Information received from the Sen Francisco Field Division by letter dated December 12, 1946, reflected that a confidential informant in San

Prancisco advised on November 22. 1406. that

The following information reflects the association On December 4, 1946, advised that news going to las vegas on December 5, VINCINIA HILL had stated that she was having a party and The Pansy! "The Southern Gentleman", will be there. VIRGINIA HELL informed that time that who has a penthouse at the Hotel (referring to SIEGEL's hotel in Las Vegas) for \$35.00 a day, is bragging about it and shoots off her month about SIEGEL going to make lots of money. VIRGINLA HILL stated that wants to come out to The Flamingo Hotel opening but is afreid to; that HEN would not let him come.

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penthouse.

associated with VIRGINIA HILL
and HENLIMIN SIEUEL and has been frequently seen in their company, VIRGINIA HILL
replied to the question in the negative and a tated that she was alone and further
stated that she had a gun.

nad contacted one let which time was advised that was in Los Angeles and that was from New York; that he was betting 60 to 70 thousand dollars a day on football, fights and basketball and that he was good for an easy touch. Same source advised that immediately contacted other individuals in an effort to determine the background of had also contacted BENSTEGEL by long distance at which time REN advised to wloave alone, that he is smart enough to take care of himself.

New Jersey, in regard to advised that was a big time operator and that "little guy" (believed to be MEYER LANSKY) has a guy named phonetic) who is in with lets that out".

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Considerable information concerning this character has been submitted in various crime survey memorands and in the CAPCA and HENJAMIN "BUCSY" SIGGET cases. As has been stated in those sections of this report antitled JACK IRACNA and has been spark-plugging the wire service among Los Angeles book sectors recently. He has hired a body-guard, a former Los Angeles Police Lieutenant now retired, called upon the Chief of Police in Los Angeles recently and informed the Police Department that it was being placed on active to the affect that he has knowledge of the fact that the Police Department intended doing away with any and that if any act befell the Police Department would be held responsible.

as a result of this Chief of Police HORRAIL called in several officers who are working on and advised them to be armed at all times. Consequently, a "feud" of a sort has developed and the Police Department seems thoroughly enraged at this turn of events.

who has been mentioned elsewhere in this report. He also has been maintaining frequent contacts with the family which is connected with the cleveland, Chio.



On December hth contacted an individual named the said that he was leaving and would stop and munload that sturm. It will be recalled that in the section of this report under SIEGEL where information is set forth concerning the narcotics traffic, the statement is made that is a narcotic peddler who is the source of supply.

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carried on a conversation when she told him ste had a good time in New York and that would be back next week.

BENNT SIEGEL think took place.

agreed to Call the next week.

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### EWELRY ROBBINS

The following information reflects a jewelry robbery which recurred at the Swiset Plaza Apartments at 1220 Swiset Plaza Brive, Hollywood.

On the night of Nev-

saber 16th between 8:35 p.m. and 1:45 a.m. the apartment of

was burglarised. Approrimately \$20 COO JO worth of jewelry was taken. Among items taken was one were rere dark blue star seppitire, 25 carets, set in platinum mounting, heavy mants type, valuation \$7:00,00; also a set including a pair of cuff links, four west buttons and pwo shirt studs, set in square shape with bagette diamonds on surrounding edge and clood ruby in center, value \$2500.00. On November 21, 1946, by teletype from the Salt Like City directed to the Bureau and to Los Angeles information is set forth reflecting that BEN SIEGEL'S body guard and gurman appeared at Las Vegas, Nevada, with jewelry which answers the description of the jewelry taken from the Sunset Plaza and from tim of the burglary. Further information obtained from Las Vegas, Nevada, from had departed confidential informant and other sources reflected that from Las Vegas to Los Angeles prior to the date of the burglary and had returned to Las Vegas shortly thereafter in possession of the jewelry. Further investigation and contemplation of arrests in regard to this violation is being considered.

The following information concerning VIRGINIA HILL, BEN SIEGEL and their associates was furnished by

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### INDEVELOPED LEADS

At San Francisco, California

Will secure all available information on cistes with an idea of theing her in to narcotic activities along with WIRGINIA HILL

NEW YORK PIELD DIVISION

At New York, Yew York

will obtain information concerning

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mation should be specifically developed which might point to narcotics traffic on the part of this individual.

The same lead is set out concerning an individual named

Fill submit additional information concerning the firm of

Any indication that this firm is engaged in the narcotics traffic is most important,

Since JOE ADONIS and FRANK COSTEVIO are apparently close friends of STEGET investigation should be undertaken to determine whether the syndicate there is engaged in the narcotic traffic,

MALE TAKE CITY FIELD DEVENDE

Lt Las Vogas, Moveda

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any information tending to develope facts that this material is traveling interstrice is of importance.

Fill continue close scrutiny of the activities of BEN SIEGEL, and will develope information concerning VIRGUNIA HILL, determining whether they are engaged in the narcotic

Will attempt to identify and locate the legedly a narcotic dealer and attempt to develope information concerning the connection between and SIMME.

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At Cleveland, Onfo

to SIEGEL and spoke to DRAWA in the former's absence. Any connection has with the nercotics racket is important.

The Cleveland office will also attempt to identify and the individual who allegedly owns a fighter named all of whom are friendly with IRACNA.

will obtain information concerning the activities of

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tion indicating any connection or any of these persons with the narcotics recket is highly important.

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HISOO PIRLD DIVISION

At San Diego, California

The identify the following individuals all of whose mases are given whometically and furnish the background and present activities of these characters; all of these in-

INDIAN POLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Lafayette Indiana

Will identify

CHICAGO FIELD BIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will continue its investigation of and his activities. It will be recalled that the San Francisco office has developed information indicating that it is involved in the narcotics racket and that in his recent trip to San Francisco

Fill determine who ther is involved in the parcotics traffic.

a close friend of "BUCSY" SIEGEL

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

it Detroit, Michigan

Will identify

Will identify All three of these characters had contact with DRAGNA when they were in Les Angeles

The Datroit office will bear in mind that investigation so far tends so indicate cortain of these people are engaged in the narcotics traffic. LOS ARCELES FIELD DIVISION is los ingeles California At Beverly Hills, California Will identify At los Angeles, California Fill consider taking the necessary steps to have has furnished additional information and it is thought that continued contact with him will result in further information concerning SIEGEL and the narcotics racket. At Long Beach, Galifornia Boo At Los angeles, California : bic Will maintain contact with Will identify Mill interview 67C

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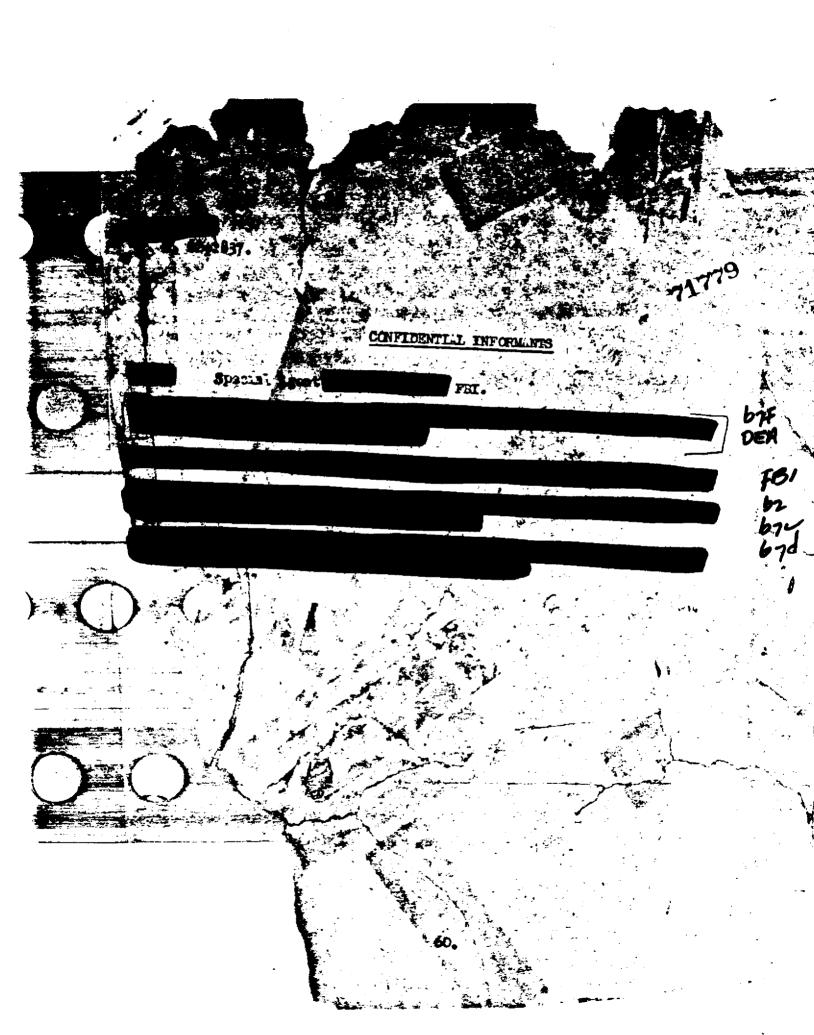
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SPECIAL AGENT:

DATE: 12/20/46

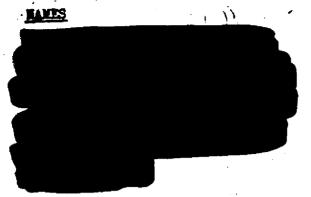
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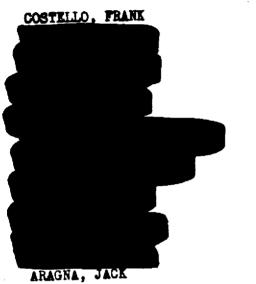
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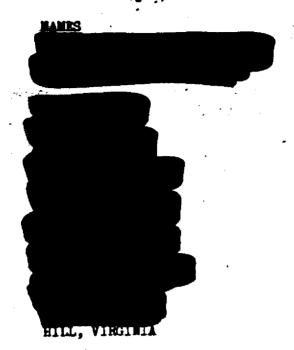
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United States Bepartment of Justice Rederal Bureau of Investigation

Los Angeles, California January 21, 1947



JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

T. THEOR. IN TION CONTAINED

RE: SIEGEL, with aliases Title "BENJAMIN "BUGSY"

Character of Case Miscellaneous 内 Field Office Los Angeles Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance: (Technical or Microphone) Technical

1. Subject's name and address:

2. Location of technical operation: Same

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3. Dates of initial authorization and installation: July 15, 1946.

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4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places): Installed July 15, 1916 and discontinued October 17, 1916. Installed November 18, 1946

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Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved: Information as to activities and his associates in connection with Transamerica Wire Service and his close affiliation with BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL.

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- 6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means? No
- 7. Has security factor changed since installation? No
- 8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency): No
- 9. Manpower and costs involved: No extra personnel needed.

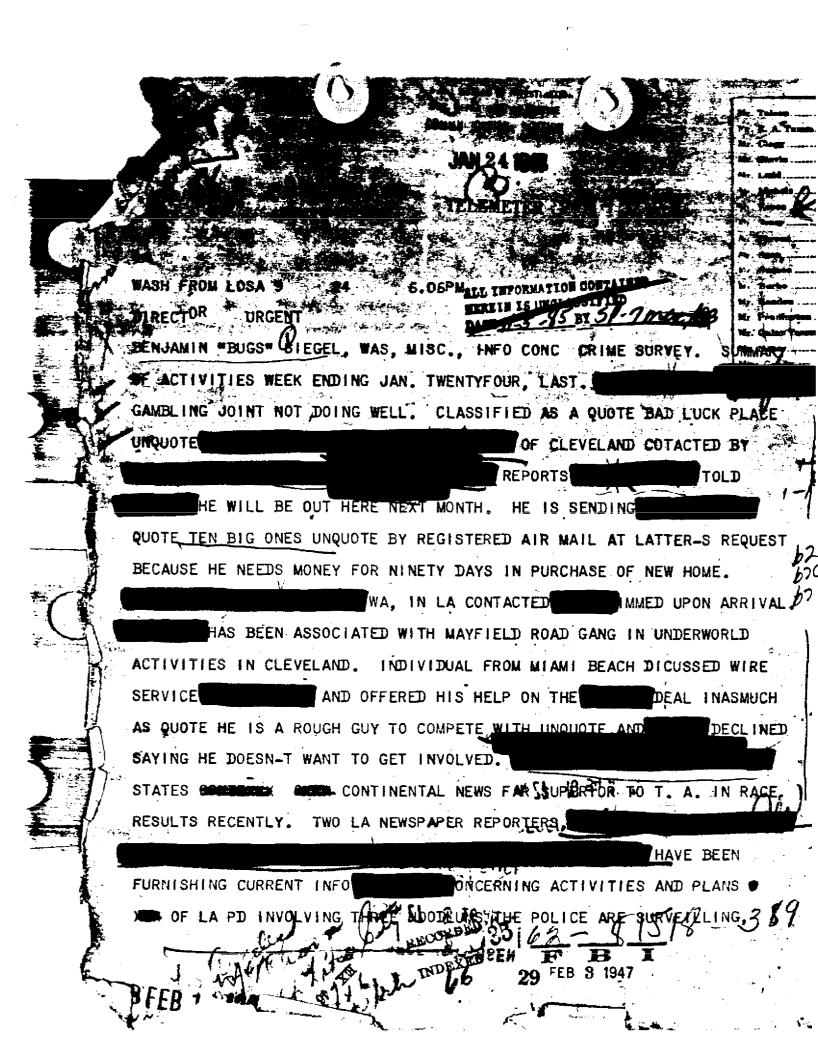
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- 10. Remarks (By SAC): It is my recommendation that this technical surveillance be continued. This man is BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL's lieutenant, performs his errands for him, conducts many of his business affairs, has attempted to bribe track officials and has obviously engaged in activities for the interests of SIEGEL. In addition he frequently has conferences at his apartment with leaders in gangster activities in this area. Much of this information has come to us as result of the technical and I feel that it should be continued.
- 11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:



DE BOM CLEVELAND. PRECIATIVE OF TRUE INFO AND SET DATE FOR NEXT HONDAY TO THEIR QUOTE MAIL UNQUOTE. INDIVIDUAL, DEFERED SUGAR STAMPS AT ELEVEN DOLLARS PER HUNDRED POUNDS. IN A DISCUSSION AS TO WHY ACTIVITIES WERE SLOW MENTIONED QUOTE THE OPIUM ACT UNQUOTE AND STATED HE EXPECTED STATES CONSTDERABLE MONEY NEXT WEEK. CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A NEW CAR NARCOTICS AGENTS STATE AY BE IDENTICAL WITH WAS. A KNOWN OPIUM KNOWN NARCOTICS PEDDLER, AND THAT IN PEDDLING SMOKER. IS DEFINITELY ASSOCIATED CTIVITIES ARE CONNECTED WITH THOSE OF NARCOTICS AND THAT BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, BUT FEDERAL NARCOTIC BUREAU AT PRESENT IS RESIDENCE REVEALS CAR SURVEILLANCE AT UNABLE TO MAKE CASE. PARKED IN DRIVE. BELONGING TO PROFUSELY FOR OBTAINING THE IAS THANKED FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE CHATEAU MARMOUNT APT A LETTER SENT TO VIRGINIA HILL S APPRECIATION FOR SIEGEL-S KINDNESS TO HER, ADDING THAT IS ONE OF QUOTE HER SONS UNQUOTE AND IF SHE COULD DO ANYTHING FOR SIEGEL WHO WAS REFERRED TO AS BAB Y BLUE EYES TO LET HER KNOWN. SIEGEL RETURNED TO LA JAN. TWO TWO, LAST, AND REFLECTED THAT SURVEILLANCE ON JAN. TWO THREE, LAST. SIEGEL DRIVES FORTYSIX CADILLAC SEDAN, CALIF.

ENERT MEDONT, REGISTERED TO GEORGE AFT THE ACTOR. MATCHE WOULD DEPART FOR LAS UGHT LINDEN BR. BEVERLY HILLS. SALIF. THAT NOTION PICTURE PRODUCER AND HOODLUM CONTACT, WAS VERY DESIROUS OF CONTACTING SIEGEL BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM LA. CONFIDEN-TIAL INFORMANT ADVISES JACK-DRAGNA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH " MAN' REFERRED TO BY DRAGNA IN LA HAS HAD MEETING WITH DRAGNA. / DRAGNA HAS COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS TO THE REINSTALL LOOKOUT AT SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK, COMMENCING JAN. TWO FIVE, NEXT. TWO MEN NEW MEN OPERATING IN HOUSE NEAR TRACK AND ONE MAN \$70 INSIDE TRACK SIGNALLING. INFO RECD THAT HOUSE HAS TELESCOPE. INFORMANT ADVISES DRAGNA HAS QUOTE FIXED UP UNQUOTE THE DA-S OFFICE AND AN ARCADIA, CALIF, POLICEMAN. DRAGNA DOES NOT ANTICIPATE FURTHER ARRESTS. RETURNED LA JAN. TWENTYONE. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ADVISE THAT CONTACTS SAYS HE MAY BE QUOTE ABLE TO GIVE UNQUOTE DMETHING. SAYS QUOTE THAT GUY UNQUOTE NAME UN-KNOWN QUOTE MADE A MILLION UNQUOTE IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, THAS ONLY AND SCRATCH SHEET AND GREEN QUESTIONS WHETHER THEY CAN QUOTE GET TO HIM UNQUOTE. SAYS HE IS LEAVING IN COUPLE OF DAYS. SUBSEQUENTLY CON-TACTED! QUESTIONS WHETHER THAT QUOTE GUY UNQUOTE IS STILL IN TOWN. MENTIONS THE NAME!

BASUCCESSFULLY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR INSTANT TO CONTACT WHO IS AT THE HOLLYWOOD ROOSEVELT INALLY WIRES REQUESTS HIM TO CALL QUOTE VERY IMPORTANT UNQUOTE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTS ADVISES OF THE ABOVE. TELLS HIM THEY-LL MEET MENTIONS QUOTE DEAL UNQUOTE AND NOTE THE REPEATEDLY MENTIONSQUOTE SHOULD HAVE NO 4 TROUBLE -- IT-LL TAKE TWO OR THREE DAYS AND POSITIVELY NOBODY MUST KNOW ABOUT IT NOT EVEN' AGREES TO MEET LATER CONTACTS UNABLE TO COVER MEET TO DETERMINE VICTIMIOR THE NATURE OF THE QUOTE IN REFERENCE, TO CASINO AT LAS VEGAS DEAL UNQUOTE. QUOTE ISN-T PLAYING MENTIONS' THAT SAYS THAT IS FRIENDLY QUOTE TOWARD US UNQUOTE. UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, QUOTE IF HE WINS HE-LL HURT US UNQUOTE. - CON. SOURCE ALSO ADVISE THAT WAS WITH BENJAMIN" BUGS" SIEGEL UNTIL ELEVEN O-CLOCK ON JAN. TWENTYONE LAST. THAT HE WAS ADVISED DRIVING TO LAS VEGAS AND WAS GOING QUOTE TO TAKE A LITTLE MONEY UP! THERE UNQUOTE

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1511.5-15 DECELLARIBORS IMPOR MATTON CONCERNING - CRIME SU sference is made to Salt Lake City teletype dated December 26, which it is stated that who may have impraction relative to the payers of browned County, Florida; Efficials and other information concerning the seasonal plans of the gambling element there. Imquiry revealed that there is no Hollywood News published in Hollywood, Florida, but that there are two weekly newspapers, one being the Hollywood Hereld and the other known as the "Sun Tatler" ine mullywood mereld is considered a sensitional paper, more or less a scandal sheet. Both of these men are said to be middle age. There is no indication that they have in the past been close to the gambling situation in Broward County. information was furnished to the Salt Lake City Field Division by teletype January 7, 1947, suggesting that they might re-contact the informant for additional information. With reference to the gambling situation mentioned in the Salt Lake City teletype, gambling activities have not ceased in Broward County and at that time were not epened in Dade County. Some of the gambling establishments did open on Saturday January 11, 1947, in Dade County. With reference to teletypes dated December 27, 1946, and January 36 1947, from the Salt Lake City Field Division concerning ownership of a house in Miami Beach, Florida, by a VIRGINIA WHIL, it was determined that on February 8, 1946, VIRGINIA HILL purchased the following described property: Lot #1, Block 1D of Island #1, Sunset Island, Miami Beach, Florida, which is recorded in Plat Book #40, page 8, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, /together with all the furniture, fixtures and equipment located on the premises of the above property. The address of VIRGINIA HILL was given as in care of COPIES DESTROYED 44 NOV 16 1964 FEB 3 1947

Letter to Mrector, FMI

January 29, 1947

The deed to this property was filed March 4, 1946, and is in Deed Record Book #2641, page 409, Dade County, Florida. The consideration expressed in the deed is \$10. and other valuable consideration but the tax stamps on the deed indicate that the purchase price was \$49,500.

On January 13, 1947, Ocean View Postal Station, Miami, Florida, advised that he had been carrying mail to this address since March 1946 and that no one has been living there. Occasionally mail somes for VIRGINIA HILL which he puts in the mail box and a colored maid who is there frequently apparently takes care of this mail as she takes it in and it is never forwarded through him.

stated that he would observe mail coming to this address in  $b^{\infty}$  the future and any persons who might take residence thereat.

It is noted that there are only a few houses in the vicinity, this being an exclusive neighborhood.

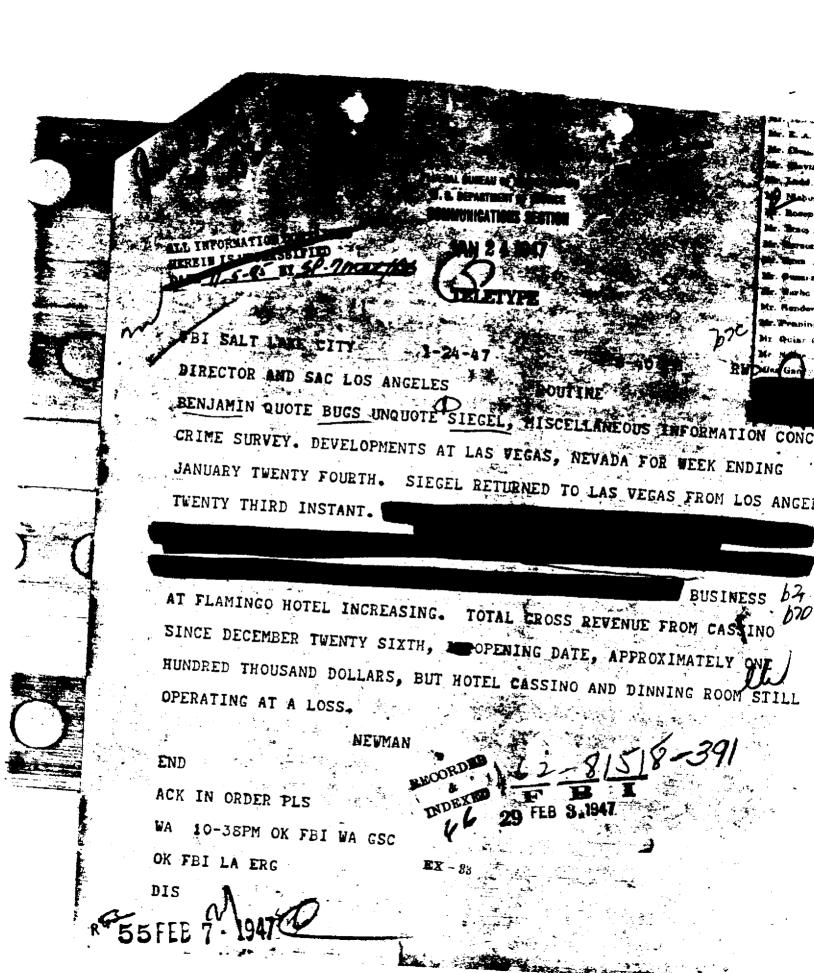
Reference is stade to Chicago teletypes dated January 6th and 10th, 1947, concerning the stated and to Chicago letter dated January 9, 1946, wherein it is stated state bookmaker friend of VIRGINIA HILL, is reported to be presently in Miami, Florida. This has not been verified to date but efforts are being made in the investigation of jewel theft activities to ascertain the location and activities

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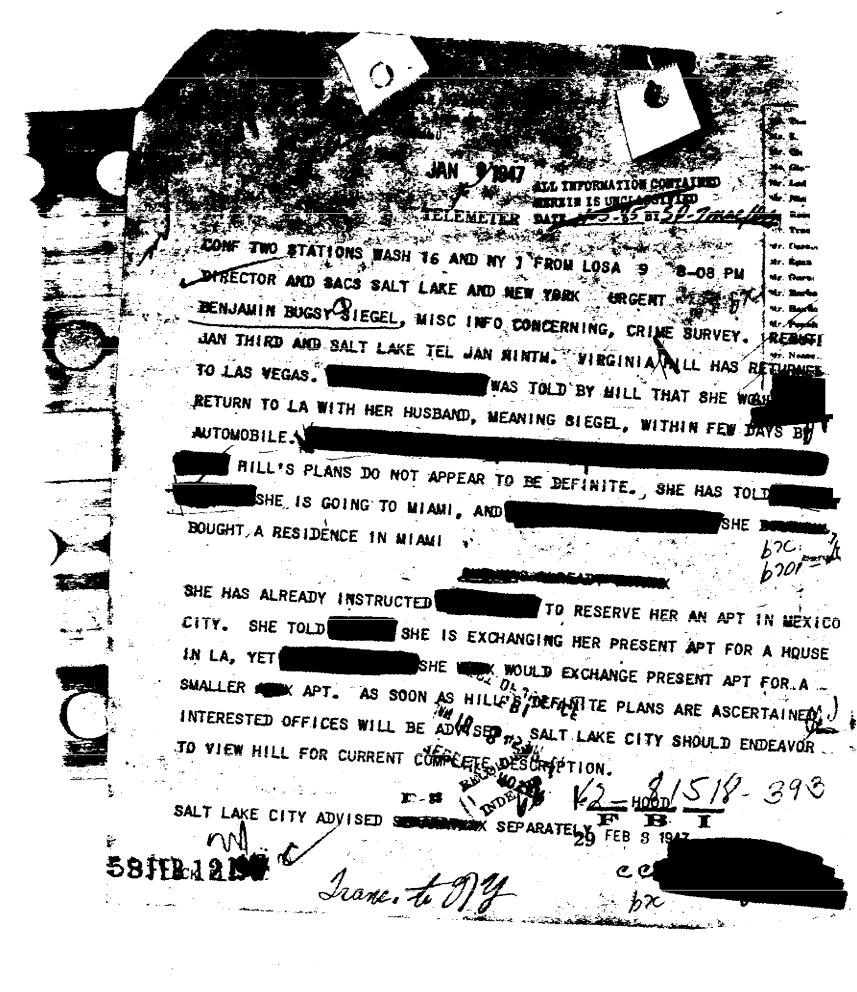
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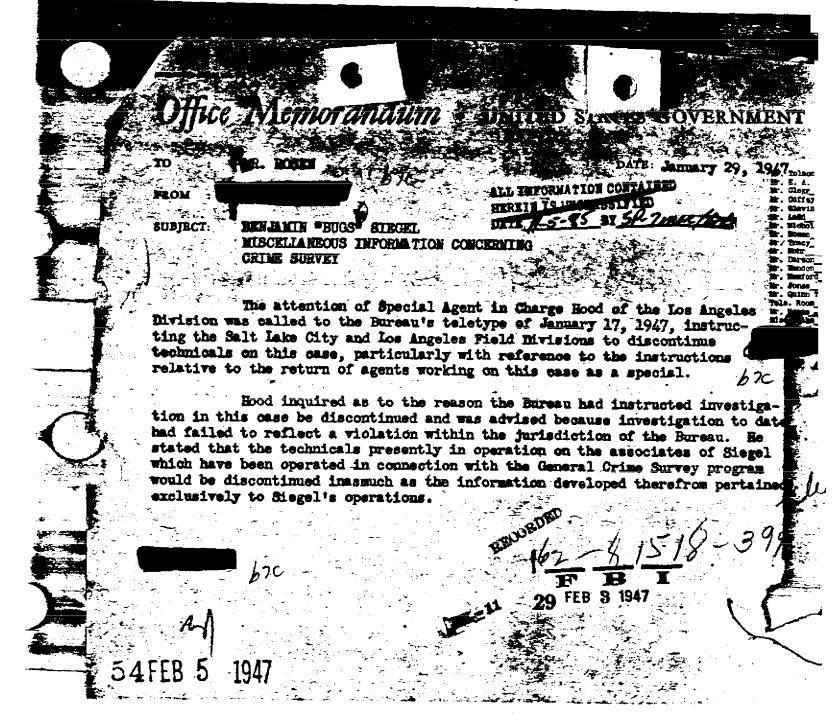
## SUBJECT BUGSY SIEGEL FILE NO. 62-815-18 SECTION NO.\_ SERIALS\_



RE BENJAMIN "BUGSY SIEGEL, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY, NOW. RE REQUESTED PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH ME WHICH WILL BE ARRANGED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO WEDUSS SOME OTHER MATTERS. #00D ACK PLS THE EXED

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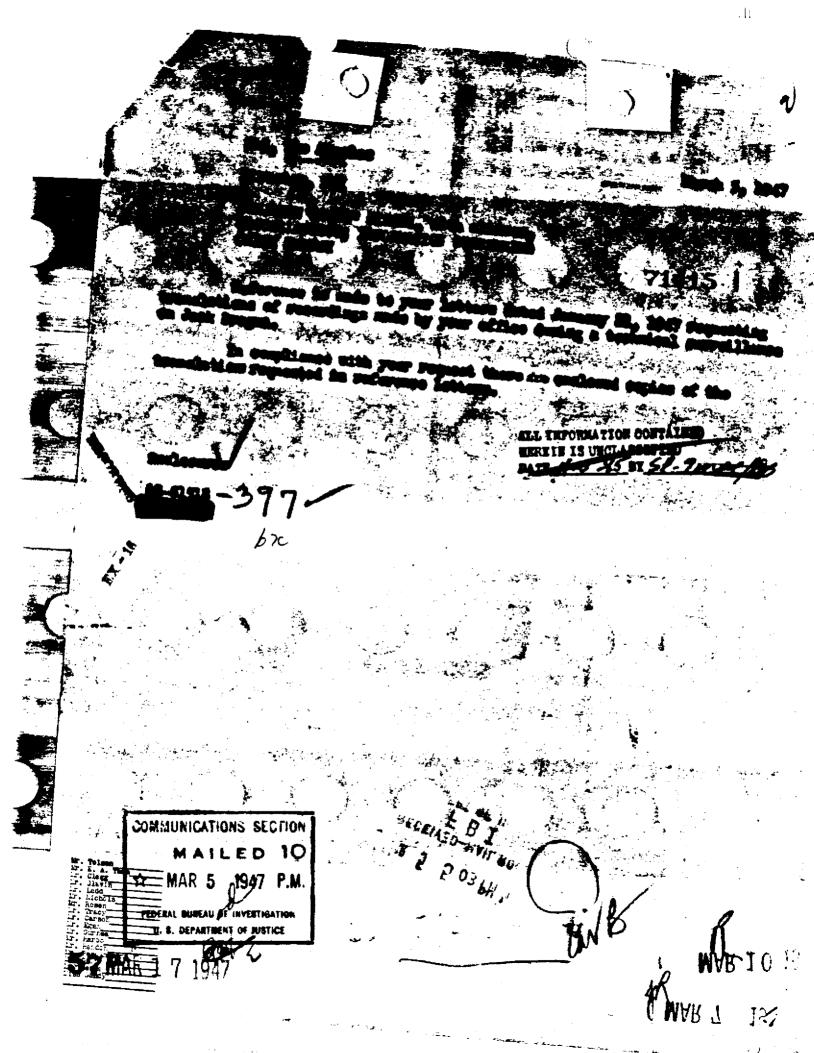


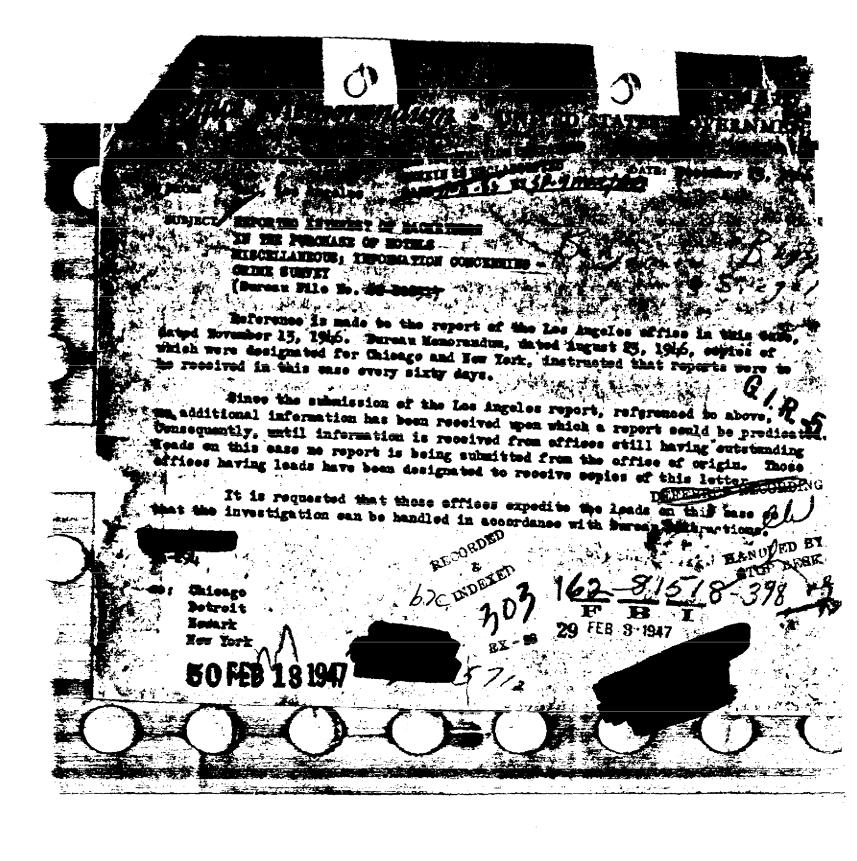


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# Anised States Bepartment of Success Rederal Aureau of Investigation Los Angeles 13. California January 20, 1947



RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL. W. C. S.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HERE IN 155-85 BY SV-7 MARKET

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1. Name and address of subject:

2. Location of technical operation: Same

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: Technical Surveillance 62 600

4. Cost and manpower involved

special meetings which subject has in his home approximately two nights a week.

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5. Adequacy of security: Security would be good.

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6. Type of case involved:

with his activities as the lieutement of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL,

nationally known gangster.

7. Connection or status of subject in the case: The subject represents BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL in all of his business transactions and also arranges for meetings of other outstanding hoodlums coming to Los Angeles in his apartment. He has also been connected by "fingering a jewelry burglary" which is now being investigated by this and the Salt Lake City Office. He also acts for the hoodlum interests in bribing various officials.

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8. Specific information being sought: The specific purpose for this microphone installation would be to cover meetings which has in his apartment. Through the technical surveillance now in existence we have learned of occasional meetings which he calls in his apartment attended by such hoodlums as and JACK DRAGNA. It is hoped that through the microphone surveillance the plans and programs of these individuals will be made known to this office. It is anticipated that they will discuss projects in violation of the laws not only of the State but probably of the Federal Government and it is believed that this will be the only means available to us to determine what these

9. Measons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: Experience has shown that most of the meetings of this group of underworld characters are held in apartment rather than in some public meeting place or someone else's apartment where members of the family might overhear their conversation.

10. Importance of case and subject: This case is considered one of the most important to the Bureau as BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, The BACK DRAGNA and others associated with them practically control the facketeering

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and underworld activities in the West and to a large degree influence the activities throughout America.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): So far it has not been possible to develop any informant elose enough to DRAGNA or others who would be able to report on conversations these men have together in apartment. It is doubtful that anyone outside their close circle knows what is going on in these meetings.

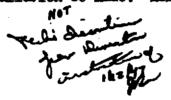
12. Risks of detection involved: The risks of detection are negligible.

- 13. Probable length of technical surveillance: 90 Days.
- 14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency): None.

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15. Remarks: It is requested that the Bureau immediately authorise installation of this microphone and that this office be advised by teletype.

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director: It is recommended that installation be made. Memorandum submitted.



17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

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MILL states dibled bust remain setive in management of Mamingo becomes other persons absoluted with him in this enterprise won't permit his dropping out. The states she may have to hide him out because he told her he would have to kill himself in order to get away from these persons.

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Deport of Special agent December 20, 1946. Los angeles, dated

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continental News Service. Said that it might be affected by purchase.

but anyway there would soon be one service. Was asked what part played in the news service and said that had nothing to de with it except to go out and get business, that is contact sookmakers and get them to use the new service. Said that BEENY SIEGEL is the actual head of the new Transauerica Wire Service.

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In an effort to logate the three men in any of the jalls in the metropolitan area
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tated that he did and stated that the D.A. a office
had made the arrests. From the same source; it was ascertained that
telephonic sentact with REA SIEGEL stated that the arrests were made on the outside
of the track, indicating that the arrests were exclusively the work of the D.A. a
affice and not the security track office.

### ACTIVITIES OF BROWN BROWN DECEMBER 20, 1946 to JAHUARY 9, 1947:

It was ascertained from the that the mas going to leave for ins Vegas on the morning of Desember 26, 1946 and attend the opening of the Mamingo Casino there. From the same source, it was ascertained that prior to his leaving that been in contact with EORGE RAPT, and many other Hollywood celebrities, inviting them in behalf of EKN SIEGEL to attend the opening of the Flamingo Casino.

On December 24, 1916 it was ascertained from the that was in telephonic communication with BEN SIEGH, at Las Vegas at which time stated the kid asked on the same date and that wanted to find out about the furs and stuff. Subsequently contacted GEORGE RAPT and questioned RAPT concerning the purchase of furs asked whether the furs were "warm" to which RAPT stated that they were not.

On January 3, 1947 returned from Las Vegas and it was likewise ascertained on January 4, 1947 that VIRGINIA HILL was in the City of Los Angeles. A Confidential source advised that had contacted had easier to have a conference in an effort to develop publicity to boom the Mamingo Casino.

On January 4, 1947 in conversation with a partner with BEN SIEGEL in the Flamingo Hotel and Casino, was advised that the new Flamingo Casino operations were not too successful and that BEN SIEGEL was acting like a prima donna. He further stated that the Flamingo did not have proper publicity in the line of entertaining. They further stated that lots of people were complaining about the Casino being filled with a "bunch of tight lipped gummen." stated that "the atmosphere is not friendly and the boys

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contact the state of the flech for the purpose of producing a motion picture of the Mamingo Casino for nationalde publicity. At this time indvised that he was leaving for Cube, but would return in a period of one week and he would so everything possible to back the Mamingo Casino by using the mane, movie states and motion pictures.

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contacted and that he requested to get him a ticket on the Constellation for New York on the night of January 13, 1947.

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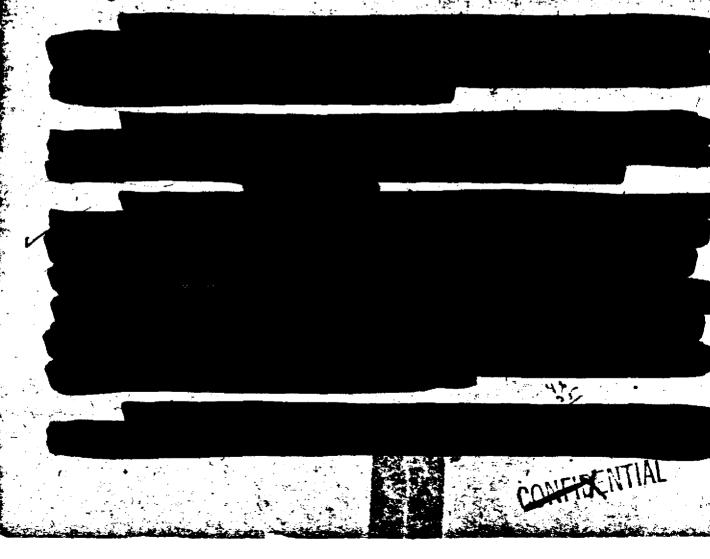
### JACK DRAGHA'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION, VI THE TRANSAMERICA MEMS SERVICE:

The following information was furnished by the bulless otherwise specifically indicated. DRAGNA contines to be very active in obtaining new subscribers for his wise service in the Los Angeles area; however, he recently has had considerable difficulty, particularly with respect to service in San Francisco and Sun Diego. According to informant, DRAGNA is continuously trying to obtain more money from Chicago interests by advising that source that the wire service isn't paying expenses and that unless more money is furnished the fee for the service will have to be increased.

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DRATIK TO December TO, 37 in Majors, statis that he was in ving a great soil of trouble and and lessatly been arriested at the los angeles Police Repartment while attending he impribate Lagion fights in Milywood, DMANA told that the was not wine them but later in had been ascertained that through his attorneys he had Hied suit for \$100,000,00 against the arresting efficers. MAGRA advised replied that he was having that he had the more soney to which brouble all ever and suggested to DRAGA that he sut down on the printing of his. informed DRAGM that he was not the only one having difficulty But this trouble was appeared to all sections of the sountry; further that none of the individuals someoted with Transambrica had been saying him feeently. DRAGH: stated that he had \$25,000 in the wire service and that he needs the shoet cominded DRAGNA that he was costing him tonsiderable money and that he was not in a position to sarry everybody and told DRIGE that it was up to the individuals comected with the wire service to pay him at regular intervals. advised BRAGNA that they are amable to sperate when they lose considers money and suggested that they might have to close the West Coast because it was costing five or six thousand dollars a week.





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JACK DRAGNA:

Information concerning this individual will be set out in detail elsewhere in this report, but he and have had frequent contacts.

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JAMIN "BUCKY" SINGS, but been spending prestically Le logas, Bounds since last Los Angeles report in instant a ted pecember 19, 1906, and the Salt Lake City Held Mylsion will report. Bull's setivities in in Segme, no information is being set out in this report paserning \$350EL's activities except for that already severed by nder the above section, suptioned Meference to made to Salt ske City teletype to the Bureau, Los Angeles, and New York, dated January A, 1947, reflecting that on January 8, 1947 SIEGEL requested Angeles to make reservations on the late TWA Constellation Flight from los Angeles to Mer Tork Sity on January 13, 1947. On January 10, 1947, advised that the second contacted SIEGEL, who was in Las Years, advising contacted SIEGEL, who was in Las Yeras, advising that he had SIEGEL's tloket for the 13th and SIEGEL requested to get another and to get one for VINGINIA HILL from New York City to Florida leaving New York City on January 15, 1947.

SIEGEL advised that (phonetic) was at the Bayoy Flace Botel in New York City and that bell SIEGET in Las should have Vegas, Nevada, After several attempts to contact Savoy Plaza Hotel in low York City, he ascertained that was presently staying at the Commodore Hotel in New York City and sent telegram, advising him to sall STEGEL by telephone at the Flamingo or the last Prontier . Hotel in Las Vegas. subsequently advised SIEGEL that he had obtained the following reservation for VIRGINIA HILL: Might 60, TWA Constellation, leaving Los Angeles 9:30 P.M., January 13, 1947, arriving New York City 10:20 A.M., January 14, 1946.

On January 8, 1947, and advised that SIEGEL was having trouble in Las Vegas, Nevada because the local Las Vegas businessmen were banding together against SIEGEL and were refusing to have anything to do with him or his associates. Believed that SIEGEL might possibly have some license trouble as result in Las Vegas.

## VIRGINIA HILL

at the Chateau Karmont, 8221 Sumset Blvd. Apartment 6-D, on January h. 1947 and bx

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### further advised that VIRGINIA HTLL had

purchased a residence in Miami, Morida in the exclusive residential section tealled Sunset Islands, Miami Beach. Upon her recent return from Las Vegas, VIRGINIA BYLL Edvised

On January 7, 1947, VIRGINIA HILL advised that the would depart to Las Vegas, Mevada at midnight, January 7, 1946, and would return with "her husband" the next day or two by automobile.

On January 6, 1947, Special Agents
observed an unidentified individual, believed to be
brother to VIRGINIA HILL, driving BENUAHIN "BUGSY" SIEGHL's 1946 Cirysler
Convertible Sedan, California Linense 87 U 344, on Sunset Boulevard fair
individual parked SIEGHL's automobile in front of the Chattony Marinet Apartment on this date and went to Apartment 5-2.

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and requested him to pay for the rent of inartment 6-D at the contract the appreciant with her and that SIEGEL had wanted her to to be less vegas with the appreciant with her and that SIEGEL had wanted her to to be less vegas with the appreciant with her and that SIEGEL had wanted her to to less vegas in the inmediate future. VIEGEL HILL definitely indicated that she did not like less vegas, Mevada, and that she must so to Florida and will be on her way soon. She added that

had advised SIEGEL that would stay in Los ingeles until

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VIRGINIA HILL added that she hadjust sontacted one

### had invited VIRGINIA HILL to visit them.

VIRGINIA MILL indicated that she did not know what SIEGEL wanted in connection with the lessing of the apartment at the chattery humant apartments and instructed that he should contact SIEGEL to determine if they should pack all their things in order to move. In advised that SIEGEL's decision, would hinge on VIRGINIA MILL's departure. She stated definitely that she would be leaving Los angeles before the 15th of January.

In a subsequent conversation between VIRGINIA HILL and on January 7. 1947 VIRGINIA HILL st ted that she had recently been at Slapsy Maxie's Night Club and had met been been obtaining his telephone number. VIRGINA RILL added that SIEGEL wented to talk to VIRGINIA HILL added that SIEGEL was very upset because and sent a publicity agent to ask him information concerning the Floringo Hotel. She added that SIEGEL had hired one and had chased the agent away from the hotel. In a gesting manner stated that before long SIEGEL would be out in front of KAVIER CUGAT directing the band. VIRGINTA HILL added that SIEGEL had been having much trouble signing up entertainers at the Flamingo Notel. She added that SIEGEL has wanted to alose the place, but VIRGINIA HILL had advised him not to. HILL stated that she had reportedly told SIEGE, that he should bring a manager from New York City who knows how to run a night club in order to operate the Maningo Hotel. The was certain that SIEGEL would not care very much about the Flamingo Hotel, but imagnuch as other interests were behind him in it "he hadto care." In this connection she added that SIEGH stated that he will probably have to kill himself in the end and she advised him that he would not have to because she would hide him. The exact meening of this point of the conversation could not be determined by the informant, but it is believed that VIRGINIA HILL was referring to individuals who were bucking SIEGEL.

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at she was going to move into a new house on Lindon Swive which is approximately one-helf block off of Sunset Boulewrd in West Lee Ingeles. In this summetion who stated that she would not have to pay much money for the home because she was exchanging it fo smother.

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a strate of the Appeloa, the Sist Brazil, and other Los Angelos to the tight of the age of the standed Frequently by VIRGINIA HILL.

Reference is made to previous information furnished

by Burenu Agents and possibly developed as an informant concerning SIEGEL's activities in connection with narcotics,

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Will determine if the "Bons of Italy", telephone no. Randolph Rolp. is a front for the syndicate. It may be that this is the place at which . . b meetings are held every two weeks and where some decision is to be made concerning a deal in which are interested.

It appears that prestige and poper locally stems from his Cleveland connections and it is significant that following is now attempting to buy himself an isolated residence. The allegation has been made in the past that acts as a front for the syndicing in Los angeles and the Cleveland Office should beer this in mind in conducting its investigations. The Los Angeles Office is still of the opinion that marcotics may be, an important phase of the activities of this mob.

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At Chicago, Pilinois, will through informants ascortain the reaction

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present is believed to be a key figure in this investigation and his activities should be shoroughly covered, especially along the line of parecties and jevelsy.

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### THE MINI PIELD DIVISION

At iliami, Plorida, will ascertain the activities and contacts of hs set forth in Los Angeles teletype, dated January 17, 1947.

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### THE BAN PRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California, will investigate the activities and It is pointed out that she may be contacts of possibly angaged in malte slevery and she is a person of primary importance in this investigation.

### THE NO! YOUR CLIY PRELD DIVISION

At New York City, will identify has been contacting in connection with a deal involving shipm of steel.

Will ascertain the identity and activities of who ! is registered at either the Commadore or the Savoy Plaza Notel to determine what his association might be with BEN SIEGHE. .

### THE LOS ANGELES IN FILD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will identify and establish the nature of his dealings

Will determine the identity of

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Will continue to vigorously investigate the activities of VIRGINIA HILL and BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL.

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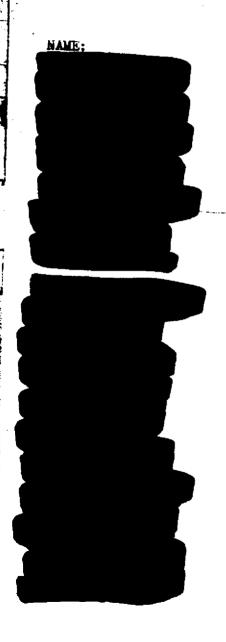
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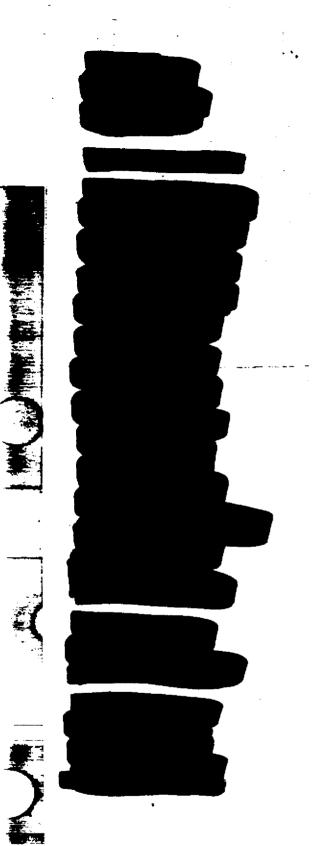
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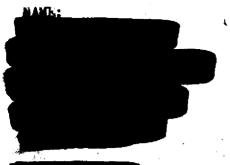
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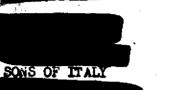
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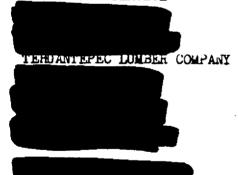
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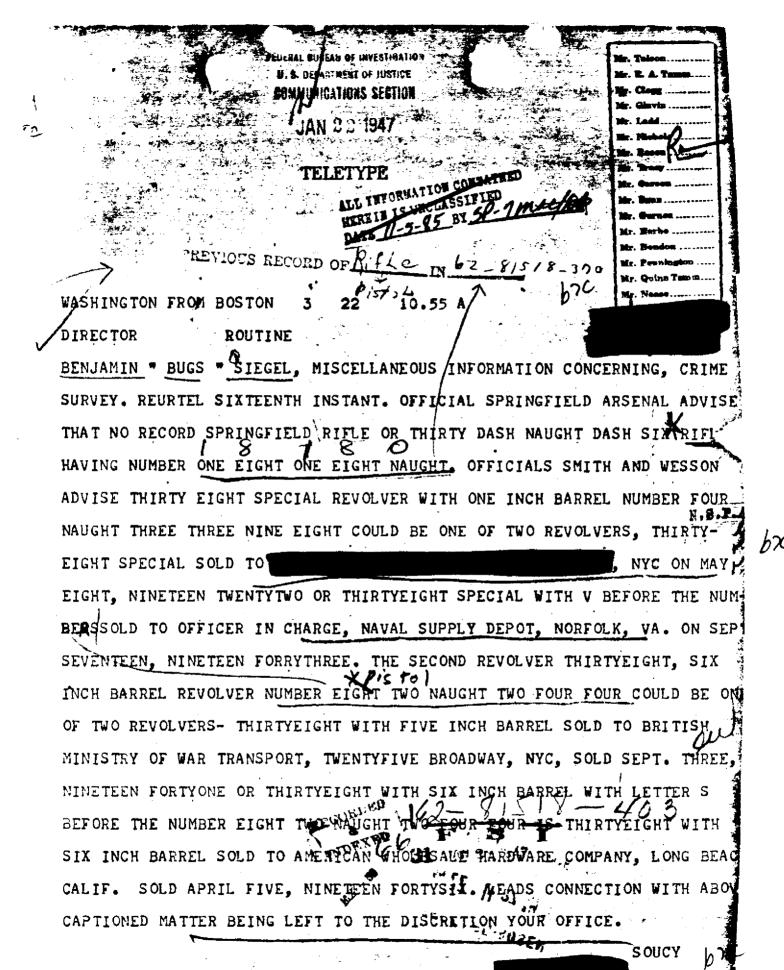
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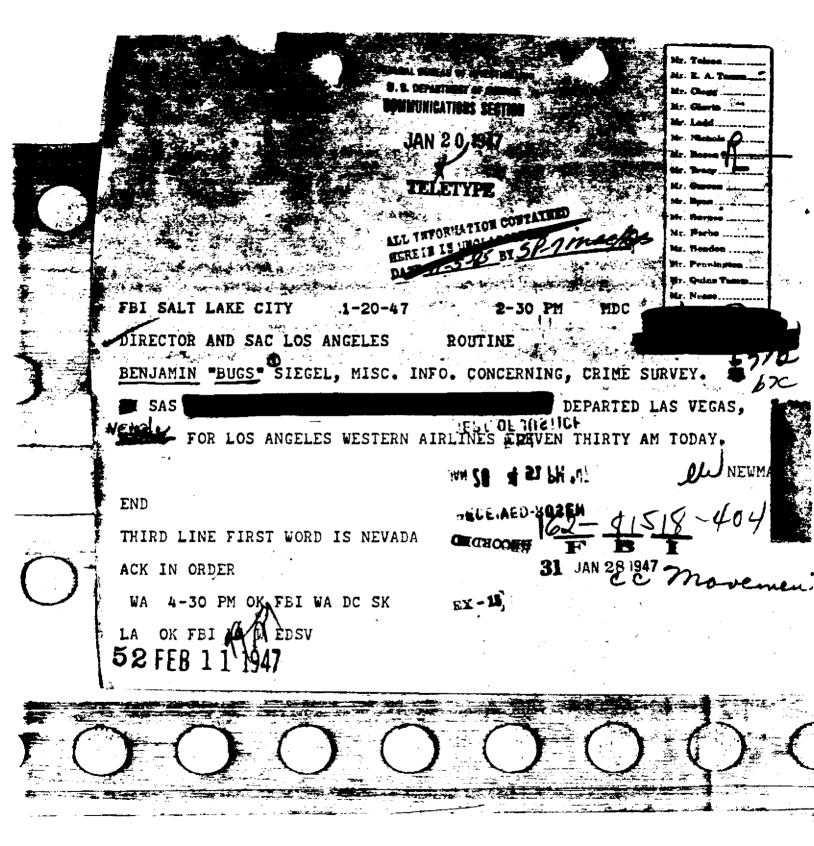




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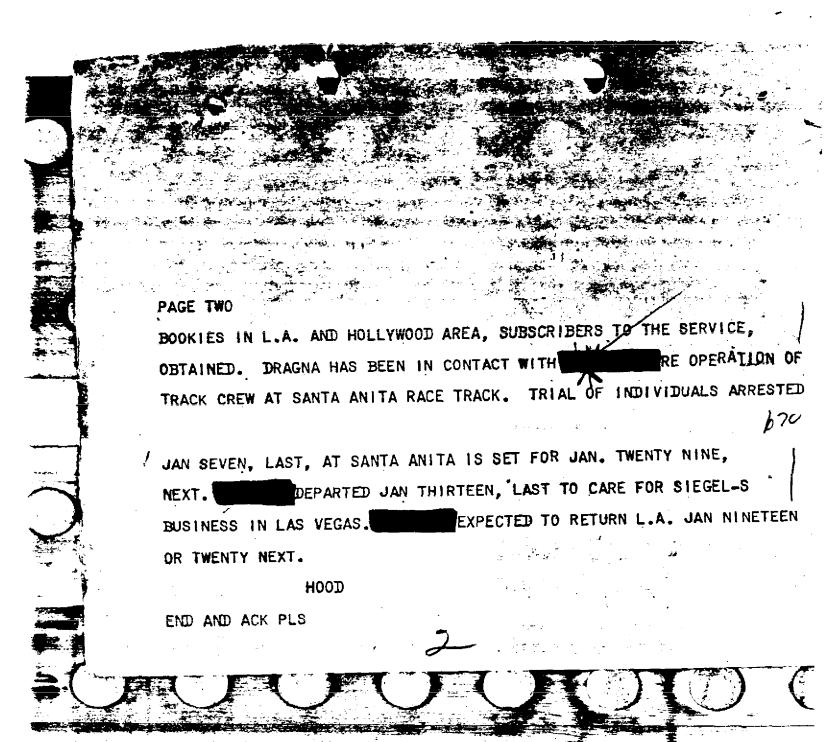
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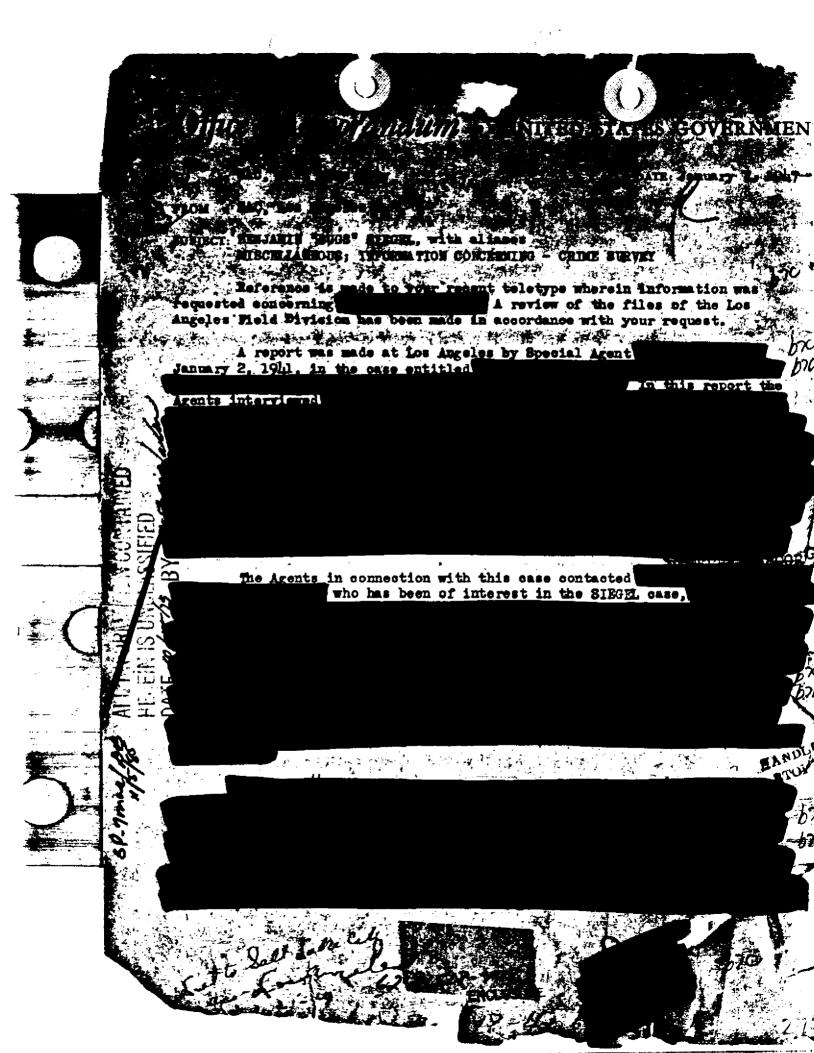
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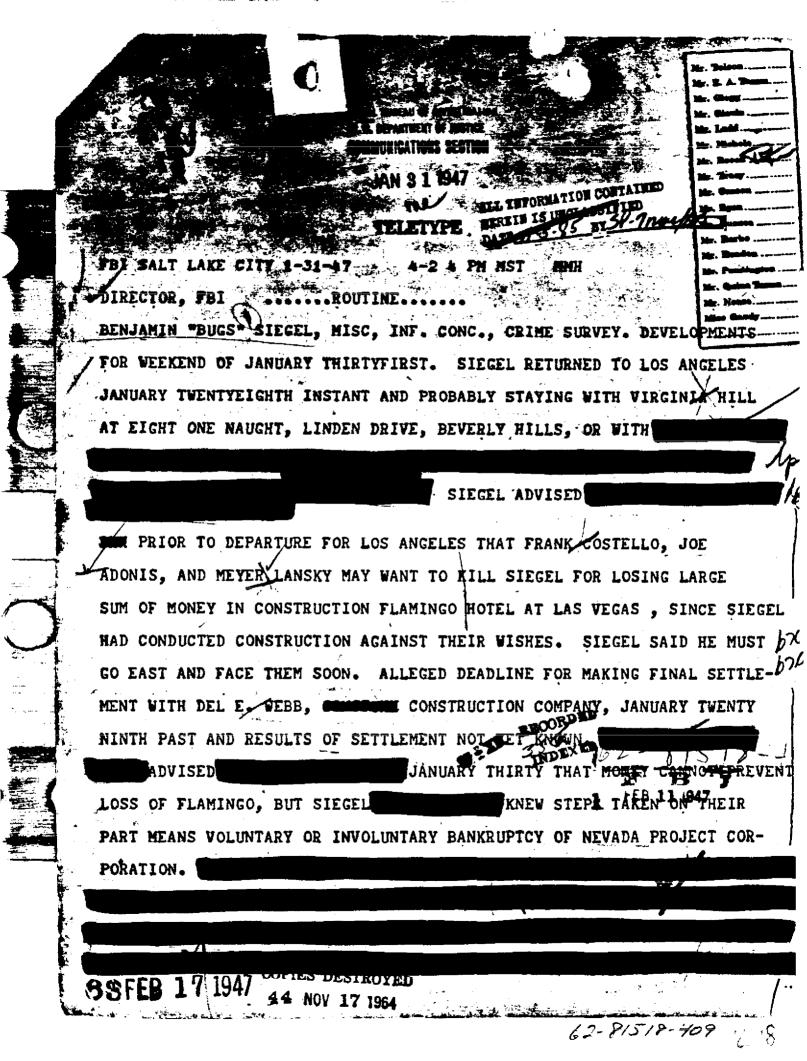




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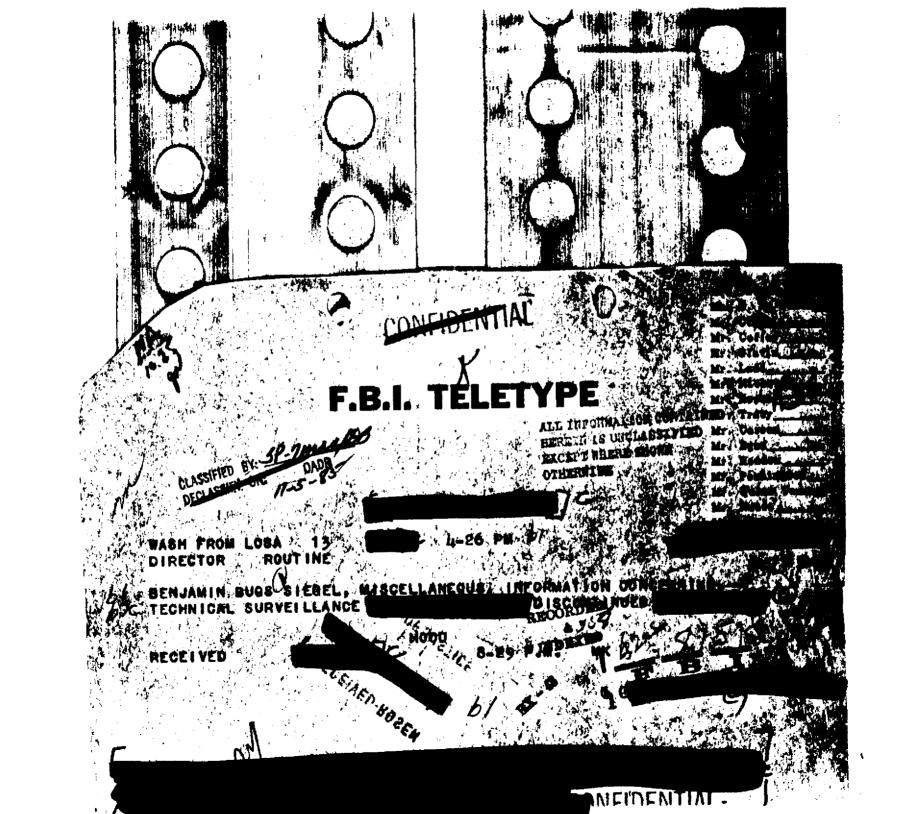


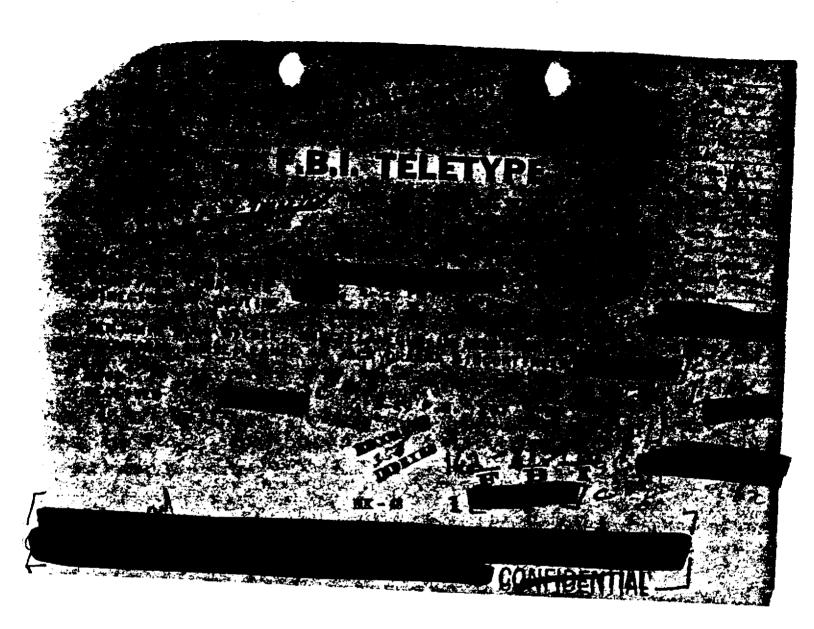


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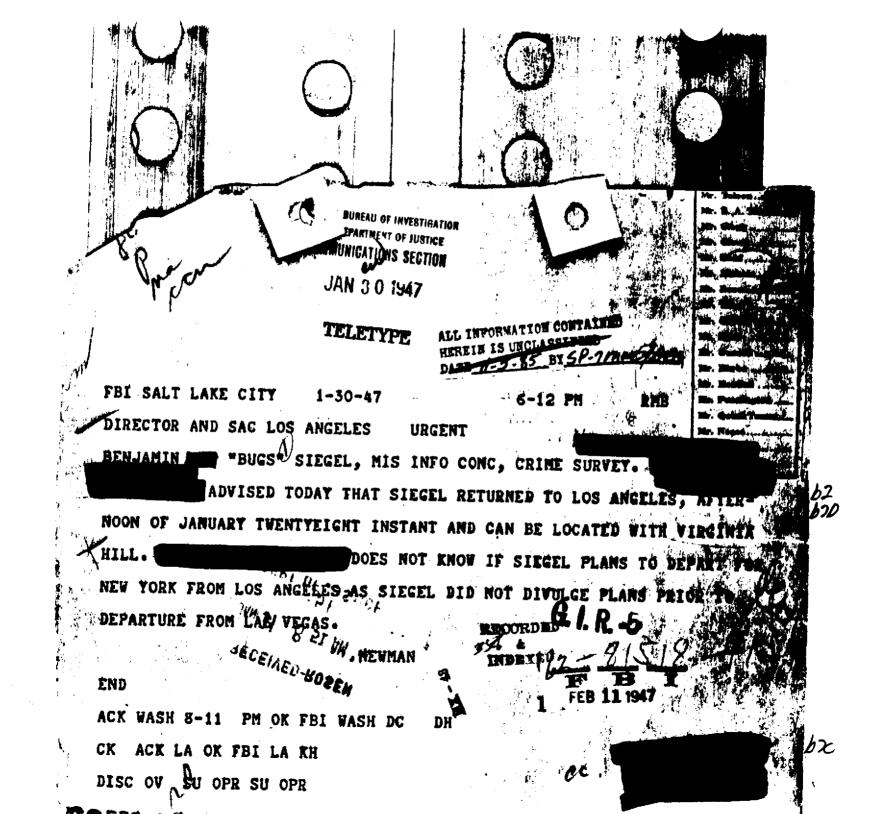
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Dear Bire

Reference is made to my teletype to the Bureau and Los Angeles dated February 8, 1967, setting forth information regarding 1,32 the contemplated closing of the Flamingo Botel et Las Vegas, Hevada 1,72

It is noted that the last sentence of my teletype reads "Will Bureau and LA advise of further developments." This sentence is a typographical error and should have read "Will keep Bureau and LA advised of further developments."

Since receipt of the Les Angeles teletype of February 4.
1947, this effice will conduct no further investigation in this case and is presently preparing an RUC report of investigation previously made which is yet unreported. However, such information furnished from time to time the submitted may be of interest to the Bureau and other offices will be submitted as received.

Very truly yours,

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