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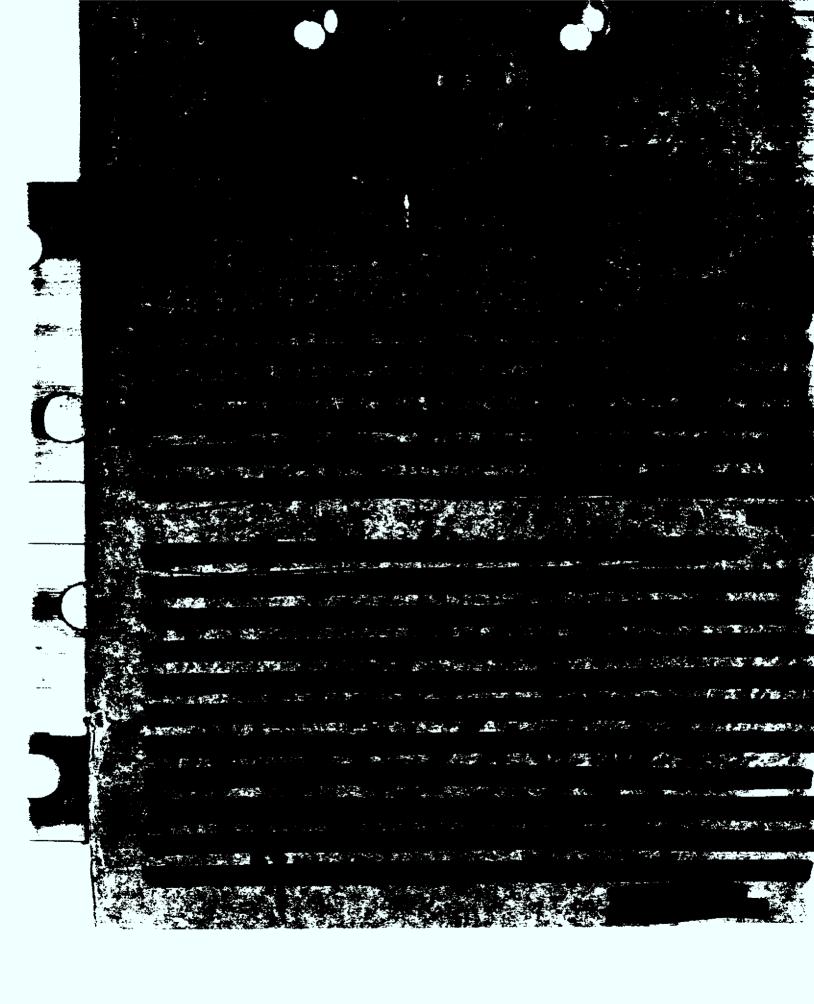
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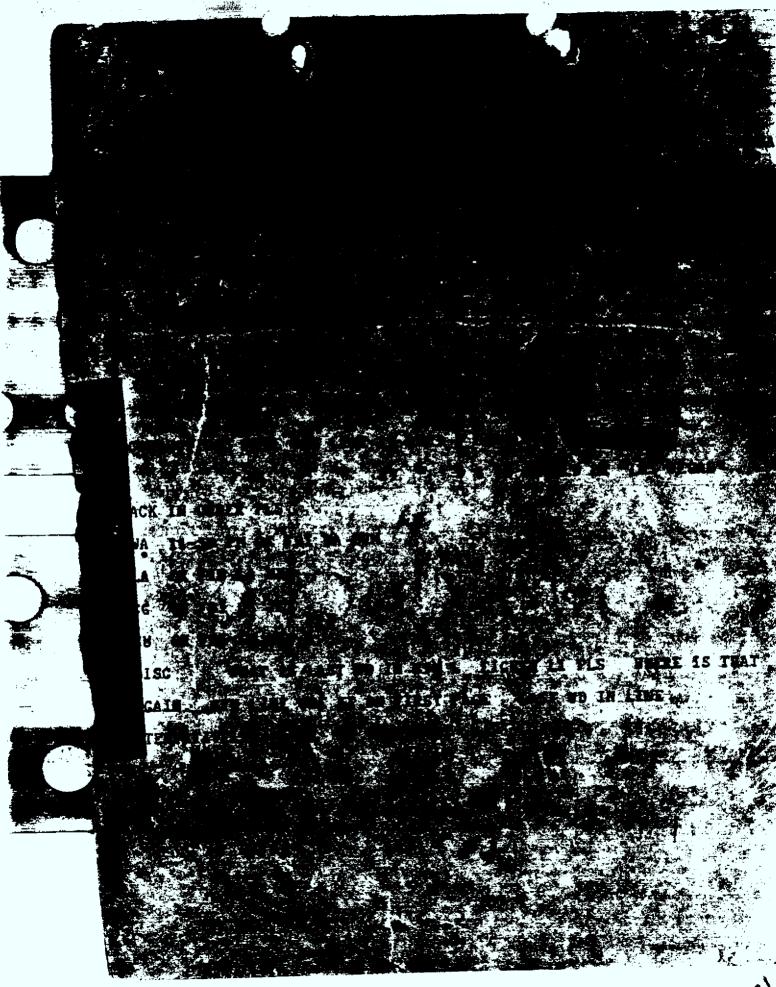


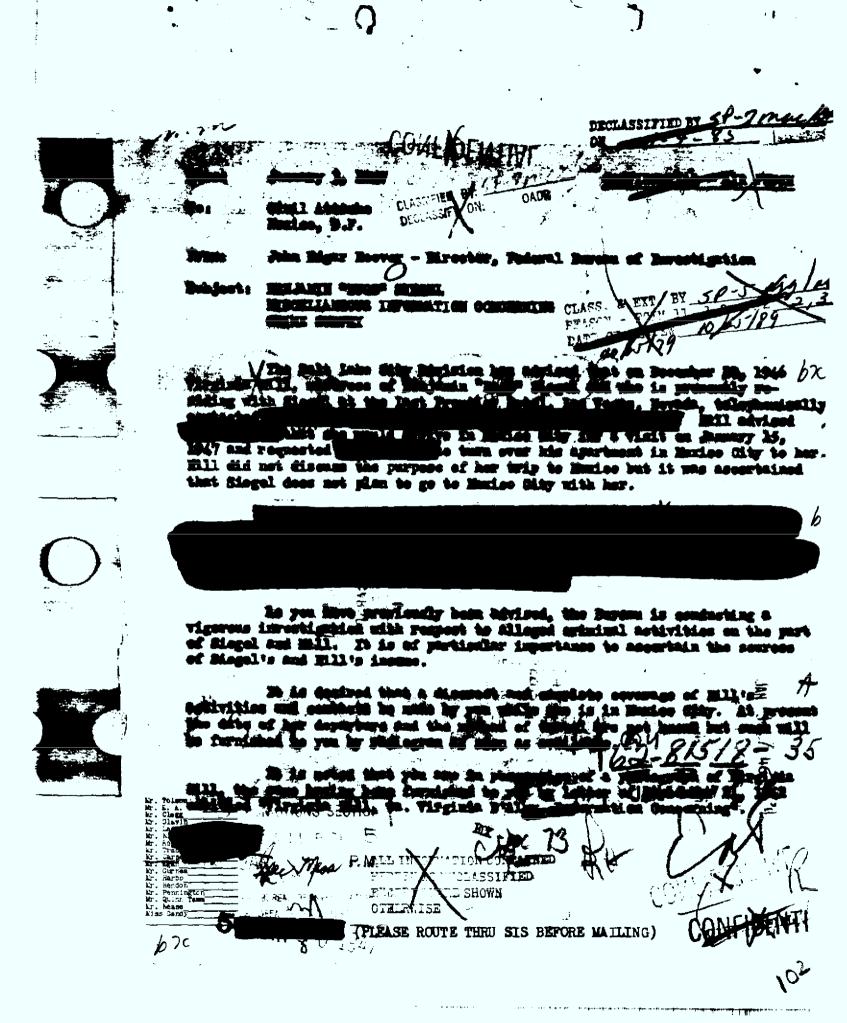


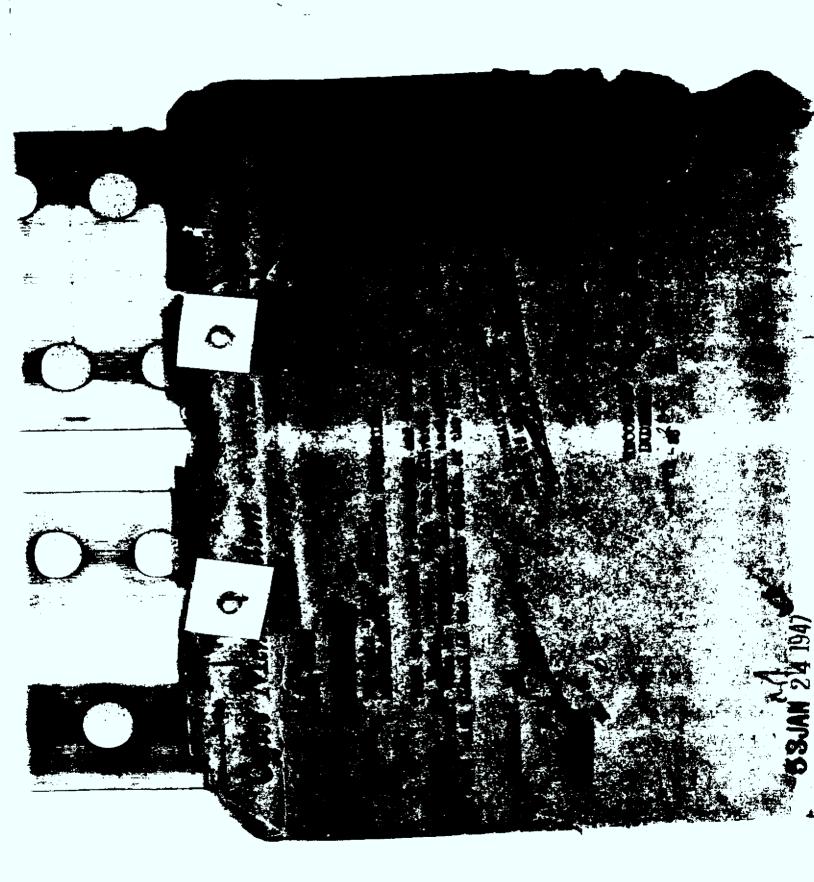
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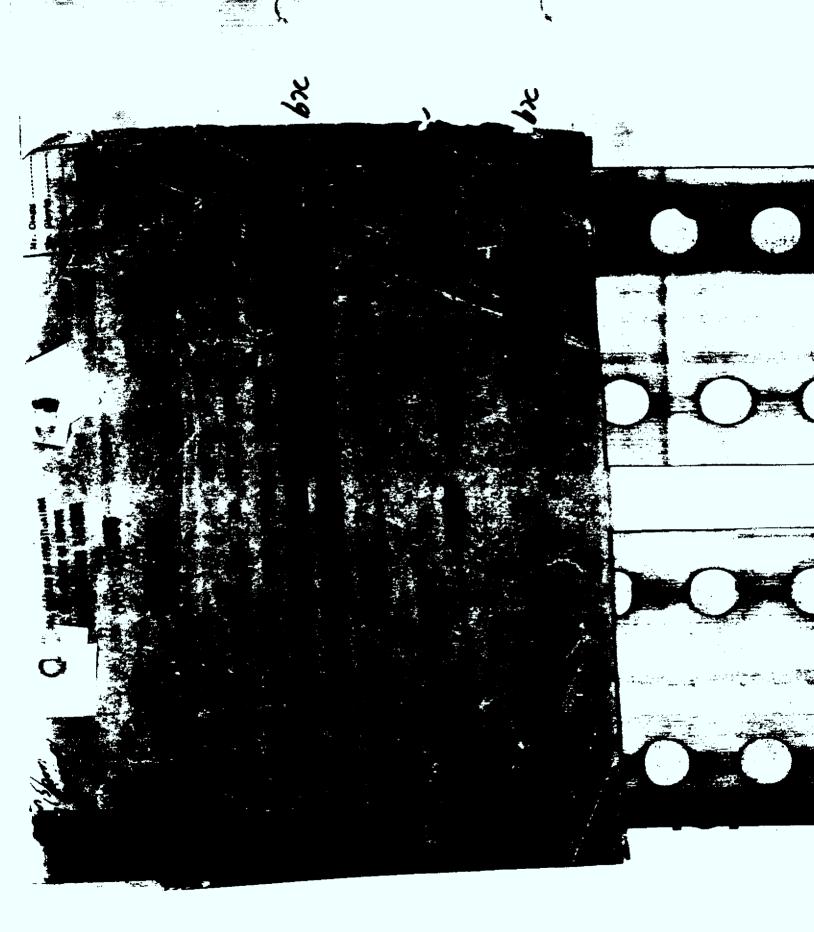








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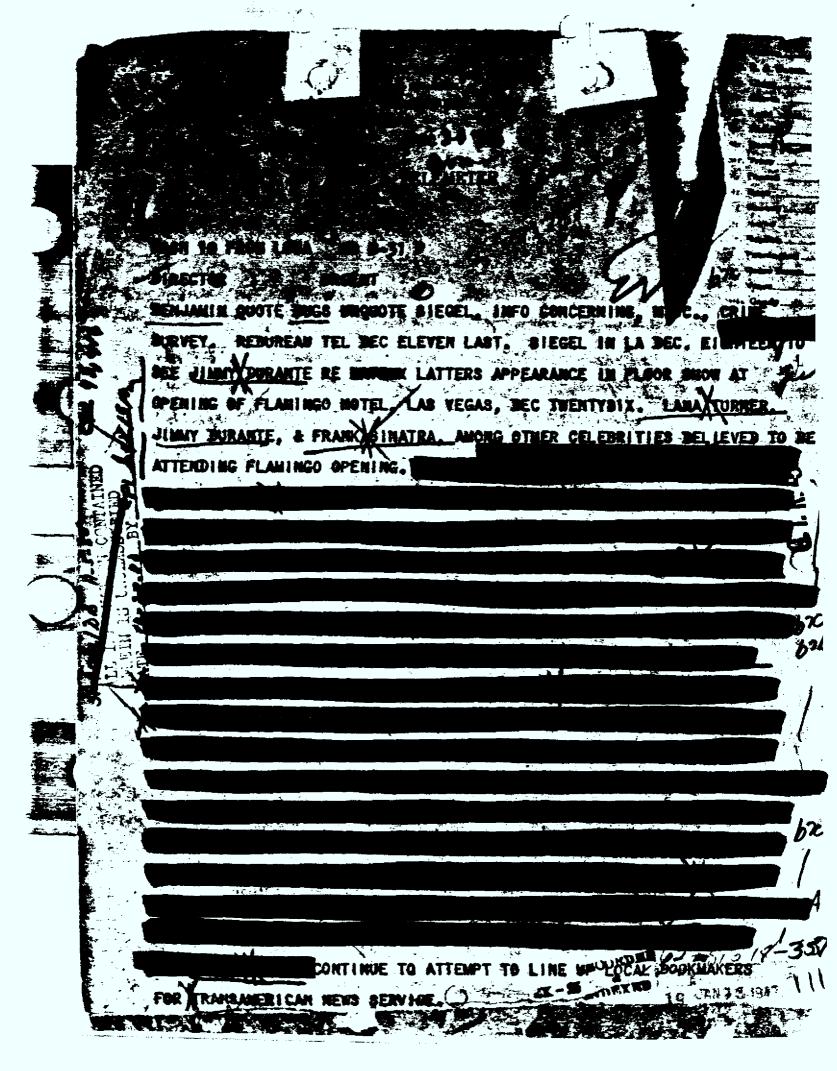


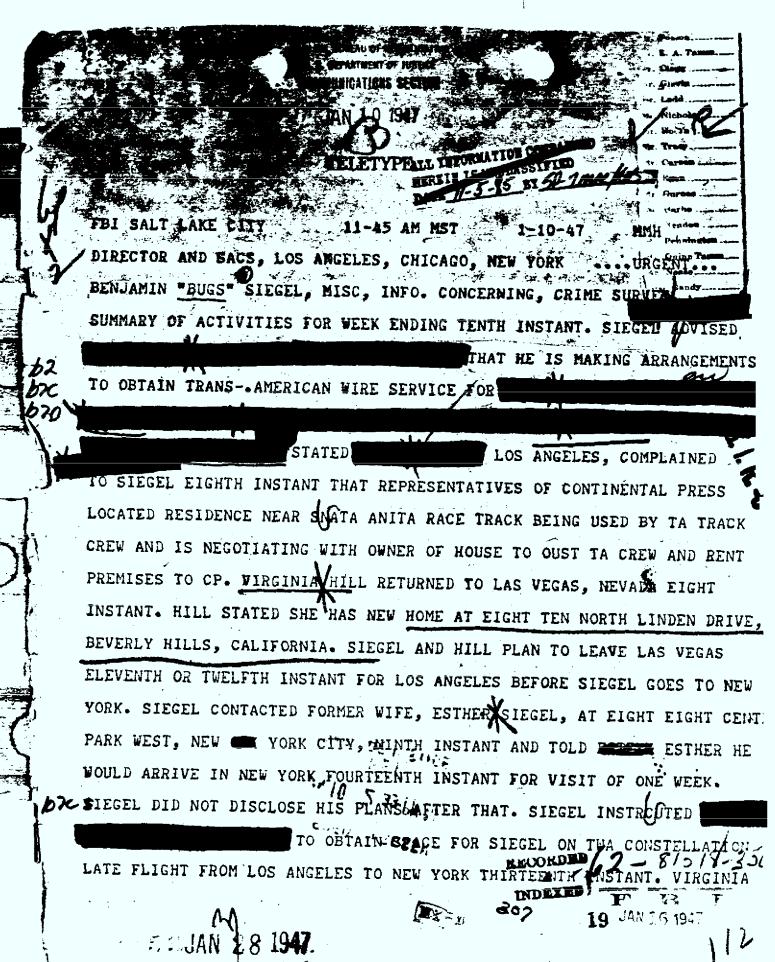
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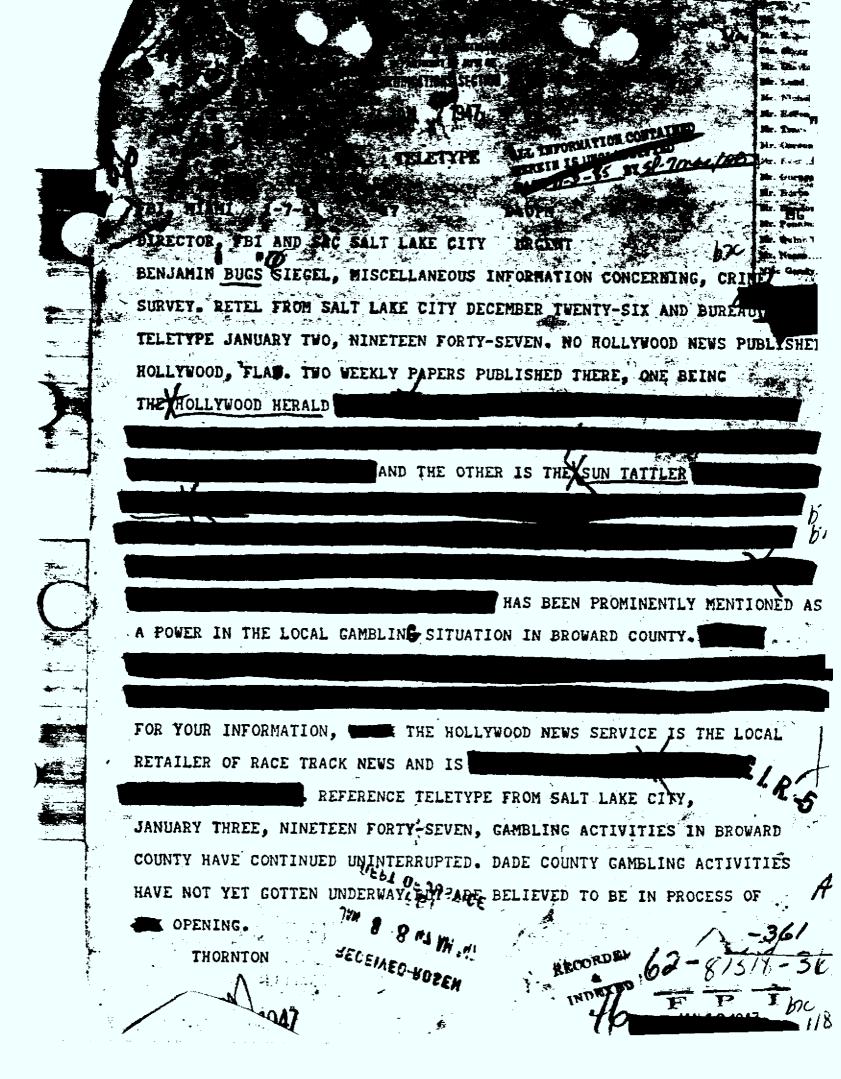
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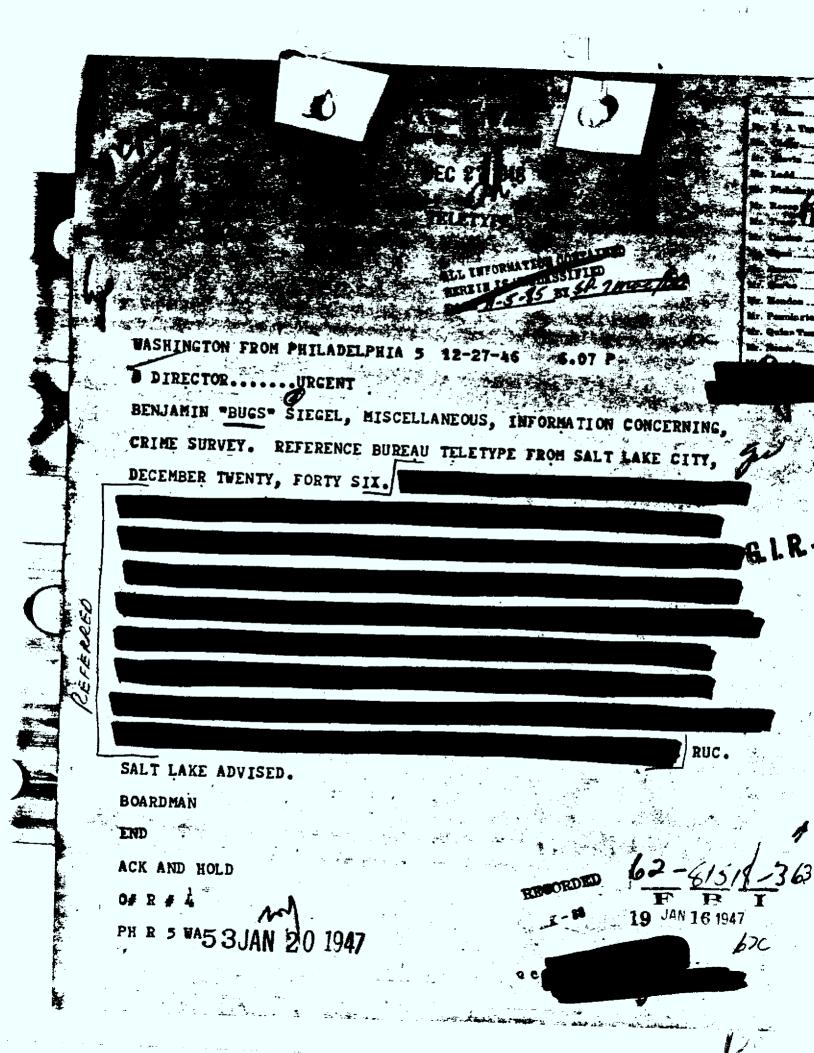
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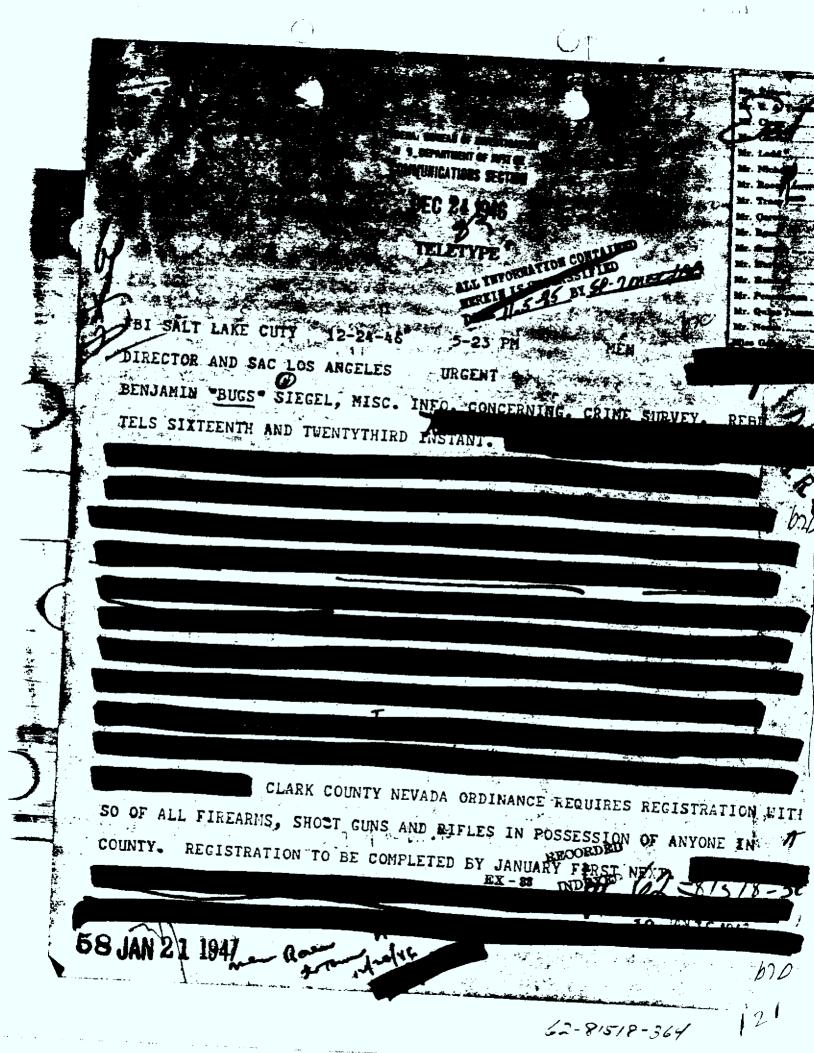
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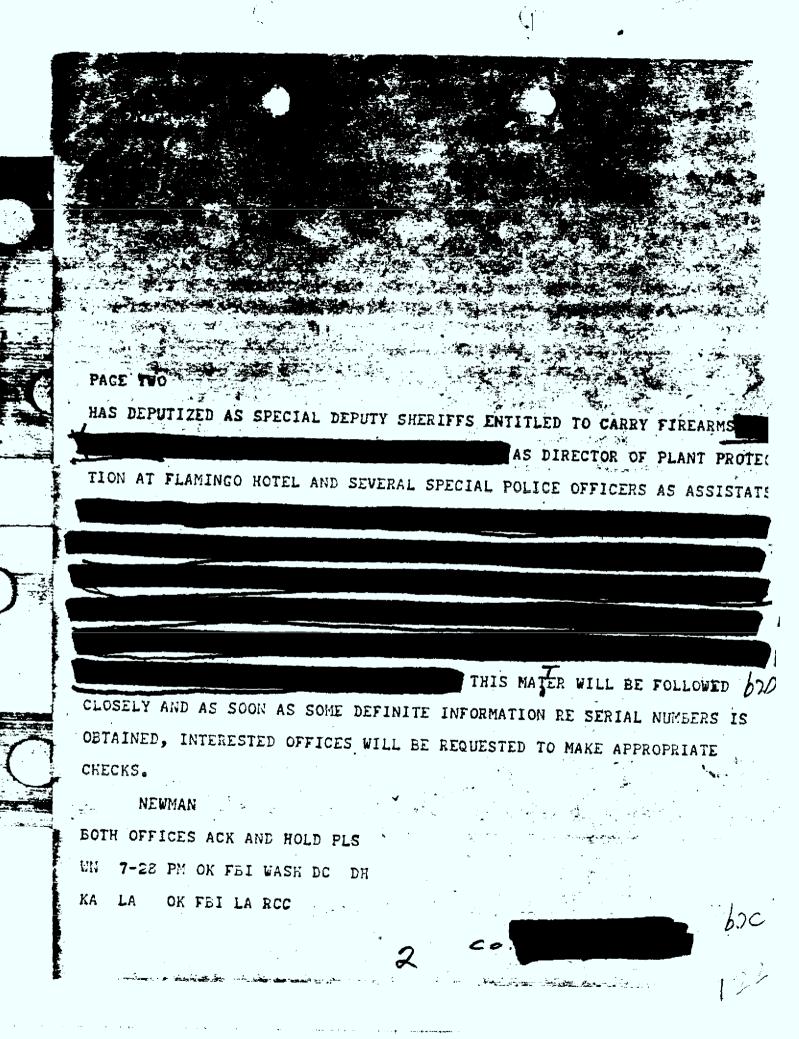
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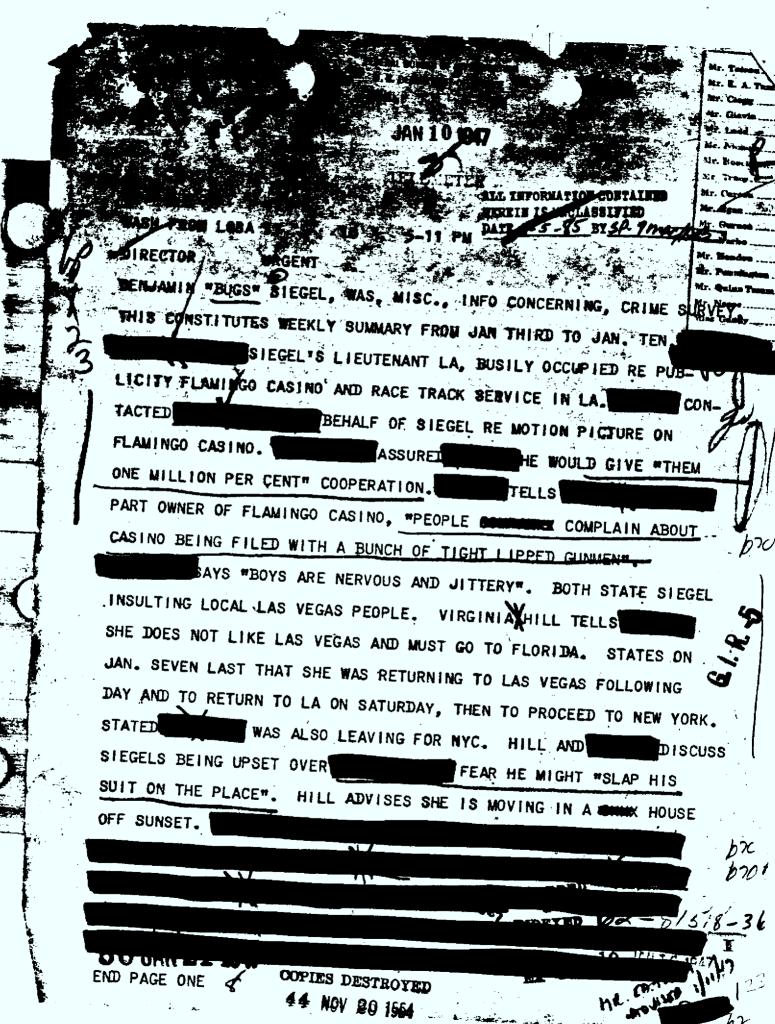
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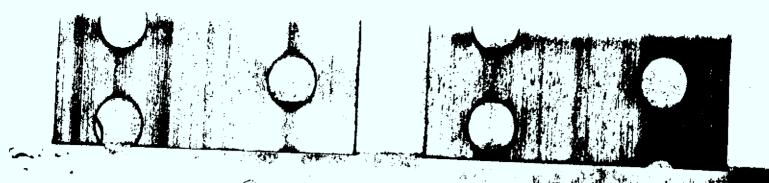
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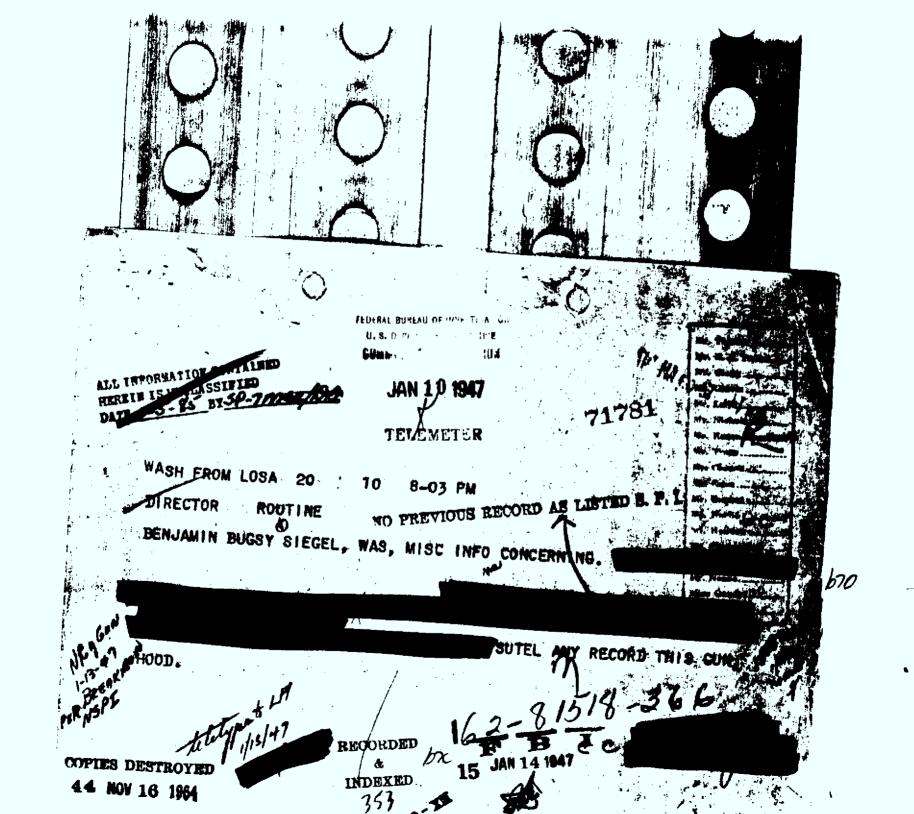
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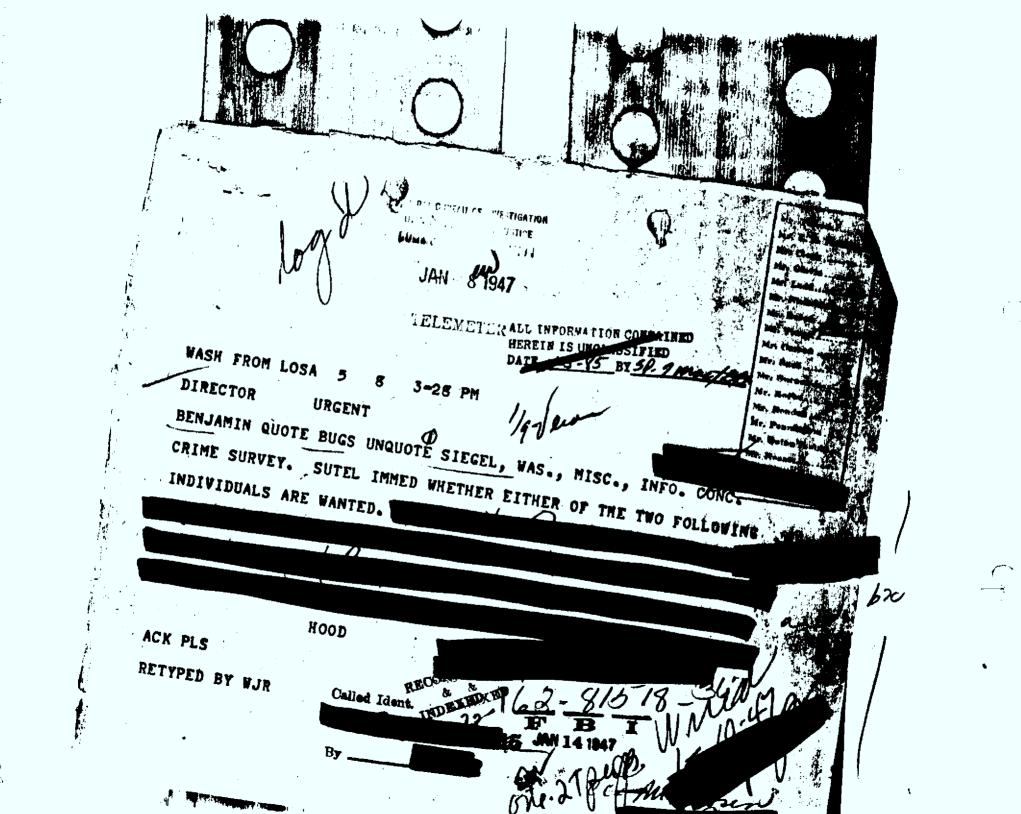


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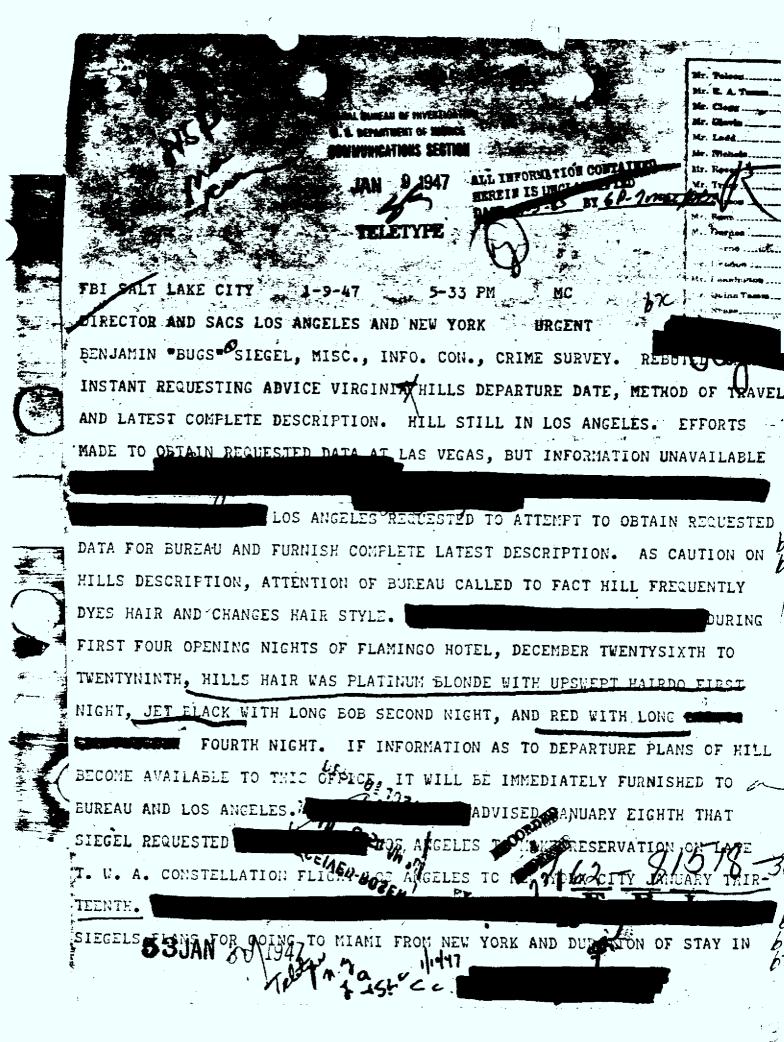
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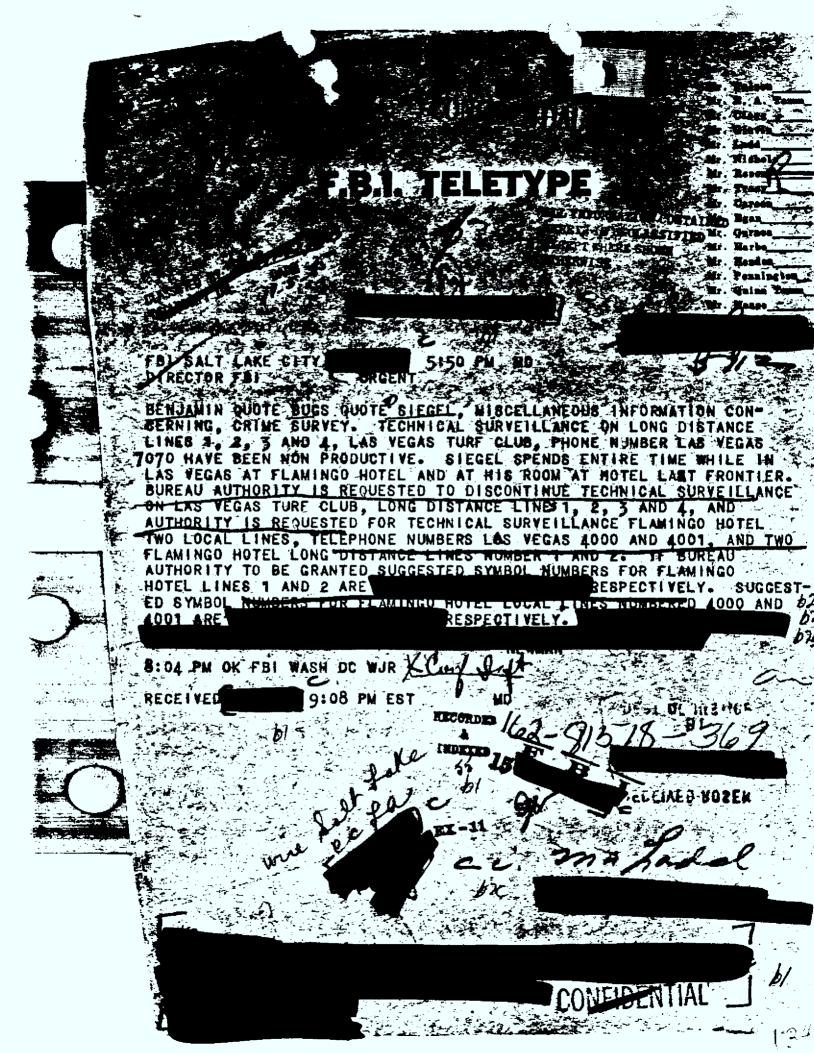
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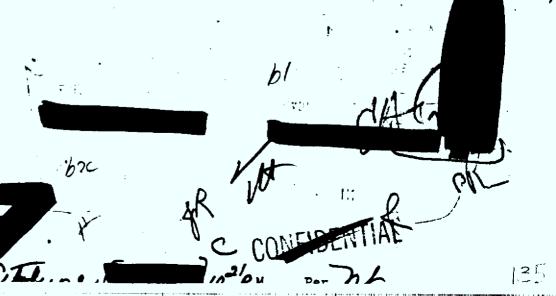
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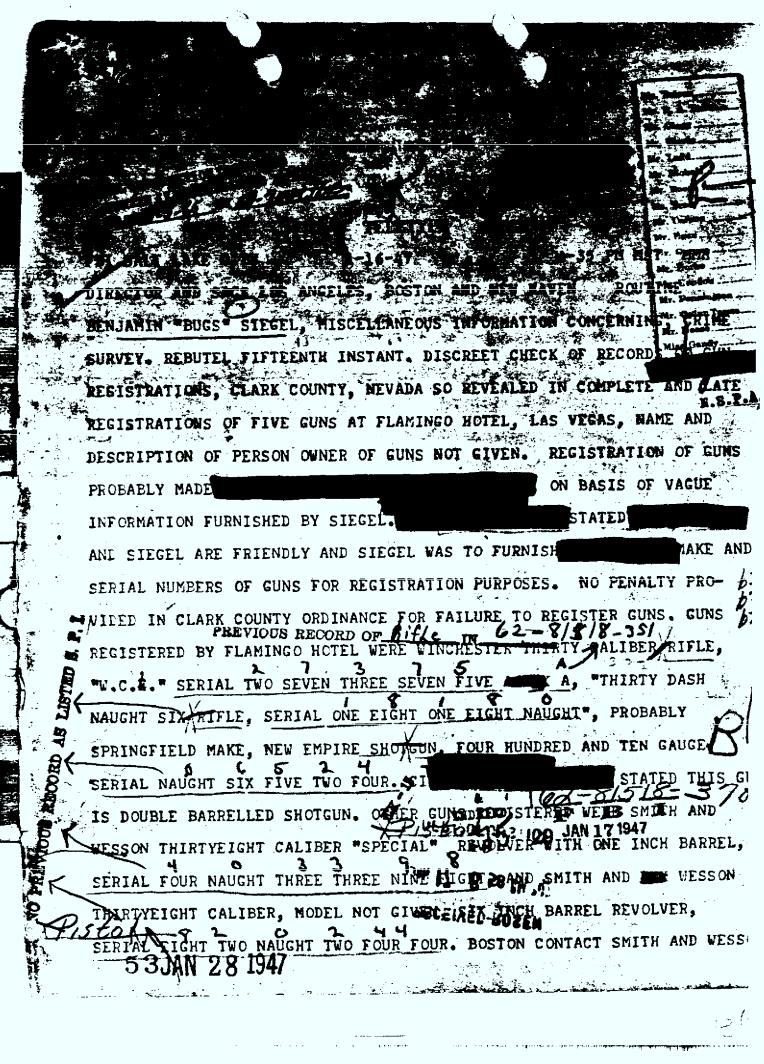
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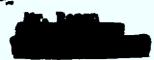
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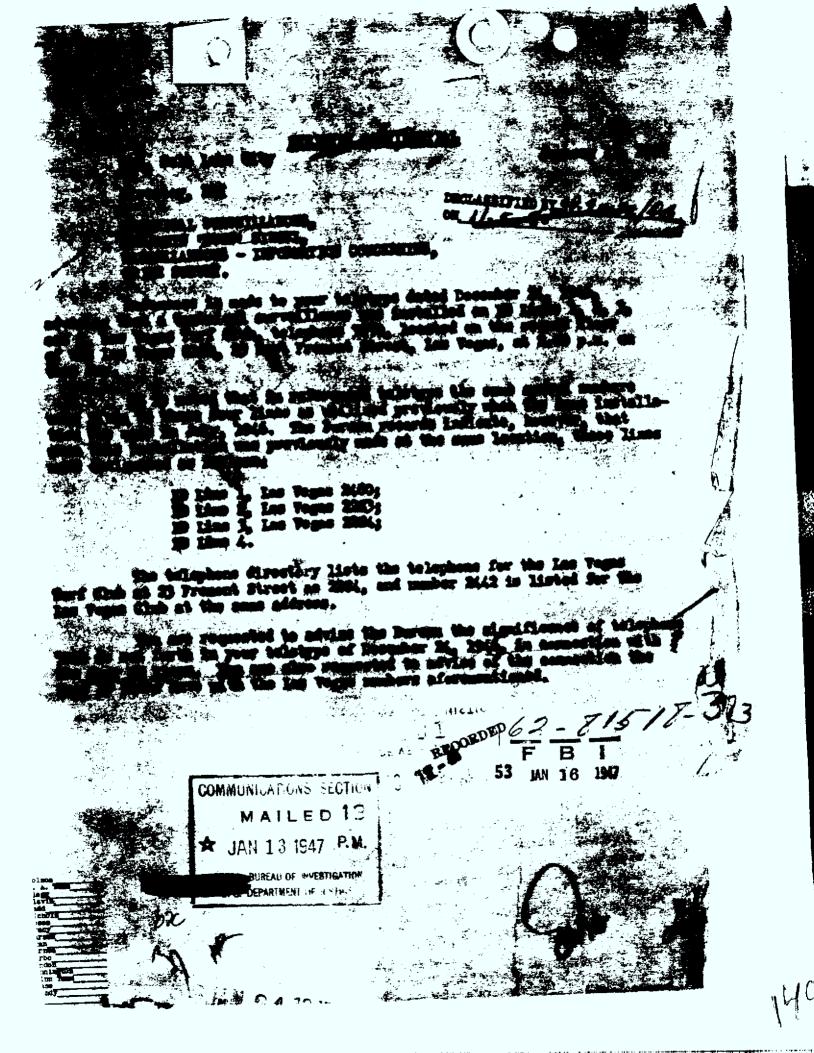
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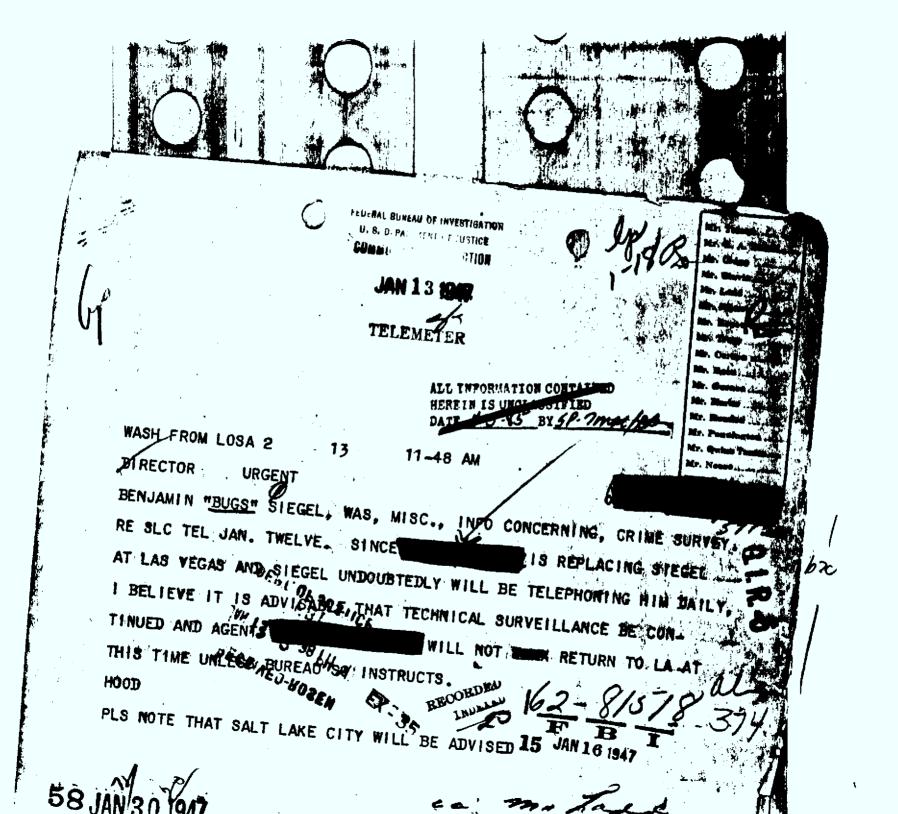
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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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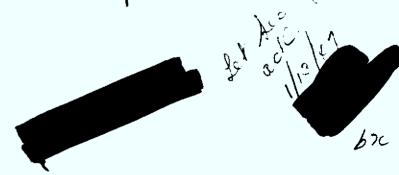
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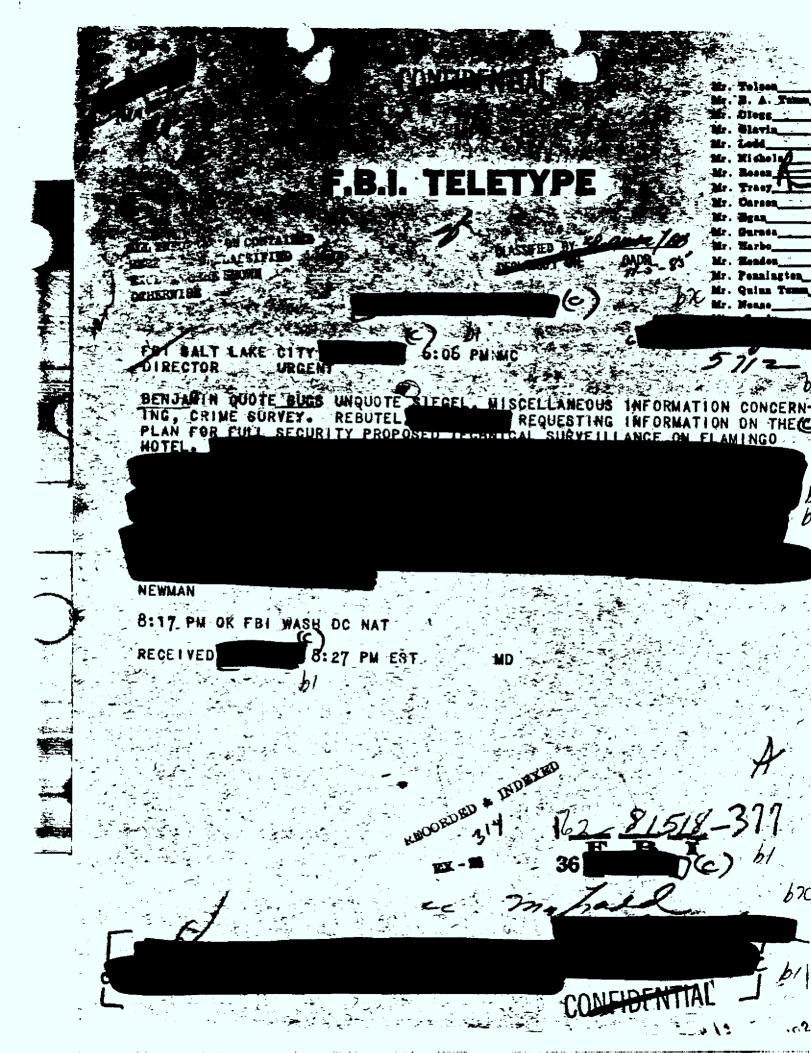
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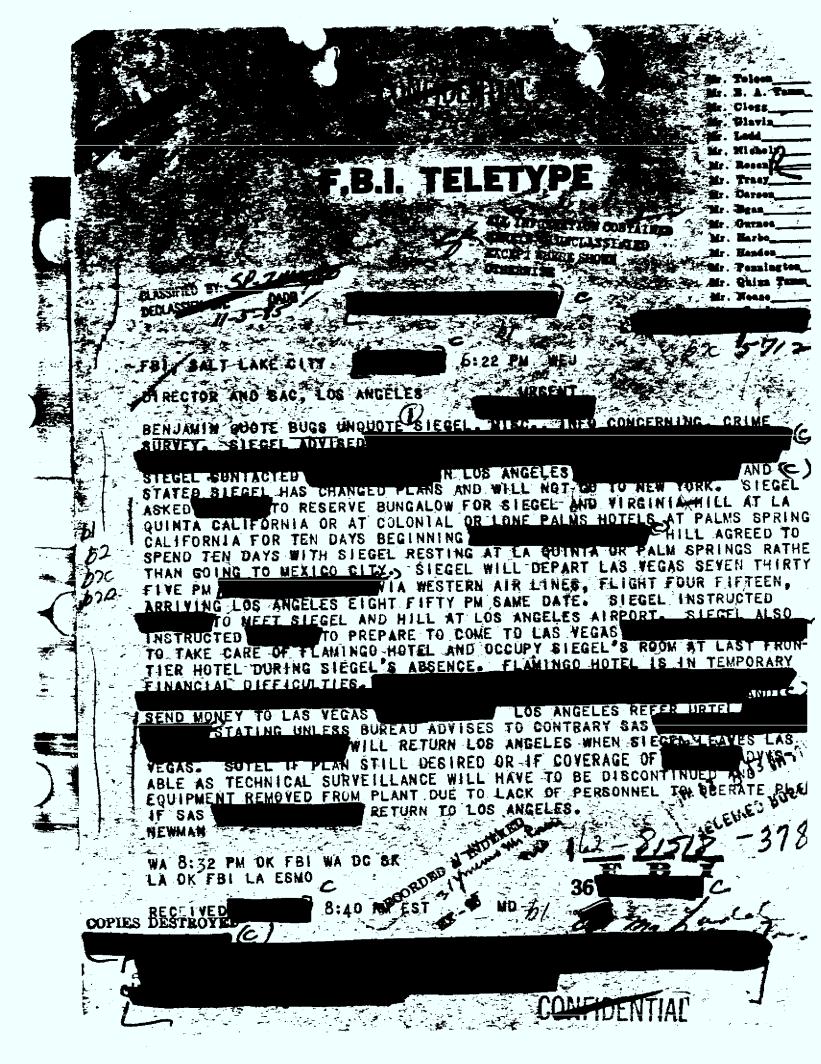
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Budject: Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

CRIME SURVEY

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PURPOSE

To advise you that investigation conducted from December 11. 1946, to date in the entitled case has failed to disclose evidence of violations of Federal laws within the Bureau's primary investigative jurisdiction.

BACKCROUND

Siegel was the subject of an intensive investigation handled by a special squad of approximately ten agents during the period from July 23d to October 18, 1046. In order to closely follow the activities of Siegel, Tive technical surveillances were installed at Los Angeles, California, and two at Las Vegas, Nevada, but the investigation failed to reflect that Siegel was engaged in violations within the Eureau's jurisdiction.

Investigation conducted since December 11, 1946, has disclosed that Siegel's activities have been confined principally to his interests in the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Trans American News, a racing news service. In connection with the above enterprises, Siegel has made various trips between Las Vegas, Nevada, and Los Angeles, California.

The Flamingo Hotel and Casino opened on December 26, 1946, and is reportedly in financial difficulties

Siegel and his mistress, Virginia Hill, are presently planning a ten-day vacation at a California resort beginning on January 15, 1947, and will take over Siegel's quarters at the Last Frontier Hotel. Las Vegas, our no this period and will be in charge of the Flamingo Hotel

Information has been developed that the Trans American News has been Susing a short-wave radio to relay racing information from the Santa Anita Racetrack in California indicating a possible violation of the Federal Communication

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Commission regulations, and that Trans American is attempting to oust the Continental Press, the competitive racing news service, in various western states

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including Oregon, California, and Nevada.

Memo to Mr. Rosen

Intensive investigation, including the use of informants, physical technical and microphone surveillances

has failed to disclose violations by him within the Bureau's jurisdiction. Information has been developed indicating Siegel associates with individuals suspected of handling narcotics and smuggling, but no evidence has been established concerning Siegel's participation in these alleged violations.

With respect to Siegel's mistress, Virginia Hill, investigation has not disclosed that the source of her income is through the violation of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

Hill previously contemplated a trip to Mexico City in January, 1947, but apparently is cancelling this trip in order to vacation with Siegel at a California resort. She has recently purchased a large home at Miami Beach, Florida, and has indicated she may spend part of the winter in Florida.

With respect to the associates of Siegel and Hill, investigation has not disclosed violations under the Ruragu's jurisdiction.

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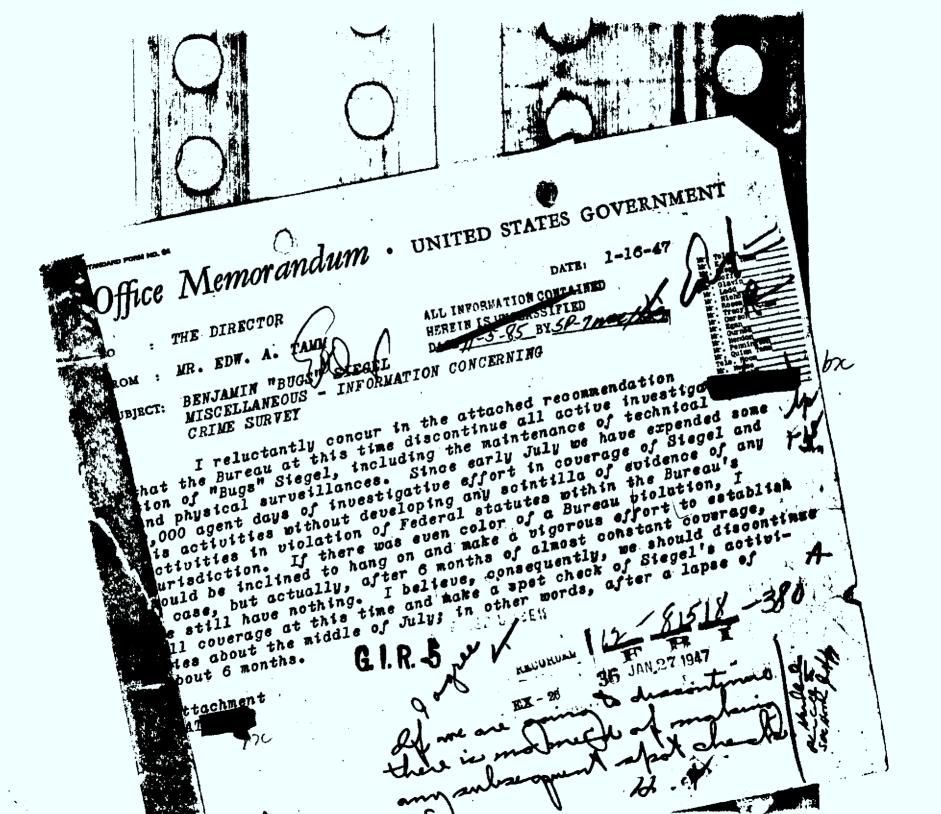
are all associated with Siegel in the Trans American News and it has been ascertained that

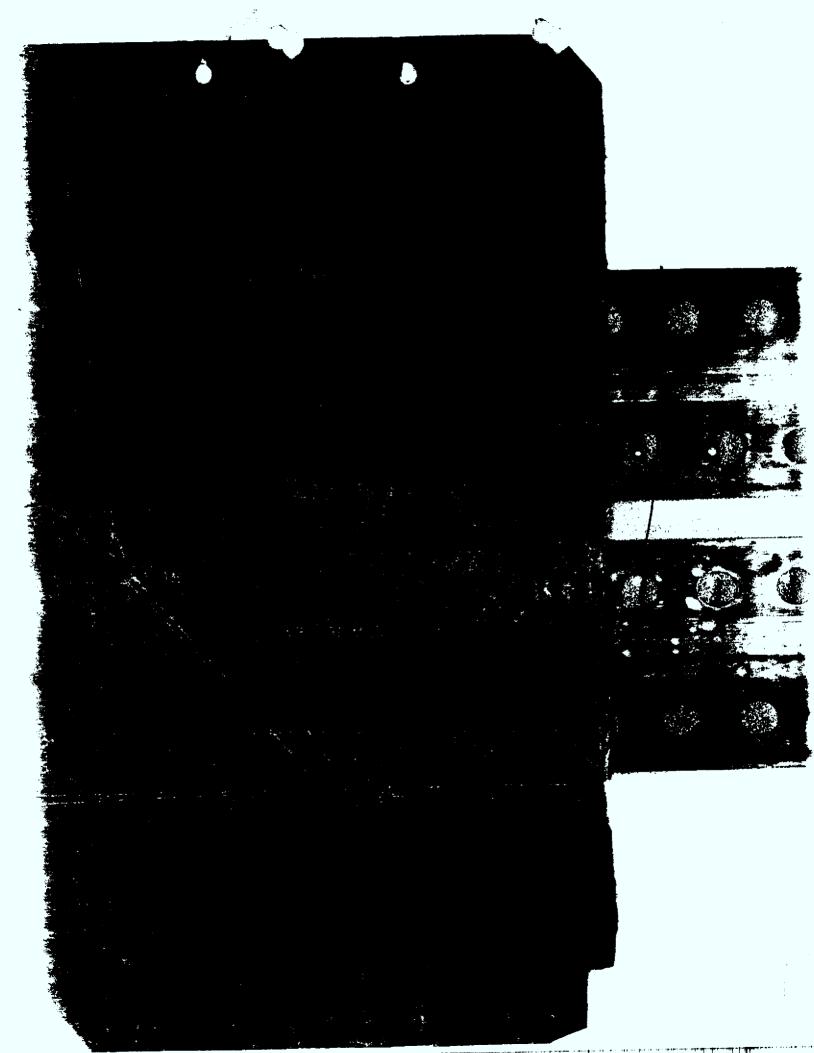
In addition to the Agent personnel assigned to this investigation, technical surveillances are being maintained at the Las Vegas Club and the Last Frontier Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada. The Salt Lake City Field Division has now requested authority to discontinue the technical surveillance at the Las Vegas Club and to install such a surveillance at the Flamingo Hotel.

RECOMMENDATION

The results of this investigation to date do not appear to warrant the continued use of the Agent personnel necessary to conduct this investigation and to maintain the technical surveillances. Inasmuch as no specific information has been developed indicating violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction, it is recommended that consideration be given to discontinuing further investigation in this matter.

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Los Angeles 13, California January 8, 1947

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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SI BORL, with aliance MISCELLANEOUS; IMPOINTATION CONCERNING -CRIME SURVEY

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ace tracks in New York. They are members of the main office squad.

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Do: BENJAHIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases

Agent was asked if he has not any of

the less been up in their rooms apparently in ecomection with the case. It related to the Brooklyn family of the same name. Otherwise agent has not been made acquainted with any of their friends although knows that the particularly has made many telephone calls since they arrived. Agent stated that he has not gone out with these men on any of their parties or engagements.

It was suggested to him that he refrain from associating with them socially while he is here as it appears that some members of the hoodlum elemn in los angeles are elosed. Sight get himself involved in an embarrassing situation if he associates with them socially. It was also suggested to Agent that he not return to New York with these mem. He said he did not intend to as they expected to go by way of San Francisco and he expected to go directly back.

gent pointed out that he felt that

It was suggested to Agent that should any discussion come up with respect to the hoodlum element in Los Angeles that he take particular not of what is said and give this office the information which he is able to glear from conversations.

Agent said that he is now placed it an embarrassing position as his room adjoins that occupied that he is giving them a "cold shoulder," but the be very directed in his associations with them.

Since the preparation of the above information, it has been learned to

Very truly yours,

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Memo. for Mr. Rosen

is owned and controlled by Siegel and his associates. The Salt Lake City Division has advised that full security could be assured.

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The Los Angeles Office has now requested that the technicals at Las Vegas, Nevada, be continued to cover the activities of the los who is replacing that Las Vegas as Siegel, undoubtedly, will be telephoning daily.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the technicals in operation at Las Vegas be discontinued in view of the unproductivity and that no authority be granted to install a technical at the Flamingo Hotel. A review of the information submitted by the Salt Lake City Division reflects that

therefore,

It is believed that the technicals can be eliminated.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

It is recommended that the attached teletype to the Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Offices be dispatched.

Attachment

Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MR. ROSEN DATE: 1/16/47 SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING CENERAL CRIME SURVEY ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERE IL IS-85 BY SP- 1 MANY 15 Purpose

To advise that the Los Angeles Office has requested the continuance of the technical surveillances in operation at Las Vegas, Nevada, to cover the who is replacing Siegel during his absence. The Salt lake City Office had previously requested the discontinuance of the technical surveillance at the Turf Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Bureau authorized this discontinuance in view of the unproductivity of the informants.

BACKGROUND

On December 1, 1946, a technical and microphone surveillance was installed at the last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, covering the suite occupied by Siegel and Virginia Hill. Subsequently, the Los Angeles and Salt Take City Divisions strongly recommended that a telephone surveillance be authorized on the Las Vegas Club in order to fully cover the activities of Siegel while in Las Vegas. In view of the strong recommendations of SACs Hood and Newman, authority was granted on December 11, 1946, for a technical surveillance covering long distance lines 1,2,3 and h at the Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The technical surveillances at Las Vegas covering the Las Vegas Club and the suite at the Last Frontier Hotel were operated Agents of the Los Angeles Office were assigned to handle the operations of these technicals and at the present time are handling the technical surveillances.

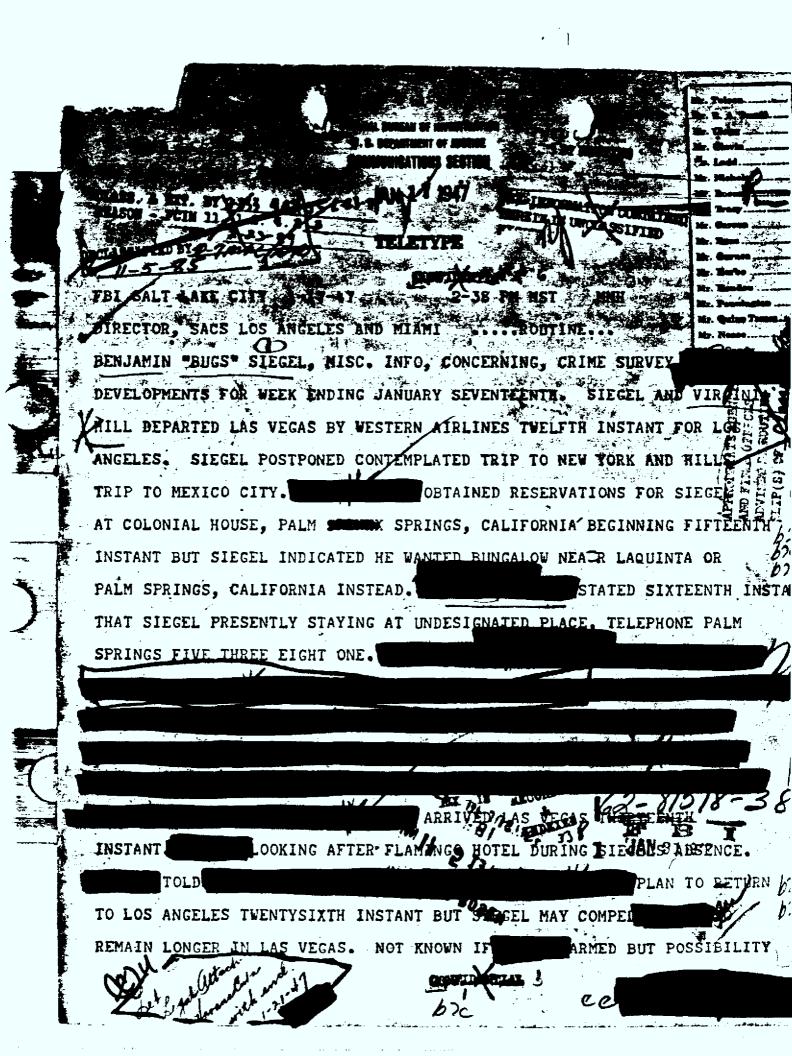
Recently information has been received that Siegel intends to depart from Las Veras. His itinerary is indefinite at this time. He had previously ad-January 11, 1947, where he intended to remain for approximately two weeks and then go to Mismi, Florida. On January 9, 1947, the Salt Lake City Field Division advised that the technical surveillance on the Las Vegas Turf Club was unproductive and Bureau authority was requested to discontinue this surveillance. At the same time, the Salt Lake City Division requested authority to place a technical surveillance on two long distance lines at the Flamingo Hotel, which was epended on the night of December 26, 1946. On January 10, 1947, the Bureau authorised the discontinuance of the technical surveillance at the Las Vegas Club and requested the Salt Lake City Office to furnish full details concerning the manner of installation at the Flamingo Hotel which would provide full security inasmuch as the Flamingo Hotel

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FLAMINGO HOTEL IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, CONTINUES

TO LOSE MONEY AND HAS LOST MOST OF ORIGINAL CASINO BANK ROLL.

SIEGEL REDUCING EMPLOYEES SALARIES AND HAVE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN BILLS FOR FOOD, LIQUOR, ETC. WHICH HUST BE PAID

IMMEDIATELY. SIEGEL BELIEVES DEL E. DEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY MAY

CEASE CONSTRUCTION ON HOTEL IF SIEGEL DOES NOT RAISE FUNDS SOON.

SIEGEL HAS TAKEN ALL AVAILABLE CASH FROM EL DORADO CLUB AND RACE HORSE

BOOKS IN LAS VEGAS TO PUT INTO FLAMINGO CASINO TO MEET EXPENSES.

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Subject: CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCKASO, with aliance MESCELIAMEOUS IMPORDATION

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In connection with Siegel it should be mentioned that through past experience it has been shown that it is difficult to maintain a physical surveillance on Siegel. (R) 4

For your information, "Bugs" Siegal has been identified with the underworld for a number of years. In originally same into prominence in the underworld during the prohibition days in New York City when he associated bimedi with Enyer Laneky and their gang skyrotheted in underworld diroles as they became known as the "Bugs and Mayor mob." Sufere the light inunchant was repealed, Siegal and Laneky had acquired and controlled the Citital Distillaries, the King's Ranson Distilling Company, White Horse Spowen Distilling Company and several other whichey distillaries and distributorships. After the repeal of prohibition, Siegal and Laneky began to decline in power and shortly thereafter disposed of their interests in the above-spiritoned over penies. Thereafter, the game began to break up and Riegal mand to California where he is presently operating. Since reciding in-less Applies, Siegal has been operating several biddonking establishments and gambling plants. Recently, he and his heregistes countracted the Finnings Rotal, which is located on the outstirle of Las Pagas, Brunds, and which is operated as a hotal

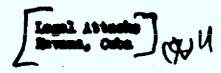
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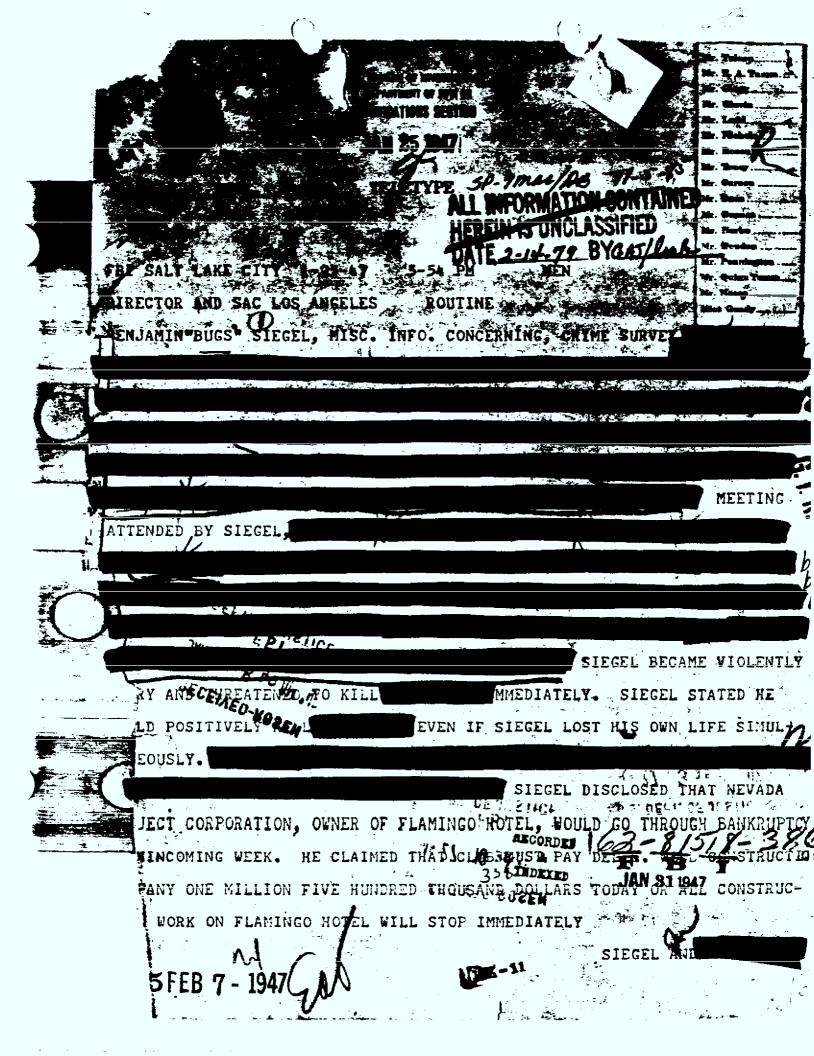


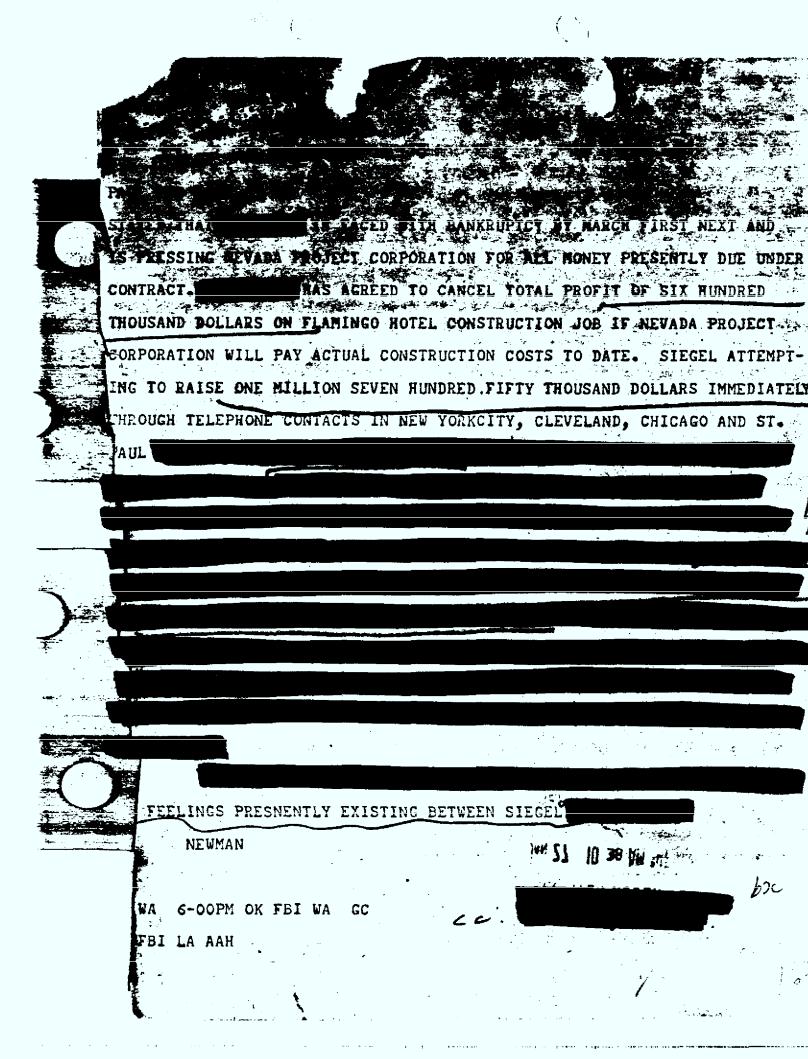
For your further information, Charles "Lasky" Inciano was born in Italy, November 11, 1897. In some to the United States in 1907 with Ms perents. At the early age of fourteen years, he was such to the weeklyn Trums School and in 1916 he served time for personaing narcotics. In was andrequently convicted in New York State Court on 62 out of 90 courte during June of 1936 on a charge of compulsory prochibation. Inciano was then consisted to Dansenora Prison, Clinton, New York, during July of 1936. On Pobruary 8, 1943, Inciano made application for a suspensian of the two 15 year sentences before Judge J. McCook in New York City. Judge McCook reportedly stated that Inciane had been useful in the war efforts of this country. It was the claim of Attorney Coorge Wolf, counsel for Luciane, that both Army and Havy personnel had sought Inciano's assistance. Accordingly, Governor Thomas R. Dewey of New York paroled Luciano on Jennary 3, 1946, on the express condition that Luciano be deported. He was thereumon released to Immigration and Manufallisation custody on February 2, 1946, and transported to Ellis Island, New York City. Inciano departed from the United States for Italy aboard the S.S. Laura Meene on February 10, 1946. Since Inciano's deportation to Italy numerous allegations have been received that he has left Italy and gone to other countries.

For your assistance, I am enclosing photographs of Luciano and Siegel, together with their FMI identification records. It is desired that this matter be handled immediately and the Bureau be advised by radiogram of the results of your inquiries.

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62-2837 12/20/16 MISCELLANGOUS; INFORMATION CON-GERNING-CRIME SURVEY, L.A.F.D. BUGSY SIRGEL MA llied in muscling local book makers to take new Franciscon Hows Service. Indications exist may have fingered burglary a Los Angeles resident's apartment SIEGEL's henchman in November last to possession of jewelry answering description of loot. Since the and HILL maintaining penthouse at Chatoau Marmont, Los Angeles; spending most of their time in las Vegas except for eccesional wisits to Los Angeles Indications point to fact that SIEGEL, my be actively engaged argotics racket. in recent discussions with discussed latter's ship-**G**. I. R. ment of 2 cans of medicine". SIEGEL allegedly boss of this type of enterprise on the Pacific coast. P. lated at Los Angéles Angéles REFERENCE: Bureau File /62-81518 Report of Special Agent Setober 11, 1946. This is a joint report of Special agents 2 - Indianapol - San Francisco 2 - Chicago 36 JAN 22 1947 2 - New York 2 - Detroit 2 - Salt Lake City 1 - Cincinnati (infa) 2 - Cleveland 4 - Los Angeles ETTERN-TO 15C

JACK DRAGNA

CONFIGNATION information concerning MCK IRACHA was furnished to this price by that portion of this report entitled "Background from Mainigration and Naturalization Service" was naturally obtained from a local effice of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and was not secured as a result of the efforts of the Consequently, unless otherwise stated all information in this particular section of the report is to be attributed to the one informant.

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANS-APERICAN NEWS SERVICE

has been extremely active in helping IPACNA get the new wire service started. The has been working from a list of local book makers contacting these persons either by telephone or in person and putting the proposition to them that they should switch their news service to the new organization. They had many contacts with IPACNA concerning the local book makers as to what each says and his resons for not taking the service and it is apparently recognized that a local book maker, is the "bell cow" as far as people in that type of work are concerned and IRACNA and have been most anxious to get signed up. On one occasion told IRACNA that he had contacted everyone on his list and subsequently he and IRACNA had a meeting at the former's apartment to discuss other individuals than those on the original listing given

JACK has been in contact with the fin Chicago and the latter has sent a crew out to Los Angeles to look over the situation at the Santa Anita race trans and to furnish track information so that the new syndicate will not be hampered in its furnishing all race results. The informant stated that DRACNA and have been considerably embarassed due to the fact they have been late on some races and have had to resort to "stealing" the news from the RACAN news. Also an additional handicap has been the lack of telephones and DRACNA has been somewhat hampered in obtaining instruments and facilities because of the vigilance of the telephone company. Indications exist that the telephone company is vigilantly watching the Trans-American News and if it learns that subterfuge has been used in obtaining instruments they will be removed.

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incal mobster and hoodium, has entered the ficture and has attended meetings at apertment with the latter and sack IRACNA and has contacted certain fook makers to induce them to take the news service.

(It is known that a some months ago offered his services to SPACNA in this regard and was turned down. The supposition is to be made that a cooperation was gained either by orders from persons in the syndicate or from the fact that IRACNA has apparently been experiencing some difficult. In obtaining accounts.)

In Detober 26, 1946, the informant reported that PRACNA told some unknown individual that he was of the opinion that accounts and PRACNA mentioned that he had been in touch with in New York.

On other occasions PRACNA has referred to which is undoubtedly

on November 16 and JLCK, in discussing the difficulties of setting the service started, stated that they were of the opinion that was an individual who could "convince" certain book makers of the wisdom of taking the new service and stated that he would get SIECEL's G.K. to attempt to line up

In connection with the track crew out here from Chicago to survey the Santa unita situation and to get set-up for furnishing information, is presently in Los Angales staying at the Hollywood Drake Hotel. These reservations were made for him by

mentioned above, is an important figure so far as book makers go whose support can apparently swing other accounts and and DRAGNA on November 4th last were discussing how best to got to stated that he had made a telephone call to "our friend" who said words to the effect that they should not worry that they would get the business. (It is known that frequently contacts SIDEL in connection with accounts they are desirous of getting).

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Contacts of dragma since last report

In November 13th last informant stated that JACK IRLING had a long distance conversation with a person believed to be of Chicago and the informant learned that an individual named (phonetic) was come oted with the Domerce Consistions and his wife ere in to Angelos, with to show wanted TRAINS to have his wife around los Angeles. Further conversation was indulged in to the effect that was a person who had gotton out of line in past years but was all right now. As a mainer of fact the informant reported the exact conversation to be seen that one of the boys back there and got out of line for a while but is O.K. now." The Burezu was advised by letter of this conver-setion because it was felt that in the event were attached to a Federal Communes Commission such information would be of value.

The informent also reported that Think had contacted an investigator in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, IRLON if he know and the latter replied in the affirmative, save ing that his full acmo was

DRAGNA made arrangements with on November lith lest to get together to talk the matter over. According to the informant IR CNA has made reference to the fact that he has *things fixed" in the Sheriff's Office. (From the above it is apparent that MACK DRACKL, as previously indicated, is attempting to get to the Sheriff's Office in an effort to fix book making and is doing so through his contact in the District Attorney's Office.)

(phonetic) on November With the informent stated that

telked to and was told that JAVA had made

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the relief and was now at the Biltmore.

On November 19, 1946, in a conversation between and JACK

DRACK. DRACK requested to ask BENJAMIN "BUCSY" SIEGEL if he had gotten
to one local Los ingoles politician and tango game operator,
to one local Los ingoles politician and tango game operator,
in an effort to in turn influence local "juice man" for the District attorney's Office in Los ingoles County. In this discussion DRACK stated
that only one word from HEN would be necessary and that BEN could do more by
that word than any other individual. The conversation indicated that

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were desirous of making their man in an effort to boost the Thems-merican Service instead of knocking it. IR.CH. reputedly mentioned that only one word from BEN was necessary and that the had a lot of respect for HEN you know that I mean. Further conversation or tween them reflected that they were whether the los ingeles County District Literary's Office. IRACH. In advised that they were advised that the los ingeles corruption operating pin half machines in los ingeles mad tango gene parlors in the tos ingeles Beach area. In the conversation IRACH. Indicated that the another local los ingeles district in the torney juice may be been furnishing them information and evidently is cooperative with them.

local Los Ingeles fail bondsman and a friend of book makers and underworld characters including and BENJAMIN "BUGSI" STEGEL could possibly accompilish the simple that Steff could in contacting however, FRAGNA stated that he thought SIEGEL could accomplish their purpose in just "one minute of talking". DNAGNA further advised that he was attempting to make for DNAGNA to have an interview with because he felt that could be reached better through SIEGEL contacting

as a result of information furnished by a meeting between LACK and LOU IRACNA in front of Jewelry Store on Vine Street in Holly-wood, was covered by Special Agents on November 29th. DRACNA was observed to most a woman of approximately 30 years of age accompanied by an unknown male individual who was determined to be 35

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were of age, 5 t 9s, 170 lbs, dark hair and eyes Jewish descent, and these three persons engaged in conversation in front of the store. IRACMA was seen to enter an automobile which was determined to be registered to one This was a 1941 Plysouth coupe and it is occieved RACMA was driving this for inamuch as his own automobile had been analysed in an accident.

Along these emergias the informant reported on Hovember 22nd that

the informers and asked that book see him as some possible. IRAGNA at the time was ith in his with a stomach of Pant but he told the informant that he would leave immediately to contact this person who Mived at 907 Bellevue, Glandale.

On October 29th

contacted IRACHL and offered the latter his services in any sev that they could be utilized.

told JRCK that he had advised to go with the new service and want on to say that is no good and that the latter has never done anything but harm to thile JLCK and his associates have never done enything but good.

Went on to say that he was extremely busy at the time getting big edition but on the streets and continued saying that in his orinion is as clean a guy as has ever been in and that the coming election for attorney denoral looked like a cinch for and had stated that RLGIN had died of an overdose of pheno-barbital, a sleeping powder. Both sen laughed heartily at this discussion of RLGAN's death and DRACHL summarized it by saying something to the effect that he didn't know what went on back in Chicago.

Closed the conversation by saying that he would pass the good word about IRACHL's service which the latter thanked him for

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have been written up in previous arise survey semorands. The allegation is frequently made that operates as a shaked down artist securing funds from public officials in return for not publishing facts or allegations concerning their activities.)

residing at the Hollender Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, ealled DRACNA and asked for HER SIECKL who was in Las Vegas.

has been mentioned in the CARCA case.)

and mick serried on quite a friendly sonversation inquiring about their respective families and a person named (phonetic) came at the phone and said hello as did to the land an unknown individual who allegedly owns a fighter named

that JACK and LOW DRACKA were discussing ways and means of getting out of Jail in San Diego.

cated that moves had been rade to get pertain persons well disposed towards
barole but that the Sf San Diego did not favor
the idea and some means would have to be lound of approaching

Certain of DRAGNA's acquaintances were interested in the recent proposition on the California ballot to legalize dog racing and on October 22nd an unknown person in San Diego was telling JACK that certain of the latter's friends were interested in the movement. He named

Allegedly the last name has invested 22500.00. It the same time reference was made to the fact that who has been discussed in detail in crime survey memoranda) had 20 G's in the things.

Informant has stated on several occasions that DRAGNA frequently dines at Lucey's Restaurant, and apparently DRAGNA frequently cashes checks at this place. JACK one time told an individual named to the Lucey's that he had a \$1900.00 check and after some discussion they agreed that would run it through regular channels. Seemed very anxious to oblige DRAGNA along these lines.

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ar september at the cocerning plans for the wire service, difficulties in San Diego rouble in serving telephones, the sending of a crew out to los ingeles to properly service Eanta with, and other matters pertaining to furnishing of wire Bervice. Frequently and JLCK have made reference to the has been indieated previously. of the sire service called McK on December 5th and asked to meet Tita which appointment the litter was most anxious to keep and an the meantime he was attempting to find so that he also could meet with DRAGNA and (in Movember 27th JECK and and the difficulty of the new service and cussing said that wints money." THENA was emphatic that there were not sufficient funds to enable him as yet to send noney to Chicago. On one occasion JLCE was talking to ind in Giacuscinz mentioned above and the possibility of their etting to him We'll leave it to Ben"

allegedly an individual from Chicago, ispresently in los ingeles with a race tract crew and has been connecting Indiana. In his capacity as an importar landle has been financially interested in a shipment of bananas coming from some landern port to los ingeles. The thip went down allegedly with all hands and although the cargo was insured IRATA has been somewhat worried about this recident. Recently IRATA was arrested by the los ingeles Police Department as a "rebbiry suspect" and posted \$5,000.00 bond. He received considerable publicity in the press in connection with this incident and is presently sueing several Los ingeles officers for 100,000.00 for false arrest. He has told many of his friends that he is of the opinion that the arrest was a roust" and intends "seeing that they coult do this to anyone alse." Informant reported that in a recent conversation with an unknown individual the person asked Jack whether the arrest was because "they were suspicious"; the boats to which Jack replied in the negative, saying that he thought a "roust".

Informant is of the opinion that

as has been previously, indicated has lent his efforts towards lining up book makers through the influence of persons in the syndicate. He is of this epinion because told JACK the little guy is coming with us" and that shortly thereafter a meeting was held between IRAGNA and to "to over the list". It has been stated that IRAGNA at one time turned down offorts saying that the latter "should take care of his own business and I'll take care of mine". IRAGNA has expressed displeasure at the recent arrest by the Police Department because of what bearing the publicity might have on his immigration status.

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MISCELLAREOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING LICK DRUGEL

These two individuals registered from San Francisco giving the address. 950

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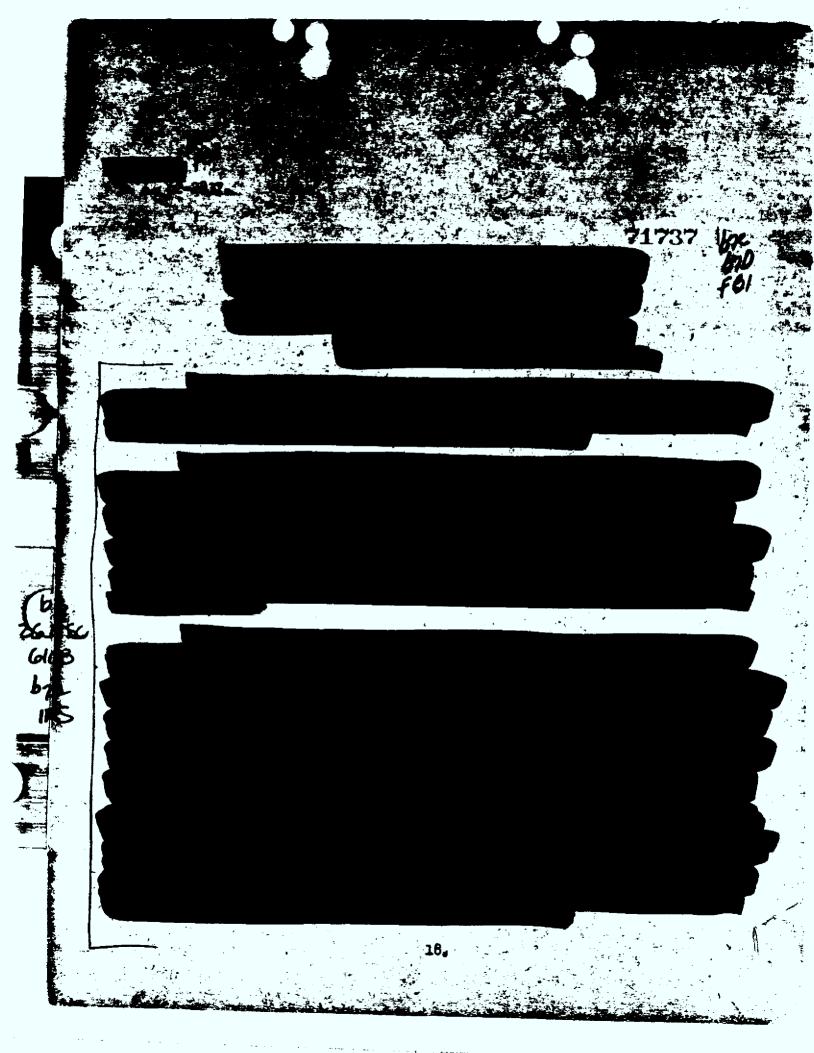
RENJAMIN "BUJSY" SIRGEL

HENJAHIN STROET, has been in and out of los Angeles on several occasions since the submission of the last report. He is presently maintaining an apartment at the Chateau Marmont Apartments, located on the Sunget Strip. He and VIRGINIA HILL live here when in los Angeles as man and wife and they are registered as Mr. and Mrs. HILL. They occurry nenthouse 6-D for which they are paying \$24.00 per day rent. Recently paid the rent on this apartment in SIEGH.'s absence. His visits to Los Angeles have been over weekends for two or three days at a time and his activities appear to be mainly along social lines as for as is known. He has been devoting considerable affort and time to the construction of his new hotel, The Flamingo, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Considerable information has been received by teletype from Las Vegas which is not being set out herein because the Salt Lake City office is submitting its own report in the EELJAMIN STREEL case. References to SIECEL will be found in that section of this report wair JACK DRACKA and showing his connection with their activities.



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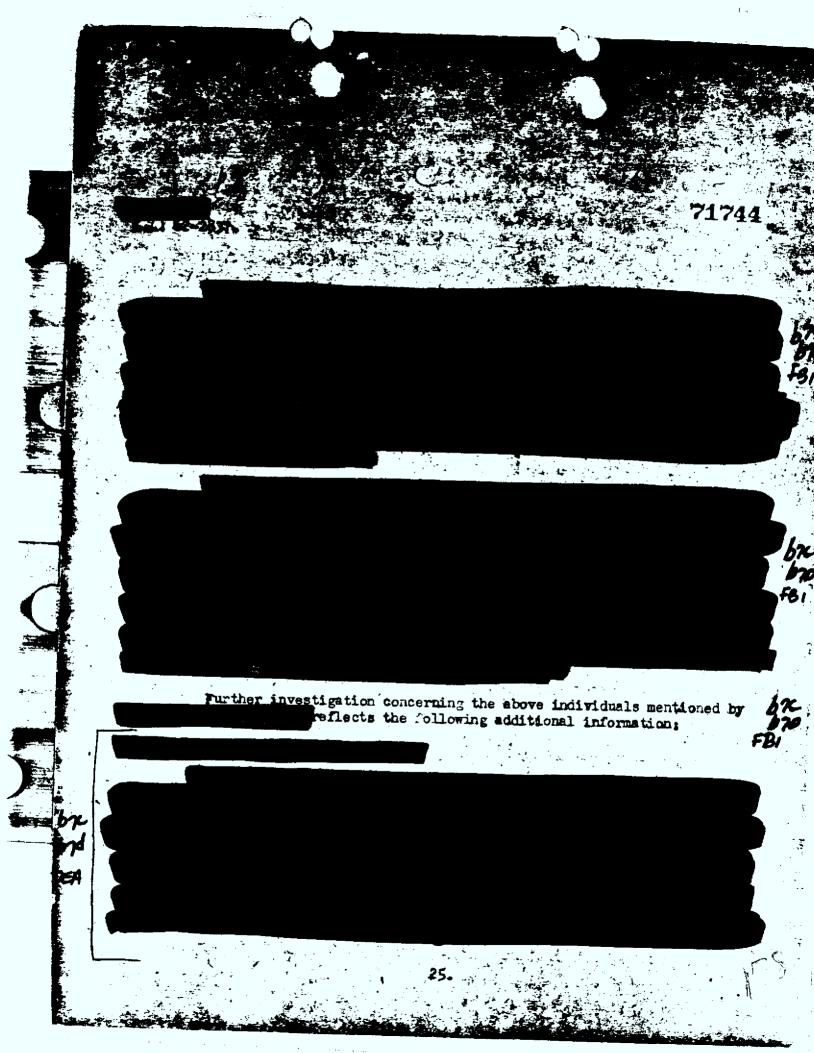
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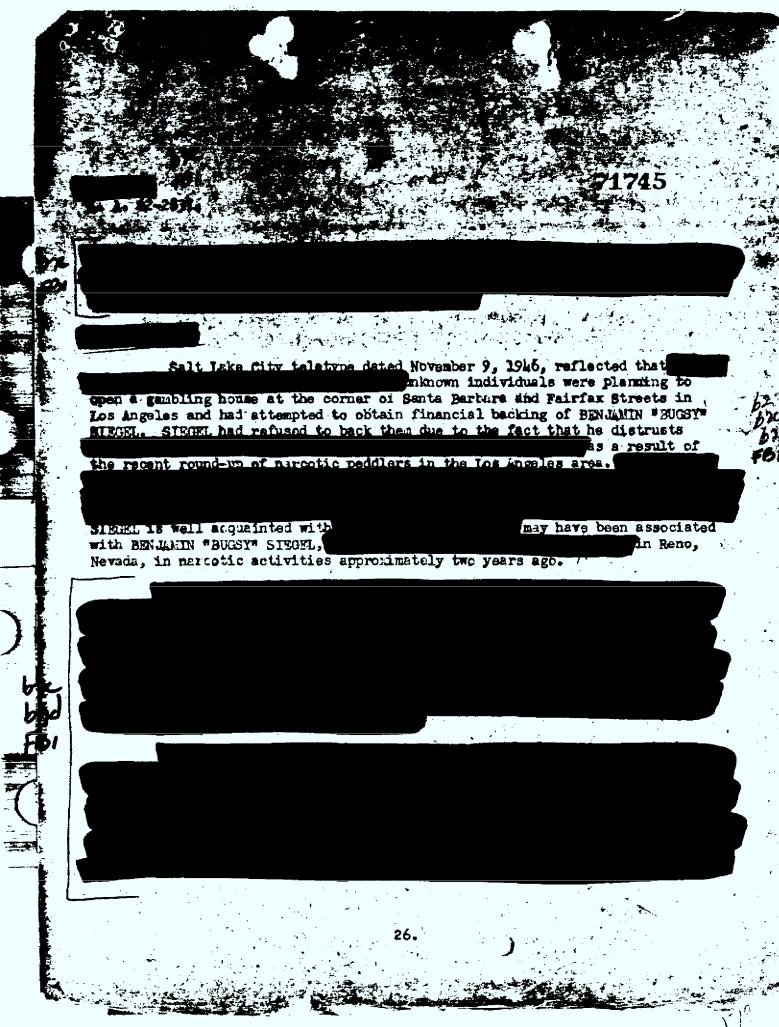


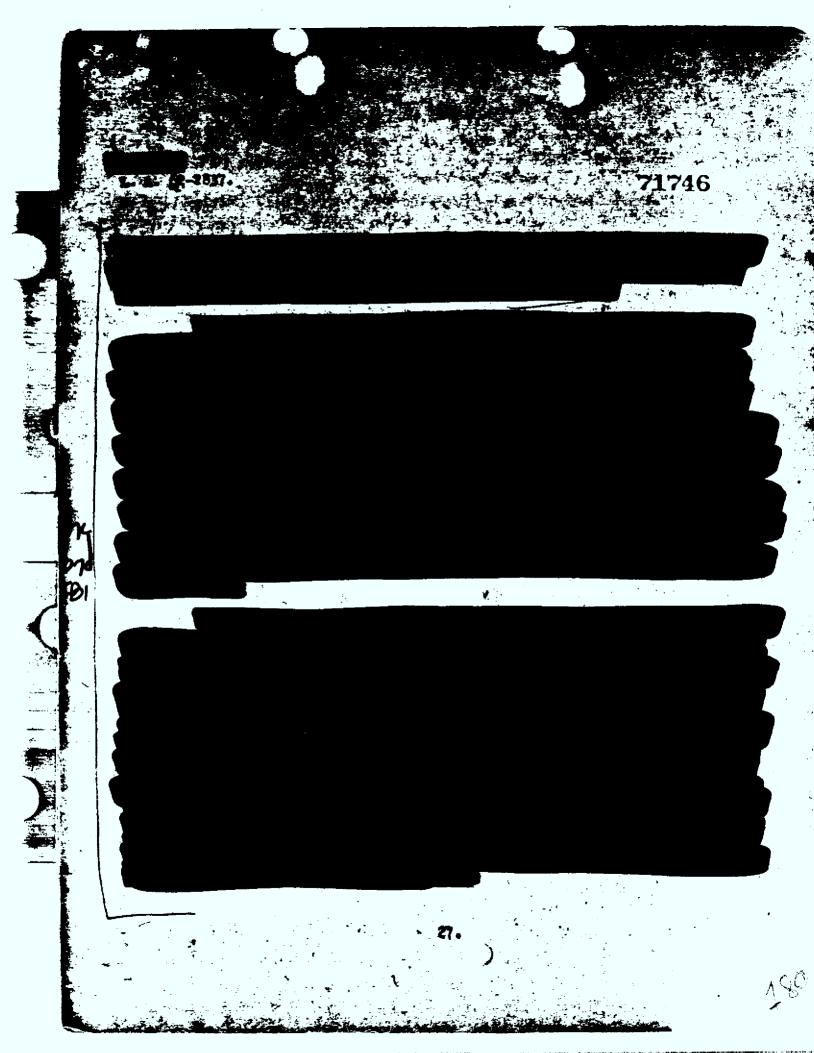
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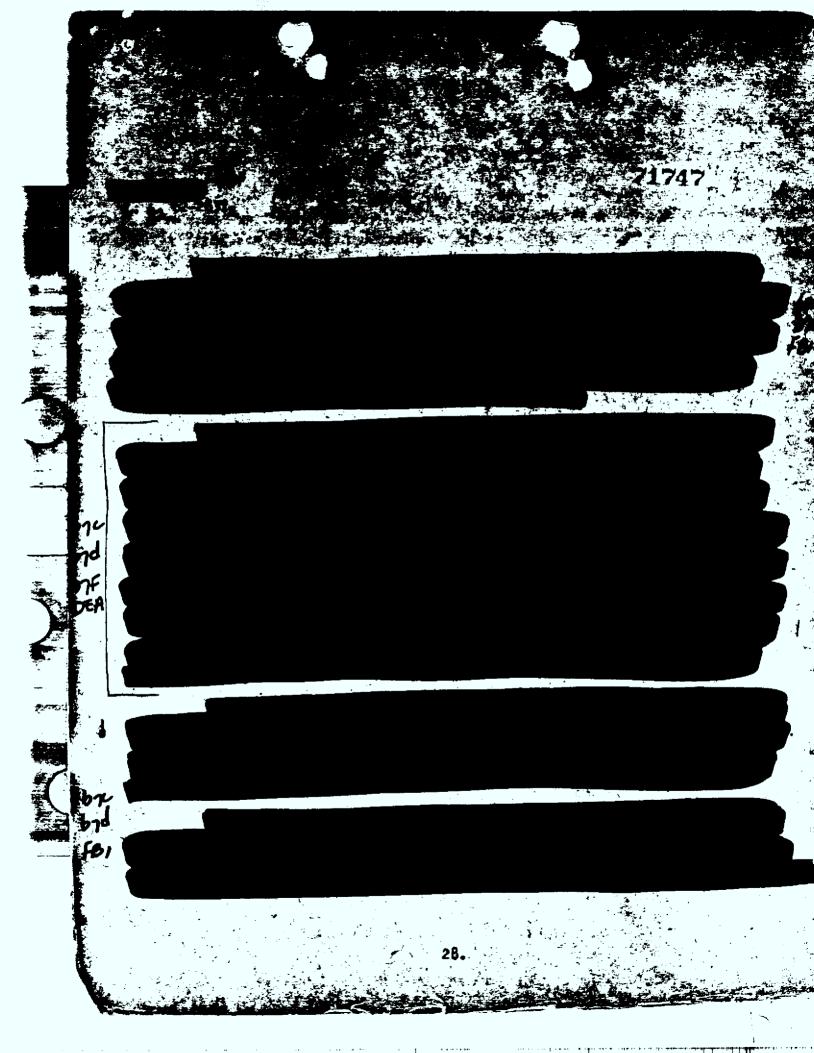
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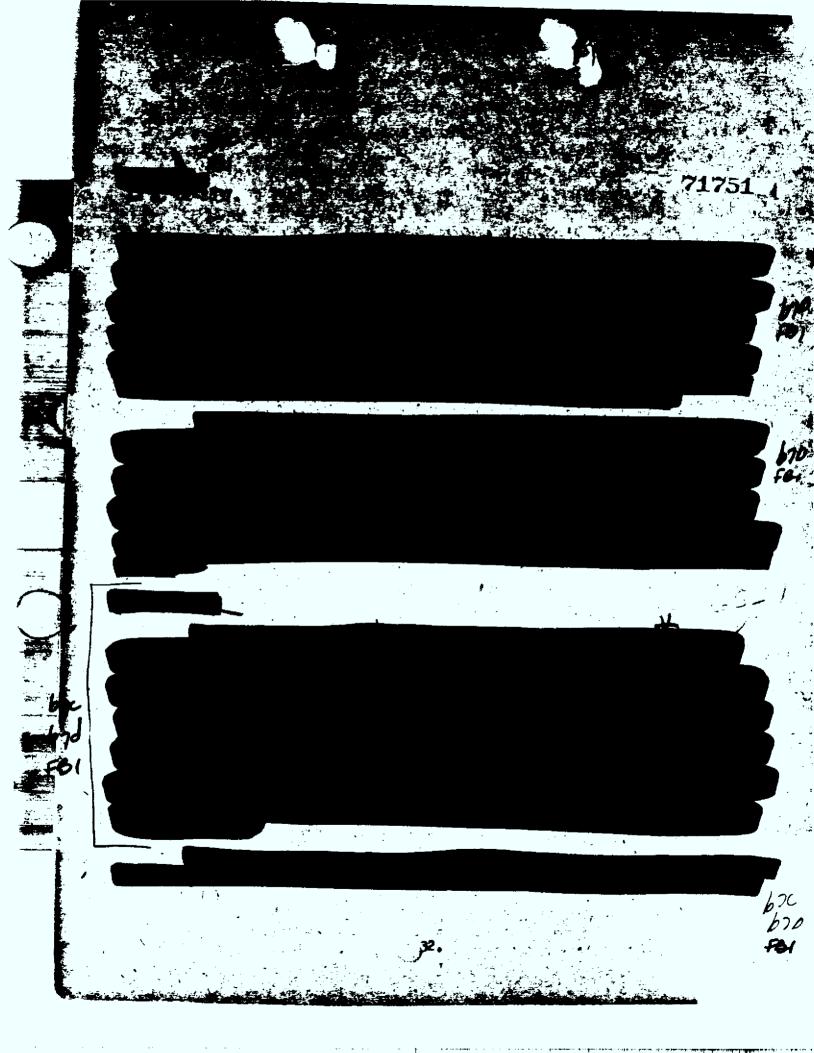
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en Movember 20, 1945, and had told HEN SIEGRL advised that should call stated_to in an effort to determine whether questioned BEN whether he was to do mything about this guy. Lt the time it to which SIEE replied in the negative. This same confidential source stated is in sortact with one is presently rent This informant stated that ing a penthouse to PENJAMIN "BURSY" SIEGEL and is endeavoring to obtain a house for the purpose of SISCK, purchasing it. It is believed that consideration is house at the prosunt time. given to

had arrived in boun at which time he had contacted local toughte and genster, and wanted to see mimediately "to make a dear". On this same date source stated that BENLATA "Europy" STEGEL stated to one that he had called "The Mid" (believed to be and he will find out Tuesday about the one-half ton truck and the station wagon and that he was getting 200 cases of 90 proof and 50 cases of scotch and 50 cases of gin, etc.

On November 27, 1916, this confidential informant advised that in conversation with JACK DRICKA, that of the Trans-Imerical News Service, advised that when SIEGEL comes to torn for a day of two was keep jumping arounds.

On November 29, 1906, confidential source said that said that a "Guy" at the Beverly conversation with and that he is related Filshire Hotel was trapped with the inveis Ther questioned as to the location stated that he was in San Francisco. of stated that he was in San Francisco.

Further conversation reflected that was sent to China, that there was no set-up there at the present time and that he had returned stated that and gene to Les Vegas and was in charge of the "juica" and didn't ado my enode. Turther conversation reflected that and that he gets \$50,000. was agent for for favorcole publicity and \$50,000, from out of the papers. injected that he man while he was having BEN SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL. dinner with

This confidential source also revealed that is in frequent contact with the following girls whom he calls at all hours of the night and makes requests for their appearance at his apartment:

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