplied for your information. The Salt Lake City Division has previously been instructed to make available the facts concerning the involvement of Siegel in these murders to the interested local authorities where such information would not embarrass or disclose the identity of the Bureau's informant.

DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INCOMING TELEGRAM

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Rec'd November 30, 1946
6 a.m.

FROM: Mexico City

TO: Secretary of State

NO: November 29, 6 p.m.

FOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION AND PATROL, BUREAU
OF CUSTOMS TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Reference letter 14. Expenditure \$500 investigation immediately started locate laboratory Lagos. Should take about ten days because organization cars already identified however plant not in continuous operation. Preliminary investigation clearly shows laboratory part of large organization being set up by International List 352 established Hotel Morelos Guadalajara. Galeano International List 124 show of Bugsy Segal in large narcotics operation this establishes importance new organization. Number well-known traffickers in constant contact

Extreme haste necessary because police contacts replaced in 30 days by elements apparently favorable to traffickers. Request by airmail all possible photographs, reports and data on persons named and their contacts. Suggest if any one agent well acquainted with operations Segal he be despatched Mexico together with all possible data West Coast Investigations, Customs, Narcotics and Alternate proposal I be authorized proceed Los Angeles by plane assemble all data now available. Am handling case personally because so requested by police contacts.

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Authority: Asst. Comm.

(Enf.)

Date: Jan 30 1989

US representative

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[REDACTED] November 29, 6 p.m., from Mexico City
US representative, in charge.

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JAMES EARL RAY, JR. IN CHARGE. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. December 26, 1946

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CHICAGO, ILL., NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, NINETEEN SEVENTEEN PARENTS
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: December 17, 1946

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, et al
CRIME SURVEY

Call 9:30 PM

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

SAC H. M. Kimball, San Francisco, advised that [REDACTED]

Virginia Hill, present mistress of "Bugs" Siegel, left Las Vegas by plane enroute to San Francisco today. He advised that the purpose of [REDACTED] visit to San Francisco is not known but it possibly might be connected with his association with Virginia Hill in view of the fact that there is considerable activity among Siegel and his associates at the present time in anticipation of the opening of the Hotel Flamingo, December 26. b7c b7D

Investigation has disclosed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and authority was requested to maintain a microphone surveillance similar to that which had previously been used in this case during the Civilian Production Administration hearing in connection with the construction of the Hotel Flamingo. Mr. Kimball assured that the microphone surveillance could be installed and maintained with complete security. b7c b7D

ACTION TAKEN

In view of the Director's instructions that every effort be made to ascertain Virginia Hill's [REDACTED] authority was granted for this installation. b7c b7D

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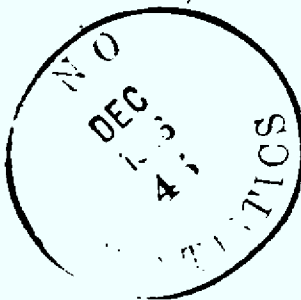
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REPORT MADE AT Albany, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-16-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-30-46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE BENJAMIN SIEGEL, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



[REDACTED]

No further information available **[REDACTED]** in the Albany Field Division.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated **9-26-46**, at New York City. b7c

Details:

[REDACTED]

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All of the above establishments are houses which are usually rented during the racing season, which is the month of August, in Saratoga Springs, to outside visitors. Frequently, the visitors are present in these homes for approximately one or two weeks and very little information concerning their identities is available.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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THE CHICAGO AND SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISIONS

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Chicago and Salt Lake City Field Divisions in view of the close connection between this investigation and the CAPGA investigation.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 26, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LOS ANGELES
URGENT
MAY 26 1947

URGENT 12/26/46
LAST RECEIVING WEEKLY SUMMARIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU ON FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK.
BUREAU TODAY INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE AND REASON FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

NK FILE NO. **62-1103**

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was

**MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING ; CRIME SURVEY**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



[REDACTED]

Information developed regarding background and activities likewise set out.

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REFERENCE:

Letters from Los Angeles dated September 17 and October 2, 1946.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
September 20, 1946 at Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Newark, New Jersey.

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Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated October 2, 1946 in which was requested the identification of [REDACTED]

For your information, [REDACTED] referred to in the transcript of SIEGEL's telephone conversation which was appended to the Los Angeles letter is undoubtedly a reference to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, was mentioned frequently in the PURDRESS file, and it is to be noted also that he is the subject of Newark file 89-2 and was investigated in connection with the murder of JOHN G. FINIELLO, a United States Prohibition agent, who was shot and killed in the RISING SUN BREWERY on September 19, 1930. b7
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

In September, 1930 the RISING SUN was raided by prohibition agents, one of the latter being JOHN G. FINIELLO. When the prohibition agents put in an appearance at the brewery for raid purposes, the operators were surprised to see FINIELLO participating in the raid and said operators promptly disarmed the agents, and following this one of [REDACTED] gang stepped forward and shot FINIELLO. b

A man hunt was initiated for [REDACTED] all of whom were reported to be participants in the murder. While this fugitive investigation was being pursued, AUGUST GOEBEL, the main witness for the State in the murder, was found shot and killed by unknown gangsters. A short time after GOEBEL's death, [REDACTED] surrendered himself and subsequently was acquitted in both the State and Federal courts for

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This murder was also for the prohibition violation.

It is worthy of note that of all the individuals involved in the murder, [REDACTED] is the only one who is not either serving a sentence or deceased. [REDACTED] are both serving life sentences in Minnesota, while [REDACTED] was found shot to death in his automobile near Irvington, New Jersey, in 1941. b7c b7d

With the repeal of prohibition, the RISING SUN BREWERY went out of existence. [REDACTED] b7c b7d

In the file in the Newark Field Division concerned with the murder of JOHN G. EDENFIELD [REDACTED] b7c b7d

This file reveals also that another individual involved in the murder, [REDACTED] was shot and killed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in December, 1931, in a gang war in that community.

Of particular interest to the Los Angeles Field Division will be the fact that in the files of the Alcohol Tax Unit in Newark in connection with the above murder case, it was disclosed that NICK DELMORE, using his influence with Chief of Police FRANK BRENNAN of Elizabeth, obtained revolver permits for the following individuals: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, the subject of Los Angeles' inquiry in this matter; HARRY GOLDBERG, with alias "DUTCH" GOLDBERG; LOUIS SHORBERG and JACK NEWMAN. The reason furnished for the issuing of the above gun permits was for the protection of the RISING SUN BREWERY payroll, which it will be noted, was in illegal operation during prohibition. At the time these gun permits were furnished, NEWMAN and GOLDBERG had lengthy criminal records and SIEGEL was notorious in the East and is prominently mentioned in the FORDRESS investigation. ATF

The file makes note of the fact that the three who obtained the gun permits were associates of LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER. ATF

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Chicago Field Division for its information in connection with the investigation of the CAPGA case.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] requested that under no circumstances should his identity be disclosed as having furnished the above information.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
December 6, 1946

RECEIVED 12-11-46
SIEGEL, with aliases
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Dear Sir:

This office is requesting of the Bureau permission to place
a sixty-day mail cover on [REDACTED] b7c

In regard to cover on [REDACTED] this
request is for renewal of the sixty-day previous coverage. 2 DEFERRED RECORDING

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Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
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URGENT 12/11/46
RE: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Reference is made to your letter of December 6, 1946 requesting
authority to place daily day mail covers on [REDACTED]

This authority is granted.

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DECEMBER 28, 1946

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BY PRESENCE AT GAMBLERS OF LOCAL GAMBLING
OR KNOWN BAD REPUTATION. AMONG THEM WERE

SIEGEL INDICATED BY ACTIONS AND WORDS HE DOES NOT CARE FOR PRESENCE OF PATRONAGE AND CANNOT AFFORD TO LIVE OR SPEND LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. DAILY EXPENSE OF DRIVING ALONE INDICATED BY LAS VEGAS CAMPAIGN SIGNIFICANTLY MORE EXPENSIVE TO LIVE IN.

THESE WEAPONS WERE OBTAINED FROM ARSENAL, CON-
SISTING OF ONE RIFLE, ONE MACHINE GUN AND ONE .38 CALIBER
REVOLVER FOR THE PROTECTION. SIX PRIVATE POLICE
OFFICERS

REPORTEDLY, IN ORDER TO FLAMINGO CLOTH. THESE OFFICERS
REPORTEDLY WEAR REGULATION UNIFORMS OF CLARK
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...IN SERVICE ... THAT ...
... HAVE EXCLUSIVE ... PACE AND ...
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... ADVISED TWENTYFIFTH

INSTANT THAT ... TELEPHONED ... MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
STATING THAT ... WAS ... AND WAS TAKING CARE

OF VIRGINIA HILL'S HOUSE ... SIEGEL TOLD

... FROM JANUARY TWENTY

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Reference is made to the last paragraph of your letter of December 19th, captioned as above, suggesting that the Bureau consider permitting your Division to approach [redacted] and Jack Rogers with the idea of possibly suggesting to them that the Bureau may be of some assistance to them in staying in the country provided they are willing to cooperate with this Bureau.

The Bureau respects your suggestion as such however. Certainly, your Division will not be permitted to cooperate with these latter individuals in the manner suggested by you. While the procedure suggested, it would be necessary for the Bureau to attempt to interfere with the legal administration proceedings of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Naturally, such action will not be taken nor condoned by the Bureau regarding the activities of [redacted] or any other governmental agency. Your plan is one which is certain to lead to considerable embarrassment to the Bureau if put into effect, especially when it is realized that the individuals involved are completely disreputable characters.

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WAS AFTER Miss Hopper reported Durocher again with a group of Raft in a household much frequented by gangsters, Rickey and Durocher met the baseball writers in one of these formal press conferences in Brooklyn to announce that Durocher had signed his 1947 contract. The impression was given that Rickey had directed no questions at Durocher.

This version is incorrect, for the fact is that Rickey directed Raft into the Columbus meeting and that Durocher, by a spokesman prior to the actual negotiations as to his salary and other terms, promised to keep out of questionable company.

Rickey said Durocher was entirely honest in baseball matters and would not knowingly give information to gangsters on which they might arrange betting coups, but "dumb as hell" when it comes to figuring the consequences of an association.

"He has lined up with an 100 per cent," Mr. Rickey said, meaning that Durocher had promised to avoid the appearance of evil.

As an old baseball man, Mr. Rickey knows many angles, known also to the criminal underworld, by which a manager who is "dumb as hell" that way could give underworld companions a strong betting advantage through advance information without any guilty intent.

ENOUGH RICKEY SAYS Raft has been banned from the "dugout" or team dressing-rooms and team-buses since the date not known, of course, that Raft is actually under suspension elsewhere due to baseball. At one of the Boston games of the late World Series he accompanied Larry MacPhail, the business manager of the New York Yankees, and Joe DiMaggio.

The publicity of the press recently extended Raft in generous measure has elicited amusing discussion concerning his cherished friend and bodyguard known as Killer Gray, whose actual name is Billy Greenberg.

The office of bodyguard to a tough guy is an interesting institution in itself, the more so inasmuch as the police records contain no data on any homicides by Killer Gray nor even an arrest for so venial an offense as wife-beating. In this case, it is still more so because authorities who claim to know Killer Gray, personally, assert that in his case the name "Killer," far from its formidable suggestion, actually is a corruption of a Jewish word "kilah," meaning "rupture" or "hernia."

My authority on such matters, George Sokolsky, tells me that in the city Jewish humor "kilah" means something even more which, in a family newspaper, must be approached only with great delicacy.

"You might say," Mr. Sokolsky said, "that it is a term never selected by a man as a boast but invariably applied by others and and without complimentary intent, it means that a man has had a very sad misfortune. A very amusing derivation of the name 'Killer' for the bodyguard of a Hollywood tough guy. I am laughing to myself."

MISS HOPPER was correctly informed in her report of the renewed association of Durocher with Raft. Then Durocher is fellowshipping in the off-season with a man whom his employer, patron, spiritual guardian and boss has decided to exclude in season for the good of the game. However, that need not imply serious consequences just yet. There is plenty of time.

There is, of course, apprehension of interesting consequences from a direct and flagrant line of association between professional baseball, one of the cleanest of professional sports, and the underworld and its gambling syndicates, for the first time since the late World Series of 1919.

The death of Judge Landis and the accession to his job of Happy Chandler, of Kentucky, late Governor and United States Senator, have wrought a new spirit of comradeship between elements which formerly were as distant as virtue and sin.

Chandler is a machine politician from a political environment in Louisville that includes the professional underworld types that Horatio LaGuardia used to call tin-horns and punks.

For years Landis kept at the clubowners to hound known professionals out of the parks. Players and managers simply were not allowed to associate with them. But MacPhail was the leading sponsor of Chandler for the job of commissioner and a person who was present in the office of the Stevens Catering Co., which sells the hot dogs, peanuts and programs, reports that MacPhail walked out of that office on a cold World Series day last Fall with Raft and his dog.

There has been a change of atmosphere in baseball since then. Your page knows.

MEMORANDUM, FBI

November 22, 1946

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In connection with the investigation of [REDACTED] the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 21, 1946 at Atlanta was not made for this office. b7c

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: December 26, 1946

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

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PURPOSE

BACKGROUND

Subsequently the Boston Division contacted the Smith and Wesson Company at Springfield, Massachusetts, and was informed that the numbers 4391 were not sufficient to make a positive identification. Officials of the Smith and Wesson Company also advised that there were approximately nine guns bearing this serial number; however, each gun was identified by a preceding letter which showed the type of revolver. The Smith and Wesson officials furnished the names of the individuals who had purchased the nine guns in question, and this information was passed on to the Salt Lake City Division.

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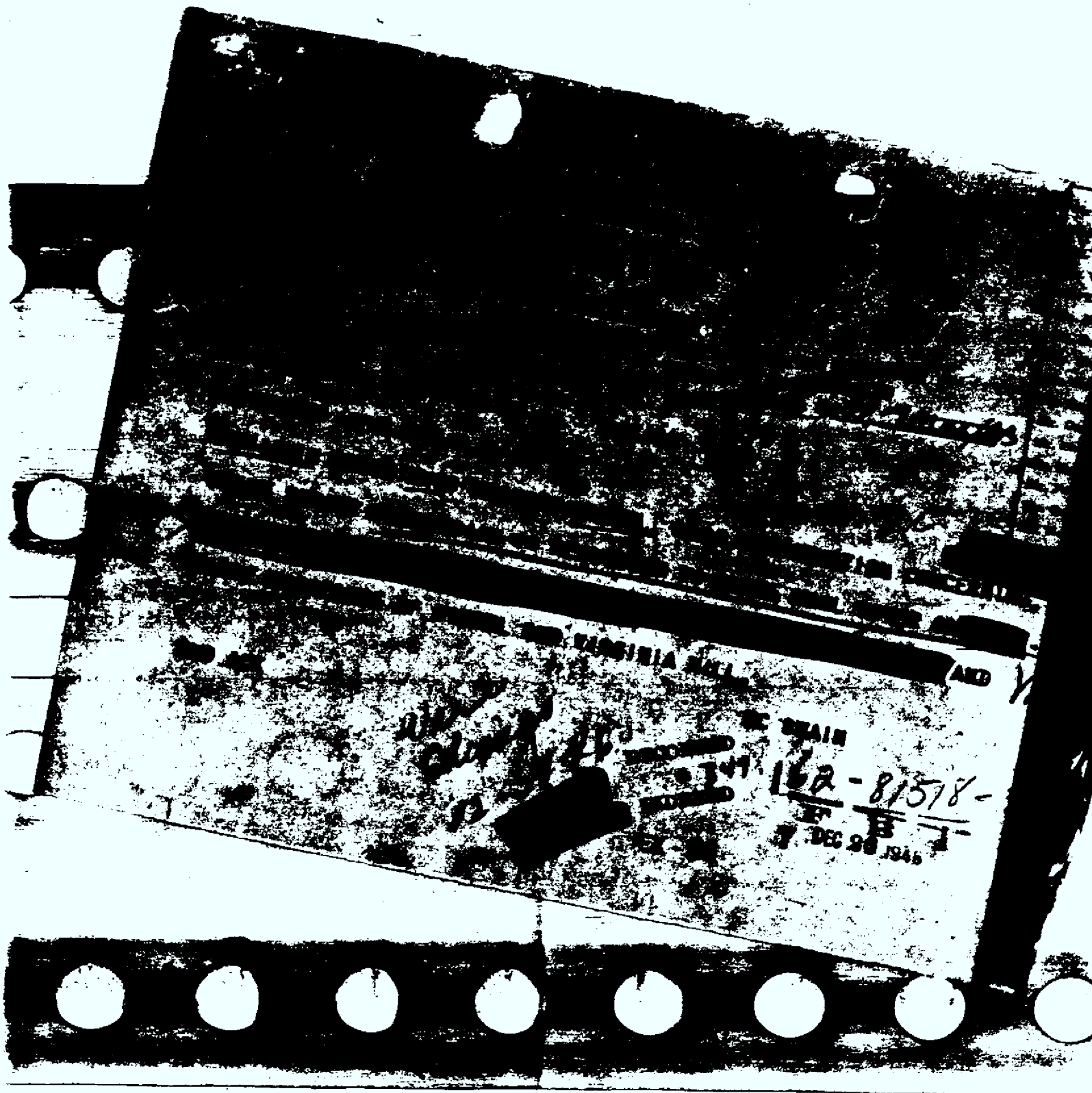
Memo for Mr. E. A. Tamm

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REGISTRATION OF GUNS IN NEVADA

The Salt Lake City Office has advised that Clark County, Nevada, which covers Las Vegas, has an ordinance which requires the registration with the sheriff's office of all firearms, shotguns, and rifles in the possession of anyone in the county. Registration of such guns has to be completed by January 1, 1947. [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] b7D

The above is for your information and when the results [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] are received, you will be further advised. b7D



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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
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Mr. Nease
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PURPOSE

To advise that the Salt Lake City Office has requested authority to re-install the technical surveillance covering the "boiler room" above the Las Vegas Club at Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition, the Salt Lake City Division requests authority to place a technical on the office of the Trans-American News Service which is soon to be put in operation in Las Vegas by Siegel and his associates.

BACKGROUND

As a result of recent information received by the Los Angeles Field Division concerning "Bugs" Siegel, a strong recommendation was made by Special Agent in Charge Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division to place a technical on the residence of "Bugs" Siegel and Virginia Hill at the Last Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, where Siegel and Hill intend to reside permanently. As a result authority was granted to install this technical; it was installed on November 30, 1946.

The Salt Lake City Field Division points out at this time that in order to adequately cover the extent of Siegel's activities it would be desirable to re-install the technical surveillance at the "boiler room" above the Las Vegas Club. Previously authority had been granted to place a technical surveillance at this club on July 8, 1946, and installation was subsequently made and discontinued on October 17, 1946. In addition, the Salt Lake City Division has advised that the Trans-American News Service is going to be put in operation within the very near future in Las Vegas by Siegel and his associates. This service will be established in the two rear rooms on the second floor of the Golden Nugget Club, located at Second and Fremont Streets, Las Vegas, Nevada. The Salt Lake City Division points out that in the event this technical is authorized

which plant covers the technical on the rooms of Siegel at the Last Frontier Hotel. It is pointed out by the Salt Lake City Division that based on Siegel's past activities, the technicals on the above will assure ample coverage for all of Siegel's activities.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Salt Lake City Field Division be authorized to re-install the technical at the "boiler room" at the Las Vegas Club and to authorize the installation of a technical at the office of the Trans-American News Service which is to be put into operation by Siegel and his associates. Inasmuch as previous authority had been granted by the Attorney General to cover any hotels, residences or places of business used by Siegel it will not be necessary to make a request of the Attorney General for the above.

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Memorandum for Mr. E. A. Tamm

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

That the attached teletype be dispatched to the Salt Lake City Field Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 6, 1946

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL was
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY

You will observe from the attached letter from Los Angeles that a number of inquiries are being made concerning "Bugs" Siegel's activities which generally are pointed in the direction of determining whether he is actually interested in the narcotics traffic. We are not investigating a narcotics violation as such, but I think we are justified in going far enough in this situation to determine once and for all where Siegel's money comes from, how Virginia Hill obtains the fabulous amounts which she spends,

the real activities of all of the other satellites who revolve around Siegel.

I think that as long as we don't tie up any unreasonable amount of manpower in this situation, one or two men in each of four or five offices at the most can get a pretty accurate picture of this situation in a month and that we are justified in continuing this investigation until we definitely know what keeps Siegel going and what his connections are. If we don't spend the time and effort on this inquiry now, it is only a question of time until we will have to do it because of the allegations which are constantly being received about Siegel, Hill and the others. In the light of our recent rather complicated study of their activities, I think we have sufficient timely background information to enable us to conduct this investigation at this time with much less effort and manpower than it would take at some future date.

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Attached

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United States Department of Justice**

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Director, FBI

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**BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION
CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated November 19, 1946 from the Los Angeles Field Division to the Bureau, a copy of which was furnished Salt Lake City, wherein a request was made that the Bureau grant authority to the Salt Lake City Office to install a T-1 surveillance on the quarters occupied by SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HALL at the Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. As a result of this request, Bureau authority was granted and by teletype dated December 1, 1946 I advised the Bureau of the installation of this surveillance.

As the Bureau has previously been advised, there are four telephone lines from the "boiler room" above the Las Vegas Club at Las Vegas, Nevada and SIEGEL, in the past, has used these telephones to place and receive most of his long distance telephone calls. The room known as the "boiler room" is a rear office over the Las Vegas Club used as a private office by SIEGEL and his associates. It was previously found to be expedient to maintain telephone surveillances on these four lines and Bureau authority is requested at this time to place telephone surveillances on these four lines the same as were previously in operation. These lines are known as LD 1, 2, 3, and 4, and all four lines are billed as Las Vegas local telephone number 7070.

The "boiler room" over the Las Vegas Club is referred to as the Las Vegas Turf Club and is located on the second floor of the Las Vegas Club at 23 Fremont Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. If Bureau authority is granted, these technical surveillances will be identified as follows:

LD-1

LD-2

LD-3

LD-4

The Bureau's attention is further called to reference letter from Los Angeles wherein the Los Angeles Office recommended that the Bureau give consideration to a technical surveillance on [redacted]

The reasons for this surveillance were set forth in the Los Angeles letter.



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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISC., INFO. CON. -
CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED] If
Bureau authority for this technical surveillance is furnished, it will
be installed at [REDACTED] b7
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Referring further to reference letter from Los Angeles to the
Bureau, it will be noted that the Los Angeles Office requested authority
for this office to place a technical on the office of the Trans-America
News Service which is soon to be put into operation in Las Vegas by SIEGEL
and his associates. This Service will be established in the two rear rooms
on the second floor of the Golden Nugget club located at the corner of
Second and Fremont Streets, Las Vegas. The telephone number to be installed
there will be Las Vegas 4040. The Bureau is hereby requested to give con- b7
sideration for the installation of a technical surveillance at this place
also. [REDACTED]

It is believed that the technicals requested above will cover
those telephones where SIEGEL and his important associates will make or
receive all of their long distance telephone calls. This is based on a
study of their habits in the past. It is also believed that unless a
technical is kept on all of the above lines that there will not be ample
coverage to insure that we are getting all of the available information
which we are seeking in connection with SIEGEL'S activities.

The Bureau is requested to advise me as soon as possible by
teletype whether authority for the installation of the above technicals
is granted.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Los Angeles

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Mr. Rosen

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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 VEGAS CLUB, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, COVERING 10 LINES ONE, TWO, THREE AND FOUR,
 TELEPHONE LAS VEGAS SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT. ADVISORY ALSO GRANTED FOR
 TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE ON OFFICE OF THE TRANS-AMERICAN NEWS SERVICE AT THE
 LAS VEGAS CLUB, LAS VEGAS, FOUR EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT WHEN TRANS-AMERICAN
 NEWS SERVICE PUT INTO OPERATION. ADVISE TIME AND NAME OF INSTALLATION AND
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SAC, SALT LAKE CITY

Transmit the following message to SAC, SALT LAKE CITY
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CRIME SURVEY. REWEL DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FURNISHING YOUR OFFICE
REPEL OF CONTACT WITH SKIN AND WERSON COMPANY, SPANISHFIELD, MICHIGAN
CONCERNING SKIN AND WERSON COMPANY REWEL DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FURNISHING YOUR OFFICE
ADVISE IMMEDIATELY INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS ON LEADS SET
OUT IN MSG. IT IS REQUESTED THAT TRACING OF INSTANT CASE BE FURNISHED THE
BUREAU NO LATER THAN DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE NEXT.

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cc - Los Angeles (by mail)

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TELETYPE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
December 12, 1946

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUNNY" SIEGEL; "Bun"

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-10/AB
ON 4-85

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

[redacted] Los Angeles; on December 11, 1946, reported that JACK DRAGNA talked to an unidentified man about various matters such as his recent arrest by the local police and his suit against the police charging false arrest. JACK then said that he was taking two ladies out "this evening. One is the wife of the U. S. Assistant Attorney General from New York. The FBI made the reservations for them."

In view of the statement contact was made with various of our contacts in the larger hotels to determine whether the wife of any Assistant U. S. Attorney or Attorney General was staying at one of the hotels

In order to determine whether DRAGNA was merely boasting or actually was going to meet these ladies, I had agents be in the lobby on the evening of December 11, 1946, and it was observed that JACK DRAGNA and an unidentified, swarthy complexioned, probably Italian, individual were together with a tall, dark woman. She had with her another woman, identified as her daughter

The blonde woman appeared to be about 27 years old. The party of four were observed to come out together and were observed to leave and walk toward the street. They were overheard to say they were going to get a taxi. No surveillance was conducted on them.

On December 12, 1946 at 12:32 p.m. [redacted] reported that JACK DRAGNA contacted [redacted] and said that he just realized he had



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Director, FBI

December 12, 1946

RE: SIEGEL CASE

an appointment [redacted] at noon. [redacted] verified this, whereupon DRAGNA apologized and said that he had been out all night and had just awakened. b7c

For the information of the New York Office reference can be made to the SIEGEL CASE file and to CAPGA for complete details on JACK DRAGNA, however, it may be sufficient to say that DRAGNA is reputed to be head of the MAFIA in this area, is in charge of the Trans-America News Service which is working in this area on the Continental News Service in supplying race track information to book-makers, is an Italian alien with a criminal record and a close acquaintance of BUGSY SIEGEL and generally regarded as one of the most prominent local hoodlums. TOMACIO DRAGNA, alias JACK DRAGNA, is an uncouth individual, 56 years of age, 5' 5", dark, swarthy and speaks with a heavy accent and generally did not appear to be a suitable companion [redacted]. There is no indication in this office how she has been in touch with JACK DRAGNA or what interest she or her husband might have in an underworld character of this type. [redacted] has had no contact with this office. b7c

I felt that the Bureau and the New York office should have the benefit of this information in view of the possibility that [redacted] and may have access to information from our reports. b7c

In this same connection there have been other indications that DRAGNA is acquainted with Federal officials. For example, on November 13, 1946, [redacted] reported that DRAGNA in talking to an unidentified man said that a fellow [redacted] (phonetic), with the Commerce Commission and his wife were in Los Angeles and the man wanted JACK to have LOUIE DRAGNA show this couple around the city. The man said that [redacted] is one of the boys back here who got out of line for a while but is a.k. now. We have been unable to identify this [redacted] and do not yet know whether he is a member of the U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission or the State of California Commerce Commission. b2 b7c b7D

[redacted] advised on December 10, 1946, that he had recently ascertained from [redacted] a known associate of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL and [redacted] that "they", meaning members of the Chicago syndicate headed by AL CAPONE and others, "have ways of getting to TOM CLARK".

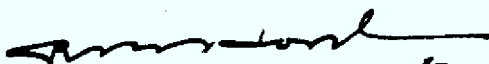
Director, FBI

December 12, 1946

Re: SIEGEL CASE; b7c

[REDACTED] did not press [REDACTED] for further details as to how this could be accomplished. [REDACTED] is a Chicago hoodlum who has been written up in Crime Survey reports from the Los Angeles Field Division. b2 b7c b7D

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD
SAC

cc - New York

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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cc-Mr. Egan

b7c

December 26, 1946

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SAC, New York

RE: **WILHELM "BOSS" SIEGEL**
WISCONSIN -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

62-81518-333

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated December 12, 1946, at Los Angeles in the captioned matter, a copy of which was furnished to your office, setting forth information received from a confidential source that Jack Dragan entertained [redacted] on the night of December 11, 1946.

It is desired that the information relating to Jack Dragan and [redacted] as set out in reference letter, be furnished orally by you to U. S. Attorney John F. I. McGowan of the Southern District of New York. You should advise Mr. McGowan that this information is for his confidential information and was received from a reliable source. Of course, you should advise him that the Bureau is not investigating [redacted]. It is requested that you personally handle this matter immediately and advise the Bureau of the results of your conference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[REDACTED] BUREAU PLANS
[REDACTED] LEAVE [REDACTED] DEPART FOR NEW YORK CITY AND RETURN TO THE POST OFFICE OF
[REDACTED] LANSKY, COOPERATED WITH LOUISIANA STATE POLICE IN ARRESTING.
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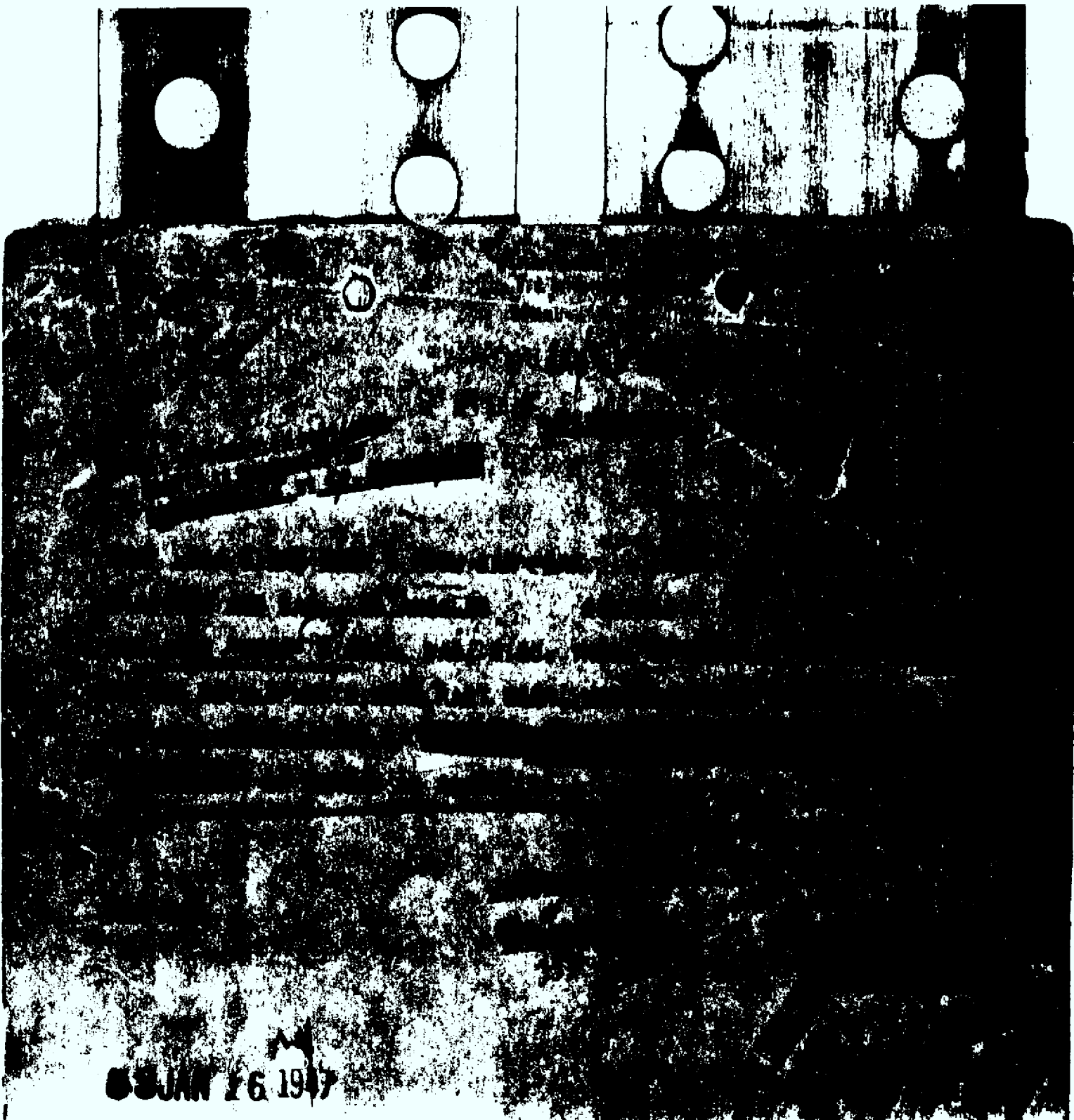
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Schmidt intends to do nothing further in this matter...
Mr. Tamm was advised of this...
Schmidt should do nothing further.



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RETURNING FROM LAS VEGAS YESTERDAY.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
 MAY 1, 1968
 TO DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM SAC, MEMPHIS (157-100)
 RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
 CIVIL RIGHTS; RACIAL MATTERS;
 ASSASSINATION; MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE;
 MAY 4, 1968.

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IN INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE OF THE THREE LINES.

SINCE IT APPEARS THAT AND VIRGINIA WILL BE
OUT OF LAS VEGAS FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME TO JAN. SIX UNLESS
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Mr. Rosen

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. **URGENT**JANUARY 7, 1947 *b7c*

Transmit the following message to: SAC'S LOS ANGELES

**URGENT. RE: HARRIS, W.A., MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, WIRE
CUTTING. RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE JANUARY THREE LAST AND LOS ANGELES TEL
OF JANUARY FOUR. INVESTIGATION INSTANT CASE SHOULD BE CONFINED TO VIOLATIONS
WITHIN THE INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU. IT IS NOT DEEMED
THAT VIOLATIONS SUCH AS OBSTRUCTION AND ARE BE INVESTIGATED BY YOUR DIVISION.**

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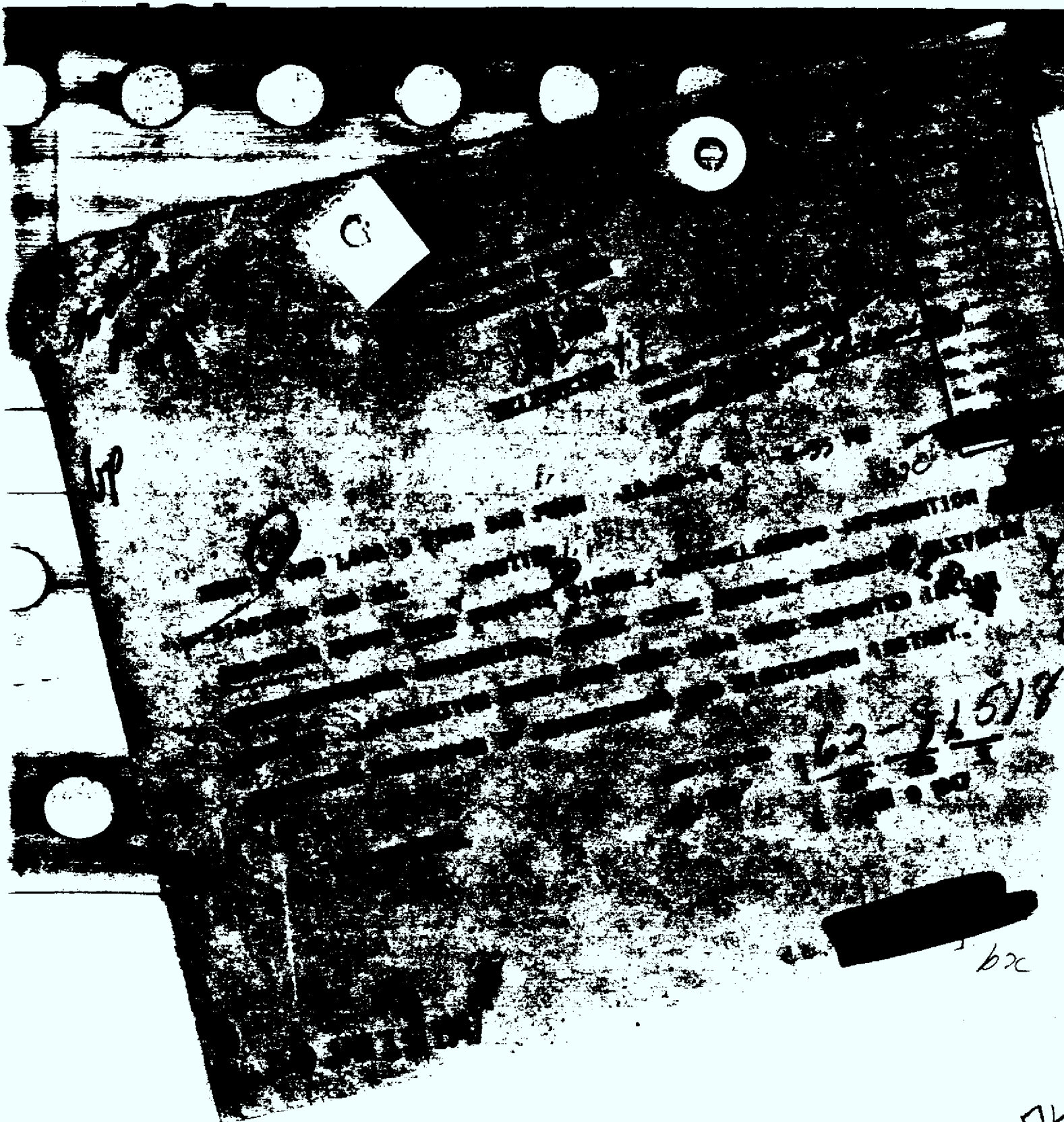
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WASH FROM SAN FRAN S1
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9:07 PM

BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING. CRIME SURVEY. RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TODAY AND MY
CONVERSATION WITH SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] THIS PM.

[REDACTED] MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE, INSTALLED SEVEN FIFTEEN PM TH
DATE. [REDACTED] MAXIMUM SECURITY
AFFORDED. [REDACTED]
KIMBALL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MANY LOCAL BOOZERS AND SEVERAL MOVIE
CELEBRITIES ARE PLANNING TO GO TO LAS VEGAS FOR OPENING OF
FLA. HOTEL IN DEC. IDENTICAL SENT.

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[REDACTED] SA FRANCISCO WILL BE ADVISED. b7c b7d

[REDACTED] PLANS BEING PRESSED BY SIEGEL FOR
FORMAL OPENING OF FLORINCO HOTEL CASINO DECEMBER TWENTYSIXTH AND DECEMBER
TWENTYSEVENTH. [REDACTED] CONTACT OF

SIEGEL WILL BE IN LAS VEGAS FOR CASINO OPENING. [REDACTED] ALSO
ADVISED SIXTEENTH INSTANT THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY SIEGEL AS DIRECTOR OF PLANT PROTECTION AT

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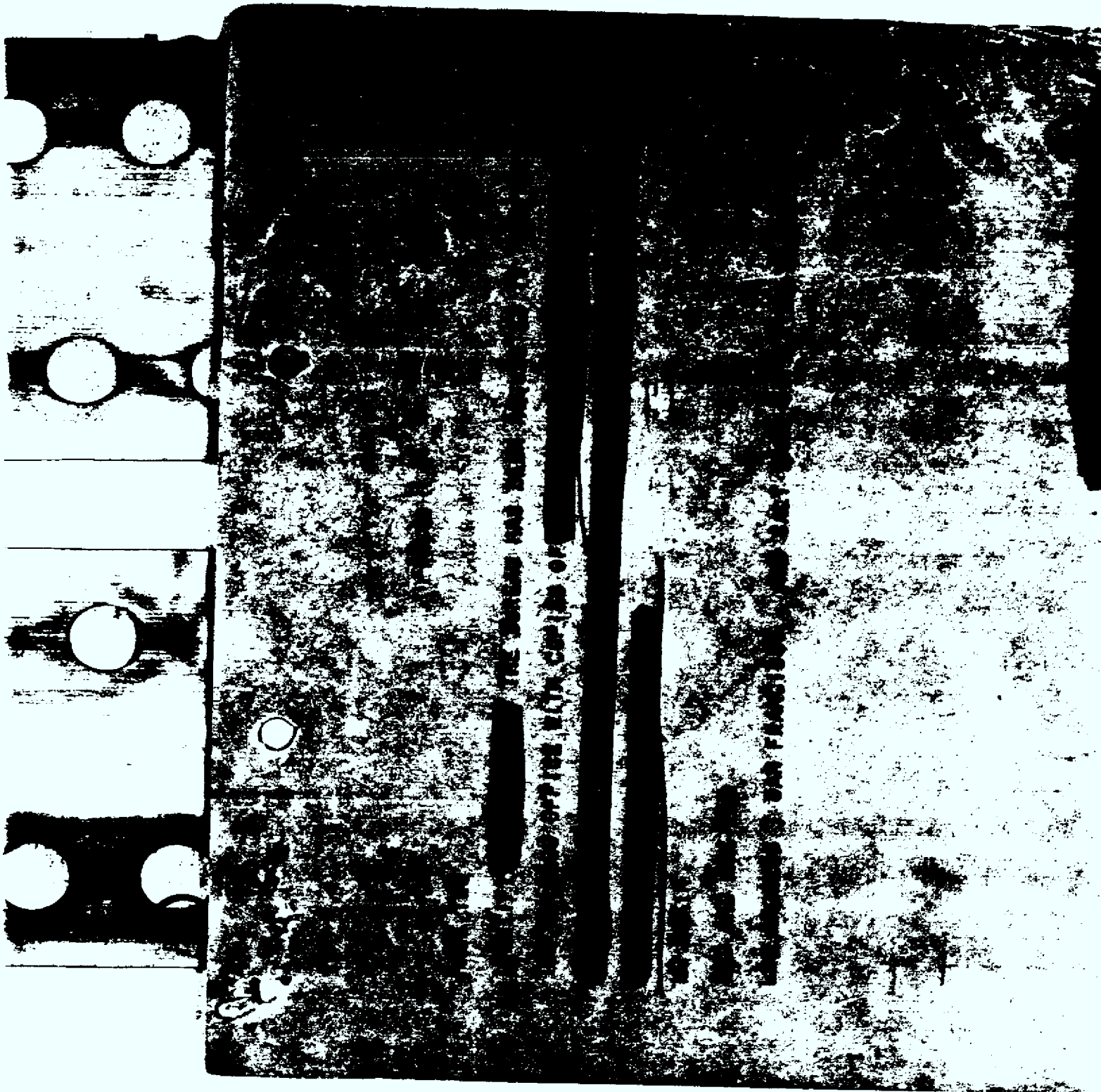
[REDACTED]

IT IS NOTED THAT WHEN STEEDS MISTRESS,

VIRGINIA WELLS, WAS IN SAN FRANCISCO SHE WAS IN CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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MIAMI BEACH INVESTIGATION ON DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST REQUESTING
CHECK OF MIAMI BEACH TAX ROLLS AND DEED RECORDS TO LOCATE PURCHASE
OF HOUSE BY VIRGINIA HILL. [REDACTED] DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST
LAST THAT HILL STATED THE PURCHASED RESIDENCE ON SUNSET ISLAND NEAR
MIAMI BEACH [REDACTED] HILL STATED HOUSE IS EXCLUSIVE
AND RESTRICTED EVEN AS TO JEWS. HILL STATED [REDACTED] ADJOINING
RESIDENCE. MIAMI VERIFY PURCHASE OF RESIDENCE BY HILL. ATTEMPT TO
ASCERTAIN PURCHASE PRICE AND IDENTITY OF PRESENT OCCUPANTS. MIAMI ALSO
ADVISE IF GAMBLING ACTIVITIES STOPPED IN DADE AND BROWARD COUNTIES.

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ACK IN ORDER

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[REDACTED] IT IS NOTED
THAT THE FEDERAL NARCOTICS BUREAU ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST
ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF TWO CHINAMEN, ONE IN SAN FRANCISCO AND
ONE IN VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, IN A MAJOR OPIUM SMUGGLING DEAL, OPERATING
FROM MEXICO APPARENTLY THROUGH EL PASO. PRESS RELEASES DID NOT HAVE
VERY SPECIFIC INFORMATION BUT STATED THAT AMOUNT OF OPIUM RECOVERED
IN BAY AREA WAS VALUED AT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. b7c
POSSIBILITY EXISTS [REDACTED] MAY BE ENGAGED IN NARCOTIC
TRAFFIC WITH THE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF VIRGINIA HILL. INTENSIVE
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

KIMBALL

SALT LAKE BEING ADVISED

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DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEY. TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE INSTALLED, LD LINES 1, 2,
3 AND 4, LAS VEGAS TURF CLUB, TELEPHONE 7070, LOCATED SECOND
FLOOR LAS VEGAS CLUB, TWENTY THREE EAST FREMONT STREET, LAS
VEGAS. TWO PM PACIFIC TIME TODAY. SYMBOL NUMBER TO BE USED
ARE [redacted] FOR LD NUMBER ONE [redacted] FOR LD NUMBER TWO [redacted] FOR
LD NUMBER THREE [redacted] FOR LD NUMBER 4. [redacted]

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BEING MADE FOR SUCH INSTALLATION.

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PLANNED TO LEAVE YOUR CITY LEAVE
TODAY.

ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING
TO OBTAIN SEVERAL [REDACTED] KEEPING WITH PLUS
SERVE BEST FOOD POSSIBLE [REDACTED] MADE
[REDACTED] THROUGH [REDACTED] AT UNKNOWN ITALIAN
[REDACTED] OF ITALIANS.

ABOVE PERSONS AND [REDACTED] POSSIBLY ITALIANS,
MAY HAVE ARRIVED NEW YORK [REDACTED] INSTANT AND
ARE REQUESTED TO [REDACTED] AT NY AND

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may be members of union officials. Information of developments
for week ending twenty indicates activity directed toward
work toward in planned work. Construction of building for twenty
instant. Construction of building for twenty. Twenty and Virginia
left Las Vegas for Los Angeles. Twenty and twenty on eighteenth
instant, intended return for twenty. Twenty and twenty
second instant, signs indicate twenty to twenty to conclude
negotiations for services of twenty. Twenty for opening

move
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RECEIVED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
CONTROL [REDACTED]

FURTHER INFORMATION [REDACTED] IS BEING FORWARDED TO ALL OF
LETTER INVESTIGATION [REDACTED]

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